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Northern State Students Honored for Outstanding Work

ABERDEEN, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents have given special awards to three student organizations at Northern State University for their academic excellence, community service, and organizational leadership.

The student groups honored Friday were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – The **Chinese Student Association** seeks to build a connection between Chinese students on campus and students from other countries by promoting the Chinese language and culture. The group hosts a 50-minute class each week during the academic year to acquaint other students with the language. Cooking demonstrations, songs, and games also are presented to help people become more familiar with Chinese customs. The group hosts an annual culture night and participates in the university's International Food Fair.



- **Community Service Award** – **Masquers** promotes dramatic activity and service at NSU and within the Aberdeen community. The group holds at least one community service activity each month throughout the academic year, including projects that involved the Aberdeen Humane Society, United Blood Services, Salvation Army, and Aberdeen

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Community Theatre. Over the past year, this group also organized its first high school theatre workshop day.



- **Award for Organizational Leadership – The National Association for Music Education Chapter 506** supports the academic and social environment for future music educators throughout the area, region, and state. The group welcomes music educators and students to the Northern campus through a variety of activities, including support for regional music contests, All-State Orchestra and Chorus, recitals, and the fine arts learning community located on campus in Briscoe Hall.

