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Dakota State Students Earn Recognition

MADISON, S.D. – Student organizations at Dakota State University were recognized this week by the South Dakota Board of Regents for their academic excellence, community service, and organizational leadership.

The student groups honored Thursday were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence – Phi Beta Lambda** helps its members build professional and leadership skills through community service opportunities. These opportunities allow them to experience the rewards of volunteerism while networking with business leaders and building their resume. They learn about the business environment and are able to apply that knowledge to nationwide business competitions and future professional careers.



- **Community Service Award – Students in Free Enterprise** applies members' knowledge of financial literacy, success skills, market economics, ethics, and entrepreneurship to community needs and problems. Dakota State's SIFE team has served Madison and surrounding communities in several ways. One example of service

is the collaboration with the Interlakes Community Action Partnership to offer Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) to lower-income tax clients by completing their income tax returns. Another example of the group's service to Madison is the hosting of the city's annual haunted house. The tradition of the haunted house started in 1920 and was in jeopardy of being lost until SIFE members stepped in, allowing more than 600 members of the community to enjoy the long-held tradition.



- **Award for Organizational Leadership –Colleges Against Cancer** supports the American Cancer Society with programs in college and university communities on cancer awareness. CAC raises cancer awareness through the following activities: Hands for Hope, Cards for Kids, Purple 101 Week, and many others. The group encourages community service and involvement.

