

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

AGENDA ITEM: 3 – C (2)
DATE: December 11-12, 2024

SUBJECT

Student Organization Awards – SDSMT

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

None

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

At the April 2024 Board of Regents meeting, the Board approves recommendations offered by each institution for the 2023 student organization award winners. The winners of these awards are announced at Board meetings throughout 2024. South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (SDSMT) Student Organization Awards would be presented at the December 2024 BOR meeting in Spearfish.

2023 SDSMT Award for Academic Excellence: Lambda Chi Alpha

Lambda Chi Alpha at South Dakota Mines advanced significantly last year in organizational maturity and community involvement by preparing their members to be impactful leaders in their communities. Their chapter led the inaugural Watermelon Bash last spring. This charity event benefiting Feeding South Dakota brought together their chapter, the Rapid City community, and South Dakota Mines students. They also continued their efforts into taking apart in the Greek Council’s Greek Retreat, the Ideal Man Program, Movember, and the High Alpha President Summit.

2023 SDSMT Award for Community Service: Beta Delta Mu

Three of Beta Delta Mu's values are compassion, connectivity, and integrity. They believe that these three values are best shown through connecting with and assisting the people in the Rapid City community in need. Since BDM is a women's STEM sorority, their focus is first on women-led organizations or organizations that benefit women directly. They believe that the best way to advance the world forward is helping women in all areas and ages of life. They are committed to showing that South Dakota Mines has a positive effect on the Rapid City community. Every small event can make a difference in somebody's life.

2023 SDSMT Award for Organizational Leadership: Lambda Chi Alpha

The Pi-Mu chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha at South Dakota Mines is committed to academic excellence. Over the past year, the organization has demonstrated significant improvement, reflected in their cumulative GPA rising from 2.975 in Fall 2022 to 3.267 in Fall 2023.

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They achieved the highest GPA among all Greek organizations for the Fall 2023 term. This success is a result of our members' hard work, some of whom were selected as Student Tutors. Lambda Chi Alpha continues to enhance academic performance within the chapter and contribute positively to the broader student body.

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