



YSU Office of Assessment

Spring 2014 Update

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Spotlight: National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) 2013 Results Snapshot

We are very excited to begin sharing the results of the NSSE with the YSU community. Please click on the image to see some of the summary results from our spring 2013 survey of all first-year and senior students on the YSU campus. A few highlights:



- YSU students responded at higher rates than students at other Ohio institutions, and our seniors responded at a higher rate than the national sample!
- YSU students report more engaging experiences with faculty relative to students at peer institutions
- YSU freshmen report lower levels of collaborative learning and supportive campus environments relative to our peer institutions.
- YSU seniors participate in high-impact educational practices (HIP), shown to positively impact student success, at higher rates than our peer institutions--89% report participating in one or more HIPs!

Would you like to hear more? Join us for one of our overview workshops in February.

Want to dive into the data? Our Lunch n' Learns throughout the spring semester will examine individual themes and data.

We will seek to develop recommendations for campus improvement based on these and other discussions across campus.

If you are interested in scheduling a NSSE overview workshop for your campus group, please contact our office.

Spring 2014 Workshops

Click below to register

NSSE Overview Workshop (all the same workshop)

- [Tuesday, February 18, 2-3pm](#)
- [Wednesday, February 19, 11am-12pm](#)
- [Wednesday, February 26, 2014, 1-2pm](#)
- [Thursday, February 27, 10-11am](#)

NSSE Lunch n' Learn Workshops (each session focuses on a different NSSE theme or module; all workshops are Thursdays from 12:30-1:30pm; space limited)

- [March 20—Experiences with Faculty \(survey theme\)](#)
- [March 27—Learning with Peers \(survey theme\)](#)
- [April 10—Academic Advising \(added questions module\)](#)
- [April 17—Campus Environment \(survey theme\)](#)
- [April 24—Academic Challenge \(survey theme\)](#)
- [May 8—Development of Transferable Skills \(added questions module\)](#)

Creating a Poster Workshop (for those interested in our poster competition, but would like some how-to help!)

- [Monday, March 3, 1-2pm](#)
- [Thursday, March 6, 10-11am](#)

Call for Poster Competition and Mini-Grant Program Applications

Best Practices in Assessment Poster Competition

Share the good work going on in assessment in your department and win money for professional development!

- Both academic and co-curricular departments encouraged to participate
- Cost of the poster paid for by the Office of Assessment.
- Poster intent forms due February 28, 2014; completed posters due March 28, 2014.
- New this year! We are offering a workshop in creating a poster (see sidebar to register).
- [Click here](#) or visit our website for more info and to register.

Assessment Mini-Grant Call for Proposals

Got an idea for improving student learning assessment in your department or program?

The Office of Assessment is pleased to announce a call for mini-grant applications this spring. The YSU Assessment Min-Grant Program provides funds for small projects that target the assessment and improvement of learning and helps build the assessment capacity of departments and programs at YSU.

Last year \$10,000 was awarded to nine different projects from both academic and co-curricular departments. Awards have ranged from just a few hundred dollars to several thousand. The deadline to submit a proposal is March 31st. See the submission guidelines and application [here](#) on our website.

Recent Accomplishments: General Education Assessment Presentation

“The ROAD: Assessing Writing and Critical Thinking with the VALUE Rubrics”

Presentation at the 2014 Higher Learning Commission Annual Meeting by Tod Porter, Joe Palardy, Angela Messenger, and Hillary Fuhrman

My YSU colleagues and I will be presenting at the HLC Annual Meeting in Chicago this April on the development of the ROAD project on campus and its use for general education learning outcomes assessment and campus improvement.

Only 150 out of over 400 submissions were accepted. We will also have an article included in the conference proceedings.

Save the Date!

4th Annual Assessment Appreciation and Poster Competition Event Wednesday, April 30th, 10:30-12:30, Chestnut Room

An open house with assessment project posters and refreshments will be from 10:30-12:30, with an announcement Ceremony at 11:30. We will offer appreciation to all the good work in assessment on our campus, and winners of the Assessment Mini-Grants and Assessment Poster Competition will be announced.

We hope you will join us to celebrate assessment and appreciate the good work you do at YSU in support of student learning and student success!

Assessment Updates

Academic Update:

- **Assessment Reporting:** We have had over 85% of programs reporting this year, and several more who are working with us to complete nearly finished reports. We are pleased to have such widespread participation, but we still want to reach 100% (so if you haven't sent your report—get it in!).
- **Assessment Reviews:** Over 50 of your YSU colleagues have been involved in assessment report reviewing this year—that is a record number! Review teams are completing reviews this month, and we have already begun returning feedback.

Co-Curricular Update:

- **SA TASK:** Our new group, Student Affairs Team for Assessment Skills and Knowledge, began last fall, has continued into the spring. It has been an opportunity for participants to align student learning assessment with departmental goals and to provide the time and space for deliberate consideration of continuous improvement—very exciting!
- **Save the Date: Student Affairs Assessment and Research Conference at Ohio State University:** The 2014 conference date has been announced—Friday, June 6th. Last year the Office of Assessment sponsored 12 co-curricular staff to participate in this one-day conference, and we hope to do so again. More info will be shared soon, so mark your calendars.

Office of Assessment Mission

The Youngstown State University Office of Assessment coordinates and supports assessment activities across campus. We support the accreditation standards of the Higher Learning Commission by assisting faculty and staff in systematic, comprehensive assessment and improvement of student learning. The Youngstown State University Mission and 2020 Strategic Plan guides our work in building a positive culture of assessment, using of data responsibly to improve institutional practice, and using assessment to support and promote student success.

Speaker Idea?	Services and Programs	Contact
Have an idea about a student learning assessment-related speaker or topic you'd like to see on our campus?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessment workshops• One-on-one or departmental assessment consultations (by appointment)	Hillary Fuhrman Director hlfuhrman@ysu.edu 330-941-2453
It can be directly related, as in assessment-focused, or more related to a campus focus on reflective teaching and learning, such as flipping a classroom.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessment Innovation Mini-Grant Programs• Best Practices in Assessment Poster Competition• Professional development opportunities for faculty and staff to improve student learning assessment skills and knowledge	Eileen Esposito Administrative Assistant eyesposito01@ysu.edu 330-941-2014
We're looking for ideas, so let us know!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administration and dissemination of campus-wide student learning assessments (e.g., NSSE)	Tiffany Varney Graduate Assistant 330-941-2451 YSU Office of Assessment Tod Hall 359 330-941-2285 fax ysuassessment@ysu.edu web.ysu.edu/assessment

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