

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**AGENDA ITEM: 3 – C**

**DATE: April 3-4, 2024**

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**SUBJECT**

**Student Organization Award Winners for 2023**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

None

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

Each year, the Board of Regents approves the previous year’s Student Organization Award winners. The nominations advanced to the Board are chosen by each institution in the categories of Academic Excellence, Community Service, and Organizational Leadership. Once approved, the Board presents these awards at its meetings throughout the year.

**Award for Academic Excellence**

The purpose of this award is to recognize student organizations for outstanding contributions to the academic environment of their university or the academic performance of students. The following organizations have been chosen:

BHSU	Lakota Omnicie
DSU	Future Business Leaders of America Collegiate (FBLA)
NSU	Honors Club
SDSMT	Lambda Chi Alpha
SDSU	Chemistry Club
USD	Kappa Alpha Theta

**Award for Community Service**

The purpose of this award is to recognize student organizations for community service external to the campus. When student groups engage in community service, they help to establish good relationships between the institution and the community, they provide necessary help to non-profit organizations, they develop the leadership skills of their

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I move to accept the recommendations offered by each institution for student organization awards and announce the names of the award winners.

members, and they instill an appreciation for service in our students. The following organizations have been chosen:

BHSU	Future Teachers Association (FTA)
DSU	Games Club/ Nanocon Committee
NSU	Council for Exceptional Children
SDSMT	Beta Delta Mu
SDSU	University Program Council
USD	Alternative Week of Off-Campus Learning (AWOL)

### **Award for Organizational Leadership**

The purpose of this award is to recognize student organizations for outstanding activities that provide effective student or community leadership. The following organizations have been chosen:

BHSU	Accounting Club (Kicking Assets)
DSU	CybHER Club
NSU	Residence Hall Association (RHA)
SDSMT	Lambda Chi Alpha
SDSU	Student Nurses' Association
USD	PAVE

### **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