

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**AGENDA ITEM: 3 – C (1)**

**DATE: April 2-3, 2025**

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**SUBJECT**

**NSU Student Organization Awards**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

None

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

At the April 2025 Board of Regents meeting, the Board approves recommendations offered by each institution for the 2024 student organization award winners. The winners of these awards are announced at Board meetings throughout 2025. Northern State University (NSU) Student Organization Awards would be presented at the April 2025 BOR meeting in Aberdeen.

2024 NSU Award for Academic Excellence: Honors Club

By leading the NSU Common Read Program, bringing students to the National Honors Conference, supporting the NSU Cancer Tree, and supporting students through the Honors Law Opportunity Program (HLOP) program the NSU Honors Club and NSU Honors Program stand as the academic backbone of Northern State University. It allows students to create a community of like-minded academic individuals as well as encourage their research interests. Honors members' academic achievements stand as a testament to their diligence, perseverance, and intellectual curiosity. Whether it be through winning awards in academic competitions, engaging in undergraduate thesis research endeavors, presenting at nationally recognized honors conferences, or leading intellectual discussions within our club, our members consistently exemplify excellence in all academic pursuits.

2024 NSU Award for Community Service: South Dakota Education Association (SDEA) at Northern

Over the past year, the NSU SDEA branch of the School of Education has demonstrated significant leadership through its commitment to promoting literacy and providing educational resources to children and families in Aberdeen. One of their key initiatives is the annual Literacy Event, a longstanding tradition that engages children in educational activities while promoting community connections and lifelong learning. The NSU SDEA Literacy Event is a vital community service that highlights our leadership in education. By fostering literacy, providing resources, and connecting families to important services, we

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make a lasting impact in the lives of children in Aberdeen. This long-standing tradition, dating back to the 1990s, continues to enrich the community and inspire a love of learning.

2024 NSU Award for Organizational Leadership: Campus Activities Board (CAB)

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) has demonstrated outstanding leadership in fostering student engagement, community involvement, and campus spirit at Northern State University. Through diverse programming, strategic collaboration, and a commitment to inclusivity, CAB has made a significant impact on student life over the past year. One of CAB's key leadership accomplishments has been its ability to create events that promote a sense of belonging and connection among students. Over the past year, CAB has significantly expanded its programming, increasing the number of events to 36 this year, up from 30 last year and 18 the prior year. This growth reflects our commitment to providing more opportunities for student engagement and fostering a vibrant campus life. On average, CAB events attract 80 students per event, with some programs exceeding 200 attendees, demonstrating the broad reach and impact of our initiatives.

**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