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## Regents Recognize Outstanding Student Organizations

BROOKINGS, S.D. – Student organizations from South Dakota State University and Dakota State University were recognized for their outstanding academic, community, and organizational work by the South Dakota Board of Regents this week.

Student organizations honored at SDSU were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – The **Academy of Student Pharmacists** has focused its efforts on facilitating outside-the-classroom learning. Through various patient care projects, members have developed skills that improve their academic performance and prepare them to be strong practitioners in the field of pharmacy.



- **Community Service Award** – The **Ceres Women's Fraternity** has a long history of positive contributions to the campus and community. The group contributes its time and efforts to the local domestic abuse shelter, the Harvest Table, and Relay for Life. It is also an active participant in the Adopt-A-Highway program and has developed a strong partnership with a local Girl Scout troop.

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- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – The **Campus Women’s Coalition** promotes issues impacting women and raises awareness across the campus community. The coalition sponsors an annual week dedicated to ending domestic violence, which features national speakers, a 5K run, and interactive displays at the University Student Union. The organization also is actively involved in Relay for Life, Hobo Day, and a variety of local festivals.



Student organization award winners from DSU were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – **Phi Beta Lambda’s** mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. PBL offers its members professional and leadership

development and community service opportunities, where they can build their resumes and network with business leaders in their community and beyond.



- **Community Service Award** – Members of **Students in Free Enterprise** apply knowledge of financial literacy, success skills, market economics, ethics, and entrepreneurship to community needs and problems. The group works with the Interlakes Community Action Partnership to offer volunteer income tax assistance to low-income clients. It also counsels incoming freshmen at DSU on how to avoid credit card debt and other financial pitfalls in college.



- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – **The Council for Exceptional Children** gives future educators many opportunities to work in the community and get hands-on experience in the classroom. Adopt a Classroom is a project conducted at each grade level in St. Thomas Elementary School, giving students experience in how to manage a classroom and the work that goes into lesson plans before they are presented to students.

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