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Hogie selected as 2015 South Dakota Teacher of the Year

PIERRE, S.D. – Allen Hogie, Brandon Valley High School math teacher, has been selected as the 2015 South Dakota Teacher of the Year. The announcement was made during a banquet this evening at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Pierre.

Hogie is a National Board Certified Teacher and serves as a mentor to other teachers seeking certification. In 2007, he received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. He serves on the South Dakota Council of Teachers of Mathematics as a liaison to the national council. Through Northern State University's Rising Scholars Program, Hogie teaches College Calculus I as a dual credit course at Brandon Valley High School. He has also helped develop items for Smarter Balanced, the new statewide assessment in math and English language arts.

"This is a celebration of the outstanding teaching that goes on in classrooms across our state. All of these candidates go above and beyond every time they step into the classroom. I applaud Allen for his dedication to students, colleagues and his profession," said South Dakota Secretary of Education Melody Schopp.

A panel of educators from across the state selected Hogie from among six regional finalists. In addition to Hogie, other finalists included: Jennifer Larson, Sanborn Central School District; Ann Noyes, Pierre School District; Justin Speck, Rapid City Area School

District; Lori Wagner, Webster Area School District; and Pam Wells, Mobridge-Pollock School District.

As recipient of the honor, Hogie receives \$8,000 in cash prizes, a \$6,700 technology package and the use of a vehicle during his year as 2015 South Dakota Teacher of the Year. Prize packages are made possible through the generosity of private businesses and organizations.

In addition, Hogie will represent South Dakota as a candidate for the National Teacher of the Year award. The National Teacher of the Year Program began in 1952 and continues as the oldest, most prestigious national honors program that focuses public attention on excellence in teaching. The 2015 National Teacher of the Year will be announced during a ceremony in Washington, D.C., in April 2015.