

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

AGENDA ITEM: 4 – C

DATE: December 7-8, 2022

SUBJECT

SDSMT 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. South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (SDSMT) Student Organization Awards will be presented at the December BOR meeting in Rapid City.

SDSMT Award for Academic Excellence: Society of Physics Students (SPS)

Members of SPS have made countless efforts to gain recognition on campus by sponsoring departmental socials, volunteering for campus outreach efforts, such as Go-to-Mines and Career days, hosting fundraisers, and physics demos for the general public, including Comic Con. SPS members have also been actively sought out by faculty members on campus with opportunities to work on research and outreach related projects, both directly and indirectly relating to SPS and Physics.

SDSMT Award for Community Service: Circle K International

Circle K International is a service organization formed to help the community through various service projects. It is part of an umbrella of organizations led by Kiwanis International. Circle K International also aims to build fellowship and create leaders within the membership.

SDSMT Award for Organizational Leadership: Mine Rescue

Mine Rescue is dedicated to educating students about the importance of mine rescue teams and safety through hands on training in leadership, teamwork and emergency management. They travel across the country to compete in mine rescue competitions and network with industry professionals, as well as tour several different mines and mills.

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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