

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

AGENDA ITEM: 4 – D
DATE: March 29-30, 2022

SUBJECT

BHSU Student Organization Awards

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

None

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

At the March 2022 Board of Regents meeting, the Board is anticipated to approve the recommendations offered by each institution for the 2021 student organization award winners. The winners of these awards are announced at Board meetings throughout 2021.

The BHSU Student Organization Awards will be presented at the March 2022 Board meeting in Spearfish. Information about the BHSU student organization award winners can be found below:

BHSU Award for Academic Excellence: Jacket Investment Club

The goals and purpose of the Jacket Investment Club are to provide information to students so that they can begin investing at the most basic levels through the management of a real-world portfolio. In addition to presentations on real-world tactics, situations, and concepts, club members are provided the opportunity to participate in a Stock Market Game coordinated on the BHSU campus by a business faculty member. This game allows students to invest in a mock portfolio and compete against other students from across the state. The club also partnered with other student organization to host a Professional Development Workshop for all students on campus. The event focused on personal finance, self-marketing, and job interviews.

BHSU Award for Community Service: Art Club

The Art Club is a community of artists and people who are interested in art at BHSU. From collaborative and individual art activities or service projects for the community, the Art Club creates an outlet for its members to have fun while promoting the visual arts. The group’s goals for the year were to cultivate creativity by having workshops to learn new mediums as well as to host sale events to prove to students that their art can be sold. The club took on several larger services projects as well, including creating a mural in the Hive dining room.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEM

BHSU Award for Organizational Leadership: Swarm Days Committee

The purpose of the Swarm Days Committee is to provide fun-filled and memorable homecoming week experiences in the fall semester as well as a week of festive activities in the spring semester. It strives to create positive memories for all students as well as foster loyalty in future alumni. As the campus began to return to normal after the first year of COVID-19, the Swarm Days Committee recognized its importance in supporting campus traditions and providing meaningful experiences, which helped returning students recover their sense of community.

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 practical opportunities to hone skills, including those in leadership and communication.

ATTACHMENTS

None