Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement

Institutional Users

What is BCSSE?

The Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement collects data about entering college students’ high school academic and co-curricular experiences, as well as their expectations for participating in educationally purposeful activities during the first college year. BCSSE administration usually takes place prior to the start of fall classes and is designed to be paired with a NSSE administration at the end of the first college year, providing an in-depth understanding of first-year student engagement on your campus.

How Can I Learn More About BCSSE?

On April 8, there was a free webinar for people who wanted to learn more about BCSSE. For those who missed the webinar, a recording in its entirety is available at: http://nsse.iub.edu/webinars/archives.cfm.

A pdf version of the power point presentation used in the webinar is also available: http://nsse.iub.edu/webinars/TuesdaysWithNSSE/IntroBCSSE/2008_April_webinar.pdf

This webinar is part of a series hosted by the NSSE Institute. There will be another BCSSE webinar on September 23. More information about this and other webinars can be found at: http://nsse.iub.edu/webinars/TuesdaysWithNSSE.cfm

You can also download the Invitation to Participate for more information.

How is the BCSSE Survey Administered?

BCSSE is available in either paper- or Web-based formats. Institutions may administer BCSSE as part of new student orientation programs in the summer or during the first two weeks of the fall term, depending on academic calendar and assessment needs.

Why Participate in BCSSE?

Everyone wants to use a tool that really works. NSSE results provide faculty and staff with information they can