

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

AGENDA ITEM: 3 – C (1)
DATE: December 11-12, 2024

SUBJECT

Student Organization Awards – BHSU

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

None

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

At the April 2024 Board of Regents meeting, the Board approves recommendations offered by each institution for the 2023 student organization award winners. The winners of these awards are announced at Board meetings throughout 2024. Black Hills State University (BHSU) Student Organization Awards would be presented at the December 2024 BOR meeting in Spearfish.

2023 BHSU Award for Academic Excellence: Lakota Omniciye

Lakota Omniciye has made a calm and safe place for students to study and overall make connections with everyone across campus. They have space provided in the Center for American Indian Studies which doubles as a study space and a relaxing area on campus for students to use. The organization has held many study nights or other activities that allowed students to receive help from peers or faculty at the Center while enjoying snacks and each other's company. Lakota Omniciye has held scholarship nights which provide students an opportunity and space to receive help and guidance to complete scholarship forms. This program gave us the chance to ask questions and understand financial aid, which especially is helpful for those who are first generation students.

2023 BHSU Award for Community Service: Future Teachers Association (FTA)

The Future Teachers Association is a student organization for undergraduate education majors. There Organization had partnered within many throughout the 2023 year, some included but not limited to the Rainbow Preschool in Spearfish in which they established BHSU reading buddies for the 2023 year, the E.Y. Berry Library Scavenger Hunt for green and gold days, and the Kiddie Carnival to incorporate various educational elements/ activities for the young children within the environment.

2023 BHSU Award for Organizational Leadership: Accounting Club (Kicking Assests)

Kicking Assets (accounting club) was established in fall 2023. Kicking Assets strives to create a fun, yet professional organization for accounting and business students. The vision

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and purpose is to provide students with leadership and networking opportunities to facilitate better understanding of the accounting profession. All levels of students are encouraged to attend to connect with classmates and professors. Another goal is to provide a better understanding of accounting careers and the accounting profession.

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