

2009-2010 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.)

- I was able to do this by class exercises in speech, English, and other classes.
- Gave presentations for science projects. Also in classes gave.....
- Speech class helps to bring out the real you.
- In both my English class and speech class I expected a ton of writing, but in actuality there was a fair amount of oral communication.
- Only 3 out of 5 of my classes encouraged participation. 2 of them were lecture and memorization.
- Overcame my shyness in speech
- I have learned my writing skills in Chad Harrison's classes.
- One example I have is the excellence center, they provide you help when you're having trouble in any classes. Teach you how to do something, you are not able to figure out.
- The outcome of these skills came a lot through my Job Seeking Skills course.
- Speech and English courses were pretty tough. Instructors were always on students about assignments and speeches. My speech class was taught over the IVN with students from other colleges.
- During my time at SBC, I have experienced nothing but encouragement on my communication skills.
- Speech class, writing papers.

Rating: 4.10

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 worked with the SRES Night Lights program picking up trash in the FY community with students.
- Not too many clubs
- After I stopped working full-time I got involved in all the things I could in my area of interest.
- N/A
- I'm not involved in any clubs, but I have seen the leadership with many different students. Sitting Bull College clubs are outstanding.
- Not interested in clubs. Never attended workshops. Would like to volunteer no time right now.
- The college offers food handlers cards for volunteers at no charge. Students who obtain cards can jump start their own food vending business.
- By volunteering, holding office on whatever you do, reaching out is a very effective easy to start communicating to become a leader.
- Interviewing was a good way for me to show leadership. Other than that I didn't participate in any clubs.
- None
- I don't belong to very many clubs, but do go to lots of conferences for presenting research. I believe the college does an excellent job building leaders.
- No time for me to participate in clubs
- Classes we were encouraged to volunteer and participate in community activities
- I am not currently involved in any clubs
- The routine of class schedule as well as pushing myself in my first semester to be involved in college events.

Rating: 4.00

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 enjoyed Gladys's classes on culture and Lakota living. My family is from the Wakpala area and she taught me a lot about my ancestors/relatives. Every class had some sort of cultural lesson to benefit from.
- I know what I have to do to keep myself in balance, respecting myself.
- I think basketball courts, volleyball courts, and walking paths or some types of intramural sports would be good at SBC.
- The courses I took there was a balance in body, mind, heart, and spirit. The instructors have a good way to relate the class to the students.
- The college has helped me have a more positive outlook on people and places. I feel more confident having what knowledge I have gained from the college courses.
- Here at SBC, I feel well balanced in all thee above, It gives me a good sense of Compassion in my life, to know where I came from and where I;m going.
- The school is great for the mind, heart, and soul but there isn't much for physical activities.
- Realized that there are many people out there who are willing to help out.
- I don't feel there was enough holistic emphasis on taking good care of yourself and finding balance in your life.
- I have a difficult time developing a good balance, espically between school work and being at home.
- The routine of class schedule as well as pushing myself in my first semester to be involved in college events.

Rating: 4.03

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.)

- I enjoy working with younger students. As an older woman, many experiences or struggles I already went through and overcame. So I would always have an open shoulder when needed.
- Staff here is very cooperative and students usually don't have problems.
- Attending classes alone helped me to be more sociable. It helped me to understand other people by working side by side with other students.
- I feel we all have the deepest respect for each other.
- Most of my classes were big in group cohesion. I believe that because of this I have learned how to work well with other people as well as making new friends.
- Working on my classroom assignments with other students
- I think we all learned the art of "give & take"
- Classroom discussions in different classes such as math or Job seeking skills have helped me to learn to cooperate with others.
- Have ran into a few disputes and in the last 2 years I feel I have acquired the skills to cooperate with other students in a professional manner.

Rating: 4.06

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.)

- SBC is excellent in providing cultural activities/opportunities year round.
- Evident in every course
- The NA cultural class provides excellent access to historical documents.
- Since I've been going to school here the Lakota Culture is a required class and so is the language which is useful.
- Native American classes are offered here at SBC
- At the beginning of the semester the college has a pow-wow, during this time they have a buffalo hunt, describing why we use the buffalo as Lakota people.
- For students who have no knowledge of culture, the college offers courses and clubs to join to get to know your heritage.
- This school has our culture in mind in every class. Whether it's a little or a lot it's there.
- Never participated in any culture clubs
- I thoroughly enjoyed my classes with Michael Moore.
- I have taken a few Native American Study courses such as intro and spirituality. These courses have helped me to understand as well as learn about the NA culture.
- I feel the Lakota culture is very rich here on the SRST.

Rating: 4.00

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.)

- Being able to access computers and various computer classes on new software helps out a lot. Computers are available at various campus sites and always able to approach any staff member with questions/concerns.
- I have come a long way from when I began here in 2007. I couldn't even log into a computer and knew absolutely nothing about them. I'm still learning!!
- Computers everywhere!! Great!!
- The classes teach students how to function in their jobs or just in life.
- The college is always and does stay caught up with the technology. They have the newest and best software money can buy.
- Computers were the hardest for me, but the college teaches you these skills and so much more.
- I have become better at using the computer since starting school. However, I don't feel that it is a major center for the school.
- I have become better at using the computer since starting school. However, I don't feel Using computers are scary to me, was always afraid I would push the wrong button.
- Therese Schmidt taught me a lot about how to use the computer to create very professional looking documents.
- I have taken an intro to computers class and it has given me a lot of knowledge on how to use different computer programs.
- Feel I have the computer skills I needed.

Rating: 4.13

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.)

- Again by working with the Night Lights Students to clean up our community science classes are hands on and field trips around SR opened doors to all the area has to offer in learning experiences.
- When schedule permitted I tried to be involved in all I could for the environment.
- Yes, students will be respectful because a lot of SBC students are kind.
- We had a clean- up day a couple of years ago, it went well.
- The students at SBC are very respectful and helpful. To try and help the community is worth the effort to become a good citizen.
- The environmental science teachers have taught us to be more respectful to mother earth. I think the college needs to get more involved in recycling.
- Never had the chance to do any of these
- There are always reminders to be respectful and take care of mother earth.
- I feel just by being in different classes it has helped me to learn about respecting the teacher and other students.
- Being a part of and interested in; Environment Science, I have always had respect for mother earth.

Rating: 3.82