SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

AGENDA ITEM: 5 – D (2) **DATE:** June 21-22, 2023

SUBJECT

Student Organization Awards – USD

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. The University of South Dakota (USD) Student Organization Awards will be presented at the June BOR meeting in Madison.

<u>2022 USD Award for Academic Excellence: Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Interest</u> Group (PRSIG)

The purpose of PRSIG is to provide educational opportunities to medical students who desire to specialize in the field of plastic and reconstructive surgery. This interest group hosts journal clubs, surgical skills workshops, and meetings with surgeons and residents. This group provides students with numerous research opportunities and mentorship experiences.

2022 USD Award for Community Service: Coyote Clinic

The University of South Dakota (USD) Sanford School of Medicine (SSOM) Coyote Clinic strives to enhance the well-being of the Sioux Falls community by providing high-quality, free health care to uninsured and underinsured individuals while instilling the values of kindness and service in USD SSOM medical students. Members must be students at USD Sanford School of Medicine and in good academic standing.

2022 USD Award for Organizational Leadership: Cultural Wellness Coalition

The purpose of the Cultural Wellness Coalition is to bridge the gaps between different cultures on campus by fostering an inclusive community and advocating for historically marginalized communities.

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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