

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**AGENDA ITEM: 3 – D**  
**DATE: December 13-14, 2023**

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**SUBJECT**

**Student Organization Awards – SDSU**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

None

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

At the March 2023 Board of Regents meeting, the Board approved recommendations offered by each institution for the 2022 student organization award winners. The winners of these awards are announced at Board meetings throughout 2023. South Dakota State University (SDSU) Student Organization Awards will be presented at the December BOR meeting in Brookings.

2022 SDSU Award for Academic Excellence: Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity INC

At SigEp, through brotherhood, they provide the resources, teachings, and opportunities that build balanced men. Their academic excellence is second to none and have maintained the highest GPA of any SDSU student organization, surpassing the all campus men’s and women’s average for twelve consecutive semesters. In order to maintain their title, they employ semesterly grade checks, weekly study nights, graduate level assistance, & brother mentors. Their “SLC” is one of 64 nationally accredited learning communities across the nation's 200+ SigEp chapters.

2022 SDSU Award for Community Service: Exercise Science Club

The Exercise Science Club promotes wellness and healthy lifestyles not only on campus, but in the Brookings community. The goal is to generate and encourage exercise to as many individuals as they can reach. The Club partners with Pro-PT to help lead Healthy Movement, which is a thirty-minute exercise class that occurs three times a week and is targeted towards helping the elderly population stay active. In addition, the Club has collaborated with the Exercise Science Program, SDSU Miller Wellness Center, and SDSU Student Health to bring Exercise is Medicine® On Campus (EIM-OC) to South Dakota State University. EIM-OC is a nonprofit organization that stems from the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) and the American Medical Association (AMA).

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

2022 SDSU Award for Organizational Leadership: Student Nurses' Association (SNA)

Through Student Nurses' Association, they offer nursing students numerous opportunities to serve as leaders on campus and in the community. They know the importance of leadership experiences and the impact it can have on their future careers. The organization is frequently asked by the College of Nursing to provide leadership at events hosted on campus. Some of the events SNA has conducted throughout the year included NCLEX review, Crumbl Cookie Sale, Student engagement expo, Ice cream Social, Peer Mentor/Mentee Program, and many more.

**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