

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Board Work**

**AGENDA ITEM: 1 – G**  
**DATE: June 26-27, 2019**

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**SUBJECT**

**SDSU Student Organization Awards**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

None

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

At the March 2019 Board of Regents meeting, the Board approved recommendations offered by each institution for the 2018 student organization awards winners. The winners of these awards are announced at Board meetings throughout 2019. 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: Plant Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA)

The Plant Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA) organizes different scientific events and departmental communication. All the graduate students in the Department of Agronomy, Horticulture and Plant Sciences are the members of PSGSA. Significant events and activities conducted by this organization in the last year include the “We Talk Science” Seminar series, Departmental Picnic in Fall, Oral and Poster Presentation Competition on the Research Days, 3-minute Thesis Competition, Faculties and students recognition event and Potluck.

SDSU Award for Community Service: Phi Upsilon Omicron – National Honor Society and Consumer Sciences (Phi Chapter)

Phi Upsilon Omicron has three distinct objectives. These include: 1) to recognize and promote academic excellence; 2) to develop qualities of leadership by providing opportunities for service; and 3) to encourage life-long learning and commitment to advance family and consumer sciences and related areas. All members of Phi Chapter carry a 3.2 GPA at initiation and must earn two fundraising/community service participation points and two meeting participation points per semester to maintain active chapter membership. The Phi Chapter is actively engaged in a project to support students at the Flandreau Indian School in Flandreau, SD. Since some of the students at the Flandreau Indian School arrive homeless, the group is collecting books and home living supplies that

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will assist the students in feeling more at home in their academic surroundings. Every member of the chapter is highly motivated to see this project succeed, as it gives them the opportunity to make a positive impact in the state.

SDSU Award for Organizational Leadership: Armed Forces Association

The purpose of the Armed Forces Association is to bring and assist military affiliated students, family and community members together to support promotion of whole health and wellness by providing meaningful experiences that facilitate comradery for Veterans and Service members. The following events are just a few of those supported and organized by Armed Forces Association: Annual Golf Tournament, Horses for Heroes, Veterans Retreat, Warriors week, Selecting Military families for Military Appreciation Football Series, Purple Heart dedication ceremony collaboration, Veterans Book Club, Resume Writing Workshop, Military Birthday Celebrations, Annual Veterans Retreat, and multiple community service events.

**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