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State Capitol Hosts Student Researchers Thursday

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota colleges and universities will send 14 outstanding undergraduate student researchers to the State Capitol this week to share their research work with lawmakers and the public.

The 2019 Student Research Poster Session runs 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, in the State Capitol Rotunda. The public is invited to attend, and enjoy ice cream courtesy of South Dakota State University.

These 14 represent students statewide who conduct research in a variety of disciplines. Now in its 22nd year, the event showcases research and creative activities of undergraduate students, as well as highlights successful faculty research and commercialization efforts. The session is organized by the South Dakota Board of Regents and South Dakota's Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR).

Students competitively chosen to participate in Thursday's event are:

- Grace Baumgarten, **Rapid City**, representing Black Hills State University
- Zayn Synder, **Pierre**; Nathan Kramer, **Sioux Falls**; Ezra Chona, **Rochester, N.Y.**; Micah Flack, **Bemidji, Minn.**; Matthew Steckelberg, **Chamberlain**; all representing Dakota State University
- Matthew Mayfield, **Huron**, representing Northern State University
- John Hillard, **Rapid City**, representing South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
- Sydney Bormann, **Parkston**, and Alexandra Farber, **Britton**, representing South Dakota State University
- Ashleigh Chov, **Sioux Falls**, and Emme Schmidt, **Custer**, representing the University of South Dakota
- Gabriel Yellow Hawk, **Hill City**, representing Oglala Lakota College and EPSCoR
- Tesla Cheek, **Sioux Falls**, representing the University of Sioux Falls and South Dakota's Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN).