

Opening the Doors of Opportunity Conference
Tuesday, February 16, 2010 ~ 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sitting Bull College, Science & Technology Center
Fort Yates, ND

9:30 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremony ~ Room 101/120

Master of Ceremonies

Alsace La Framboise, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe/Sitting Bull College Entrepreneurial Center
Cornelius Grant, Marketplace of Ideas

Invocation

Presentation of Colors

Standing Rock Vietnam Veterans Association

Drum and Dance Group

Night Lighters Drum and Dance Group

21st Century Community Learning Center Standing Rock Night Lights Program

Introductions and Agenda Review

Welcome

Dr. Laurel V. Vermillion, President, Sitting Bull College

Announcements

10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

General Session ~ Room 101/120

Growing Native Assets

Standing Rock invests in, grows, and protects native assets by fostering entrepreneurship and financial literacy on Standing Rock Reservation, encouraging economic development and enhancing the quality of life for all communities and residents of the reservation. This panel will offer the tools and resources needed to enhance your personal finances and business goals.

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11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Lunch ~ Room 101-120

“Opening the Doors of Opportunity”

Scott Davis, Executive Director, ND Indian Affairs Commission (insert bio & photo)

Jasper Schneider, USDA Rural Development

12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

General Session

New Job Opportunities in the Energy Industry ~ Room 101-120

The energy industry has been and will continue to be at the forefront of job opportunity. Energy technology and equipment continue to evolve, creating new jobs for skilled professionals. Energy jobs in North Dakota are abundant and training is just around the corner. These jobs are high paying and include great benefits. Join this class as we discuss energy technology, new energy equipment, and the future of energy careers.

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1:15 p.m.- 1:45 p.m.

Workshop ~ Room 101-120

How to Start and Run a School Business

Would you like a chance to test your entrepreneurship skills before you take the plunge and become a business owner? A student run school business is a great opportunity for students of any age to get a feel for what it is like to run a business. The first hand experience you gain will take your entrepreneurship skills to a whole new level. This class will cover the details of starting and running a school business. Start preparing for your future today!

Kelly Syvertson, Instructor
White Shield High School
2 2nd Avenue W
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1:15 p.m.- 1:45 p.m.

Workshop ~ Room 101-120

How to Sell Your Products on the Internet

Learn how to sell your products online through websites such as bismanonline.com. Most sites are free or inexpensive and allow your products to reach customers locally or even globally. Find out about the tips and strategies to make your selling experience more successful!
(SPEAKER PENDING)

1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

General Session ~ Room 101-120

Opening the Doors to Business Opportunity

This panel will share tribally owned business opportunities and the doors they can open for other business ventures and new job creation.

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2:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Closing Ceremony ~ Room 101-120

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Closing Remarks

Door Prize Drawings

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