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Students Bring Research Work to State Capitol Feb. 24

PIERRE, S.D. – The research work of 15 undergraduate students from South Dakota colleges and universities will be on display Thursday as these students bring their projects to the state Capitol, meeting with lawmakers and the public.

The 2011 Student Research Poster Session runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, in the State Capitol Rotunda. The public is invited to attend, and enjoy ice cream courtesy of South Dakota State University.

The 15 represent students statewide who are pursuing research in a variety of disciplines. “These students have been competitively selected by their respective campuses,” said Gary Johnson, system vice president of research for the South Dakota Board of Regents. “Their outstanding work has been carried out under the direction of dedicated faculty mentors, and this experience will enhance their continued professional development, whether they decide to go on to graduate school or enter the workforce.”

Now in its 14th year, the poster session features students from public, private, and tribal colleges. In addition to the students’ research, there will be displays from the state’s six public universities, the South Dakota Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN), and South Dakota’s Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). These higher education institutions and programs have greatly benefited from the state’s investments in research, Johnson said.

The students chosen to participate in Thursday’s event are:

- Cody Geffre, **Pierre**, representing Black Hills State University
- Jesse Paul Mendez, **San Pedro, Calif.**, representing Dakota State University
- Christopher Rieck, **Aberdeen**, representing Northern State University
- Eric Musil, **Huron**, representing South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
- Trent Harris, **Valentine, Neb.**, and Charles Travis Halfmann, **Luverne, Minn.**, representing South Dakota State University

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- Matt Blake, **Pierre**, and Dominique Boudreau, **Yankton**, representing The University of South Dakota
- Daniel Terveen, **Spearfish**, representing the University of Sioux Falls and BRIN
- Elisha Yellow Thunder, **Oglala**, representing Oglala Lakota College and EPSCoR
- Andrea Martinez and April Martinez, both of **Rosebud**, representing Sinte Gleska University and EPSCoR
- Destinee Eastman, Steven Farmer Jr., and Brendon Barker, all of **Sisseton**, representing Sisseton Wahpeton College and EPSCoR

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On the Net:

2011 Poster Session Abstract Booklet:

<http://www.sdbor.edu/services/research/documents/2011PosterSessionBooklet.pdf>

Pronunciation Guide:

- Geffre (GEFF' -ree)
- Rieck (RICK)
- Musil (MOO' -sil)
- Martinez (mar-TEEN' -ez)
- Boudreau (Boo-DROH')