

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Academic and Student Affairs**  
**Consent**

**AGENDA ITEM: 4 – A**  
**DATE: March 27-29, 2018**

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**SUBJECT**

**Student Organization Award Winners for 2017**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

None

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

Each year, the Board of Regents approves the previous year’s Student Organization Award winners. The nominations advanced to the Board are chosen by each institution in the categories of Academic Excellence, Community Service, and Organizational Leadership. Once approved, the Board presents these awards at its meetings throughout the year. The first award presentation is slated during the March BOR meeting as agenda item 5 – B.

**Award for Academic Excellence**

The purpose of this award is to recognize student organizations for outstanding contributions to the academic environment of their university or the academic performance of students. The following organizations have been chosen:

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| BHSU   | KBHU-TV   |
| DSU    | Phi Beta Lambda Business Club                     |
| NSU    | Project Pengyou Northern State University Chapter |
| SDSM&T | Graduate Student Society                          |
| SDSU   | Kappa Epsilon Chi Chapter                         |
| USD    | Sigma Alpha Epsilon                               |

**Award for Community Service**

The purpose of this award is to recognize student organizations for community service external to the campus. When student groups engage in community service, they help to

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I move to accept the recommendations offered by each institution for student organization awards and announce the names of the award winners.

establish good relationships between the institution and the community, they provide necessary help to non-profit organizations, they develop the leadership skills of their members, and they instill an appreciation for service in our students. The following organizations have been chosen:

BHSU	University Honors Club
DSU	CybHER
NSU	Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
SDSM&T	Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity
SDSU	Alpha Xi Delta Epsilon Eta
USD	Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA)

### **Award for Organizational Leadership**

The purpose of this award is to recognize student organizations for outstanding activities that provide effective student or community leadership. The following organizations have been chosen:

BHSU	Environmental Sustainability Student Organization
DSU	Computer Club
NSU	Chinese Students Association
SDSM&T	Society of Physics Students (SPS)
SDSU	American Pharmacists Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP)
USD	Pi Beta Phi

### **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