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## SDSU Student Organizations Earn Recognition

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

SDSU student groups receiving the special regents' awards were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – The **Plant Science Graduate Student Association** organizes scientific events and department communications. All graduate students in the Department of Agronomy, Horticulture and Plant Sciences are members. Sponsored events include the “We Talk Science” seminar series, a fall departmental picnic, research and thesis competitions, and special recognition events for faculty and students.



SDSU President Barry Dunn, Dwarika Bhattari, Prakriti Sharma, Sen Subramanian, BOR Executive Director Paul Beran, BOR President Kevin Schieffer

- **Community Service Award** – **Phi Upsilon Omicron** recognizes and promotes academic excellence, develops leadership qualities through service, and encourages lifelong

learning to advance the field of family and consumer sciences. Members of the Phi Chapter must carry a 3.2 grade point average at initiation and earn participation points for fundraising, community service, and meetings each semester to maintain their membership. The chapter sponsors special activities to support students at the nearby Flandreau Indian School.



SDSU President Barry Dunn, BOR President Kevin Schieffer, Mary Gengler, Destiny Jorenby, Brianna Renaas, BOR Executive Director Paul Beran

- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – The **Armed Forces Association** brings together military-affiliated students, family, and community members to promote meaningful experiences and comradery for veterans and military service members. Some of the events organized by the Armed Forces Association include an annual golf tournament, veterans’ retreat, Warriors Week, a veterans’ book club, resume writing workshop, and community service events.



SDSU President Barry Dunn, Connie Johnson, Russ Chavez, BOR President Kevin Schieffer, BOR Executive Director Paul Beran