



# News Release

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## **Students at Dakota State Honored for Their Work**

MADISON, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents has recognized student organizations at Dakota State University for their initiative and positive contributions to the community.

Student organization award winners are:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – The **Phi Beta Lambda Business Club** brings business and education together through innovative leadership and career development programs. PBL sponsored many service projects in the past year, and its members attended both state and national leadership conferences, where they competed in business-related events. The group also sponsored local workshops on interviewing tips, internship opportunities, and investing. These conferences and workshops allow PBL members to apply what they have learned in their academic program.
- **Community Service Award** – **Fear the Turkey**, Dakota State’s drama club offers students the opportunity to participate in theater and expand their performing arts experience. The club sponsored a haunted house on campus, hosted a day camp for local middle school students to learn theater basics, and entertained at assisted living centers during the holidays. The group has focused this year on involving not only DSU students but all of the Madison community in its activities.
- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – **Students in Free Enterprise** apply the knowledge they have learned in the classroom to projects the organization conducts in the community. A new organization at Dakota State, the group quickly became involved in a variety of projects, such as helping low-income families with their taxes, talking to local school students about financial literacy, and working with start-up businesses in marketing and business planning. The SIFE team from Dakota State won its regional competition last spring and competed at the national level, where the team earned “Rookie of the Year” honors.



**Phi Beta Lambda Business Club**



**Fear the Turkey**



**Students in Free Enterprise**