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NRE Holds Final Event

The closing event opened with an Inipi Ceremony, lead by John Buckley and Miles Allard at the sweat lodge at St. Bernard's Catholic Mission School in Fort Yates followed by a light meal.

Friday morning's meeting at Prairie Knights Lodge included posters and oral presentations from each of the eight partner institutions of their major accomplishments and the impact they have made in their schools and communities (see reports [here](#)). Mary de Baca showed the USDA CSREES Video Magazine that features the NRE project – with several of those attending the closing ceremony featured in the video. The video can be viewed online [here](#). Copies of the video were distributed, but additional copies of the video can be requested [here](#). Jason Decker and Paula Teig gave a preview of and distributed Tribal College notebooks



Harold Crawford, Co-Director of the NRE Project, was honored at the Bear Soldier Wacipi in McLaughlin, South Dakota on June 30 as a part of the closing event hosted by Sitting Bull College.

and Natural Resources Career DVDs to each of the partner institutions. In addition to the final report publication "Partnerships" distributed at the meeting, each partner institution received 100 copies by mail.

Friday afternoon included a tour of the new facilities at Sitting Bull College. Koreen Ressler, vice-president, took the group through the administration, science, and nursing building and Ellen Murphy lead the tour of the family support building which will house a nursery, toddlers, and preschool program.

The opening night pow wow in McLaughlin featured an honoring

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Aurelio Curbelo, ISU circulates poster describing ISU's administrative role in the NRE project.

NRE REPORTING

Please submit your final quarterly report.

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Ruth Short Bull shares her photo on a Buckle Up for Safety poster.



Harold Crawford presenting the NRE Certificate to Jason Decker.

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NRE Holds Final Event Continued

ceremony for Harold Crawford, co-director of the NRE Project. Laurel Vermillion, President at Sitting Bull College, and Linda Hugelen, NRE instructor, made arrangements for this ceremony, a surprise to Dr. Crawford. Presented with a beautiful star quilt, Dr. Crawford received congratulations not only from the NRE group, but from the others attending the Bear Soldier Wacipi. Kevin Locke, noted hoop dancer, performed after addressing the NRE group regarding Native American youth and the need for education and community involvement.

The closing meeting on Saturday morning was a time when participants showed their appreciation to others through exchanges and a final Talking Circle. Certificates of participation were presented to all. Alvin Young, chair of the NRE Advisory Committee praised the group for the respect and trustful relationships created and the



Subodh Singh's poster (shown here by Linda Hugelen, Leland Bordeaux, and Chris Zdorovstov), cites four sustainable programs at SGU – science courses, horse program, green house production, and sage research.

impact of accomplishments in the Tribal College communities as a result of this five year project. Mary Louise Defender Wilson, who opened this event with prayer and discussed traditional ways throughout the meeting, closed with a prayer of gratitude.

NRE Advisory Committee Final Report

A very special thank you to the Advisory Committee who provided external observations and recommendations throughout the project. Chaired by Al Young, with members Carty Monette, Joe McDonald, and Jim Venette, the committee filed it's final report following the closing event at Sitting Bull. The full report can be see on the project web site.

Recommendations include:

1. Each participating institution needs to ensure that financial transactions are completed and final records prepared by the end of the project.
2. The NRE instructor/steering committee person should have their project documentation assembled and provided to the custodian of institutional files and deliver a closeout letter to the institution president, and in the case of the Tribal Colleges, to the Tribal Leadership highlighting the success of the NRE project.
3. The NRE representative or the president should send a letter to the Administrator of the USDA Cooperative Stte Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) acknowledging the fupport and commitment of USDA and the benefits to the college and the community.
4. NRE Co-Directors should make a final briefing visit to USDA on the accomplishments of the project.

Partner Activities

Iowa State University

Four high school interns from Solen High School, Standing Rock Reservation, completed the 6 week George Washington Carver Internship Program at ISU in June and July. Interns worked with their mentors over the six week experience program and presented their findings at the Research Symposium held jointly with Iowa State University, University of Iowa, and University of Northern Iowa in late July.

Nikeya American Horse gave an oral presentation "Insect Zoo Educating the Citizens of Iowa," mentored by Angela Tague and Becky Brown, Department of Entomology. Robert Shell Track presented a poster "Comparing Soil Moisture in Different Ecosystems of Iowa," mentored by Dr. Heidi Asbjornsen, Department of Natural Resources and Ecology Management.

As a part of their summer program, the nine high school interns enjoyed a field trip to the George Washington Carver National Monument in Diamond, Missouri and visit to the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library in Independence, Missouri as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Sande McNabb plus a number of other educational, recreational, and social activities. McNabbs, (he is professor emeritus of Natural Resources and Ecology Management) sponsor one high school intern each summer.

Dustin Thunder Hawk, ISU student and graduate of Sitting Bull College, served as one of four advisors in the residence hall where interns stayed during the summer. In addition to the nine high school interns, there were thirty undergraduates as a part of the George Washington Carver Internship Program. USDA supported six Native American students from Dine College and Haskell Indian Nations University on a special genetic study of corn as well as study of the traditional significance of corn in native ceremonies. Read more at <http://www.ag.iastate.edu/news/t-v.html>.

"The George Washington Carver Internship Program," said Mary de Baca, Diversity Coordinator for the College of Agriculture at ISU, "is one of the major recruitment efforts to attract students from underrepresented groups to ISU. We were especially pleased to have Nikeya and Jordan return again this year. And, we especially appreciate the support to the for Solen High School interns provided by Gary Halvorson, Sitting Bull College."



Brandon Tikanye presented a poster "Research on How Active Boys and Girls Are," mentored by Dr. Greg Welk, Department of Health and Human Performance.



Front row: Brandon Tikanye, Jordan Shell Track, Robert Shell Track. Back row: Dustin Thunder Hawk and Nikeya American Horse, all from Canon Ball, North Dakota participated in the 2006 George Washington Carver Internship Program at Iowa State University.



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Robert Shell Track, Titus Harrison, and Nikeya American Horse enjoyed many social and educational activities in addition to doing research projects on the six week internship program at ISU.