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USD Student Organizations Recognized by Regents

SIoux FALLS, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents recognized student organizations from the University of South Dakota this week for their excellence in academic, community, and organizational work.

USD student groups receiving the special regents' awards were:

- **Award for Academic Excellence** – The **Radiology Interest Group/Seldinger Society** provides a supportive and welcoming environment for USD students interested in careers in radiology. Since its establishment three years ago, the group has grown to involve more than 36 medical students. The organization looks for ways to increase interaction between students and attending physicians, as well as to promote scholarship opportunities for its members.



Advisor Douglas Yim, USD President Sheila Gestring, BOR Executive Director Paul B. Beran, Club President Stephanie Kazi, BOR President Kevin Schieffer, and Club Vice President Boggy Anton

Community Service Award – The **Student Occupational Therapy Association** includes all first- and second-year occupational therapy students at USD. Members attend monthly meetings, engage in committee work, and contribute at least two service hours each year. Servant leadership is emphasized in the field of occupational therapy and the group collectively participates in 13 community service activities throughout the year.



USD President Sheila Gestring, BOR Executive Director Paul B. Beran, BOR President Kevin Schieffer, Club President Dana Vandenberg, Club Vice President Nicole Leinhart, and Advisor Mackenzie Feldhacker

- **Award for Organizational Leadership** – The **Union of African American Students** seeks to educate and enrich the USD campus by introducing the cultural traditions, experiences, and values of the African-American community. The group hosts events and leads student discussions on a variety of topics. Membership is open to all registered students, faculty, staff, and community members.



USD President Sheila Gestring, Executive Director Paul B. Beran, BOR President Kevin Schieffer, Club Social Media Liaison Bentou Kamara, Club Vice President Nybol Kur, Advisor Laura Renee Chandler, Club President Marcus Destin, and Advisor Lamont Sellers