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State Capitol Hosts Student Researchers March 4

PIERRE, S.D. – South Dakota colleges and universities will send 13 outstanding undergraduate student researchers to the State Capitol next week to share their research work with lawmakers and the public.

The 2020 Student Research Poster Session runs 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, in the State Capitol Rotunda. The public is invited to attend, and enjoy ice cream courtesy of South Dakota State University.

These 13 represent students statewide who conduct research in a variety of disciplines. Now in its 23rd 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 Wednesday's event are:

- Jed Engler, **Gillette, Wyo.**, and A. Renée Ciccariello, **Yermo, Calif.**, representing Black Hills State University
- Katie Shuck, **Brandon**, representing Dakota State University
- Madison Rutter and Shayla Steinley, both of **Lakeville, Minn.**, representing Northern State University
- Anahita Haghizadeh, **Rapid City**, representing South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
- Gabriel Heller, **Aberdeen**, Anthony Miller, **Dell Rapids**, and Karl Vallin, **Eagan, Minn.**, representing South Dakota State University
- Rachel Rucker, **Yankton**, and Brett Hughes, **Sioux Falls**, representing the University of South Dakota
- Charles Bush, **Porcupine**, representing Oglala Lakota College and EPSCoR
- Christopher Wixon, **Centerville**, representing Mount Marty College and South Dakota's Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (BRIN).