

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**AGENDA ITEM: 3 – D (2)**

**DATE: October 4-5, 2023**

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**SUBJECT**

**Student Organization Awards – BHSU**

**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. Black Hills State University (BHSU) Student Organization Awards will be presented at the October BOR meeting in Rapid City.

2022 BHSU Award for Academic Excellence: Psychology Club

Academically, the Psychology Club has fostered four areas of academic excellence. First, have hosted various speakers at their club meetings which focus and enhance their learning in the field of psychology. In the spring, they sponsored the annual Graduate School Panel discussion with faculty and a current graduate student. This program provides an opportunity for undergraduates to visit with faculty and former BHSU students who are currently in graduate programs who are willing to share their experiences and words of wisdom. For their third academic focus, they work with the Psychology Department to offer a resume and graduate school application review night for our members and all psychology majors. The last component of their academic excellence is the research that is highlighted in their club meetings.

2022 BHSU Award for Community Service: Campus Activity Board (CAB)

The purpose of the Campus Activities Board (CAB) is to plan large events for the entire campus and the surrounding community. This student-run organization plans and hosts a variety of entertainment including lectures, musical events, cultural events, dances, and large-scale themed activities. CAB has been involved in multiple community service projects. This year they have completed a Rake-A-Thon and Wish to Remember. They also actively raised money for a memorial bench for one of members who was tragically killed in a car accident last year.

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEM**

2022 BHSU Award for Organizational Leadership: Honors Club

The BHSU Honors Club offers students a close-knit community full of like-minded students. They have over 100 students in the Honors Club who enjoy unique on campus experiences including game and trivia nights, holiday celebrations, study nights in the Honors Lounge, and a wide range of activities throughout the semester! The Honors Club gives students the opportunity to have their voice heard in the Honors program and connect with others who share similar passions of learning.

**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