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Northern State Students Recognized by Regents

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

NSU student groups receiving awards were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – The **Speech & Debate Team** aims to enhance critical thinking and speaking skills, giving participants the opportunity to practice and compete in debate and competitive speaking events. The NSU team took second place at a National Pi Kappa Delta tournament, gaining recognition and interest across the campus. As a result, the team saw a 125 percent increase in membership and progressed from a team of eight to least 20 competitors who now enter debate and individual events.



Mike Rush, BOR Executive Director; Corey Klatt; Tim Downs, NSU President; and Bob Sutton, President BOR.

- **Community Service Award** – **Collegians in Christ's Service, Lutheran Campus Ministry** supports students in their spiritual development and growth, while dedicating

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their efforts to community service, social justice, and diversity. One of the group's projects is to gather and donate goods to nonprofits in the Aberdeen area. During a service learning trip to the nation's capital, members volunteered at a day care and preschool for children of homeless families and helped serve at the D.C. Central Kitchen.



Mike Rush, BOR Executive Director; Megan Howard; Josie Goldack; Bob Sutton, President BOR; and Tim Downs, NSU President.

- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – The **Korean Student Association** helps Korean students adjust to American life, while providing information about Korean culture to other NSU students and the Aberdeen community. The group hosts special activities to celebrate Korean Thanksgiving Day and Korean New Year's Day, and participates in the Gypsy Day parade and CultureFest events. The students also help teach the Korean language to a class of 30 students. Another project is to visit local elementary schools to share their culture and language.



Mike Rush, BOR Executive Director; Stacey Schmidt, Advisor; Dangju Kim; Bob Sutton, President BOR; and Tim Downs, NSU President.