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NSU Student Organizations Recognized for Excellence

ABERDEEN, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents recognized student organizations from Northern State University for excellence in academic, community, and organizational work.

NSU student groups receiving the special regents' awards were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – The **TRIO Scholars' Association** supports students who are first generation, low income, or with disabilities in their journey to earn a bachelor's degree. The scholars' association raises awareness of TRIO programs on the NSU campus and advises on student services. The group organized special events last November as part of the National First-Generation College Celebration Week.



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- **Community Service Award** – **NSU Honors Club** members are leaders in clubs and organizations across the Aberdeen campus. The club planned a year-long service project

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in 2020, Feeding Aberdeen, which engaged NSU students with their community by providing meals and hunger relief to Aberdeen residents most in need. Members of the group also volunteer at Safe Harbor and the Salvation Army.



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- **Award for Organizational Leadership – The NSU Student Government Association** has created new opportunities for student voices to be heard, while promoting action. Last year, the SGA sponsored its largest executive election in recent years and hosted a hybrid-style presidential debate. The group is also actively engaged in promoting more student engagement and representation through campus committees.



Regent President John W. Bastian, Megan Frewaldt, Jacob Swanson, Emeline Glover and NSU President Dr. Timothy M. Downs