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## Regents Honor Outstanding Student Organizations

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents this week honored student organizations from Black Hills State University and South Dakota School of Mines & Technology for their outstanding academic, community, and organizational work.

BHSU student groups given special awards were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence – BHSU Honors Club** introduces a social aspect to the university's Honors Program. The club brings students from different majors together to establish lifelong friendships. Community service activities are stressed; the club helps sponsor weekly study socials, a spelling bee for third graders, a community blood drive, and a lecture series for BHSU academic departments.



From left, Jack Warner, Board of Regents executive director; Dean Krogman, Board of Regents president; BHSU students, Elizabeth Williams, business administration-economics and finance major from Miles City, Mont.; Cody Drolc, political science major from Spearfish; Lucas Fralick, political science major from Gillette, Wyo.; JLYnn Miller, English major from Rapid City; Jane Klug, director of the Student Union and student activities at BHSU; and BHSU President Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr.

- **Community Service Award – Lakota Omniciye** spreads awareness of American Indian cultures across the Black Hills State campus and the local community. Non-Native students who attend BHSU are encouraged to participate in club activities. The club hosts

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American Indian Awareness Week and raises funds for the annual powwow. The group also assists the Center for American Indian Studies with its 'bridge program' to help Native students make a successful transition to college life.



From left, Jack Warner, Board of Regents executive director; Rosie Sprague, assistant director for the Center of American Indian Studies at BHSU; Dean Krogman, Board of Regents president; Dr. Urla Marcus, director of American Indian studies at BHSU; Brent Hunter, biology major from Pine Hill, N.M.; Mary Mitchell, elementary education major from Eagle Butte; Bridget Aeschbacher, art education major from Winner; and BHSU President Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr.

- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – The **BHSU Student Senate** represents BHSU students in its interactions with university leaders and the South Dakota Board of Regents. The Student Senate promotes student activities and shares responsibility for budgeting of the general activity fee on campus. The Student Senate advocates for increased student engagement, lobbies for student and higher education initiatives, and helps local economic development leaders conduct retail surveys of students.

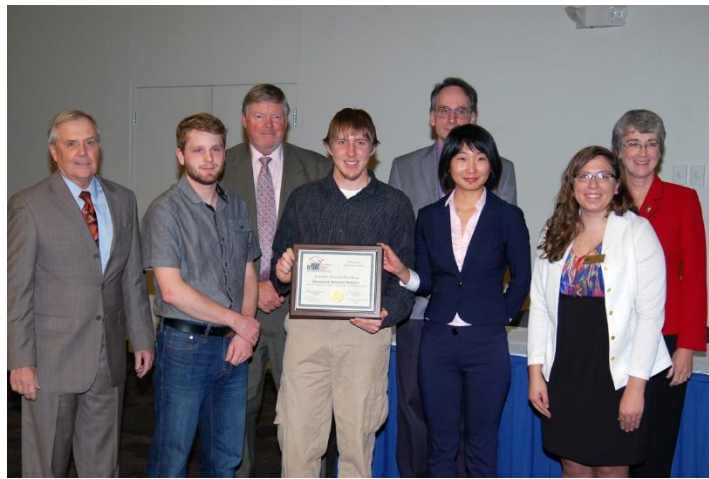


Kneeling, from left, Bailey Sadowsky, corporate communications major form Hettinger, N.D.; Micaela Stroup, political science major from Pierre; and Kylie Hall, corporate communications major from Rapid City. Standing, from left,

BHSU President Dr. Tom Jackson, Jr.; Brittney Lystad, business administration-human resource management major from Glendive, Mont.; Brittany Thompson, political science major from Black Hawk; Morgan Chavez, business administration-tourism major from Gillette, Wyo.; Dietric McConnel, outdoor education major from Hill City; Lucas Fralick, political science major from Gillette, Wyo.; Jack Warner, Board of Regents executive director; Nathan Naasz, elementary education major from Winner; Lorrin Anderson, corporate communications major from Winner; Dean Krogman, Board of Regents president; Chase Vogel, business administration-economics and finance major from Cheyenne, Wyo.; and Jane Klug, director of the Student Union and student activities at BHSU.

SDSM&T student groups awarded special recognition were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – The **Graduate Student Society** seeks to enhance the overall academic development of the graduate student experience at School of Mines. The group sponsors a graduate student ambassador program, helps create promotional videos highlighting research efforts on campus, and promotes industry partnerships. It helped organize a first-ever graduate student poster and employer reception prior to the spring career fair, designed to bring students together with potential employers.



Jack Warner, Board of Regents executive director; Tyler Nack, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Dean Krogman, Board of Regents president; Charles Biberg, Tenstrike, Minn.; Doug Wells, Ph.D., SD Mines Graduate Education dean; Nan Zheng, China; Rachel Raysby, Chancellor, S.D.; Heather Wilson, SD Mines president.

- **Community Service Award** – The **SDSM&T Weather Club** seeks to improve public awareness of weather issues by organizing community service projects and creating social and educational experiences for students. The group runs in Relay for Life events, serves as hosts for a spring tornado safety class, volunteers at Storybook Island, and participates in the Adopt A Highway program, among other activities. A club fundraiser produced a calendar featuring photographic images of weather events.

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Front row, from left: Thomas King, Sherburne, N.Y.; Jacey Wipf, Vermillion, S.D.; Brianne Gerber, Council Grove, Kans.; T. Connor Nelson, Washington Court House, Ohio; Rachel Raysby, Chancellor, S.D.; Middle row, from left: Alex Schaefer, McCullom Lake, Ill.; Jack Warner, Board of Regents executive director; Trisha Gabbert, Rapid City, S.D.; Dean Krogman, Board of Regents president; Heather Wilson, SD Mines president. Back row, from left: Adam French, Ph.D., SD Mines Department of Physics; Jorel Torres, Denver, Colo.; Darren Clabo, instructor, SD Mines Environmental Health and Safety.

- **Award for Organizational Leadership – Students for the Exploration and Development of Space** recently restructured its club to focus more on research in aeronautical space and NASA projects. Student leaders have taken NASA internship opportunities across the country and seven members attended the SpaceVision conference at the University of Arizona. Members also visited a local elementary school to work on science projects with Cub Scouts and organized an Adventure Weekend Rocket project to help recruit new freshmen students.



From left: Jack Warner, Board of Regents executive director; Tyler Nack, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Dean Krogman, Board of Regents president; Samuel Struck, Plymouth, Minn.; Trevor Jerome, Mobridge, S.D.; Tom Durkin, South Dakota Space Grant Consortium deputy director; Heather Wilson, SD Mines president; Rachel Raysby, Chancellor, S.D.