Strengths and Aspirations of North Central 1994 Land Grant Institutions

North Central Regional Center for Rural Development
Michigan State University
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
Contact:
Bianica Yellowhair
bianicayellowhair@gmail.com