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## Regents Honor Northern State Student Organizations

ABERDEEN, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents this week honored student organizations from Northern State University for their academic, community, and organizational achievements.

NSU student groups given special awards were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence – NSU Honors Club** includes all members of the NSU Honors Program, providing an outlet for academically gifted and highly motivated students to challenge themselves. The group hosts the Student-Faculty Quiz Bowl, along with a Junior Science Bowl for middle school students. It also organizes, manages, and hosts NSU Common Read. Last year, first-year seminar students read a book authored by Suki Kim and then invited the author to visit the Northern State campus, where she spoke to 600 campus and community members.



Executive Director Mike Rush, Olaf Hanson, Michael Schliewe, Catherine Leber, Ian Coughlin, Annika Van Oosbree, Rachel Lynch, Dr. Erin Fouberg, Taylor Ellingson, Regent President Randy Schaefer

- **Community Service Award** – Members of the **Northern State Art Club** build support for the arts through education and exploration. The club makes and sells artwork for various fundraising efforts, leads art-making workshops within the campus community, and assists in events aimed at high school students and Aberdeen community members.



Executive Director Mike Rush, Michaela Erlendson, and Regent President Randy Schaefer

- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – **AWAREWolves** encourages students to live healthier lives by making low-risk decisions. Efforts to educate students occur within residential hall activities, as well as individuals setting positive examples by living a low-risk lifestyle. The group promoted The End Game, an effort to increase awareness about alcohol and drug consumption. Activities include residence life presentations, conducting a social norms survey, authoring newspaper articles, and hosting Mocktails events.



Executive Director Mike Rush, Matthew Mayfield, Catherine Leber, Carrie Wegleitner, Brittany O'Day, Quinn Determan, and Regent President Randy Schaefer.