The newsletter for students, faculty, alumni, and anyone looking to stay informed on news and events happening at Sitting Bull College!

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LIBRARY UPDATES

The Sitting Bull College (SBC) Library is dedicated to providing library resources and services to Sitting Bull College faculty, students, and staff. When COVID-19 pandemic restrictions are discontinued, the library will again grant access to the public in accordance with the SBC re-opening plan, its guiding principles, and administrative directives. Check back frequently for updates. The following plan provides an overview of our services and resources that we will offer during this time.

LIBRARY COVID-19 BUILDING RULES

In conformity with institute protocols, the Sitting Bull College Library has implemented requirements to help keep all of our faculty, students, and staff safe during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Masks are required in the building at all times including when sitting in the individual study cubicles.
- Use hand sanitizer located throughout the building.
- Practice social distancing. Do not move any furniture.
- Clean your study area before and after use. Cleaning supplies are provided.

HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Fridays - Closed (Reopening August 6)

You can check back for updated Library hours by calling 701-854-8008 or checking the Sitting Bull College Website at www.sittingbull.edu. Click on the Community tab and select Library.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Online Research Resources
Books
Public Access Computers
Public Access Printer
Interlibrary Loan

Jodi Thunder Hawk takes on a new role as Library Director. Thunder Hawk is a graduate of Sitting Bull College in the Master's of Business Administration program. While pursuing her masters degree at SBC, she worked as the Executive Coordinator for the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Prior to that, she worked several years as a library assistant while pursuing her bachelor's degree at SBC.

SBC Human Services student, Regan Dunn, has also transitioned into a new position as an SBC library assistant. Dunn was previously working with Lakota children in the SBC campus facility, the Nest, which is the combined entities of the Lakȟól’iyapi Wahóŋpi Lakota Language Nest/Wičhákini Owáyawa School and Kampus Kids Learning Center.
Construction is underway for a new Research Science Building at Sitting Bull College (SBC). The building will have accessible atmospheric monitoring equipment on the roof of the building. Included in the rooftop instrumentation will be a ceilometer which uses radar or other light sources to determine the height of a cloud ceiling or cloud base. A ceilometer is also used to measure the aerosol concentration within the atmosphere. A Pandora spectrometer instrument will also be mounted on the roof. It is used to measure the amounts of trace gases in the atmosphere. These gases include nitrogen dioxide and ozone.

The largest room on the main floor of the building will be a laboratory for collecting and analyzing atmospheric data. Other rooms include a robotics laboratory for the pre-engineering degree program, an analytical chemistry laboratory for science classes, and offices for faculty and graduate students. Two SBC master’s degree students, Kimberlee Blevins and Floris White Bull, will be conducting their research from data collected from the monitoring equipment and NASA satellites.

Research has been conducted for a long time at SBC, but the laboratory studies have been done mainly in classrooms. This is the first building at SBC to be dedicated primarily to scientific research. The new building is the result of a grant to SBC from NASA under the MIRO program. SBC obtained additional funding for the final construction of the new building. The building is expected to be completed in September of 2021.
The years of 2020 and 2021 have brought many changes to the world of financial aid. In this article, we will highlight just a few of them.

A change in federal law has made more students temporarily eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, temporarily expands SNAP eligibility to allow students who either:

1. Are eligible to participate in State or Federally financed work study during the regular academic year, as determined by the institution of higher education, or
2. Have an expected family contribution (EFC) of 0 in the current academic year. The EFC is calculated from the information you provide when you complete the FAFSA.

Beginning January 16, 2021, students who meet one of the two criteria outlined above may receive SNAP if they meet all other financial and non-financial SNAP eligibility criteria. The new, temporary exemptions will be in effect until 30 days after the COVID-19 public health emergency is lifted. For more information and to apply, students should contact their county Social Services office.

The 2021-2022 North Dakota Indian Scholarship application is live on the website. Although paper applications are an option, eligible applicants are encouraged to copy and paste the link below to complete the online application. Students can easily complete the online application, which then enables college personnel to quickly access and complete their portion of the application online as well.

https://ndus.edu/paying-for-college/nd-indian-scholarship/

The American Indian College Fund (A*CF) has changed its application process allowing students to start applying for the Full Circle Scholarship beginning on February 1 each year ending on their priority date of May 31. Applicants may continue to apply after May 31 in the event additional scholarships become available. The application is available at www.collegefund.org. Students attending a tribal college will also be considered for the Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU) scholarship when they complete the online A*CF Full Circle Scholarship application.

Sitting Bull College has another new scholarship to offer our students thanks to the generosity of Robert Fallon and Joan Leenig and the forty years of service SBC Financial Aid Director, Donna Seaboy, has dedicated to the college. In recognition of her 40 years of service, Mr. Fallon and Ms. Leenig gifted a donation to fund a $4,000 scholarship each year for four years beginning with the 2021-2022 academic year. The new scholarship is named the Donna Seaboy Scholarship. Ms. Seaboy plans to retire in 2021.

The North Dakota Legislature has set up a new scholarship for students who took dual-credit classes in high school from a North Dakota University System institution. The college scholarship lifetime maximum is $750. The first scholarship will be offered in the 2021-2022 academic year.

NOTE: The scholarship information will be posted during summer 2021 on the NDUS website www.ndus.edu/paying-for-college/.
Hello,
My name is Melanie Walking Bull, but I prefer to be called April. I am the Financial Literacy/Financial Aid Assistant at Sitting Bull College. My office is located right next to Donna Seaboy in the Student Services building. A little about me -- I live in the Wakpala District, and have one son, one dog, and 12 cats. (Yes! I’m a crazy cat lady!) I graduated from Wakpala High School in 1990 and earned my Associate’s Degree in Early Childhood at SBC. I loved the college so much, I now work here. This school has many scholarships to offer that many other colleges and universities do not, it would be in your best interest to take some time out of your day to sit down and fill out scholarship applications, or stop by to see me and we’ll do it together (I’ll talk your ear off if you mention zombies)!

Brandon Cook, SBC junior and Environmental Science student, received the North Dakota Chapter of the Wildlife Society Scholarship Award at the annual conference. Dr. Dan Buresh, Environmental Science Instructor, states that Brandon is a hard-working student who is deserving of this scholarship.
GRADUATION

Sitting Bull College 2021 Master's of Business Administration graduates are the first to graduate with an MBA from SBC! There was a total of 62 graduates for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Sitting Bull College graduation was held at the Prairie Knights Casino Pavilion on Thursday, May 13th, at 11:00 a.m. Due to COVID-19 and social distancing mandates, graduates were allowed only six guests each including children. Each graduate had a designated table at graduation decorated with a cake, graduation gift, and candy for friends and family who attended.

The SBC annual awards ceremony was not held this year, but awards will be mailed to each student recipient. The SBC family is so proud of the graduates and all of our SBC students who have worked hard through the pandemic to reach their educational goals.
President's Honor List
4.0
Shad Agard
Desirae Beck
Alexandria Borah
Danielle Brown Otter
Jonathan Cath The Bear
Chanda DeCouteau
Tabitha Keller
Chelsey Lee
Jestin Long Feather
Donnette Medicine Horse
Darrell Morning
Elena Rodriguez
Jodi Thunder Hawk
Kaylie Trottier
Lawrence Village Center
Monica Weninger
Alexandria White
Regan White Bull

Vice President's Honor List
3.50-3.99
Tiara Quenzer
Jordan Shell Track
Destiny Village Center
Elise Hastings
Lacey Ramey
Sydney Bailey
Kaitlyn Iron Eyes
Thomas Johnson
Kandice Little Dog-Hastings
Starla Spotted Horse
D'Andrea Love Joy
Amara Martinson
Jody Wingate
Kody Murphy
Ahliyah Brought Plenty
Lindsey Twinn
Louise Usesknife
Alexandria Schwab
Teylor Talley
Katlin Tiger

Dean's Honor List
3.00-3.49
Jessica Hernandez
Regan Dunn
Kelcie Two Shields
Fred McLaughlin
Michele Thunder Hawk
Marlin Thompson
LaShae Eagle
Samantha Scanniello
Samantha Rosas
Garon Carry Moccasin
Kristi Vetter
Sage Taken Alive
Ethan Black Fox
Joshua Penny
Jaden Wells
Advanced level on the Heighten Intercultural Competency and Diversity Assessment
From: Stephanie Rusher
Alexandria White

Dedicated and scholarly students in Information Technology or Computer courses.
From: Gabriella Arellano
Zane Prentice
Colton Good Shield
Destiny Village Center
Silas Little Dog

Tax Preparation through the VITA Program.
From: Glen Philbrick
Kaitlyn Iron Eyes

Outstanding Leadership as Culture Club Officers
By: Tiffany Baker
Joseph Picotte
Donnette Medicine Horse
Carlos Picotte
Wanbli Eagle
Email Lisa.McLaughlin@sittingbull.edu requesting an online admissions application.
Complete admissions application.
Bring your high school transcripts, college transcripts (if applicable), and a copy of your tribal enrollment (if applicable).
If you have completed your FAFSA before, you will need to know your username and password. You can retrieve those with security questions and your social security number.
Students will need to bring their parent/guardians' tax information if a student filed with them on income tax in a prior year.
May 17th or 18th, bring your mask and required forms to the Student Services Center in Fort Yates, ND! You will take your temperature at the kiosk at the door and then your registration process will start with Lisa McLaughlin in the first office on the left.