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## **Students Bring Research Work to State Capitol March 6**

PIERRE, S.D. – Thirteen undergraduate students from South Dakota colleges and universities will bring their research work to the State Capitol Thursday, presenting their projects to state lawmakers and the public.

The 2014 Student Research Poster Session runs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 6, in the State Capitol Rotunda. The public is invited to attend, and enjoy ice cream courtesy of South Dakota State University.

The 13 represent students statewide who are pursuing research in a variety of disciplines. “Student involvement in this level of research goes well beyond the regular classroom, but the payoff is great in developing specialized skills and expertise,” said Jack Warner, executive director and CEO of the South Dakota Board of Regents, which helps sponsor the event. “We want state policymakers to meet these beneficiaries of their research investments. At the same time, students will take this unique opportunity to learn more about how public policy decisions impact higher education.”

This is the 17<sup>th</sup> year for the poster session, which 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.

Students competitively chosen to participate in Thursday’s event are:

- Ashley Wingert, **Custer**, and Kathryn McHenry, **Cheyenne, Wyo.**, representing Black Hills State University
- Ashley Wiley, **Sioux Falls**, representing Dakota State University
- Larissa Kempf, **Aberdeen**, representing Northern State University
- Andrew Pierson, **Brooklyn Park, Minn.**, representing South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

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- Alex Olinger, **Ames, Iowa**, and Taylor Suess, **Columbus, Neb.**, representing South Dakota State University
- Erik Muckey, **Corsica**, and Megan Ingebrigtsen, **Sioux Falls**, representing University of South Dakota
- Tyson Lager, **Freeman**, representing Augustana College and BRIN
- Camille Griffith, **Rapid City**, representing Oglala Lakota College and EPSCoR
- Vanessa Little Bear, **Mission**, and Windy Whirlwind Soldier, **Rosebud**, representing Sinte Gleska University and EPSCoR

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2014 Poster Session Abstract Booklet:

[http://www.sdbor.edu/services/research/documents/PosterSessionBooklet\\_2014.pdf](http://www.sdbor.edu/services/research/documents/PosterSessionBooklet_2014.pdf)