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Dakota State Students Earn Regents' Recognition

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

DSU student groups receiving the special regents' awards were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – The goals of **Phi Beta Lambda** are to encourage career preparation, leadership development, and academic excellence in the business world. Club members engage in state and national events for both individual and team competitors. These competitions include objective tests, presentations, reports, and role-play scenarios. DSU students also participate in workshops hosted by business professionals, take part in subject-area panel presentations, and network with other young professionals.



BOR Executive Director Brian Maher, Advisor Dr. Yen-Ling Chang, BOR President John Bastian, Student Madelin Smith, and DSU President José-Marie Griffiths

- **Community Service Award** – **CybHER** aims to empower, educate, motivate, and change the perception of the cyber technologies field among young women and girls. CybHER conducts outreach activities to better connect with students. Last year, CybHER launched a

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free, weekly virtual program, CybHER Conversations, to introduce middle and high school girls to cybersecurity professionals, where they learned more about job opportunities and career paths. The group also launched a YouTube channel that features regularly updated content and recorded CybHER Conversations.



BOR Executive Director Brian Maher, BOR President John Bastian, Students Kanthi Narukonda and Janessa Palmieri, and DSU President José-Marie Griffiths

- **Award for Organizational Leadership – The Lights, Camera, Action Film Club** creates short films and provides video services to other clubs and departments on the DSU campus. When COVID-19 restricted some in-person events, the club established a goal to assist other groups by providing livestreams and pre-recorded productions. This provided a welcome outlet for those groups to showcase their projects and events during the pandemic.



BOR Executive Director Brian Maher, BOR President John Bastian, Student Max Hardyk, Advisor Joe Staudenbauer, and DSU President José-Marie Griffiths