

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Planning and Resources Development**

**AGENDA ITEM: 5 – B**

**DATE: May 9-11, 2017**

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**SUBJECT: Student Organization Awards – SDSU**

**SDSU Award for Academic Excellence: Sigma Alpha**

The objective of the Sigma Alpha sorority is to promote its members in all facets of agriculture and to strengthen the bonds of friendship among them. Members strive for achievement in scholarship, leadership, and service, and to further develop excellence in women pursuing careers in agriculture. Scholarship is highly valued by this professional agricultural sorority as shown by its academic requirements that each member maintain a grade point average of 2.25 or higher and that each member participate in a minimum of four study table hours. Furthermore academic excellence is promoted among the members by its offering emerald scholar honors for members with a GPA of 3.75 or higher. Last year, they had 19 total active members achieve this emerald status.

**SDSU Award for Community Service: SDSU Love Your Melon Campus Crew**

Love Your Melon (LYM) is an organization working to promote awareness of cancer in children. Love Your Melon is a profit apparel brand that is dedicated to giving a hat to every child battling cancer in America while also supporting fourteen non-profit organizations. Love Your Melon has campus crews at various colleges across the nation. The SDSU campus crew does various community service events while spreading awareness for this cause. Its community service projects include tabling in the student union three times a month, helping at the Cure Kids Cancer Radiothon, planning and taking part in a donation event for a family with a child battling cancer, completing various community service projects such as the socks and bookmarks explained further in the paper, and participating in on campus events that raise money for cancer research and spread awareness of cancer, such as State-A-Thon and Relay for Life.

**SDSU Award for Organizational Leadership: American Pharmacists Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP)**

The purpose of the APhA-ASP is to encourage all student pharmacists to become more knowledgeable about the pharmacy profession and its operation within society, to encourage the development of all student pharmacists into knowledgeable and competent health care professionals, and to support and actively participate in projects, which will advance the pharmacy profession. The SDSU chapter of APhA-ASP is the biggest student organization on campus with 311 members and 19 committees. Through the organization's 19 committees, there are several opportunities for students to exercise leadership. Additionally, the SDSU chapter of APhA-ASP invites speakers to lecture members on leadership techniques and the importance in staying involved outside the classroom.

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

The SDSU Student Organization Awards will be presented at the meeting