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## Regents Honor Student Groups at SDSU and Dakota State

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

SDSU student groups receiving the special regents' awards were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** –The **Kappa Epsilon Chi Chapter** empowers its members to develop confidence, self-esteem, interpersonal skills, and leadership vision. Membership is open to pre-pharmacy or professional pharmacy students at SDSU. The group stresses academic excellence, with some members serving as individual tutors and supplemental instruction leaders. Educational events are hosted throughout the year to hear from professionals in the pharmacy field and to educate high school students about pharmacy as a career.



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- **Community Service Award** – The **Epsilon Eta chapter of Alpha Xi Delta** is a women's fraternity based on social integration and community involvement. The chapter posted the highest all-Greek grade point average at SDSU in fall 2007 with a 3.489 average. The group's philanthropy is Autism Speaks, an organization advocating for the

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needs of individuals with autism and their families. The chapter can be seen across campus at various events, scooping ice cream at basketball games and working in the SDSU alumni tent at football tailgates, as well as hosting flag football tournaments and a 5-K run.



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- **Award for Organizational Leadership – American Pharmacists Association—Academy of Student Pharmacists** encourages student members to become more knowledgeable about the pharmacy profession, gain leadership experience, communicate their opinions on current issues impacting pharmacy, and promote the profession of pharmacy to others. The group has hosted a number of large-scale events, including the statewide More Than a Count campaign, health screenings at the South Dakota State Fair in Huron, and Pharmacy Legislative Days at the South Dakota State Capitol.



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DSU student groups receiving awards were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – The **Phi Beta Lambda Business Club** promotes career preparation, leadership development, and academic excellence. Members build their advanced business skills, develop a professional resume, network with business leaders, and enjoy the benefits of organizational travel. Competitive events are staged at both the state and national level, which include objective tests, presentations, reports, and role-play scenarios. The group also raked leaves as a community service project, participated in the homecoming parade, and conducted a Sweetheart Raffle fundraiser.



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- **Community Service Award** – **CybHER** provides a network of support and resources to encourage women who aspire to work in the technology industry. Membership includes females interested in the fields of computer science, cyber operations, network security, and other technology-centric degrees. Outreach events were conducted in Sioux Falls and at schools in Flandreau, Dell Rapids, and Madison. Meetings also include time for personal development, grant and scholarship writing, exploring career paths, and research.



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- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – The **Computer Club** encourages increased knowledge of the science, design, construction, and application of modern computing machinery, while providing DSU students with a means of communicating their shared interest in computing. The club engages in many campus and community events, including project demonstrations for middle and high school students, hosting mock events to prepare students for cyber defense competitions, and providing 3-D printing services to faculty and students.



System Vice President of Academic Affairs Paul Turman, Board of Regents President Kevin Schieffer, Nathan Harmer, and DSU President José-Marie Griffiths