

Native Educators Camp

In July 2017, the new Bureau of Indian Affairs Southwest CASC liaison, in conjunction with the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, led the first ever “Tribal Climate Change Action Camp” at the Navajo Technical College in Crownpoint, NM. South Central CASC staff assisted with planning and conducting many of the activities at the camp, including several presentations and demonstrations. As part of the camp curriculum, attendees developed mini grant proposals to work on projects back in their communities. These included projects such as rain barrel outreach and phenology education for youth.

With the new addition of Atherton Phleger as the New Mexico Tribal Liaison at the South Central CASC, we expect stronger engagement with New Mexico Pueblos and Tribes in the coming years. Phleger is housed in our Norman, OK office, but commonly spends one to two weeks per month in New Mexico to enhance our engagement with Native American communities in our region.