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## **Graduating Student Regent Honored for Service**

VERMILLION, S.D. – Conrad Adam, a student regent on the South Dakota Board of Regents since 2016, was recognized Thursday for his leadership and vision, as he ends his board service and begins a career in financial services.

Adam, a native of Pierre, graduated last Saturday from the University of South Dakota with a bachelor of business administration degree in finance and a minor in accounting. He plans to work as an analyst for the foundations and endowments team at Abbot Downing, a financial services firm in Minneapolis.

“While a student regent in large part is appointed to represent the interests of college-going students at our public universities, Regent Adam was more than that,” said Regents President Bob Sutton. “He became an articulate spokesman for all facets of higher education. He was particularly engaged on questions of access and affordability, while championing initiatives to ensure student success and enhance the college experience. We offer our best wishes to Conrad as he leaves this board and launches his professional career.”

Adam was honored earlier this year as the most outstanding senior of the year by the Beacom School of Business at USD. He was also chosen by his fellow students as Mr. Dakota at homecoming festivities last fall and was named Outstanding Greek Life Man of the Year for 2017-18. Among his many activities, he served on the USD Dakotathon executive team, helping raise nearly \$330,000 in two years for Children’s Miracle Network.

“It has been a privilege of a lifetime to serve on the Board of Regents,” Adam said. “South Dakota is fortunate to have many passionate leaders in its higher education system. I leave the board with sincere appreciation for those who serve our state, and will miss the regents, presidents, faculty, staff, and students.”

Gov. Dennis Daugaard is expected to appoint soon a new student regent to serve a two-year term. Under South Dakota law, the student regent is a full voting member of the Board of Regents and participates in all meetings while enrolled in a public university under the regents’ governance.