

## **Laurel Vermillion**

President  
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Dr. Laurel Vermillion, a recognized member of the Hunkpapa-Lakota peoples of the Standing Rock Reservation, serves as president of Sitting Bull College. She is married to husband Duane and together they have three children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandsons. Dr. Vermillion is an alumna of Sitting Bull College (SBC). She began her higher education at SBC when it was known as Standing Rock Community College (SRCC). She received her baccalaureate degree in Elementary Education through an articulation agreement between Standing Rock Community College and the University of North Dakota (UND) in 1980. During her 14 years as an elementary teacher for the Fort Yates, ND BIA Elementary School, she pursued and completed a Masters degree in Education Administration from UND. Soon after, she relocated to Marty, SD and served as Principal at the Marty Indian School before moving back to the Standing Rock Reservation. In 1995, she accepted the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs at Sitting Bull College and eventually became Vice President of Operations in 1999. During her seven years as Vice President of Operations at Sitting Bull College, she completed a doctorate degree in Higher Education - Teaching and Learning from the University of North Dakota. Laurel is an active board member for numerous non-profit and community service groups, including the Standing Rock Education Consortium, Standing Rock Education Leaders, the North Dakota Association of Tribal Colleges (NDATC), Recruiting American Indian Nurses (RAIN) program, Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation, Travois New Markets, American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) and National Science Foundation-Education & Human Resources (NSF-EHR) Advisory Committee.