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## 30 Students Receive Dakota Corps Scholarships

PIERRE, S.D. – Thirty recent South Dakota high school graduates have been awarded Dakota Corps scholarships to pursue careers in critical-need occupations within the state.

Each year, Dakota Corps recipients receive funding equivalent to the cost of tuition and applicable fees at their postsecondary institution. Once graduated, they are required to enter into a critical-need occupation in South Dakota, with terms of service equivalent to the number of years they received the scholarship, plus one year. The scholarships are supported entirely by private donations.

“I congratulate these students for choosing careers in critical-need occupations,” said Gov. Dennis Daugaard. “I also want to thank all of those private businesses and nonprofit organizations that are funding these scholarships. This is a program that not only educates our students, but also keeps them in South Dakota after graduation and provides the brainpower that is essential for these critical-need occupations.”

Current occupations that qualify for Dakota Corps Scholarship support include teaching K-12 music, special education, or foreign language; teaching high school math or science; working as a licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, or in other allied health-care fields; or working as a large-animal veterinarian.

The South Dakota Board of Regents recently assumed administrative responsibility for the Dakota Corps Scholarship program. For more information, contact the board office at 1-800-874-9033 or send an e-mail to [info@sdbor.edu](mailto:info@sdbor.edu).

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This is a listing of the 30 students who are new Dakota Corps Scholarship recipients for the 2011-12 academic year, sorted by the postsecondary institution where they will be enrolled. The list also includes the student’s hometown and high school attended.

### Augustana College

Anna Peasley, Elk Point, Elk Point-Jefferson High School

**Black Hills State University**

Michael Birkeland, Rapid City, Central High School  
Trisha Koch, Owanka, New Underwood High School

**Mount Marty College**

Gina Dethlefsen, Stickney, Stickney High School

**Northern State University**

Olivia Forman, Watertown, Watertown High School  
Christine Hickel, Watertown, Watertown High School  
Alyssa Becht, Clear Lake, Deuel High School  
Tyler Goodgion, Rapid City, Central High School  
Megan Czmowski, Black Hawk, Central High School

**Presentation College**

Angela Goodall, Westport, Frederick Area High School

**South Dakota State University**

Emily McMahon, Hartford, West Central High School  
Hayley Townsend, Sioux Falls, Roosevelt High School  
Alexis Ness, Waubay, Waubay High School  
Jerrica Huber, Yankton, Yankton High School  
Kortney Weems, Sioux Falls, Roosevelt High School  
Brianna Benson, Sisseton, Sisseton High School  
Kelsey Richter, Quinn, Wall High School

**University of Sioux Falls**

Brooke Hemmer, Dell Rapids, Colman-Egan High School

**University of South Dakota**

Brianna Youngstrom, Armour, Wagner Community High School  
Austin Wagaman, Sioux Falls, Washington High School  
Kaylee Bahr, Aberdeen, Central High School  
Katey Ulrich, Watertown, Watertown High School  
Kyle DeLay, Beresford, Beresford High School  
Kathryn Whisler, Sioux Falls, Washington High School  
Abbey Ulrich, Watertown, Watertown High School  
Emma Smith, Huron, Huron High School  
Brittany Dilts, Canton, Canton High School  
Benjamin Nelson, Sioux Falls, Roosevelt High School  
Rebecca Hebda, Mission Hill, Yankton High School  
Wyman Wenz, Britton, Britton-Hecla High School