

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

AGENDA ITEM: 3 – C
DATE: June 23-24, 2021

SUBJECT

DSU Student Organization Awards

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

None

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

At the March 2021 Board of Regents meeting, the Board approved recommendations offered by each institution for the 2020 student organization awards winners. The winners of these awards will be announced at Board meetings throughout 2021. The DSU Student Organization Awards will be presented at the June BOR meeting in Madison.

DSU Award for Academic Excellence: Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Business Club

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) is a business club at DSU whose three major goals are to encourage career preparation, leadership development, and academic excellence. Academic excellence is promoted through competitive events held at both state and national conferences which include a variety of objective tests, presentations, reports, and role play scenarios for both individual and team competitors. In addition to demonstrating outstanding academic excellence, members competing in these virtual experiences in 2020 had the opportunity to attend workshops hosted by business professionals, take part in board panels of different subjects and business professional such as KPMG, and network with other young professionals. These competitive events reflect classroom lessons, and the performances by our members at both the state and national levels display their remarkable academic excellence.

DSU Award for Community Service: CybHER Institution

CybHER aims to empower, educate, motivate, and change the perception of cyber in young girls and women. To achieve this goal, CybHER conducts several outreach activities in and around DSU. This past June, CybHER launched a free, weekly virtual program called CybHER Conversations to introduce middle and high school girls to cybersecurity professionals who can inspire these young girls as they hear about different careers, career paths, and the varied areas of interest within cybersecurity and technology. During these live conversations, professional women shared about their jobs, how they got there, and then attendees asked questions. To engage more young girls and students, CybHER has

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also launched a YouTube channel during the past Summer. There are currently 250 subscribers. This YouTube channel is constantly uploaded with new content and the recorded CybHER Conversations.

DSU Award for Organizational Leadership: Lights, Camera, Action Film Club

The Lights, Camera, Action Film Club (LCA) is a club on DSU's campus that focuses on creating short films and providing video services to other clubs and departments on campus. With Covid-19 restricting many in-person events, the LCA set out a goal to collaborate with other clubs and departments to provide livestreams and prerecorded productions to the people on campus. They met this goal and have many examples of how they took action to ensure that other clubs and departments have an outlet to showcase their projects and events. The 2020-2021 academic year has been riddled with unique circumstances, but we stepped forward to provide a quality service led by excellent leadership.

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