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Northern State Students Honored with Awards

ABERDEEN, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents presented Northern State University student organizations this week with awards recognizing their academic work, community service, and leadership.

Student organization award winners are:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – The **Korean Student Association** created a special class to help educate NSU students and the Aberdeen community about the Korean culture and language. Classes were divided into two parts: conversation and grammar. Students began by learning the Korean alphabet and soon learned to write their name and introduce themselves. The success of this class resulted in creation of beginner and intermediate classes. The group also sponsors a Korean festival and makes several presentations each semester to share their culture.
- **Community Service Award – Students Engaging in Responsibility, Volunteerism, and Empowerment (SERVE)** participated in a variety of service projects that helped make them more aware of problems faced by people throughout the community. They sponsored a Native American Day service trip, leadership training, Veterans' Day service project, World AIDS Day awareness speaker, and alternative winter break trip, among others. They also planned an international trip to Jamaica and an alternative summer break trip, all designed to help participants better experience, discuss, and understand social issues.
- **Award for Organizational Leadership – New Student Orientation** hosted 21 welcome and adjustment events over a span of five days during Northern State's student orientation. The events included a welcome picnic, residence life meetings, college knowledge sessions, work-study meetings, a president's picnic, ice cream social, and Orientation Olympics. This group stresses organizational leadership through programming designed to help new students adjust to life at Northern State University.



Award for Academic Excellence – The Korean Student Association



Community Service Award – Students Engaging in Responsibility, Volunteerism, and Empowerment



Award for Organizational Leadership – New Student Orientation