

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Planning, Governance, and Resource Development**

**AGENDA ITEM: 7 – B (1)**

**DATE: June 26-28, 2018**

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**SUBJECT**

**Student Organization Awards – SDSU**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

None

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

At the March 2018 Board of Regents meeting, the Board approved the recommendations offered by each institution for the 2017 student organization awards winners. The winners of these awards are announced at Board meetings throughout 2018.

The SDSU Student Organization Awards will be presented at the June BOR meeting in Brookings. Information about the SDSU student organization award winners can be found below:

**SDSU Award for Academic Excellence: Kappa Epsilon Chi Chapter**

The mission of Kappa Epsilon (KE) is to empower its members to achieve personal and professional fulfillment by developing their confidence, self-esteem, interpersonal skills, and leadership vision and represent the interests of the membership to health-care professionals and the community-at-large. Members must be pre-pharmacy students or professional pharmacy students at SDSU. Academic excellence is a top priority of KE. The group aims to provide help and resources that can assist students, such as tutoring as both individual tutors and large group Supplemental Instruction (SI) leaders as well as organizing educational events throughout the year to help with classes, hear from professionals in the field of pharmacy, and educate high school students.

**SDSU Award for Community Service: Alpha Xi Delta Epsilon Eta**

Through membership in Alpha Xi Delta, Sisters are inspired to realize their potential through the ideals its Founders instilled in its Fraternity: Sisterhood, leadership, knowledge and service to its communities. The group currently has 91 members, who must attain 80% attendance monthly to achieve appropriate merit points. Its chapter has the highest all-Greek GPA from the fall 2017 with a 3.489 average. Alpha Xi Delta's philanthropy is Autism Speaks, an organization that advocates for the needs of individuals with autism and their families. The group supports this philanthropy as well as others through the following

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events and activities: scooping ice cream for SDSU basketball teams, working the SDSU Alumni tent at football tailgates, delivering Crush sodas to students and staff on campus during Valentine’s Day, hosting flag football tournaments, hosting all-you-can-eat nachos and mac n cheese nights, and hosting the AmaXIng Challenge: Step It Up 5K color run edition.

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

The purpose of American Pharmacists Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) is to encourage student pharmacists to become more knowledgeable about the pharmacy profession, gain leadership experience, provide a mechanism for members to voice their opinions about current issues impacting pharmacy, and promote the profession of pharmacy to the general public. Membership criteria includes enrollment in pharmacy and pre-pharmacy coursework at SDSU, good academic standing (according to the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions), and submission of proper membership enrollment forms and payment of dues. In the past year, the APhA-ASP held a number of large-scale events that have exemplified community leadership. Such events include the statewide *More Than A Count* campaign, health screenings at the South Dakota State Fair, and Pharmacy legislative Days at the state capitol.

**IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Board recognizes the important role that student organizations play in the regental system. Student organizations provide students the opportunity to connect with others who have similar interests as well as experience a sense of community, all of which increases the likelihood of successful college completion. They also provide students with opportunities for professional development by offering students practical opportunities to hone skills, including those in leadership and communication.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None