



USDA IFAFS GRANT 2001-2005

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NRE Partners:

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

Paula's Travel:

NRE Plans for the Fifth and Final Year

The NRE annual meeting hosted by Sinte Gleska University the last of September provided a snapshot of what to expect from partner institutions during the coming year. The "take home message" was that participants will sprint to the finish, focus on the attainable, attend to sustainable programs and are committed to seeking sources to support collaborative teaching, research, and/or outreach activities for the future.

To mark the final year, several activities were identified for all of the 8 partner institutions. There will be a spring "tree planting" on each campus, in the case of the 1994 partners, each has a new campus or campus building site for beautification. Signs will be placed with the plantings to acknowledge the input of the natural resources education project. Hank Miller, NICC, is looking into creative and culturally appropriate types of certificates to present to each of the partner schools. A career DVD will be developed, under the direction of Tim Nichols (SDSU) and Paula Teig (ISU), to highlight careers open to those studying environmental science, natural resources, or similar programs. Publicity of campus and community activities will be sought through the local news media and articles relating "our story" will be submitted to the Tribal College Journal.

Each of the Tribal Colleges identified top priority activities for the year to which 1882 partners responded with support. The University of Nebraska, for example, will follow through on Sitting Bull College and Sinte Gleska



NRE Annual Meeting participants met at the new administration building at SGU.

University's interest in training for firefighters and also with water monitoring. South Dakota State University will follow up with FBCC and SBC on soil and career components of their Sunday Academy programs, and Iowa State University will assist and shepherd proposals for an integrated water project. Check the project website <http://ifafsnrep.ag.iastate.edu/> for a more complete description of *Partner Plans*.

A calendar of events and activities was developed to include those from each institution and the joint events. Mary de Baca asked that Quarterly Reports more clearly identify the stakeholders. Paula Teig distributed guidelines for closing out the NRE account. March 23 and 24 are scheduled for the mid-year meeting to be hosted by UNL and May is the month the USDA CSREES Partners Video featuring our NRE project will be released. Look on the website soon for a "draft" of the calendar.

NRE REPORTING

Please send Year 4, Quarter 4 reports by November 1. Please also submit past due reports.

Best Wishes
Lisa Colombe



Lisa was honored with a star quilt by Georgia Hacket and Leland Bordeaux for her contribution to SGU and the community.

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

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NRE on the Web
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Submit project workbook and photos for the web to Jason at
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Partner Activities



Scott Josiah, UNL, reported on hazelnut research and other partner activities in the area of forestry; Jim Hallem and Hank Miller looked for partners for interpretative trails and prairie restoration at NICC.



Subodh Singh, Lisa Colombe, and Dave Weissler (not pictured) reported on herb research, youth programs, and greenhouse projects at Sinte Gleska University.



Linda Hugelen, explained one goal at Sitting Bull College is to establish a four year degree program in the area of environment/natural resources. Paula Teig, ISU provided guidelines for financial management and accounting during the final year of the NRE project.



Tim Nichols, SDSU, indicated SDSU's willingness to partner with several TCU proposed priorities for the coming year and lead annual meeting participants in developing a calendar for the final year.



Harold Crawford, ISU and Laurel Vermillion, SBC, consulted on grant writing opportunities in order to assure continuing collaboration among the partner institutions.



Stacey Mortensen and Kerry Hartman, FBCC, plan to establish plantings around new campus buildings and develop native games related to natural resources.

Partner Activities



Iowa State University Ag Education and Studies graduate students Mohammad Camera, Joey-James Giustino, Aurelio Curbelo, and Christa Dal Molin learned about the NRE project, explored Sinte Gleska University and the surrounding area, rode horses at SGU Ranch, and participated in the traditional sweat ceremony arranged by meeting hosts Lisa Colombe and Leland Bordeaux.



NRE Annual Meeting participants visited the SGU Heritage Museum which exhibits a wonderful array of native drums, pots, headdresses, beaded articles, and other historical objects.

Lisa Colombe Leaves Sinte Gleska University

From the first organizational meeting at SGU back in September, 2001, Lisa Colombe has been involved with the NRE grant. Lisa built a youth program at the SGU Ranch in which youngsters not only learned to care for and ride horses, but also developed appreciation for nature, prairie life and native traditions. Lisa helped organize the ranch and field days in the community, served on NRE planning committees, and coordinated arrangements for the 2005 annual meeting at SGU. We appreciate Lisa and all her work with the NRE project. We wish her well in her new position at United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Our Sympathy

We send condolences to Doug Malo, SDSU, whose wife Rosie passed away in early October after a long struggle with cancer.



NRE Annual Meeting committee was composed of Mary de Baca, ISU and Leland Bordeaux, SGU (above) and Lisa Colombe, SGU and Tim Nichols, SDSU.

First Friday Monthly Conference Calls

Friday, November 4 is the TENTATIVE date for the next conference call, which will focus on Tribal College Research Grants and a consortia wide water resources proposal. You will be contacted regarding the agenda and call in instructions. The October 7 Conference Call was well attended and yielded some opportunities for NICC, SGU and FBCC to follow-up with forestry professionals Scott Josiah, UNL and John Ball at SDSU.

Email Mary de Baca: mmdb@iastate.edu to indicate your participation.
