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## Student Groups from BHSU and SD Mines Recognized for Excellence

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 excellence in academic, community, and organizational work.

BHSU student groups receiving the special regents' awards were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence – Three Peaks Review** is an educational and social organization that promotes the study of literature, writing of prose and poetry, and activities such as the Film Series, annual Short Story Writing Contest, and publication of the Green Bowl Review. The group realized its goal to publish a literary magazine that showcases BHSU students' creative and literary talents. Members also worked to enhance English and creative writing programs on campus through their promotion of literary readings and other activities.



BOR President Kevin Schieffer, BOR Executive Director Paul Beran, Outgoing Student Senate President Wyatt Osthus, Advisor Matt Bauman, Aisha Baum, Benjamin Parks, Johanna Mitchell, Isabel Litzen, Hayley Bowen, and BHSU President Tom Jackson

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- **Community Service Award** – The **Campus Activities Board** manages programming of educational, social, and cultural activities for the university community. The 38 students on this board have volunteered more than 1,000 hours to their community, including work on projects such as Adopt-a-Highway, cat yoga, a lip sync battle, and new student orientation. The Campus Activities Board hosted more than 60 programs for students over the fall and spring semesters.



BOR President Kevin Schieffer, BOR Executive Director Paul Beran, Outgoing Student Senate President Wyatt Osthus, Rachel Kremer, Isabella SanMiguel, Ashley Tate, Krista Ulrich, Burkelee Kenefick-Aschoff, Advisor Nichole Walters, and BHSU President Tom Jackson

- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – The **Theatre Society** encourages participation in theatrical activities on campus, while providing social and educational benefits to its members. Society membership is open to all, including students, staff, faculty, and community members. In the past year, the group sponsored an improvisation night, Art in My Life series, two musicals, three plays, and a haunted house.



BOR President Regent Kevin Schieffer, BOR Executive Director Paul Beran, Outgoing Student Senate President Wyatt Osthus, JD Schroeder, Kyle Graves, Gabriella Hertz, Lilia Nikolavea, Starr Paul, Kylee Jones, and BHSU President Tom Jackson

SD Mines student groups receiving the special regents' awards were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – The **3-D Printing Club** advances home and industrial additive manufacturing technologies by serving as a hub for the Mines’ campus and local community for 3-D printing. The group has become a student resource for rapid prototyping and provides opportunities to learn more about additive manufacturing. Club members have quickly established themselves as a technical reference for the community on 3-D printing technologies.



BOR President Kevin Schieffer, BOR Executive Director Paul Beran, Keagan Peters, Jace Salley, Advisor Dr. Travis Walker, and SD Mines President Jim Rankin

- **Community Service Award** – **Circle K** is an international and collegiate-led organization focused on service, leadership, and fellowship. The group strives to develop a strong and lasting relationship with the Rapid City community through projects involving Happy Tails Haven, Storybook Island, and Cornerstone Mission. Its largest campus-based project is a trick or treat event to gather canned goods for local food distribution.



BOR Executive Director Paul Beran, BOR President Kevin Schieffer, Joleena Strange, Advisor Dr. Patricia Mahon, and SD Mines President Jim Rankin

- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – The **American Society of Civil Engineers** is committed to professional development, social interaction, and community service for its members. The Mines’ chapter is recognized in the top 5 percent of ASCE chapters

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nationwide for its activities and membership excellence. The group was honored to host the Rocky Mountain Regional Conference, attended by 14 student chapters.



BOR Executive Director Paul Beran, BOR President Kevin Schieffer, Calvin Tohm, Naomi Weimer, and SD Mines President Jim Rankin