

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

AGENDA ITEM: 6 – C

DATE: June 22-23, 2022

SUBJECT

USD Student Organization Awards

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

None

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

At the March 2022 Board of Regents meeting, the Board approved recommendations offered by each institution for the 2021 student organization award winners. The winners of these awards are announced at Board meetings throughout 2021. The University of South Dakota (USD) Student Organization Awards will be presented at the June BOR meeting in Vermillion.

USD Award for Academic Excellence: Radiology Association/Seldinger Society (USD Sanford School of Medicine)

The goals and purpose of the Radiology Association/Seldinger Society at USD Sanford School of Medicine is to foster interest in academic excellence and expose, advocate, and embolden students in research, service, and mentorship. They also aim to introduce students to the specialties of Diagnostic and interventional Radiology and provide specialty and research mentorship.

USD Award for Community Service: Student Enhancing Resources for Vermillion Enrichment (SERVE)

USD SERVE (Students Enhancing Resources for Vermillion Enrichment) is a student-led organization at the University of South Dakota focused on enriching their surrounding community of Vermillion. They pride themselves on their goal of supporting the educational mission of USD by providing service-based learning opportunities to students as well as creating an environment which advocates the importance of community service and helping others. There are seven different branches of SERVE including Adopt-a-Grandparent, Adopt-a-School, Big Pal/Little Pal, Heroes, Bridges, Variations of Volunteering, and Food Recovery Network.

USD Award for Organizational Leadership: Alternative Week of Off-Campus Learning

The AWOL program immerses students in educational service-learning experiences through exposure to diverse social issues and by encouraging post-break application of

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those experiences. By facilitating transformational service experiences, AWOL empowers Yotes to become leaders and life-long agents of social change that embrace diverse situations, people, and perspectives.

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