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**BACKGROUND MATERIALS  
Wednesday, December 6, 2023**

- 1. Office of Research Services Quarterly Report** **Tab 1**  
The Quarterly Report from the Office of Research Services is presented for the Board of Trustees' information.
- 2. Current Accreditation Activity** **Tab 2**  
The report on accreditation activity shows recent accreditations and upcoming site visits and documents submitted.
- 3. Academic Programs Update** **Tab 3**  
The report outlines new program development.

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: October 17, 2023

To: Dr. Brien Smith, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

From: Office of Research Services (ORS)

Re: FY24 First Quarter Report

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Please see attached the FY24 First Quarter Report as prepared for delivery to the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee of the Board of Trustees.

ORS staff managed **55** grant administration activities during this quarter (**20** submissions and **35** awards/contracts). Additionally, the IRB processed 38 new protocols and 10 modifications.

Notable highlights:

- YSU was awarded over \$2M from the ODHE Great Minds Fellowship.
- Dr. Powe, Associate Professor of Public Health received a \$719,008 award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for a community health project.
- Dr. Doug Genna, Professor of Chemistry, was awarded a Research Undergraduate Institution (RUI) award and an Early-Concept for Exploratory Research (EAGER) from the National Science Foundation.
- Dr. Alina Lazar, Professor of Computer Science, received almost \$600,000 from the Department of Energy for a project on pattern recognition in collaboration with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.
- The Division of Workforce Education and Innovation received an award for training in telecommunication (Broadband and 5G).

Accompanying this submission is the FY24 First Quarter Detail Report, which provides greater detail regarding the institutional submissions and awards.

**EXECUTIVE  
SUMMARY**

First Quarter Report – FY24  
July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023

**Submitted Proposals to External Agencies:** **Total**

Q1 Total Dollars Requested:	\$3,409,965
Q1 Indirect Cost Requested:	\$276,381
Q1 Total Proposals Worked:	25
Q1 Total Projects Submitted:	20

**New Awards from External Agencies:** **Total**

Q1 Total Dollars Awarded:	\$6,403,233
Q1 Indirect Costs Awarded:	\$417,016
Q1 Total Projects Awarded:	35

**Q1 YTD Comparison:**

	<b><u>FY 23</u></b>	<b><u>FY 24</u></b>
<i>Q1 Submissions</i>	23	20
<i>Q1 Dollars Requested</i>	\$6,548,521	\$3,409,965
<i>Q1 Awards</i>	31	35
<i>Q1 Dollars Awarded</i>	\$4,666,178	\$6,403,233
<i>YTD Submissions</i>	23	20
<i>YTD Awards</i>	31	35

FY23 Q1 Total Active Awards: 127  
FY24 Q1 Total Active Awards: 133

FY23 Q1 Total Research Expenditures: \$2,701,711  
FY24 Q1 Total Research Expenditures: \$2,745,971

**Proposals Submitted to External Agencies**  
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PI Name	Department	Funding Agency	Amount Requested	Indirect Costs Requested	YSU Cost-Share
Panaitof, C.	Chemical and Biological Sciences	National Science Foundation	\$ 251,181	\$ 41,269	\$ -
Genna, D.	Chemical and Biological Sciences	National Science Foundation	\$ 149,686	\$ 26,485	\$ -
Wakefield, T.	Mathematics and Statistics	Howmet Foundation	\$ 20,000	\$ 4,165	\$ -
Deschenes, R.	Engineering	National Science Foundation	\$ 199,871	\$ 27,877	\$ -
Ehsani, s.	Engineering	National Science Foundation	\$ 196,554	\$ 28,435	\$ -
DeSantis, J.	Engineering	Ohio Dept of Transportation	\$ 61,742	\$ 11,758	\$ -
Wakefield, T.	Mathematics	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	\$ 1,120,000	\$ -	\$ -
Park, B.	Engineering	National Science Foundation	\$ 500,337	\$ 92,475	\$ -
Cortes, P.	Engineering	Nat Aeronautics and Space Administration	\$ 15,000	\$ 3,123	\$ -
Sharma, S.	Engineering	Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District	\$ 73,648	\$ 11,172	\$ -
Sharma, S.	Engineering	Ohio State University	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,082	\$ -
Tyus, J.	Communication	Community Foundation of Mahoning Valley	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,041	\$ -
Tyus, J.	Communication	Community Foundation of Mahoning Valley	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,082	\$ -
Veisz, P.	Small Business Development Center	Department of Defense	\$ 153,104	\$ -	\$ -
Veisz, P.	Small Business Development Center	Ohio Department of Development	\$ 48,996	\$ -	\$ -
Cianciola, E.	Office of Community Engagement	Goodwill	\$ 8,767	\$ 1,826	\$ -
Packard, F.	Student Counseling Services	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	\$ 537,825	\$ 20,064	\$ -
Cianciola, E.	Office of Community Engagement	United Way	\$ 8,534	\$ 1,777	\$ -
McNicholas, R.	Campus Recreation	Nat Intramural-Rec. Sports Ass	\$ 8,250	\$ 750	\$ -



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Ruller, J.	Division of Workforce Education and Innovation	Ohio Department of Development	\$ 26,592	\$ -	\$ -
McNicholas, R.	Campus Recreation	NE Ohio Medical University	\$ 4,878	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 3,409,965</b>	<b>\$ 276,381</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**New Awards from External Agencies**  
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PI Name	Department	Funding Agency	Amount Awarded	Indirect Costs Awarded	YSU Cost-Share
Perricellia, K.	Social Work	Dept of Health & Human Services	\$ 181,500	\$ 16,500	\$ -
O'Dell, V.	Nursing	Dept of Health and Human Services	\$ 49,040	\$ -	\$ -
Powe, N.	Graduate Studies in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences	Center for Disease Control and Prevention	\$ 719,008	\$ 26,554	\$ -
Davidson, S.	Graduate Studies in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences	Found for Phys Therapy Research	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ -
Davis, D.;	Social Work; Psychological Sciences and Counseling	Ohio Dept. of Higher Education	\$ 2,097,936	\$ -	\$ -
Protivnak, J.	Dean's office BCLASSE	Youngstown City School District	\$ 141,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 22,500
Italiano, K.	Psychological Sciences and Counseling	Youngstown City School District	\$ 84,360	\$ 5,000	\$ 52,500
Herman-McMillan, E.	Humanities and Social Sciences	City of Youngstown	\$ 10,211	\$ -	\$ -
Bralich, J.	Dean's office BCLASSE	Ohio Space Grant Consortium	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -
Henning, K.	Humanities and Social Sciences	City of Youngstown	\$ 13,265	\$ -	\$ -
Bralich, J.	Humanities and Social Sciences	City of Youngstown	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -
Bralich, J.	Humanities and Social Sciences	City of Youngstown	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -
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Christiansen-Erb, J.	McDonough Museum	Ohio Arts Connection	\$ 11,292	\$ -	\$ 11,292
Genna, D.	Chemical and Biological Sciences	National Science Foundation	\$ 346,828	\$ 65,194	\$ -
Genna, D.	Chemical and Biological Sciences	National Science Foundation	\$ 149,686	\$ 26,485	\$ -
Lazar, A.	Comp Sci, Info and Eng Tech	Department of Energy	\$ 597,313	\$ 123,340	\$ -
Park, B.	Engineering	Ohio Space Grant Consortium	\$ 16,000	\$ -	\$ 12,500
Park, B.	Engineering	Ohio Space Grant Consortium	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Cooper, C.	Chemical and Biological Sciences	Ohio Department of Health	\$ 182,658	\$ 36,531	\$ -



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Wakefield, T	Mathematics and Statistics	Howmet Foundation	\$ 20,000	\$ 4,165	\$ -
Borra, V.	Engineering	Intel via Lorain County Community College	\$ 43,000	\$ -	\$ -
Borra, V.	Engineering	Intel via Central State University	\$ 21,500	\$ -	\$ -
Prieto-Langarica, A	Mathematics and Statistics	Mathematical Association	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -
Veisz, K.	Small Business Development Center	Small Business Administration	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -
Veisz, K.	Small Business Development Center	Ohio Dept of Development	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -
Veisz, K.	Small Business Development Center	Small Business Administration	\$ 6,200	\$ -	\$ -
Tyus, J.	Communication	Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,041	\$ -
Tyus, J.	Communication	Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley	\$ 2,500	\$ 520	\$ -
Cianciola, E.	Office of Community Engagement	Dept of Education	\$ 200,000	\$ 14,259	\$ -
Cianciola, E.	Office of Community Engagement	Dept of Education	\$ 223,966	\$ 16,034	\$ -
Cianciola, E.	Office of Community Engagement	Dept of Education	\$ 223,966	\$ 16,034	\$ -
Ekstrand, L.	Division of Workforce Education and Innovation	Dept of Labor	\$ 883,912	\$ 60,359	\$ -
Janofa, D.	Division of Workforce Education and Innovation	Ohio Dept of Education	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -
Ruller, J.	Division of Workforce Education and Innovation	Ohio Dept of Development	\$ 26,592	\$ -	\$ -
Ekstrand, L.	Division of Workforce Education and Innovation	DriveOhio	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 6,403,233</b>	<b>\$ 417,016</b>	<b>\$ 100,792</b>





**CURRENT ACCREDITATION ACTIVITY**  
**December 2023**

**Summary of recent site visits:**

- The Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ETAC-ABET) accreditation team conducted a site visit October 15-17 and provided YSU with the Program Assessment Forms (PAF)/Exit Statement, which included only minor concerns for each program (CCET, MET, EET AAS & BSAS programs). No weaknesses or deficiencies were reported.

**Summary of recent accreditation actions:**

- On August 3, 2022, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) notified YSU of successful completion of the Year 4 Assurance Review with no recommended monitoring.
- On July 30, 2018, the HLC continued the accreditation of YSU with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation scheduled to occur in 2027-28.

**Details:**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Art</b> National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)	The annual HEADS report, affirmation statement, and audit were submitted July 5, 2022. NASAD was notified of a change of institutional representative for 2022-2023. A Notice of Intention to Apply for Renewal Membership (ten year) was submitted for Spring 2026. An optional accreditation review consultative visit is scheduled and confirmed for Fall 2024. NASAD site evaluation team members are confirmed for a visit during Spring 2026.
<b>Athletic Training</b> Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE)	The Master of Athletic Training program was granted initial accreditation for five years by CAATE in 2018. The MAT program is currently in good standing with CAATE. The program completed its self-study site visit with the CAATE peer reviewers in March 2023. A ten-year reaccreditation was awarded in August 2023.
<b>Business</b> AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	AACSB International approved the extension of accreditation in January 2020. Accreditation of the undergraduate and graduate business programs was extended for the standard five years. The next accreditation review will be in Fall 2024 with the Continuous Review report due 60 days before the peer team visit.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Status</b>
<p><b>Chemistry</b> American Chemical Society (ACS)</p>	<p>The Committee on Professional Training (CPT) of the American Chemical Society (ACS) notified YSU in September 2023 that its BS Chemistry program has met all requirements in the ACS guidelines for reaccreditation. The CPT recommended continuation of ACS accreditation through 2029.</p>
<p><b>Counseling</b> Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)</p>	<p>The Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) granted full accreditation to the MS. Ed. in Counseling—Addiction Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling, and Student Affairs/College Counseling program tracks for the full eight-year period, until March 31, 2031.</p>
<p><b>Dental Hygiene</b> Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)</p>	<p>The self-study for continuing accreditation of the Dental Hygiene program was submitted in September 2017. This was the initial site visit following the transition from the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree to the Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) degree. A site visit occurred in November 2017, and the program was awarded full accreditation status, Approval Without Reporting Requirements, at the 2018 ADA CODA Summer Commission meeting. The accreditation cycle for allied dental programs is seven years. The next site visit will be in 2025.</p>
<p><b>Dietetics Program</b> Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND)</p> <p>Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)</p>	<p>The two ACEND-accredited dietetics programs are the Didactic Program in Dietetics and the Dietetics Future Model/DFM (MPH-RDN graduate track).</p> <p>The graduate level MPH-DFM (Master’s in Public Health-Dietetic Future Model) continues in good standing, but the decision has been made to not seek future reaccreditation in 2023 due to lack of enrollment. An accreditation decision letter was issued in July 2023 approving the close-out plan. The program will remain accredited until December 31, 2026. The program director will provide the accrediting body with yearly reports on program progress and support until the close date.</p> <p>The BSAS-Didactic Program in Dietetics is in good standing and accredited through June 2028.</p>

<b>Program</b>	<b>Status</b>
Dietetics (continued)	The DPD-MHHS 4+1 (Didactic Program in Dietetics-Master's in Health & Human Services) allows students to meet the new eligibility requirements for the Registered Dietitian credential (Master's degree or higher) as they apply for supervised practice. Graduates of the DPD who do not wish to become Registered Dietitians may graduate with the BSAS and earn the Nutrition and Dietetic Technician credential without further educational or experiential learning requirements.
<b>Education and Licensure Programs</b> The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)  Accreditation occurs at the unit (BCOE) level.	The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) conducted a site visit of YSU's Beeghly College of Education on April 2-4, 2017. CAEP's Accreditation Council granted accreditation status effective Fall 2017 through Fall 2024. The next site visit will occur in Fall 2024.
<b>Engineering</b> Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)	The Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering programs are fully accredited by ABET until 2026. Industrial Engineering went from "program deficiency" to "program weakness," a finding which means that the program has been removed from "show cause." Industrial Engineering is now fully accredited until 2026.
<b>Engineering Technology</b> Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ETAC-ABET)	Final findings from ETAC of the ABET visit were received on August 29, 2018. The AAS and BSAS Engineering Technology programs (CCET, EET, and MET) are accredited through September 30, 2024.  Applications to renew accreditations for all AAS & BSAS Engineering Technology Programs were submitted. The accreditation team's comprehensive visit occurred Fall 2023 and the team's final report will follow.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Status</b>
<p><b>Exercise Science</b>            Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences (CoAES) /            Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)</p>	<p>The Committee on Accreditation for the Exercise Sciences (CoAES) granted initial accreditation of the undergraduate Exercise Science program on May 18, 2018. The accreditation is for five years. The yearly report was submitted in July 2023. A site visit is expected this academic year.</p>
<p><b>Forensic Science</b>            American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)</p>	<p>Application for initial accreditation is pending. Program self-study and site visit will follow.</p>
<p><b>Long-Term Care Administration</b>            National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB)</p>	<p>The Long-Term Care Administration program submitted its accreditation review to the National Association of Long-Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) in Spring 2022, and the submission was approved by NAB. Due to the discontinuation of the Long-Term Care program, the decision was made to bring the long-term care administration track into the Master of Health and Human Services. This program is currently seeking NAB accreditation of the Healthcare/Long-Term Care Administration track. The Master in Health and Human Services accreditation application was submitted with a site visit on October 2-3; a rejoinder report was sent October 13. The NAB accreditation committee has voted to hold the application in abeyance through the 2024 mid-year meeting to allow YSU to meet the mandatory requirements.</p>
<p><b>Medical Laboratory Technology</b>            National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)</p>	<p>The Medical Laboratory Technology program self-study and response were submitted in Spring 2020. A virtual site visit was conducted in July 2020. The program as awarded ten years of accreditation through 2030. The annual report was submitted in October 2022.</p>

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<p><b>Medical Laboratory Science</b> National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)</p>	<p>An initial accreditation application was submitted to NAACLS in 2014 with the full self-study submitted in 2016. The site visit occurred in 2017. The site visit team found no standards violations and awarded a full seven-year accreditation.</p> <p>The Medical Laboratory Science completion program submitted its self-study on April 1, 2022. The site visit was completed in October 2022, and no issues were cited. The program has been awarded the maximum ten-year accreditation.</p>
<p><b>Music</b> National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)</p>	<p>In 2012, the NASM Commission on Accreditation voted to continue YSU and the Dana School of Music in good standing. In July 2016, the NASM Commission on Accreditation accepted YSU's Application for Plan Approval of Dana's Bachelor of Music in Music Recording.</p> <p>The NASM Commission on Accreditation has scheduled an accreditation full review and site visit for April 7-9, 2024.</p>

<b>Program</b>	<b>Status</b>
<p><b>Nursing</b> Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN)</p> <p>Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)</p> <p>Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)</p> <p>Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA) St. Elizabeth Health Center School for Nurse Anesthetists, Inc. (YSU MSN nurse anesthesia option only)</p>	<p>The OBN has scheduled an approval visit for the ADN program for March 11-12, 2024.</p> <p>A candidacy application will be submitted to ACEN for the new Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program in Fall 2024..</p> <p>ACEN recently granted continuing accreditation for the BSN programs for the maximum eight years. The next evaluation visit will occur in Spring 2030.</p> <p>CCNE recently granted continuing accreditation for the BSN, MSN, and post-graduate APRN certificate programs for the maximum ten years. The next evaluation visit will occur in Spring 2032.</p> <p>The last MSN class will graduate in December 2022. The Doctor of Nursing Practice program matriculated on May 17, 2021. Both programs are accredited. The next evaluation will occur in Spring 2027.</p>
<p><b>Physical Therapy</b> Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)</p>	<p>The MPT has been discontinued. Accreditation now applies to the DPT program approved by HLC in 2008. Ten-year accreditation was reaffirmed in 2014 with a compliance report due in 2015. This report was submitted, and CAPTE granted the program continuing accreditation.</p> <p>The current status of the program is accredited. A progress report was submitted September 1, 2022. After review, the program was granted continued accreditation. Annual reports are required, and a site visit will occur in Spring 2025.</p>
<p><b>Public Health (Consortium of Eastern Ohio Master of Public Health)</b> Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)</p>	<p>The MPH is offered by a consortium of institutions including YSU. Initial accreditation was earned in 2003. In October 2009, the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) renewed accreditation for seven years until 2016. A 2016 site visit resulted in all compliant findings. In June 2017, the program received official notification of full accreditation with the seven-year accreditation</p>

<b>Program</b>	<b>Status</b>
	<p>term ending July 1, 2024. In order to align with site visit workload, CEPH offered on December 6, 2021, to extend the CEOMPH accreditation term until July 1, 2025, which was accepted.</p>
<p><b>Respiratory Care</b> Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC)</p>	<p>Continuing re-accreditation status for the next ten years was conveyed for the BSRC entry into practice on July 21, 2021, at the CoARC quarterly meeting.</p> <p>Both the BSRC degree advancement (completion program) and the Master of Respiratory Care programs were conferred accreditation status in July 2021 at CoARC's quarterly board meeting.</p> <p>Virtual site visits for these two programs were completed May 10-11, 2021, without programmatic issues. Provisional initial accreditation was conferred at the CoARC quarterly board meeting. In the interest of substantial financial savings, the site visits were scheduled as one CoARC visit. The site visits were performed virtually while retaining the multiple program savings.</p> <p>All three programs performed a Report of Current Status (RCS) evaluation in July 2022 that was accepted by CoARC to have met or exceeded all accreditation standards for the year. The program continues to meet CoARC's high academic standards.</p> <p>YSU has increased capacity of the BSRC entry into practice program, placing initial cohort enrollment at 25 allowable students per cohort to enter, which is maximum for classroom capacity, clinical rotation sites, and accreditation standards.</p>
<p><b>Social Work</b> Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)</p>	<p>At its February 2021 meeting, the Commission on Accreditation (COA) voted to reaffirm accreditation for eight years, ending in October 2027 due to a one-meeting deferment received this cycle.</p>

<b>Program</b>	<b>Status</b>
Social Work (continued)	<p>The BSW program requested permission from CSWE to offer the program fully online (virtual synchronous). The request for online delivery status was submitted December 2022 and approved by email notification on May 19, 2023, with a formal approval notice forthcoming.</p> <p>The BSW and MSW programs are scheduled for re-accreditation assessment in 2027.</p>
<b>Theatre</b> National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST)	Due to cuts in the number of tenure-track faculty and ongoing staffing issues, the Dana School of Music and University Theatre officially resigned its NAST accreditation effective May 3, 2018, and will not seek reaccreditation until these issues have been resolved. Additional faculty reduction preceding the 2021-2022 academic year has further delayed the program's ability to reapply for specialized accreditation.
<b>World Languages and Cultures</b> American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Recognition for Italian Education and Spanish Education	The appropriate accrediting bodies are being notified that the Italian Education and Spanish Education programs are being deactivated.



## Update on Assessment of Student Learning

YSU has made and continues to make progress in fostering meaningful and relevant assessment of student learning.

### Assessment of Student Learning Activities

- **Academic Assessment:** Academic programs engage in assessment reporting on a five-year cycle through an Assessment Plan, Assessment Update, or a Cycle Reflection. Reports were due October 31, 2023. Programs can request a submission extension. Programs identified for sunset through APEEI with enrolled students complete a shortened Teach Out Update. As of November 9, 44% of academic programs have submitted reports, with another 33% requesting extensions through the end of the fall semester. Institute for Teaching and Learning Staff will outreach to the remaining 23% of programs to support their annual assessment submission. As part of the Assessment Council, ten volunteer reviewers will review submissions this fall and winter. Feedback will then be shared with programs and made available to chairs and deans.
- **Co-Curricular Assessment:** Co-curricular programs continue to engage at high levels with student learning assessment. Reports were due the end of June 2023 with all but one program submitting. In September, five peer review feedback groups met to discuss submissions and provide feedback on assessment processes. Feedback was summarized and sent to programs via Taskstream AMS. The Institute for Teaching and Learning continues to consider ways to support co-curricular assessment. Most recently, the Assistant Director of Assessment co-presented with the YSU Director of Campus Recreation at the Ohio Recreational Sports Association Annual Meeting to highlight best practices in partnerships between assessment staff and student affairs staff.
- **Statewide Collaboration:** The Assistant Director of Assessment continues to meet monthly with other Ohio assessment coordinators from Bowling Green State University, Cleveland State University, University of Akron, Kent State University, and Shawnee State University to ensure YSU meets standards related to the assessment of student learning.

### Current Student Data Collection

- **National Survey of Student Engagement:** YSU participated in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) in Spring 2023. All first-year and senior students were invited to participate. In addition to providing the standard survey questions, the NSSE asked students to complete two topical modules: Civic Engagement and First Year Experience/Senior Transitions. The NSSE survey had a 20% response rate. As of November 9, the NSSE data has been disseminated as an overview webinar, shared data and reports folders available to anyone with a YSU login credential, and tailored college-level reports. The Institute for Teaching and Learning also has partnered with the Honors College and Office of Community Engagement to share specific civic engagement data that may be of use

in pursuing the Carnegie Community Engagement designation. Data will continue to be shared widely across campus in the spring through an annual Lunch and Learn series.

### **General Education Assessment**

General Education assessment is being re-evaluated as YSU transitions to university-wide learning outcomes and continues the General Education program transformation process. YSU adopted university-wide learning outcomes during the 2022-2023 academic year and then embarked upon a revision to the General Education program. After assessment of the legacy (2012) General Education curriculum stalled during the pandemic, a three-pronged assessment strategy was initiated during the Fall 2023 semester. This strategy includes: 1) capturing and assessing relevant ROAD data (this process is ongoing); 2) gathering updates from departments and programs with ongoing assessment strategies (ongoing); and 3) preparing plans for a staggered General Education assessment plan with a three-year rotation (2024-2025 STEM, 2025-2026 Social Science and Arts & Humanities domains, and 2026-2027 Written and Oral Communication domains).

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS UPDATE  
DECEMBER 2023**

**1. Undergraduate Program Development:**

**Undergraduate Program Actions Requiring Board of Trustees Action and/or Notification or Approval by the Ohio Department of Higher Education**

Since the last set of YSU Board of Trustees meetings, the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) has approved the following undergraduate program changes:

- A request to place the **Multi-Age Spanish Education** program into dormancy was approved.

**2. Graduate Program Development:**

**Graduate Program Actions Requiring Board of Trustees Action and/or Notification or Approval by the Chancellor's Council on Graduate Studies (CCGS)**

- The **MS in Data Science and Statistics** was approved by CCGS, HLC, and ODHE. The program is now available for fall 2024 admission.
- An EdD specialization—**Higher Education Administration and Leadership**—was approved by CCGS.
- A new **Post-Master's Certificate in Higher Education Administration and Leadership** was approved by campus committees (CCGS approval is not necessary) and will be available for fall 2024 admission.
- A request for a combined Bachelor's to Master's program in **BS in Applied Science in Criminal Justice** to an **MS in Criminal Justice** was approved by CCGS.
- A request for a combined Bachelor's to Master's program in **BSAS Forensic Science, BS Chemistry, BA Chemistry, and BS Biochemistry** to an **MS in Chemistry** is being reviewed by CCGS.
- A request for a combined Bachelor's to Master's program in **Bachelor of Science in Computer Science** to a **Master in Computing Information Systems** is being reviewed by CCGS.
- A request for a combined Bachelor's to Master's program in **Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Computer Science, Information Technology, Economics, Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology, Environmental Science, Industrial and Systems Engineering** to a **Master of Science in Data Science and Statistics** is being reviewed by CCGS.

- A request for a combined Bachelor's to Master's program in **Bachelor of Engineering in Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Industrial and System Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering** to a **Master of Science in Chemical Engineering, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Industrial & System Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering** is being reviewed by CCGS.
- A request to change the degree name from Master of Music in Theory and Composition to **Master of Music in Composition** was approved by CCGS.