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Northern State Students Earn Recognition from Regents

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

Student organizations honored with special recognition were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – The **Honors Program Club** meets monthly and hosts social events for all NSU students. Members must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average to be part of the club. The organization has sponsored guest speakers and the screening of a documentary about students living in war-torn Uganda. Working with the women's varsity soccer team, the Honors Program Club also raised more than \$2,000 for the American Cancer Society at a PinkOut Coaches vs. Cancer match.



Honors Program Club - Dr. Erin Fouberg; Danielle Weisz, Bismarck, ND; Lisa Hunt, Huron; Regent Kathryn Johnson, Laura Hodson, Martin; Executive Director Jack Warner. Middle Row, left to right: Mark Sperry, Bath; Kelsey Luckhurst, Garden City; Haley Zerr, Aberdeen; Brandon Sieck, Onida. Back Row, left to right: Ethan Brown, Flower Mound, TX; NSU President James Smith.

- **Community Service Award – Wolf Pack Orientation** helps students make a successful transition to college life. New students interact with Wolf Pack Orientation leaders to help adjust to on-campus living. This group coordinated a Day of Service as part of new student orientation last summer. Working with United Way and other non-profit agencies, 10 service

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projects were identified for students to work on, among them cleanup at the Brown County fairgrounds and sorting donations for the Salvation Army. More than 120 students participated in this inaugural event.



Wolf Pack Orientation - Bart Carithers, Haley Zerr, Aberdeen; Regent Kathryn Johnson, Laura Hodson, Martin; NSU President James Smith; Danielle Weisz, Bismarck, N.D. ; Mark Sperry, Bath; Kelsey Luckhurst, Garden City; Executive Director Jack Warner.

- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – The **National Association for Music Educators** supports the academic and social environment for future music educators, but membership is open to all majors on the NSU campus. This group coordinated the regional small- and large-group music contests, assisted with on-campus recitals, and supported a music learning community on campus. The NSU campus chapter also offered \$500 in music scholarships and sent 16 of its members to the state music educators’ conference in Rapid City.



National Association for Music Educators - Dr. Wendy VanGent; NSU President James Smith; Regent Kathryn Johnson; Brandon Sieck, Onida; Rebecca Fahey, Spearfish; Jaime Kessler, Jamestown, ND; Executive Director Jack Warner.