

Strengths and Aspirations of North Central 1994 Land Grant Institutions

North Central Regional Center for Rural Development

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Purpose

- Create an inventory to help institutions know who is doing (and wanting to do) what.
 - Facilitate meaningful partnerships between institutions.
 - Help 1994s find successful models to replicate.

Objectives

- Gather and report data on **effective programs of study** at 1994 land grant institutions located in the North Central region
- Gather and report data on **outreach efforts** at 1994 land grant institutions located in the North Central region
- Gather and report data on **areas of potential growth** at 1994 land grant institutions located in the North Central region
- Create meaningful partnerships between participating institutions

Procedure

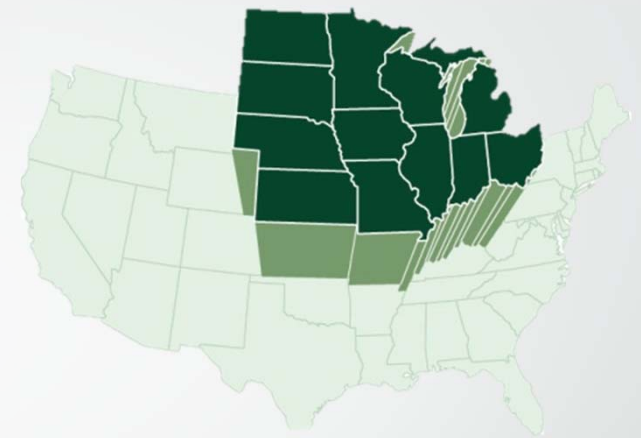
Web search of 1994 land grant designated institutions to gather:

- Contact information
- Student enrollment
- Number of faculty
- **Names of majors for Associate's and Bachelor's degrees**
- Tribal nations served by the institution
- Tribal population, resident and enrolled

Phone interviews

- **Strengths of programs of study and outreach efforts**
- **Areas of potential growth**

Procedure



- Institutions included in the search were 1994s in the North Central region
- 18 Institutions included in the web search

Results-Web Search


- Commonalities
 - Majors-Business, Education
 - Certificate programs
- Unique programs
 - Sisseton Wahpeton Prefab Home Construction
 - Gaming program offered at





Results-Web Search

- Areas of growth
 - Haskell is currently expanding its degree offerings & expanding to create a new college
 - Various colleges offered Bachelor's degrees and Associate's degrees while others only offered Associate's degrees



Preliminary Results-Phone Interviews

Little Priest Tribal College

Strengths

- Business, Teacher Education, and Indigenous Studies programs
- Outreach to local high school and during on-campus summer camp

Areas of Growth

- Area of growth-Computer Information Technology participation lacking
- Area of growth-Would like to attract Indian students living in Urban communities
 - Outreach workshop
 - On-campus living facilities



Preliminary Results-Phone Interviews


United Tribes Technical College

Strengths

- All programs of study seen as standout but highlighted Nutrition and Food Service Program and Agroecology program
- Online program addresses needs of students not in the geographical area
- Outreach program in Rapid City in addition to other outreach efforts

Areas of Growth

- Would like to see growth in food sovereignty and health and wellness for communities
- Collaboration with college recruitment team and sports team to reach out to prospective students



What you have learned about the research topic

- Institutions who participated in the phone interviews were interested in the research



Next Steps

- Complete phone interviews
- Share summaries back with interviewees for review & approval
- Publish inventory on NCRCRD web site to best practices to implement similar programs of study and outreach efforts deemed successful at other institutions



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