

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

AGENDA ITEM: 3 – C (1)

DATE: October 5-6, 2022

SUBJECT

DSU 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. Dakota State University (DSU) Student Organization Awards will be presented at the October BOR meeting in Madison.

DSU Award for Academic Excellence: Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) Business Club

Phi Beta Lambda's purpose is to combine business and education together into a positive relationship using innovative leadership and career development programs. PBL provides members the unique opportunity to build leadership, teamwork, networking, and project management skills. In addition, the club participates in several campus and community activities. Members are encouraged to attend state and national leadership conferences. At these conferences, members advance their business skills, develop a professional resume, and network with business leaders. Members also compete in a variety of competitive events which are designed to put classroom lessons into practice. Competitive events are not all business related and are beneficial to students of all majors. Finally, bi-weekly meetings are held for members to voice their opinions and ideas on actions PBL should take.

DSU Award for Community Service: Photography Club

The Photography club provides unique opportunities to serve people in the community. Throughout the past year, the club has been able to provide its services to three different organizations and continues to equip students to use their skills to serve the community on their own. Some of their activities have included a photo shoot at the Madison Regional Health System, shooting professional headshots at the Career and Internship Fair to help people put their best selves forward, and over the holiday season provided families with the opportunity to take Christmas photos for those that may have been too busy or couldn't afford photos.

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INFORMATIONAL ITEM

DSU Award for Organizational Leadership: The Alliance

The goal of The Alliance is to provide a welcoming environment on campus for students of all identities and orientations. Their members make significant contributions to the campus community through their time, actions, talents and dedication along with the many events and activities hosted throughout the academic year. They strive to be role models on campus for leadership, compassion, and service.

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