(Blanding, UT) – In late July, the Utah State University Blanding campus welcomed students from American Indian Services (AIS). The day included a tour of the campus along with several presentations from campus representatives.

AIS is a non-profit that for 40 years has helped Native Americans access high-quality education, while preserving their culture and heritage. The organization offers scholarships and programs that prepare students to succeed academically and in their careers, especially in STEM professions.

Justin Bergeman, the director of Career and Technical Education at USU Blanding, told the students how industry experience, skills, education, and work ethic led to his current career.

Other speakers included Eric Tooke, a lab technician in the heavy equipment and trucking program, and Meghan McFall, director of the USU Blanding Small Business Development Center, shared tips on how to be a successful student and how resources at USU Blanding’s SPARC Building can support business owners of any age with training and certifications, small business consulting, and a community business incubator and coworking space.

AIS visitors also toured the SPARC Building and the heavy equipment and trucking program’s facilities.

To learn more about the SPARC building services and USU Blanding, visit caas.usu.edu/avte/sparc.