

NRE Mid-Year Report
Fort Berthold Community College
April 21,2005

FBCC's NRE staff and students have:

- Participated meetings for preparation of the Higher Learning Commission accreditation visit next spring,
- Participated in monthly curriculum meeting to address the courses taught by the science department and keep the Curriculum Committee updated on NRE activities,
- Stayed in contact with NRE Tribal Liaison in regards to project, needs, and budget issues,
- Stayed in contact with NRE partners regarding determining needs and possible partnerships on projects, as well as maintained open lines of communication,
- Conducted recruitment visits to local schools,
- Participated in recruiting and conducting the Sunday Academies,
- Participated in the Collaboration conference on "Developing Inquiry in Students", as faculty development,
- Participated in the National AISES Conference, both student and faculty development,
- Conducted a Science Research Luncheon in which research done by the Science Department was presented to the student body and staff,
- Participated in a field experience in Louisiana at the National Wetlands Research Center,
- Completed fall semester classes,
- Completed registration for spring semester,
- Participated in the North Dakota Indian Science Fair (as judges),
- Participated in NRE Polycom conference with ISU (gave presentation on NRE grant at FBCC),
- Conducted an open house for FBCC during Tribal Education week,
- Conducted Sunday Academies,
- Participated in AIHEC STEM Institute,
- Participated in SonisWeb training,
- Participated in AIHEC (presented research projects and competed in Science Bowl),
- Participated in e-portfolio training, and
- Conducted Science Luncheon with Science presenters at the college and local elementary and middle schools.

This year we plan to:

- Continue NRE community and research projects,
- Continue capacity building projects,
- Hire and train a new NRE Instructor, and
- Continue and strengthen collaborations with NRE partners.

We are working towards this by:

- Organizing proposals and quarterly reports for new NRE Instructor to allow a smooth transition and provide an outline of the existing projects and collaborations.

The vision for NRE at FBCC is to:

- Continue offering a two-year degree in Environmental Science,
- Continue investigating the feasibility of offering a four-year degree in Environmental Science or other Science degree,
- Continue investigating distance education opportunities, and
- Continue to find resources to continue current NRE projects beyond the NRE grant.