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Students Bring Research Work to State Capitol Feb. 27

PIERRE, S.D. – The research work of a dozen undergraduate students from South Dakota colleges and universities will be prominently displayed at the State Capitol Wednesday, when these students come to Pierre to present their projects to state lawmakers and the public.

The 2013 Student Research Poster Session runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the State Capitol Rotunda. The public is invited to attend, and enjoy ice cream courtesy of South Dakota State University.

The 12 represent students statewide who are pursuing research in a variety of disciplines. “The state’s emphasis on growing research activity over the past decade has afforded undergraduate students with research opportunities that had previously been unavailable,” said Jack Warner, the Board of Regents’ executive director and CEO. “It is rewarding to see what undergraduate students are able to accomplish outside the traditional classroom environment as they develop the innovation skills that are so highly valued by employers in South Dakota.”

Now in its 16th 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 directly benefit from the state’s commitment to and investments in research, Warner said.

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

- Mallory Ageton, **Brandon**, representing Black Hills State University
- Amber Johnson, **Milwaukee, Wis.**, representing Dakota State University
- Brittany Hiten, **Rapid City**, representing Northern State University
- Adam Desenfants, **Clear Lake**, representing South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
- Jaimie Gibbons, **Brookings**, and Michael Meier, **Aberdeen**, representing South Dakota State University

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- Hanna McElroy, **Sioux City, Iowa**, and Jennifer Dumdie, **Selby**, representing the University of South Dakota
- Chase Ward, **Garretson**, representing the University of Sioux Falls and BRIN
- Lilly Jones, **Rapid City**, representing Oglala Lakota College and EPSCoR
- Brittani Lopez, **Rosebud**, and Mark Weaver, **Valentine, Neb.**, representing Sinte Gleska University and EPSCoR

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On the Net:

2013 Poster Session Abstract Booklet:

<http://www.sdbor.edu/services/research/documents/postersession13.pdf>