SUBJECT: Student Organization Awards – DSU, SDSU & NSU

**Dakota State University**

**DSU Award for Academic Excellence: Women in Science and Technology (WIST)**

Women in Science and Technology (WIST) is an organization created to promote relationships among women in Science and Technology fields. This organization hopes to open up doors and provide support to their members through professional speakers, membership relationships, and other opportunities, including support networks developed early in their academic careers.

**DSU Award for Community Service: Phi Beta Lambda**

Phi Beta Lambda’s mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. PBL gives its members a competitive edge through professional and leadership development and community service opportunities. PBL members build their resume, network with business leaders in their community and beyond, experience the rewards of volunteerism, and enjoy travel and special activities. The members of PBL consist of collegiate/post-secondary students.

**DSU Award for Organizational Leadership: Richardson Hall Council (Rich∞)**

The purpose of the Richardson Hall Council is to promote the welfare and interests of the residents living within the Richardson Residence Hall. The membership of this organization is residents living in Richardson Residence Hall in good standing with the University during the academic year; and as such, may attend and participate in all general meetings and functions sponsored by this organization.

**South Dakota State University**

**SDSU Award for Academic Excellence: Honors College Student Organization (HCSO)**

To promote community and service while maintaining academic excellence for student enrolled in the Honors College at SDSU. Many social events for the students, as well as engaging faculty, are planned by HCSO. Encouraging students in service is also a driving goal. To be in HCSO, a student must be a part of the Honors College.

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**SDSU Award for Community Service: FarmHouse Fraternity**

Community service has always been a large part of being a FarmHouse man at SDSU. This past year through their philanthropy and fundraising, the FarmHouse Fraternity was able to give back through monetary support. Through donations of their time the members of FarmHouse helped to create a better community and give an greater understanding of the importance of community service.

**SDSU Award for Organizational Leadership: Nursing Student Association (NSA)**

Membership in the SDSU Nursing Student Association is open to all pre-nursing and nursing majors. Purpose of association is to mentor and foster the professional development of future registered nurses and facilitate their entry into the profession of nursing by providing educational resources, leadership opportunities and skills that students will need to be responsible and accountable leaders and members of the nursing profession.

**Northern State University**

**NSU Award for Academic Excellence: NSU Honors Program:**

The NSU Honors program is based around academic excellence. The Honors Program works with professors to create specialized Honors classes which are typically smaller in order to fuel discussion and challenge students. In order to graduate 'In Honoribus' students must take a minimum of 18 Honors credit hours and complete a thesis. The Honors Program sent five students to the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference and one of the students won her poster session in the Education and Pedagogy category. A big activity for the Honors Program this year was sponsoring the Campus Wide Common Read. The Common Read book was "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. The Honors Program brought her to campus and the event was attended by almost 1000 people.

**NSU Award for Community Service: Collegians in Christ’s Service (CICS), Lutheran Campus Ministry**

Collegians In Christ's Service believes that community service is the most important way to serve both NSU and the community. The organization plans activities every year which help to broaden their social consciousness and to make a positive difference in the community. One project this year focused on hunger. The organization held a food drive at Halloween by trick-or-treating for canned goods instead of candy. All items were then donated to a local food pantry. CICS members also hosted the Christmas Day of Service which benefited NSU students, local churches, nursing homes, Safe Harbor and Salvation Army Angel Tree.

**NSU Award for Organizational Leadership: Korean Student Association (KSA)**

The Korean Student Association has shared a lot of culture with NSU by holding Korean New Year Day Festival, Culture Fest, and Korean Thanksgiving day. They also hosted Woori (Korean Language Club), Nanta (traditional drum line), Impact (k-pop dance club), and International Soccer. Some of their activities have included: performing Korean traditional dances, teaching how to use chopsticks, playing games, and sharing traditional foods such as rice.
cake soup. KSA presented at a local elementary school, teaching basic Korean greetings and held a paper folding activity to make a Korean "Lucky Pocket."