

2008-2009 SBC GRADUATES SURVEY Data

The administration of Sitting Bull College established seven student outcomes, which they consider important to the successful achievement of your educational goals. Please explain how you were exposed to each outcome and in what ways you were assisted in achieving your educational goals. Please list examples with each of the following student outcomes. After you have entered your written answers please give a rating of: 1 poor, 2 seldom, 3 adequate, 4 good, and 5 excellent on the line indicated with "Rating:"

1. Student will be able to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, synthesizing critical thinking skills. (This outcome could have come through classes, participation in events/contests and specific course.)

- Giving speeches in Speech Class with Chad Harrison I had to write the speech, then have it proofread, then it was to be presented to classmates and instructor. Now, I am more comfortable with speaking in public to a group of people.
- I was exposed to speech and English courses. I had a very knowledgeable instructor, Renee Froelich. She knows a lot in this area and helped me to open up and speak in front of an audience.
- Learned a lot from the English and Speech classes. My grammar and writing skills improved along with my public speaking skills.
- The environmental science program required a lot of writing in all the science courses. This included writing report for our research projects. Presentations are required in class and encouraged at conferences. I have done many presentations which has enhanced my oral communication skills.
- I do communicate very well, but orally not very well and writing is not my best skill.
- Through my English classes and speech I've learned to overcome speaking in front of people and large crowds. Also to write and research papers.
- Yes, by taking these courses here I've learned to communicate more effectively.
- I was able to communicate effectively by being required to write several papers and presentations for at least half my classes. My communication skills also improved because of all the different people from different cultural backgrounds that I was able to become friends with.
- Business communication course along the way numerous other business classes were always challenging communication skills verbally and in writing.
- I had many of these skills before coming to SBC. Courses helpful in this area are Speech, English I and English II. My course in English II which was received from SBC did not help my writing skills. No papers returned, no grades given, no feedback from the instructor. When Colleges do this its and easy "A", but not teaching or guiding the students to become better or grow. Therefore, I am giving this area a rating of 1 as SBC College didn't advance my knowledge or skills in this area.

- Throughout the years of classes at SBC I have done many presentations in the classrooms. My presentations were based on research I had to complete for various assignments. The presentations were done in a variety of formats such as PowerPoint Presentations, bulletin boards, experiments, etc.
- Thru participation in classes like role play-interviewing.
- Completion of Eng 1 & 2 including speech.
- The business courses I took that were taught by Pat Becker really made me a better writer and speaker. He requires numerous presentations in all of these courses and I can definitely see the positive results at the end of these two years.
- I had to write a lot of assignments, and I had thought critically how to talk myself into going back.
- In all of my business classes I had to do outlines and give oral presentations. So when I took speech class it was much easier than I had anticipated. These classes along with the English classes have helped me be more comfortable writing and speaking.
- I have given over 20 oral presentations not only here but at UMary in the last 2 years. I wasn't a good speaker but I've improved. My writing skills have also improved from experience and assistance from others.
- My environmental science classes helped me to understand the scientific communications, both orally and in writing, also utilizing critical thinking in our research projects and presentations.
- Wonderful English instructor; I am a natural nattering nabob who chatters incessantly; one-on-one participation of teachers and peers.
- I have learned about speech. Interacting with others through practice. Learning on the job. Taking leadership skills while working with 1st year students.
- Orally, I've rounded out and am now comfortable with speaking in front of an audience. That's because I've done it so often, even in classes that I didn't expect to talk in. My writing skills have sharpened, and I'm more focused on getting my point across clearly.
- In class speaking; presentations; speech; solving in class problems; identifying other solutions for problems; presentations; final paper; reaction papers.
- Through presentations and through classes, I practiced and participated in both forms of communication. Oral presentations were given at conferences like the ND Chapter of the Wildlife Society and also FALCON conference I had the opportunity to attend.
- Business Law was very interesting, forcing a person to relearn what they may have thought about history and intricacies of the business world. Indian Law was also very good, another eye opener and made you become aware of the language of the law and how to speak it in a way that is respectable and functional.
- Speech class, writing papers
- Classes, presentations, participation, & in class discussion was great!
- Every class usually required participation & presentations; multi page writing assignments were required as well. Both of these were requirements enhance your writing & public speaking skills.

- I feel I met these communication skills good because of work required by the SBC instructor's and by participating in the various student body government activities.
- English classes, speech class everyday communication with other people.
- I've gained communication skills through all of my classes by: articulating ideas, giving presentations, and team work.
- Effectively communicating with instructors as well as other students is vital to our learning process here at SBC. I have completed presentations for class assignments and have completed essays for assignments. Our environmental issues class exercises our critical thinking skills by having forum discussions, on line. When I first started the courses I was hesitant to address some of the issues I was having presenting. My instructor, Dr. Dan Buresh, was excellent in assisting me and encouraging me to strive for excellent work.

Rating: 4.27

2. Students will develop their own leadership and community building skills. (This outcome could have come from membership in clubs/organizations or holding offices in these clubs, attending conference/workshops offered for students and the public, or by volunteering in your community or district.)

- I was not part of any groups or student organizations; I am employed full time and had not the perceived time to join any of the many clubs offered at SBC. I did run for Tribal council and am currently elected into Office. I'd like to think that my time at SBC played a large part in achieving that goal.
- Not too many clubs
- I went to the Ecology Club for a while. Went on field trips to Alaska and camping.
- The clubs/groups at SBC seem to be very active and facilitate a number of excellent community involved events.
- I developed many leadership skills not only through SBC but by being able to do my internship through the SRST.
- Not interested in clubs. Never attended workshops. Would like to volunteer no time right now.
- I've attended a few workshops at the request of my instructors. The workshops were course related and helped me greatly in community building skills.
- Attending AIHEC for these past two years has given me an opportunity to build my communications skills, by meeting and having discussions with other students from other institutions. My internship is EPA, has helped me to establish networks with other departments or organizations that may assist me in my future employment opportunities. I have really enjoyed these past semesters of learning. The topics I have learned about have made me aware of our situations with environmental issues. This motivates me to be more active in our community and to be more helpful in preserving what resources we have available to us.

- Interviewing was a good way for me to show leadership. Other than that I didn't participate in any clubs.
- None
- The confidence I have obtained here at Sitting Bull has definitely made me a better leader in the community. I also have a better awareness of community concerns and issues, acquired through teachers as well as friend made here on campus.
- Towns are already built, idiots elected. This not really my area.
- I have a full-time job and I am a single parent. I did not have time to join any clubs but I feel that my classes that I have taken have helped me with my leadership skills. In my job I work with community members on a daily basis.
- I was asked to be on the school board @ the St. Bernard's Mission. I was passionate about that duty due to my children going to school there. It was on a volunteer basis. I've recently been picked to be the youth wrestling coach.
- In my education experience at Sitting Bull College, I became aware of local needs and interests of our communities and feel a responsibility to help in any way I am able to.
- Volunteer tutoring w/ eager students
- I learned to help others through building trades class. And I've worked for the Dist. w/ land & livestock Probono (free).
- I've helped out with Sunday schools and even mentored a couple of kids, but I never really associated the activities with SBC.
- conferences local district
- I currently am President of the Ecology Club and Environmental Science Club, am also volunteer at the Haunted house in Mobridge. By do so it has help develop my people interaction skills while also teaching valued leadership skills.

Rating: 3.88

3. Students will value and develop a balanced physical (body), intellectual (mind), social (heart), and spiritual (soul) life-style. (This outcome could have come from classes, activities, and other experiences you had encountered as a student.)

- I developed my mental, social, and spiritual self during my time at SBC. The Lakota language courses helped in my endeavors to learn more of my people.
- No physical, social, or spiritual things going on
- Very open to spiritual aspects of the subject being studied
- The Lakota/Dakota classes have really opened more to my culture. I am 34 years old & I've learned more about my history in the last three months than I have my entire life. I feel like a more complete person now that I've been educated.
- I feel I developed these skills by attending my local community college. The staff and faculty give it much more learning experience than I expected, and by incorporating the Lakota/Dakota values was an excellent idea.

- Being alcohol and drug free
- SBC is able to develop the body, mind, heart, and soul through integrating culture, contemporary social/political issues, and current events in the classroom. Culture relevancy was evident in all of my courses.
- All my environmental science courses that I have taken have made me aware of our environmental issues we are currently facing on and off the reservation. The Lakota Traditions, Philosophy, & Spirituality course and the Lakota/Dakota language I course helped me understand my own connection to our culture. This has given me more heart to the whole situation. I understand and want to help in our endeavors to make this world a better place for everyone.

Rating: _3.94_

4. Students will be able to work effectively with others in a cooperative manner.

(This outcome could have come from classroom activities, cooperative learning experiences, and internships or from another experience.)

- This was a most beautiful aspect of going to school at SBC. My fellow students were very helpful in helping one another to meet the challenges that coursework provided. I made a lot of friends and look forward to those friendships continuing long after I graduate.
- Working on group project, field trip cooperation, sharing lab experiences
- I have had many great experiences in group projects while at SBC. People like these projects from what I've noticed. Classes are more interesting & participation is higher it seems when groups are formed
- I learned to do this while being in my first year of college and I guess I ended up enjoying it although I didn't think I would.
- As long as they both respect one another
- Teamwork is a vital part of my business classes and I've learned to work cooperating and effectively in group.
- Working with other students, whether you know them or don't, is very important is our learning process at SBC. I have gained much knowledge from other student's comments or suggestions and realize that one person is not able to make a huge difference, but when you put a few people together that are able to work together, a large job is not large at all. I had one bad experience with working cooperatively with another. But when one person does not want to work with another, there is not much a person can do except keep moving forward.

Rating: _4.27_

5. **Students will study American Indian Culture.** (This outcome could come from participation in activities of the Culture Club, courses you took, participation in conferences/workshops and cultural events.)

- Through the language, law, and art courses I have learned so much about our Culture/Way of Life. This is what makes SBC distinct from other colleges, the sense of history and reaching for a better future.
- Evident in every course
- I loved the classes & instructors during the Culture classes I took. They were interesting & very knowledgeable in all areas of the lessons.
- I learned a lot about my culture from when Mr. Flying Bye worked for SBC & throughout my years of college.
- Native American classes
- I've had the opportunity to study both the Sioux culture and language here at SBC. This helped me to discover many new things about myself and my community.
- In my Lakota Traditions, Philosophy, and Spirituality course, I have learned a lot! I didn't expect one class to give me so much insight on a topic. In continuing my education, I plan on taking more Native American courses to learn more.

Rating: _4.33_____

6. **Students will be able to function in a technological world.** (This outcome could come from classes in the field of computers, business or from activities you were exposed to via the use of computers.)

- The use of computers is vital in today's world and SBC more than prepares a student for the world. The IT classes are challenging and unforgiving. Very good in my opinion.
- Computers are up-to-date
- Learned how to do Power Point
- I only took one computer class but it was the best class I took. It not only helped my skills at school but at work & at home.
- I learned this in all my classes there is not one class I did not have to use the computer or some type of modern technology.
- As long as students know how to operate a computer, they can do anything
- I've learned many computer based skills in all of my classes. The technology component is well-embedded in classes at SBC.
- Working with all equipment we were exposed to in our environmental science courses make it possible for me to understand terminology as well as functions of complex equipment. I enjoyed learning everything and am anxious to learn more.

Rating: _4.48_____

7. Students will become respectful citizens of the earth. (This outcome could come from participation in classes in environmental science, clean up days, field trips, etc.)

- I took a few earth science courses and they were very informative to the ecology around us. I enjoyed field trips to learn about different plants that heal and geography that we live on.
- No field trips
- Instructors are excellent in modeling this attitude, hopefully students will pick up on it
- I am active in the clean up days during that season. Helping my relatives & my own place stay clean is very important to me & my family.
- I learned this through my class with Jeremy Gwinn. It was a fun experience visiting the various sites on the reservation.
- People are very disrespectful when they litter. Respect others.
- In Ethno botany our classes were held outside. Walking along trails and seeing the subject of our study first hand greatly enhanced both my learning experience and my appreciation for the environment.
- As a SBC student, I am able to honestly state that being respectful to Mother Earth is a necessity for all of us as humans. Making an effort to help Mother Earth gives a person a feeling of completion and satisfaction. I encourage everyone to do at least a little of something to make this place better for all of us.

Rating: 3.9