

## 2010-2011 SBC GRADUATES SURVEY

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.) **Overall Average Rating: 4.26**

- I had many classes that helped me with this such as: Interviewing, speech, English and case management. I was definitely lacking in these areas and now I am more confident in my skills.
- I have learned to communicate more effectively, orally and in writing through my English course, speech and business courses. My instructors were always willing to answer any of my questions about their expectations and as a result I can confidently express myself orally and in writing.
- Learned how to better write research papers.
- I have taken speech class and have done numerous research papers and presentations.
- I learned through my English, speech, business communications, macro-economics, job seeking skills, and Lakota culture classes, the correct way to communicate, whether it will be in office or out of office.
- I learned a lot of great new skills in my English classes, as well as speech. Since I've been a student at SBC, a lot of opportunities have arose, that required me to speak publicly, and I feel my speech class was vital in helping me accomplish that.
- My business classes along with my speech and English classes prepared me for this.
- I feel like I was strong in these areas already, but they were just defined more. I love to talk, so this was fun.
- English allowed me to express feelings and brush up on writing skills. I loved English I & II. Speech class was intimidating at first but eventually helped with fear of crowds.
- Students have the opportunity to grow and become mature with small class sizes, so they can get one-on-one help.
- This skill was used very frequently in my Environmental Issues class. We would be assigned an issue then we would read it and decide if we agreed or disagreed with it; then tell why.
- Sitting Bull College has a great Speech Club and Model UN Club. The Speech Club opens its arms to the community as well . . . which is wonderful in helping to develop communication skills.
- in our nursing courses we were assigned different writings, oral presentations and power points. Also in job seeking skills we had to do writing and oral presentations.
- Through ENG. 120 I improved my writing skills greatly. Through SOC 100 our job interviews and in oral communication.

- Speech, English II really helped me. Instructor very helpful with writing and a speech skills.
- Communicated through classroom projects and presentation, practice at teaching lessons to students.
- During class, participating during class, and writing papers with help of revision was helpful.
- My outcome came from just about every course I took. You were able to communicate in a number of different ways.
- I love the honesty and trustworthiness this campus has to offer everyone.
- There were a lot of hands on exercises and eating supper together made us feel like a group than individual students. I'm new to the school this year but it seemed like the students had already known each other for some time. That made them more comfortable and eager to share with another.
- Personally I had both tools before I came to this school so it wasn't a problem. From what I have saw was teachers trying to incorporate communication skills; but most students will please the thought but not retain it. Writing was effective job instructed.
- I've witnessed no forum for this synthesis, I've hear, though, that personal experience makes people jealous, I can see why some instructors would refuse to entertain the notion.
- I had trouble with public speaking and studying. But with the help of Chad Harrison I was more involved with public speaking and kind of overcame my problem. And now I'm an educational speaker for students of all ages. Studying was something I never tried until Daniel Buresh asked me to create a research paper that needed an oral presentation. He helped me study the information so my presentation had no holes and adequate info and readily answered questions.
- The small class size really help with person attention on needing help.
- A few students who had already taken chemistry assisted me as a tutor figuring chemical equations when the instructor was unavailable for assistance, speech class aided me with orally and writing the assignment, overcoming the venues and on fear of public speaking.
- Given writing assignments and speech assignments that assisted the writing and speaking skills, also utilized seventh generation academic excellence center and tutors that were provided.
- Participated in Sociology Club, Ecology Club, Phi Beta Lambda Club, Student Body Organization Executive Committee and AIHEC. I am able to communicate with all age groups or work one on one with individuals. I can speak to large or small groups.
- All of my classes incorporated either a writing or presentation component or they had both. These activities helped me become more confident in my writing and public speaking abilities. Quality communication skills are very valuable and I believe SBC did a great job.
- A lot of oral presentations in mostly all classes in the last 2 years of the 4 yr program provided opportunities to sharpen these skills.
- SBC classes were all instructed with the student going to the next level of critical thinking. Some cases your opinions or theories changed, to something never thought possible.
- Having classes that provide these skills is valuable to any education field.

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.) **Overall Average Rating: 3.82**

- I think being exposed to some natural disasters and SBC activities happening brings students together. It causes buzz about what could happen in the community and how to prepare for anything disastrous. I'm new and don't know a lot of the students but, I would hear lots of people discussing issues sometimes even while they're taking attending an activity in common areas.
- I participated in a lot of volunteer work (thanks to Harriet!), and was very involved.
- There are many ways we as students can contribute to our community.
- I was elected as the ND Representative for the SBC Student Body for a year, and I had to go on a couple of trips where I represented the college and spoke to many people regarding the benefits of being a student at SBC. This position taught me valuable leadership skills.
- Through volunteering, and attending various workshops with Sitting Bull College, I've built up strength, courage, and the knowledge of leadership and building skills to create my own job after graduation.
- I have never been part of a club or workshop.
- I did not participate in clubs.
- I have developed leadership and community building skills through participation in the rodeo club and by volunteering at various events at Sitting Bull College.
- I haven't been able to participate in organizations due to small children at home, I am pretty busy there. I do plan on participating more in my junior year.
- We were encouraged strongly to participate in community organizations, clubs etc. in all classes.
- There were many opportunities to participate in clubs and community to help improve my leadership skills.
- As part of my degree I am required to do research projects. In doing those projects I learn to become independent because I am doing the project alone. This helps build leadership skills.
- Yes, coming to SBC helped me mature and realized what I was to do and helped me become a leader.
- My main priority in school was actually the school itself. I wanted to join clubs but education/learning was most important.
- I am a volunteer for my community during events and have no problem assisting others. Also speech club was available but unable to attend.
- While in school I did not participate in any groups or clubs thus far. I have volunteered for service learning projects and the college does offer a lot of groups. Due to travel I just did not participate.
- The college needs to offer more clubs and to have more workshops.
- Through ARSC 165 I created a business plan that I intend to use upon graduation. SBC Rodeo team help create community and meet new people.
- I wasn't involved classwise or otherwise to fit the question.

- Was not involved in any school functions; most students don't participate in any of the few we have. Leadership is what I have seen is one of the biggest problems here, lots of followers and low amounts of pride for self and community.
- Allowed to set up a booth for my service learning project in the atrium. Linda Different Cloud's workshop on *sauves* was awesome!
- My outcome came from attending a number of different workshops.
- This area to me was none existed, it's a college so stuff on school was taught.
- After a few semesters going to Sitting Bull I was introduced to tutoring other student in Chemistry related subjects. I'm not a tutor, but a tutor should be available to the students when need help in the science classes.
- Did participate in clubs and social events. Also held an office position in a clubs.
- I read and think outside of the box and try to be a leader who thinks first and make decisions.
- I was outspoken at most meetings however I did not run for any offices due to the amount of homework and presentations for class.
- I worked full-time and I am a single parent so I did not have any time for clubs/organizations, but I feel that I gained leadership status in most of my classes by participating during class and being on time and always in attendance.
- I do volunteer work in the GED Program at SBC. I am a local district secretary in Kenel District. I am also on the planning commission in Kenel and I am on the JTAC board from 2001-2003 & 2008 to present.
- Participated in activity. Did not receive much encouragement or advise about participation.
- I have been taught but it is better to lead when you know what is right from wrong rather than hanging back waiting for someone else to do the action first.

**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.) **Overall Average Rating: 3.85**

- The college follows none of these virtues.
- Teachers here are all understanding and willing to help.
- SBC is an excellent community college. It's just that I didn't have time to participate in any clubs or organizations.
- Yes the culture of the area is seen all over and is located on a reservation.
- I have been mistreated by the college because of reasons not explainable that I feel affected by school; and what is explained above.
- Being here at SBC has been a good experience I had the ability to get involve with the community and get to know the campus.
- I am able to understand right from wrong, take care of my family and relative and live healthy.
- The culture plays a part in the college so it is easier to have it a part of my everyday life.
- All classes emphasized the value on the body, mind, heart and soul. It emphasized the cultural way of living and being good to each other.

- The intellectual and social and spiritual dynamics are present but the (body) physical could be improved dramatically.
- In my sampling class, we are taken on an overnight camping trip. on this trip we get a chance to develop those values as we learn more about ourselves and our Earth.
- Well, the mind, and soul will be developed but there are no physical activities/teams offered at SBC. They need to fix this, it would bring more students.
- Attending school was a challenge in itself. I am a high school dropout who was scared to attend. I'm SO proud of this accomplishment and happy I'm finally done.
- I've learned that even though some student are quiet, loud (vocal, its best to get to know everyone. Everyone seems to have some sort of connection whether it be, class, relative, friend, friend of a friend. It's good to go outside the box than just looking straight ahead.
- I am currently enrolled in a Native American Studies class, and in doing so, I have learned a lot about the culture and its knowledge that I feel, I can apply to my daily life.
- On a positive note, I learned tolerance from conflicted scheduling, especially for 300 to 400 level bachelors program, make room for the bachelors people!
- The classes had instructor who had us be creative.
- Much of my horsemanship program reached all aspects, through working with the horses.
- I learned more about my culture that helped me better know myself as a person.
- All except the body are produced with finishing education here. Instructors make classes more accessible which in turn makes it easier to pass/better grade. School prmoting spiritual (through traditions) the best; but lacks any physical what so ever.
- The campus always has activities to bring the students together and my instructor always encourages us to get involved. Diversity week is coming up and there will be Yoga and Dance which I think challenges your body, mind, hear, and soul in just those two things.
- The necessary tasks are available to all students to make us stronger in every sense.
- The variety of courses that are required by SBC help promote and develop the balance required to be successful in all areas of a person's life. I gained many friendship and acquaintances while attending SBC.
- No social activity was held for students. No athletic activity. Little.
- We are mostly Native American students at SBC, this way of thinking, living and being is all related to a balance circle of life where everything has its place of balance and value.
- It helps to be balanced as a student through the classes that introduce cultural traditions and spirituality.
- I believe I had experience daily in classes and from the environment which led me to being mentally and spiritually healthy understanding who I am and where I came from learning about my surrounding.
- The interaction within the students and faculty is great. You wouldn't get that at a University.
- Yes I do Sitting Bull College has done a lot of great things for me.
- Feels like a big family here, so there is a lot of love! Some instructors were amazing!
- SBC promotes health and good choices.
- This is very important to be well balanced as an individual. I learned this through a number of different courses.

- As a student at Sitting Bull College I learned it is important to have balance in all areas of your life. Balance helps you focus and strive to be the best you can academically be.
- The whole college setting helped me achieve these lifestyles. The relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

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.) **Overall Average Rating: 4.29**

- Again, some teachers here know how to “draw” class participation out of students.
- I feel that being a part of student government gave me the opportunity to work effectively with other members, as well as the students themselves to generate great ideas for activities.
- I haven’t been much of a witness to this question either.
- The other students were helpful when called upon to help.
- In all my classes, we are encouraged to work as a team. When you all work together, you find answers and get your assignments done.
- In classroom activities we work in cooperative groups, also do group discussions, presentations.
- Being teamed up with a partner in class isn’t always easy, but in doing so, it helps you get to know that person and that helps in building relationships with fellow colleagues.
- I learned this from group projects and classroom discussions.
- I LOVE group work! We did a lot in English class (my fav). Helps you to see things in a different way.
- In each of my classes, we as students worked together as team members on projects.
- I learned to work with other people. I learned it takes a lot of patience to work with people you may not always agree with.
- I have learned to work effectively with others in my classroom activities. I have also learned this through my internship and believe I am a better team player after my experience.
- In interviewing we had a lot of hands on class experiences as well as speech class. My internships have been extremely helpful.
- In ENG 120 we did much peer work, as well as in BIO 150.
- I learned this by working in team projects in some of my classes.
- Unless leadership is stressed more, then students are getting only a taste of working with others.
- I think they will, there still moving forward to learn.
- Yes, I believe I have a better outlook on working together in a group because of the classes that I took that had labs. It gave me a chance to meet new people and make new friends.
- This area is really small so we all know each other or know someone in common. This makes working together easier which in turn I think causes a better result in the activity. Jon Eagle had us do a circle of questions and answers together. The whole class would talk until we were told to stop. We had great answers for each other and had a good time becoming acquainted.

- Having a group activity was a good experience. It got me involved with what's going on in the classroom.
- My past work experiences have taught me to work accurately, efficiently, effectively and most of all responsibly. I get along with all my co-workers, family and friends and community.
- Scholarship involvement really helps because some of those organizations send material that offers internships and co-op learning. College can do more in that area.
- Each class had a part in where we had to work with each other in a cooperative way. Group projects, meetings, clubs
- The classroom atmosphere was great and one was able to get along with classmates and faculty.
- Part of my degree requires internship hours. The internships help us learn about different jobs that are available for us. We get a real hands-on learning experience from this.
- It is up to the student if he or she is willing to grow up and act right.
- One of the most fun aspects of college was meeting new people and making friends as well. I am a people person and my job will be working and helping them.
- Was able to work with other students in some of the courses.
- While attending SBC I've learned how valuable a good team play aspect on approach to effectively accomplish what task or tasks need to be done with the best results possible.

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.) **Overall Average Rating: 3.91**

- As a Tribal College, SBC is cultural aware of the many different races that attend SBC.
- I do not think any culture should be forced on any student; it should be their personal choice to learn the language/history and culture.
- I really enjoyed my Native American language class because I learned a lot about myself which gives me pride in my heritage.
- Being in my own culture makes me feel good about my heritage.
- My NAS105 class taught me much about the Lakota culture.
- I can communicate with all age groups I speak and understand the Lakota/Dakota Language. I also sing gospel songs in Lakota at church and funerals.
- I learned culture as my major being Native Studies, from my classes.
- Too many cultural activities a little more focus on "Why I need this Education"
- Yes, I took Dak/Lak and still continue to learn more through books, elders, etc.
- In my Lakota Class especially and my nursing class it emphasized American Indian Culture and its importance.
- Lakota Language was taught and required. The Culture Club was very active. Native American Studies were inspiring and mind-opening.
- Yes the Lakota language was required to take. plus there's the Pow wow that the college puts on
- Currently, I am in the L/Dakota history class and I also took part of the L/Dakota language class and feel that I have learned so much information that I can pass on to my children.

- I didn't participate in clubs, but good job to the organizers at the SBC pow-wow.
- I would love to take a two-year degree in Native American studies.
- Just about all my classes, we talked about our culture. Even in Algebra (Mr. Baang's class), we talked about numbers and what they meant.
- I did not participate in any clubs. So far I have not participated in any events. I have taken Native American Studies.
- I learned Lakota language to an extent that helped me understand my grandmother way better. It was the help of Gladys Hawk, a great individual.
- SBC AI culture classes are wonderful, and there is a lot to learn. It's great learning about your own ancestors, and how and where they lived.
- I have studied some culture but I do not know everything.
- Our American Indian Culture is ever present at SBC. We have signs in our native language, a culture club, courses to take, and we live in "Indian Country". To me being a Lakota lady and attending SBC is a great pride. I don't have to leave my home to get a quality education or sacrifice anytime away from Wacipis because I can still live on my reservation.
- The only real cultural event our college offers is our annual pow-wow! =( I feel we need more cultural events to happen. Other than our pow-wow we have diversity week but I still don't think that's enough for us.
- They are classes offered at SBC, it is up to the student. I like that you need to take Lakota/Dakota language to graduate. =)
- I knew nothing/very little about my culture. It's a very interesting history.
- Keeping the culture alive is vital and done here at SBC.
- I did learn some important information regarding American Indians. I will definitely take what I learned into my future classroom.
- At first Lakota/Dakota language was hard just because I didn't know the language now I'm glad we had to take it better helps me with my own lang.
- Enjoyed the Lakota language courses.
- I have studied American Indian culture in my Dakota Lakota language class as well as student success. I was thankful for the experience and exposure to the material used.
- We are all living in the circle of life. What you put into something is what you will eventually get back, so it is always best to be humble, respectful as you can, success is right there around the bend.

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.) **Overall Average Rating: 4.20**

- The use of the updated newest technology is used at SBC.
- Technology is stressed throughout a semester but a broader aspect could help with changing times.
- I had a computer course and we were exposed to different computer systems in clinical which was a great help.
- Les Siewert intro to computers class (office 2007) was very helpful, gave me a useful way to study APA.

- Computers and laptops were offered which helped me a great deal.
- Yes. SBC should consider degrees in Technology and incorporate more than just PC computers try MAC
- This is the best part about Sitting Bull College. Technology is used and learned by all students in all our classes.
- Technology is used in classroom, for presentations; learn about technology and adaptive equipment for kids. Lots of access to computers.
- Some of the technological uses of online classes was poor.
- Computer classes along with having an IVN room helps a great deal to understand and get a glimpse of the possibilities for the future.
- I'm great with computers and everything that comes with it.
- ARSC 165 taught me how to use business software. SOC100 also taught me great resources online.
- We are constantly using current technology. With the internet ever changing and speeding up students everywhere are connected all the time and being on the reservation is no exclusion. Student can connect on personal computers, college computers, lap tops, cell phones...it seems there is no end to the ways we can communicate now. I would have to say all classes have this ability everyday for any reason.
- All of my classes revolve around technology. I think it's great that most of our work is done on the computer.
- As a prerequisite, I was required to partake in computer technology classes which have been very helpful in bettering my understanding technology and the variety of ways to use it.
- Some students are older than others. This can be difficult for teachers and students.
- Technology is a very large component in today's world; you practically need to have a strong background in it.
- I was not familiar with different computer programs until now. I am now confident with the basic computer programs thanks to my computer course.
- From the computer classes to the access to computer labs, SBC has great exposure to computers and the Internet.
- SBC has a 1<sup>st</sup> class system and are teaching the students top notch skills.
- They will have the needs to be able to hold a job.
- Being in the computer classes was very interesting to my knowledge.
- I learned a lot in my class, Integrating Technology into your classroom. Will definitely help me in the Future.
- The world is a fast pacing technological world. Computer usage has made my skills more advanced that before.
- I have training and a degree in office systems. I am very computer literate. I do all my basic trouble shooting at home and office and I can master new software as they become available, I love technology copiers, fax, calculators, printers, telephone etc.
- I learned technology in my computer classes.
- Was encouraged to develop computer skills and given opportunity on a regular basis to implement these in many of the courses.

- I am prepared for the technology world through my intro to computer apps course. I am comfortable with the programs I use at my internship because of my courses at Sitting Bull College.
- The technological world is always advancing, here at SBC the courses are always upgrading to keep us up with the newest happening, it is up to us to learn the skills needed

**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.)

**Overall Average Rating: 4.00**

- Did not participate in any type of environmental science activities.
- They were fun being outside and more hands on was such a good experience.
- My outcome came again from a number of different courses. You are taught to be a respectful citizen Especially in Elementary Education.
- I've always respected mother earth but environmental Science put a way better perspective on how we can make it better. This was 1 fun class! Daniel B. Rocks
- I grew up the Lakota/Dakota way. I am very respectful of mother earth and all animals and beings on earth. I take care of our elderly and children any way I can. I also help out anyone in need and respect all people. Every day I do one good deed for someone and it makes me feel good. I love every day I have been given and Live Life to the fullest.
- I have not been on any trips.
- I discovered a new respect for the earth and our native plants in my ethnobotany course. I am thankful for the experience and knowledge I've gained from this course.
- The Earth has suffered enough, now ????? it is not too late to right some of the wrongs, which gravely need to be dealt with while we still have time to do so.
- Yes, but through a mastery rather than focus on with science. Students view it as a task or grade value but maturity of the ???? follows.
- I didn't have much to do with this as time did not allow it. however I know the college has groups that have done this
- No personal outcome either, there needs to be more hands on for GPS training outdoors at least 3 weeks training
- I do feel SBC students are very respectful citizens.
- We went outside, studied the river hands on Environment
- Graduating from SBC give you respect for your accomplishment, you family and community.
- Through classroom projects, service learning projects, recycling on campus learning about environment in class.
- I traveled to Costa Rica and learned a lot about other cultures and people in general.
- In many classes held at SBC, you learn a lot about the environment, whether it's part of the class or just discussion. You're always learning something new.
- Yes it is not good to litter and it's always good to help keep the earth clean.
- Through the horsemanship program and rodeo community my time spent outdoors was very enjoyable.

- I agree strongly on this topic. This is our Earth and land; we need to all work together to make it a better place. What I would like to see more of is having more clean-up days around town.
- I feel I was already fairly matured by the time I started college, however, being a student and meeting many new people definitely tests your level of respect and you gain new contacts through it.
- Not sure how SBC does this. So I will say average.
- If you show respect, then you will receive. Individuals show a lot of respect @ SBC, so there is a lot returned.
- Environment science is a great class but the only reason is because of the instructor. He makes it interesting to learn and not many instructors can.
- The majority of the students are already respectful citizens of the Earth. I would like to see more recycling done on this campus.
- SBC has taught many aspects of protecting Mother Earth.
- I think this applies to people from different areas that come to FY; learn about the people on the reservation
- I've definitely learned more about the Earth through my classes this year. I've learned of medicinal remedies that come from the Earth. Just driving to and from classes have helped me appreciate and respect the weather and animals. I've had a lot of miles to drive this semester and the weather conditions can play a major role in a college career's attendance. Even the students who live locally had a hard time through this winter. However keeping an eye out for our four legged relatives when driving home at night taught me patience, when I wanted to race home I would think of deer, cattle, or horses that could be wondering on the road in the pitch black.