

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

AGENDA ITEM: 3 – C

DATE: July 31 – August 1, 2024

SUBJECT

DSU Student Organization Awards

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. Dakota State University (DSU) Student Organization Awards would be presented at the July/August 2024 BOR meeting in Madison.

2023 DSU Award for Academic Excellence: Future Business Leaders of America Collegiate (FBLA)

DSU FBLA students represented Dakota State University and the state of South Dakota at the national DSU FBLA-Collegiate competition and contributed greatly to the academic environment at Dakota State University and the academic performance of its students in the past year. These achievements are a testament to the exceptional quality of education provided by the College of Business & Information Systems at DSU. Eight FBLA participating members qualified for the national conference held from June 22-25 in Atlanta; however, only six attended and competed nationally. Five of the six DSU students who competed at the 2023 FBLA National Leadership Conference placed in the top 10.

2023 DSU Award for Community Service: DSU Games Club/ Nanocon Committee

Nanocon is an event that Dakota State University’s Games Club has been working hard to organize annually for over 20 years. This past year more than any, they feel the impact and importance of this event to the community is paramount. In last year’s convention, there were over 50 individual events run with over 1,000 attendees over the 4-day event. Despite the success of this year’s events and positive community feedback, the committee is focused on perpetual improvement and wants to continue to better the Nanocon experience for each one of its attendees. Nanocon serves its community with many free events, a platform for people interested in gaming to meet and share their love of this topic, and fundraising to help support state-renowned charities.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEM

2023 DSU Award for Organizational Leadership: CybHER Club

The DSU CybHER Club is focused on developing female collegiate students into future cybersecurity leaders through club events that foster fun and community, professional and personal growth, outreach and service, and networking. The club members support and encourage others through volunteering and mentorship while also receiving opportunities to enhance their technical and personal skills with workshops, guest speakers, and conferences. The club hosts workshops and guest speakers to promote professional development and encourage networking. During the summer, the DSU CybHER Institute hosts the Gencyber Security Camps, where middle school girls nationwide come together on the DSU campus for a week to learn all about cybersecurity.

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