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Regents Recognize Outstanding Student Organizations at USD

VERMILLION, S.D. – Student organizations from The University of South Dakota were recognized for their outstanding academic, community, and organizational work by the South Dakota Board of Regents this week.

Student organizations honored were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – The **AWOL (Alternative Week of Off-Campus Learning)** organization immerses students in educational service-learning experiences through exposure to diverse social issues and encourages post-trip application of those experiences. The group operates under the core values of diversity, education, and application. One trip planned for the coming year is to Birmingham, Ala., to help Habitat for Humanity build homes for people displaced after last spring's devastating tornadoes.



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- **Community Service Award – SERVE (Students Enhancing Resources for Vermillion Enrichment)** provides USD students with opportunities to serve the local Vermillion community through six different student-led programs. These programs are Adopt-a-Grandparent, Adopt-a-School, Big Pal/Little Pal, Cultural Connections, Heroes, and Variations of Volunteering.



- **Award for Organizational Leadership – The Residence Hall Government Association** is dedicated to improving the quality of life on campus by considering the wants and needs of its student residents. By making significant contributions within the residence halls this past year, the group has made the campus a more welcoming community.

