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## Student Organizations Earn Regents' Recognition

BROOKINGS, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents last week honored student organizations from South Dakota State University for their outstanding academic, community, and organizational work.

SDSU student groups given special awards were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – The **American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists** seeks to increase student awareness, participation, and interaction in the field of pharmaceutical sciences. The group focuses on meaningful educational activities such as journal clubs, professional workshops, laboratory tours, and a day-long symposium for academic and professional development.



Executive Director Mike Rush; Advisor Dr. Josh Reineke; Rakesh Dachineni; Advisor Dr. Teresa Seefeldt; Regent President Randy Schaefer; Mibin Joseph; Shenggang Wang; and SDSU President David Chicoine.

- **Community Service Award** – **FarmHouse Fraternity** is the second oldest men's Greek fraternity on the SDSU campus. FarmHouse is dedicated to community service through a variety of university and Brookings-area activities. The fraternity's popular "Totally

Baldacious” event auctioned off students’ heads of hair to raise more than \$11,000 for a young girl in the community with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.



Regent President Randy Schaefer; Taylor Thooft; Adam Harms; SDSU President David Chicoine; and Executive Director Mike Rush.

- **Award for Organizational Leadership – The Student Program of the National Education Association** promotes core values of teacher quality, community outreach, and political action. The SDSU group sponsors workshops, receptions, and conferences for teachers and those interested in the teaching profession. The group also worked this past year to create more public awareness of the work and findings of the Governor’s Blue Ribbon Task Force on Education.



Regent President Randy Schaefer; Kali Lenhoff; Advisor Mary Moeller; SDSU President David Chicoine; and Executive Director Mike Rush.