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38 Students Receive Dakota Corps Scholarships

PIERRE, S.D. – Thirty-eight new 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.

“By choosing careers in critical-need occupations, these students will be giving back to our state,” said Gov. Dennis Daugaard. “They will be educated in South Dakota and then remain here to provide important services and support for fellow South Dakotans. That is a win for all of us, and I thank the private businesses and non-profit organizations that recognized the importance of providing these students with scholarships.”

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 administers the Dakota Corps Scholarship program. For more information about this program, contact the board office at 1-800-874-9033 or send an e-mail to info@sdbor.edu.

This is a listing of the 38 students who are new Dakota Corps Scholarship recipients for the 2012-13 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

Makayla Hagerty, Sioux Falls, O’Gorman High School
Danielle Reuer, Harrisburg, Harrisburg High School
Ashley Schurr, Roscoe, Edmunds Central High School
Janae West, Lennox, Lennox High School

Black Hills State University

Emily Carr, Belle Fourche, Belle Fourche High School
Breanna Cuka, Wagner, Wagner High School
Leah Lashley, Rapid City, Stevens High School
Shauni Lyon, Lemmon, Lemmon High School
Mikaela Murtha, Parkston, Parkston High School
Kylie Steever, Hill City, Hill City High School
Aaron Vitter, Hill City, Hill City High School

Dakota State University

Stacey Hopf, Madison, Madison High School

Mount Marty College

Jenece Holzbauer, Wagner, Wagner High School

Northern State University

Austin Fordham, Groton, Groton Area High School
Allison Landmark, Britton, Britton-Hecla High School
Allie Macdonald, Hartford, West Central High School
Monte Meyerink, Spearfish, Spearfish High School
Joseph Parsley, Flandreau, Flandreau High School
Carrie Schlotte, Webster, Webster Area High School
Natasha Tharp, Watertown, Watertown High School

South Dakota State University

Tanna Becker, Pierre, T.F. Riggs High School
Amanda Brandt, Elk Point, Elk Point-Jefferson High School
Jessica DeNeui, Sioux Falls, Roosevelt High School
Lori Foltz, Watertown, Watertown High School
Thomas Harris, Plankinton, Plankinton High School
Kayla Larson, Bryant, Hamlin High School
Emily Meyer, White, Deubrook High School
Ashley Musch, Brandon, Brandon Valley High School
Hayley Schmidt, Sioux Falls, Washington High School
Allison Wagner, Harrisburg, Harrisburg High School
Megan Winter, Martin, Bennett County High School

University of South Dakota

Britain Burditt, Spearfish, Spearfish High School
Rachel Busskohl, Yankton, Yankton High School
Carli Johnson, Colman, Colman-Egan High School
Katie Klaassen, Sioux Falls, Lincoln High School
Adison Kleinsasser, Huron, Huron High School
Sarah Kuegle, Rapid City, Stevens High School
Jessa Nath, Sioux Falls, Washington High School