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40 Students Receive Dakota Corps Scholarships

PIERRE, S.D. – Forty new South Dakota high school graduates have been awarded Dakota Corps scholarships to pursue careers in critical-need occupations within the state.

Each year, Dakota Corps recipients receive funding equivalent to the cost of tuition and applicable fees at their postsecondary institution. Once graduated, they are required to enter into a critical-need occupation in South Dakota, with terms of service equivalent to the number of years they received the scholarship, plus one year. The scholarships are supported entirely by private donations.

“These students are giving back to our state with the important work they perform in critical-need occupations,” said Gov. Dennis Daugaard. “Dakota Corps ensures these students are educated in South Dakota, remaining here to provide important services and support for fellow South Dakotans. We are grateful to the private businesses and non-profit organizations that recognized the importance of providing these students with scholarships.”

Current occupations that qualify for Dakota Corps Scholarship support include teaching K-12 special education; teaching K-12 foreign languages; teaching high school math, science, or career and technical education; working as an accountant or auditor; working as an engineer (all fields except mining); working as a registered nurse; or working in the information technology field (computer science, information assurance and information security).

The South Dakota Board of Regents administers the Dakota Corps Scholarship program. For more information about this program, contact the board office at 1-800-874-9033 or send an e-mail to DakotaCorps@sdbor.edu.

This is a list of the 40 students who are new Dakota Corps Scholarship recipients for the 2016-2017 academic year, sorted by the postsecondary institution where they will be enrolled. The list also includes the student's hometown.

Augustana University

Marissa Class, Sioux Falls
Madigan Moore, Watertown

Black Hills State University

Skylar Smith, Rapid City
Joshua Vaith, Scotland

Dakota State University

Austin Babcock, Sioux Falls
Jarod Keene, Rapid City

Northern State University

Haylie Krogstad, Huron

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

Jeremy Dalldorf, Milbank
Stephen Diede, Aberdeen
Caleb Furse, Custer
Samuel Gusso, Yankton
Kayla Huber, Spearfish
Cody Kronaizl, Vermillion
Emelia Nelson, Mina
Justin Nielson, Brookings
Taylor O'Brien, Rapid City
Hunter O'Connor, Sioux Falls
Emily Parks, Mitchell
Juel Pluimer, Spearfish
Michael Rogers, Aberdeen
Helen Squyer, Sioux Falls
Bryan Waugh, Spearfish
Connor Weber, Aberdeen

South Dakota State University

Taylor Fauth, Leola
Megan Fiala, Miller
Jenna Harrison, Rapid City
Spencer Huber, Yankton
Joel Kocer, Sioux Falls
Katherine Lucas, Parkston
Braden Paulsen, Brandon
Tanner Rupp, Freeman

Dylan Sommers, Aberdeen
Hannah Stein, Watertown
Megan Unzen, Groton
Daxx Wiebelhaus, Letcher

University of Sioux Falls

Kailey Eskam, Sioux Falls

University of South Dakota

Megan Erickson, Montrose
Christian Fossum, Mitchell
Jessica Muehlbeier, Yankton
Emily Wiczorek, Mount Vernon

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