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June 1-3 SGU
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NICC welcomes SDSU



"I am confident that some of the discussions and relationships we began yesterday will lead to meaningful progress," Tim Nichols indicated to Shelly Avery, regarding the SDSU visit to NICC in May.

NICC welcomed several SDSU personnel on May 12 to both the Santee and Macy campuses where they explored opportunities to partner, showed off recent campus developments, and met with President Morris.

Shelly Avery and Hank Miller explored with Tim Nichols and six other faculty members from

SDSU, their interest for involvement in NICC's entrepreneur efforts in natural resources education as it might apply to marketing woody florals, wildflowers, native corn, waterfowl and hunting, ecotourism and developing the farmer's market.

SDSU personnel saw possibilities for involvement of their staff and students in the prairie restoration program on NICC lands, including a riverfront area near the Santee campus. The tall and short prairie grass, orchard, and traditional gardens hold potential for research, extension and education collaboration at the Macy campus. SDSU personnel also visited with Shelly and Hank about resources available from USDA to help support NICC's status as a land grant institution.

Campus visits such as this build relationships and offer several faculty members the chance to become involved in joint efforts with Tribal Colleges and the 1862 institutions.

NRE to Washington, DC

A September trip to Washington, DC will combine NRE business with cultural events. NRE steering committee members at each of the partner institutions are invited to participate or to designate a representative from their institution to travel to Washington. If there is sufficient interest, more than one from each institution are welcome.

The purpose of the trip is to meet with the IFAFS project director, Dr. Bruce Menzel, other USDA personnel and congressional leaders, to review the accomplishments of the project, raise awareness of USDA's Tribal College initiatives, seek opportunities for sustainability of the NRE project

and consortia, and to participate in the dedication of the National Museum of the American Indian.)

Dates for the trip are Monday, September 20 through Thursday, September 23, 2004. The NRE project, through ISU, will pay for travel and all other costs are to come from the institution budgets. Mary de Baca will make hotel contact, set up the appointment schedule, and prepare orientation materials. Look for an itinerary in the June newsletter. Contact Mary if you wish to make the Washington trip.

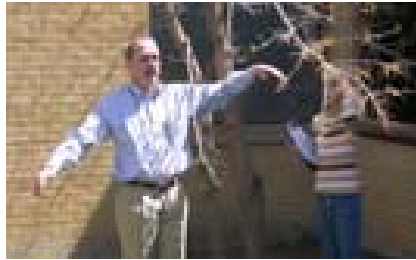
Partner Activities

NRE Advisory Committee Meets June 11-12, 2004

The NRE Advisory Committee will meet in Bismarck, North Dakota on June 11 and 12. The purpose of the meeting is to have an external review of the progress of the grant, to recommend measures to evaluate the impact of the project, and to identify ways to assure sustainability.

Serving on the NRE Advisory Committee are Dr. Patricia Jensen, Vice President and Dean of Agriculture, Food Systems and Natural Resources, North Dakota State University; Dr. Joe McDonald, President, Salish Kootenai College in Pablo, Montana; Dr. Carty Monette, President, Turtle Mountain in Belcourt, North Dakota, and Dr. Alvin Young, Visiting Professor and Senior Fellow, Institute for Science and Public Policy, University of Oklahoma.

Fort Berthold Community College



Scott Josiah, UNL, and Ruth Short Bull conducted a series of 2 hour workshops for FBCC Community school children from elementary to high school in early May.

Nebraska Indian Community College

Jamie Harlan, a NICC student, will participate in the ISU George Washington Carver Internship Program for an 8 week summer research experience. Jamie will work with Dr. Diane Birt, chair of the department of Food Science and Human Nutrition. Jenice Jim, ISU graduate student in Animal Science, will connect with the two interns throughout the summer. Twenty seven undergraduate interns will participate in the summer research program at ISU.

Sitting Bull College

Jana Bull Head, Standing Rock High School, was selected as one of the 4 high school interns for the ISU George Washington Carver Internship Program, a 6 weeks summer research experience working with Dr. Joseph Morris of the department of Natural Resources and Ecology Management. Dr. Morris served as mentor to intern Vicki Alberts, FBCC, in 2002.

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Dave Wiser and Subodh Singh check vegetable plants in the SGU greenhouse.



Lisa Colombe, Harold Crawford, and Subodh Singh at the SGU ranch.

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Notice:

Quarterly Reports are due May 1. If you had trouble submitting your May 1 Quarterly Report, try submitting again as Jason has fixed the problem.

Send your news for the next newsletter to Mary M. de Baca

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How are you reporting?

Outputs - a product, process, or event that is measurable, quantifiable.

Outcomes- results or influence with short or long lasting impact on participants or institutions.

Sustainability - ways the activity and/or partnership can endure beyond the life of the NRE grant.

NRE on the Web
<http://ifafsnrp.ag.iastate.edu/>

Submit project workbook and photos for the web to Jason at Jason_Decker@hotmail.com