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Advanced Networking With Minority-Serving Institutions (AN-MSI) is funded by the National Science Foundation through EDUCAUSE to assist minority-serving institutions (MSIs) to plan and deploy network systems to fulfill their educational missions. Approximately 100 Hispanic-Serving Institutions (“HSIs”), Historic Black Colleges and Universities (“HBCUs”) and Tribal Colleges and Universities (“TCUs”) in 31 states, as well as in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, are part of AN-MSI. Information on the project and items referred to below may be found at AN-MSI’s website at: www.anmsi.org (see News Section).

Recent News:

On Wednesday, May 15, the Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF) held its 8th Annual Exhibit and Reception for Senators, Representatives, and staffers. The AN-MSI project had a display and on-hand was Carrie Billy, Ramon Harris, and Valerie Rice who answered questions about the AN-MSI project and about community network activities.

On June 12, the Chronicle of Higher Education (http://chronicle.com) wrote an article entitled “Educause Seeks Minority Colleges for a Cooperative Distance-Learning Project” on AN-MSI. Writer Florence Olsen featured AN-MSI’s efforts to provide distance learning capability to MSIs through our partnership with dot.edu led by Charlene Douglas. “Dot.edu now hosts nearly 11,000 courses, in various stages of development, for 83 in-state and out-of-state campuses.” However, this has not been targeted at MSIs until they began a partnership with AN-MSI. Dave is quoted as seeking interested MSIs to participate in this collaboration: “some really good technical horsepower already exists within Minority institutions and communities. What we need to do is to get ourselves organized.” (See AN-MSI website, News, for article.)

Campus Site Visits:

AN-MSI has responded to requests from 22 MSIs to help them assess and plan their networking needs. The previous campuses assisted by AN-MSI teams include: University of Texas-El Paso; Tougaloo College; Saint Augustine’s College; Arizona Western College; Oakwood College; Langston University; LeMoyne-Owen College; Haskell Indian Nations University; Blackfeet Community College; Nebraska Indian Community College; Ogilala Lakota College; Fond du Lac College; Leech Lake College; Fort Belknap College; Stone Child College; Little Big Horn College; and Chief Dull Knife College. AN-MSI also made a second site visit to UTEP at the request of the college president in May.

Since the last newsletter, additional visits were made to: Ft. Berthold College; Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute; University of Alaska, Fairbanks-Aleutians College; Ilisaqivik College; Sitting Bull College; with another visit to UTEP at the invitation of the University. (UTEP’s President commented that the AN-MSI visits is “one of the best things that has happened at UTEP.”) AN-MSI has been invited to visit Ft. Peck Community College; College of Menominee Nation; Delaware State University; and North Carolina A&T.

For interest in a campus visit, please contact your community leader or Ron Langley, rlangley@bak.rr.com.

Wireless Project:

Detailed schedules for completion of the project at each of the three tribal colleges are being finalized with the colleges. The plans call for completion of equipment installation and turnover to the colleges by August 31, 2002.
Coming Up:

**AN-MSI Meetings:**

The Tribal Colleges and Universities are planning a meeting for technical staff in August on security and network management. For more information, contact Steve Depuis at: steve_depuis@skc.edu.

**The annual EDUCAUSE conference:** (E’02) in Atlanta, GA. E’02 will begin October 2 and end October 4. To register for E'02, please visit: [http://www.educause.edu](http://www.educause.edu). More information will be posted on the AN-MSI web site soon.

**KnowledgeNet Training:** KnowledgeNet, an Arizona company providing high quality online network training that does not require staff to be away from the campus, will begin training AN-MSI member staffs as a part of a pilot program. This training program, using one of their online courses, will begin in July. The course offered is a comprehensive review of the management of networks, the basic course needed for Cisco network certification. For more information, contact your community leader or Ron Langley.

**AN-MSI Financial Status:** Alex Ramirez, Carrie Billy, Dave Staudt, Laura-Lee Davidson, Ramon Harris and Tom Davis met in June in Washington to review expenditures to date and to begin developing plans for the remainder of the project. Procedures for selecting future projects, and the format for presenting AN-MSI’s financial status are being finalized. The guidelines and financial status will be reported to the community in July.

**Collaborative Projects and proposals:** In an effort to provide up-to-date information on collaborative projects and for assistance in developing collaborative proposals, AN-MSI will post descriptions of collaborative projects and an outline for developing collaborative proposals—with an offer of assistance by Al Kuslikis—on AN-MSI’s website.

**Caucus Call:** Minutes from caucus calls can be found at AN-MSI’s website.

**EDUCAUSE events:**

Advanced Campus Architectural Middleware Planning (CAMP), July 31–August 2, 2002 at Boulder, Colorado, and Seminars on Academic Computing (SAC) 2002 Program August 2-7, 2002 at Snowmass Village, Colorado. For more information and to register, go to: [www.educause.edu](http://www.educause.edu).

**EOT-PACI**

**EOT-PACI Regional Workshops:** The National Computational Science Institute (NCSI) will host a series of 6 regional introductory workshops this summer on the use of computational science, numerical models, and data visualization tools across the curriculum. The next scheduled workshops are: July 14-20 at San Diego State University, CA; July 21-27 at Rochester Institute of Technology, New York; July 28-August 3 at Corpus Christi, TX; and November 16-22 at SC2002 in Baltimore. See [www.computationalscience.net](http://www.computationalscience.net) for more information.

**Supercomputing 2002 Conference (SC2002):** will be held November 16-22 in Baltimore, MD. SC2002 is the premier high performance computing and networking industry conference. The Education Program encourages program participation by undergraduate faculty and faculty teams partnering with teams of K-12 teachers and will have the latest in teaching technologies, as well as information on student career opportunities. Registration and information on the Education Program, as well as on travel and housing expense support, are available at: [www.sc-conference.org/sc2002](http://www.sc-conference.org/sc2002). Roscoe Giles of EOT-PACI is the Conference Chair, another reason to attend and support the event.