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Workforce Development Council honors Ashley Hallem

PIERRE, S.D. – Ashley Hallem of Dell Rapids recently received the 2006 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Outstanding Youth Participant award at the South Dakota Workforce Development Council's (WDC) awards ceremony held in conjunction with the WIA state conference.

Ms. Hallem attended and graduated from SElect High Alternative School in Brookings. She also utilized the Brookings Career Center and Career Learning Center to develop employability skills and to determine her desired career path. Ms. Hallem attended Killian College for three semesters, and recently transferred to SDSU, majoring in Early Childhood Education. She plans to become certified to teach kindergarten through the eighth grade.

The SDDOL and the Workforce Development Council together are able to address today's workforce issues. Their main objective is to plan and evaluate job training and education programs in South Dakota. SDDOL and the Council also assist in the implementation of WIA programs by selecting service providers and evaluating progress toward program goals. Members of the Workforce Development Council represent various business, labor and education interests. In addition to the SDDOL, the Council works closely with the Departments of Human Services and Social Services; the Office of Career and Technical Education; Tourism and State Development; and other state agencies. For more information, visit www.sdjobs.org.