



# A Land Grant Network to Enhance Tribal College Community Natural Resources Education Programs

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## Follow-Up of Mid Year Meeting:

Goal: Have media coverage this quarter

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## NRE Partners:

- FBCC
- ISU
- NICC
- NDSU
- SBC
- SGU
- SDSU
- UNL

## Paula's Travel:

USDA IFAFS GRANT 2001-2006

## Seeking Future Collaborations Extending the NRE Consortia



*Kerry Hartman, FBCC, is interested in extending aquaculture research with a Tribal College Research Grant.*



*Hank Miller, NICC, plans to research woody florals with University of Nebraska Haskell Research Station.*



*Shalia Afele-Faamuli is USDA Program Leader for Tribal College Research Grants. Subodh Singh, SGU, with ISU and SDSU received a TCRG in 2005 to study saqe.*



*Mike O'Neil, Program Manager with Linda Hugelen and Tim Nichols*

Opportunities for the present partners to continue working together on natural resources education were explored with USDA by Harold Crawford, Co-Director, on his recent trip to Washington, DC. Harold presented the status of the NRE project at the October 31 - November 2 National Project Directors meeting and also took advantage of the time in Washington to meet with CSREES (Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service) personnel regarding upcoming grant opportunities.

Dr. Crawford found that most program officers were interested and supportive of the NRE consortia submitting a follow up proposal. One option is in the area of water resources. Mike O'Neil, the national program leader for Water Resources indicated the Request for Applications for the next round of Integrated Resources projects has been approved for funding and will probably be released in early or mid December, with likely due date in May. Check Mike O'Neil's white paper on water security [here](#).

Also a possibility for Tribal Colleges to work with USDA is to submit grants with the secondary schools to promote recruitment, a suggestion made to Harold by Gregory Smith, national program leader working with secondary and postsecondary education in the food and agriculture sciences.

Regarding his presentation at the Project Directors meeting and his individual meetings with national program leaders, Harold remarked "The NRE project commands lots of positive attention and is looked upon with favor."

Another obvious possibility is through the Tribal College Research Grants. Both Fort Berthold Community College and Nebraska Indian Community College are planning to submit research proposals to USDA along with an 1862 partner.

The Tribal College Research Grants Program is a competitive USDA grants program supporting agricultural research projects that address high priority concerns of tribal, national or multi-state significance. For information on these research grants, [click here](#). Shalia Afele-Faamuli is the program leader, taking the position formerly held by George Godfrey.

All 1994 Land-Grant Institutions are eligible to apply for the Research Grants. Research is to be performed with at least one 1862 or 1890 Land-Grant Institution to enhance collaborative research in the food and agricultural sciences.

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## NRE REPORTING

Year 4, Quarter 4 Reports are on-line. Please submit past due reports.

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### Thanksgiving

**We are thankful for  
Our families  
Our health  
Giving to others  
Fresh air and sunshine  
Changing seasons  
Each other  
And so much more**



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

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

Jason and Melissa worked with Hank to develop a great workbook for NICC. Who is next?

Submit project workbook and photos for the web to Jason at [Jason\\_Decker@hotmail.com](mailto:Jason_Decker@hotmail.com)

Tribal Colleges with one partner may request up to \$75,000, those with more than one partner up to \$150,000 for a two year research project.

Kerry Hartman indicates the FBCC proposal will be a renewal application, to continue with the current aquaculture research. Hank Miller, NICC, is preparing a new application to research woody florals and riparian buffers along with the University of Nebraska 's Haskell Research Station.

Subodh Singh at SGU and partners at Iowa State University and South Dakota State University are working on the SAGE project, funded in 2005 through USDA Tribal College Research Grant Program.

Dr. Crawford stands ready to provide assistance with grant writing to assure that proposals are well crafted, focused, and convincing.

## NRE Advisory Committee to Meet November 28-29

The NRE Advisory Committee plans to meet in Minneapolis on November 28 and 29. Members of the Advisory Committee are Drs. Alvin Young, retired from Department of Agriculture, Joe McDonald, President of Salish Kootenai College, Carty Monette, President, Turtle Mountain College, and Jim Venette, Associate Dean, North Dakota State University.

The purpose of the meeting is to share the status of the NRE project with the advisory committee, discuss sustainable features and project closing, and benefit from their observations and recommendations relative to the final year and future partnership collaborations.

## Partner Activities

### Sitting Bull College

Linda Hugelen and Manaja Hill, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Tribal USDA Coordinator, host a weekly program about natural resources on KLND, 89.5 the official radio of Standing Rock Nation. The "Power of the Land" program has raised awareness of the NRE project and of Sitting Bull College's natural resources program of study.

### Iowa State University

Dr. Gaylan Scofield, Director of the Brenton Center for Agricultural Instruction and Technology Transfer, announced several on-line courses are to be offered spring 06 semester by the College of Agriculture. For a complete listing of courses and programs: <http://www.agde.iastate.edu>.

### Sinte Gleska University

Troy Heinert is a new instructor at SGU conducting a therapeutic program for youth at the SGU Ranch. The program, working with horses, is open to students K-12 in area schools. Presently 4 youngsters are involved through an arrangement with the Todd County School. In the spring, Troy intends to reopen the after school youth program initiated by Lisa Colombe.

Troy is a native of Mission, South Dakota, a community member and SGU graduate. He taught in the elementary school in Rosebud and was a member of the school board. He has had training in therapeutic riding and is a member of the North American Riding for the Handicapped.

## First Friday Monthly Conference Calls

December 2 will be the next First Friday Fone Call, from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. The topic continues with Tribal College Research Grants and the Integrated Water Resources grant. Let Mary [mmmdb@iastate.edu](mailto:mmmdb@iastate.edu) know if you will be on the conference call; she will send call-in instructions. Friday, November 4 focused on possible funding through Tribal College Research Grants and the Integrated Water Resources grant.