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:

KnowledgeNet, an Arizona company providing high quality online network training that does not require staff to be away from the campus, has begun training AN-MSI member staffs as a part of a pilot program. The course offered is a comprehensive review of the management of networks, the basic course needed for Cisco network certification. Positive feedback has already been received: "I have thoroughly enjoyed the ICND class. I have learned so much that will help in the administration of our total Cisco network. I would highly recommend the class to anyone working in a Cisco environment" said one participant. "Once this training is completed, I am confident that I would be able to pass the Cisco certification tests with no problem. I highly recommend KnowledgeNet for our training needs and look forward to more KnowledgeNet training in the future" said another. For more information, contact your community leader or Ron Langley.

The University of Texas at El Paso has completed pressing a 5-CD set on the videoconferences the university hosted this past year on asynchronous learning. Each AN-MSI institution and community leaders will be receiving one set. Congratulations and thanks to Henry Ingle and Charles Elerick.

Joe Douglas, Director of the Student Technical Services (STS) Center from the University of Wisconsin, sent Beth Schaefer to Bethune-Cookman to give a requested presentation on STS on July 25th. Bobbi Hall, on behalf of Margaret Massey and Bethune-Cookman College said: "We have certainly taken away some valuable knowledge to assist us in our journey towards a "Campus Solutions Center". More importantly, we hope we have found a potential partner with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and AN-MSI for future collaborative efforts." Beth (and STS) received kudos for providing an outstanding day of information and collaborative support for Bethune-Cookman College.

Campus Site Visits:

AN-MSI has responded to requests from 24 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; Oglala Lakota College; Fond du Lac College; Leech Lake College; Fort Belknap College; Stone Child College; Little Big Horn College; Chief Dull Knife College; Fort Berthold College; Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute; University of Alaska, Fairbanks-Aleutians College; Ilisaqvik College; and Sitting Bull 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 Fort Peck and one to the College of Menominee Nation, with yet another visit to UTEP at the invitation of the University. (UTEPI’s President commented that the series of AN-MSI visits is "one of the best things that has happened at UTEP.") AN-MSI has been invited to visit Delaware State University and North Carolina A&T. In addition, the TCU community leaders and AN-MSI will meet in August to develop a schedule to complete the rest of the tribal college visits. For interest in a campus visit, please contact your community leader or Ron Langley, rlangley@bak.rr.com.
Wireless Project:

Site surveys and field tests have been completed and installation has begun at the three tribal 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 15-17 on security and network management. For more information, contact Steve Dupuis at: steve_dupuis@skc.edu.

The annual EDUCAUSE conference: (E’02) in Atlanta, GA will begin October 2 and end October 4. AN-MSI invitees have been notified about a Wednesday, October 2 dinner meeting, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency and a meeting on Friday, October 4th from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Please visit http://www.educause.edu using the code sent to AN-MSI invitees to register and to reserve a hotel room. More information will be posted on the AN-MSI web site soon.

AN-MSI Financial Status: Procedures for selecting future projects are being reviewed by NSF.

Collaborative Projects and proposals: A dialogue between community leaders and AN-MSI officials has begun about expanding the southern California HSI Security project throughout the AN-MSI communities and to use the proposed expansion both as a future operating model and to secure additional funding for AN-MSI member projects. Contact your community leaders for additional information on this discussion.

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

EOT-PACI

EOT-PACI Regional Workshops: The National Computational Science Institute (NCSI) hosted 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 scheduled workshops were: 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 a future one on November 16-22 at SC2002 in Baltimore. For information on the concluded workshops, contact Stephennie McLean at: smclean@ncsa.uiuc.edu. For more information on the November workshop, see www.computationalscience.net.

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. Roscoe Giles of EOT-PACI is the Conference Chair, another reason to attend and support the event.

HBCU Announcement

Allison Clark, Assistant Director of Digital Equity Initiatives, NCSA/The Alliance, has asked us to get the word out that there are 118 HBCU National ROTC scholarships available—opportunity for a 4-year scholarship. All HBCU’s that host NROTC units will provide these scholarships. They are: Southern University; Morehouse College; Spellman University; Morris Brown University; Hampton University; Norfolk State University; Florida A&M University; Savannah State University; and Prairie View A&M. For additional information contact Robert C. Morris III, Major, USMC Special Assistant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Personnel Programs (703) 693-0237 or Dr. Allison Clark, (207) 244-0768.