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Regents Honor Student Groups at School of Mines and Black Hills State

SPEARFISH, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents recognized 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 receiving the special regents' awards were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – The campus chapter of the **South Dakota Education Association** provides professional development opportunities for students majoring in education at BHSU. The group sponsors motivational talks at its meetings and then discusses how these concepts might be implemented into the students' future classrooms.



Mike Rush, BOR Executive Director; Melissa Mason, Rapid City; Dr. Cody Lawson, Advisor; Thomas Rose-Grey, Marine City, MI; Ronaldo Mowell, Pakistan; Skylar Smith, Rapid City; Randy Schaeffer, BOR President; Justin Logue, BHSU Student Senate President, Volin; Tom Jackson, BHSU President

- **Community Service Award – Thompson Diversion Program**, named in memory of student leader Brittany Thompson, helps university students learn from their mistakes

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through restorative justice. This new program uses the South Dakota Teen Court as a model, stressing accountability for one's actions, learning from experience, and making a difference in the community.



Dr. Jane Klug, Advisor; Dr. Pam Carriveau, Advisor; Madison Huber, Mandan, ND; Keely Kleven, Williston, ND; Mike Rush, BOR Executive Director; Lanaya Young, Rapid City; Justin Logue, Volin; Ariel Pozorski, Rapid City; Wyatt Osthus, Summerset; Megan Gayer, Sioux Falls; Daxton Keegan, Belle Fourche; Randy Schaefer, BOR President; Tom Jackson, BHSU President

- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – The **Activity Grants Committee** of the Campus Activities Board allocates programming funds and resources to BHSU student organizations. Its focus is on ensuring successful programs and increasing student retention at BHSU.



Mike Rush, BOR Executive Director; Grace Jensen, Mobridge; Elijah Bush, Box Elder; Daxton Keegan, Belle Fourche; Whitney Bischoff, Advisor; Justin Logue, Student Senate President, Volin; Tom Jackson, BHSU President; Wyatt Osthus, Summerset; Randy Schaefer, BOR President

SDSM&T student groups receiving awards were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – The **American Chemical Society** cultivates a learning community through presentation of on-campus demonstrations and programs in local schools. One of the most popular is the Myth Busters show, featuring chemistry experiments that encourage students to engage in science-related learning. The group also provides volunteer tutors to help students struggling with science concepts.



Mike Rush, BOR Executive Director; Randy Schaefer, BOR President; Dr. Justin Meyer, Faculty Advisor, Senior Lecturer, Chemistry and Applied Biological Sciences; Dr. Dimitris Kouris, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

- **Community Service Award** – **Alpha Omega Epsilon** is a professional sorority for female engineering and technical science students at School of Mines. The sorority emphasizes professionalism, leadership, friendship, and sisterhood, while dedicating its members to a mission of serving others and giving back.



Danielle Tourtillott, Eagan, MN; Randy Schaefer, BOR President; Kylie Johnson, Montrose, SD; Mike Rush, BOR Executive Director; Charity Doyle, Alumni Advisor; Dr. Dimitris Kourism Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

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- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – The **Robotics Team** builds land competition vehicles. It works with younger students in Rapid City to design and build LEGO Mindstorm robots. The goal is to complete as many missions as possible within a 2.5-minute period. The competition serves to help middle school students learn about technology, while developing their communication and team-building skills.



Orrenzo Lee, Rapid City; Randy Schaefer, BOR President; Jordan Morrison, Powell, WY; Mike Rush, BOR Executive Director; Austin Gill, Eaton, CO; Dr. Dimitris Kouris, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost