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## **Two SDSU Bound Students Awarded Bjugstad Scholarship**

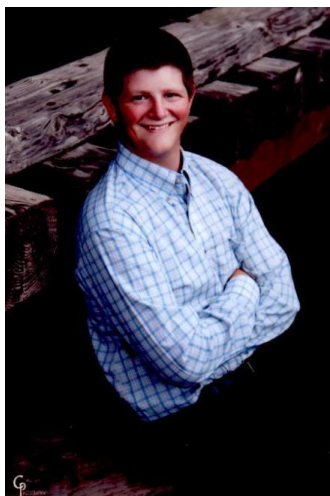
PIERRE, S.D. — Alexandra Smiley and Samuel Smith have been awarded a \$500 Bjugstad Scholarship for the 2012-13 academic year by the South Dakota Board of Regents.

The Ardell Bjugstad Scholarship Program for Native American Students was established by the family of Ardell Bjugstad of Rapid City. Bjugstad, who died in 1990, served as a range scientist with the U.S. Forest Service for 20 years, and held adjunct professorships at South Dakota State University, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, and Oglala Lakota College. He was a strong advocate for young Native Americans working to educate themselves, and he worked closely with Oglala Lakota College in mentoring Native American students through the U.S. Forest Service.

In order to qualify for the Ardell Bjugstad Scholarship, a student must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized Native American tribe with reservations in North or South Dakota, attend a postsecondary institution, and pursue studies leading to a degree in agribusiness, agricultural production, agricultural sciences, or natural resources.

Smiley is a graduate of Kadoka Area High School in Kadoka, South Dakota. Smith graduated from Gordon-Rushville High School in Gordon, Nebraska. Both Smiley and Smith plan to major in animal science at South Dakota State University.

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