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## Regents Recognize School of Mines Students

RAPID CITY, S.D. – Student organizations from South Dakota School of Mines & Technology were recognized this week for their outstanding academic, community, and organizational work by the South Dakota Board of Regents.

Student groups honored with special awards were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence – Future Health Science Professionals** offer a campus community for students interested in the health sciences and to encourage volunteer work, help students prepare for academic challenges, and promote personal and professional growth. Seminars are offered where community health professionals are invited to discuss how to prepare for future careers. The group also visits medical schools across the region to learn more about their academic options.



Jacy Brown, Buffalo, SD; Rhianna Hoffman, Rapid City, SD; Dean Krogman, regents president; Heather Wilson, School of Mines president; Michael Leopold, Frisco, CO, Mines Student Association president; Jack Warner, regents executive director.

**Community Service Award – The American Society of Civil Engineers Student Chapter** enhances the personal and professional development of its members. The chapter recently worked to replace the “Willie the Whale” figure at Rapid City’s Storybook Island. More than 1,300 hours were volunteered to fabricate Willie’s steel frame and complete the construction work. The group also reaches out to several public schools, as well as hosts an education day at the South Dakota Discovery Center in Pierre.



Nicholas Claggett, Syracuse, NY; Michael Dollarhide, Pipestone, MN; Brian Ruppelt, Rapid City, SD; Christ Timm, Canton, SD; Ben Wolf, Gering, NE; Tony Kulesa, Rapid City, SD; Dean Krogman, regents president; Heather Wilson, School of Mines President; Michael Leopold, Frisco, CO, Mines Student Association president; Jack Warner, regents executive director; and Dr. Bora Cetin, advisor.

- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – To provide a creative outlet, the **Hardrockin’ Drama Club** integrates the arts into a science and engineering curriculum at the School of Mines. The club recently presented three artistic productions, with \$1,000 in proceeds from ticket sales donated to the Black Hills Children’s Home Society for its creative arts programs. The club continues to help children at the home with art projects and acting lessons.



Mike Keegan, director of student activities and Leadership Center; Jake Deutz, Sioux Falls, SD; Thomas Waddell, Woodland Park, Colo.; Mary Stein, Drama Club director; Dean Krogman, regents president; Jacob Queen, Belle Fourche, SD; Heather Wilson, School of Mines president; Emily Berger, Sioux Falls, SD; Mike Leopold, Frisco, CO, Mines Student Association President; Chris Schiller, Camas, Wash.; and Jack Warner, regents executive director.