We are pleased to announce several enhancements to NSSE reports and services:

- **Reports by Groups of Academic Major**
  Beginning in 2009 institutions participating in NSSE will receive reports detailing how students in different major fields responded to questions on the survey. The report is available for download in the “Surveys by Year” section of the Institution Interface under the heading “Reports and Data.”

- **Change in Benchmark Displays**
  To facilitate the examination of how student benchmark scores vary within an institution, NSSE added a box and whiskers display to the Benchmark Comparisons report. Along with the mean scores, the new charts plot the distributions of the 5th, 25th, 50th, 75th and 95th percentile scores using box and whiskers charts for institutions and comparisons groups. These charts provide a quick, at-a-glance representation of the highs and lows of student engagement within your institution and comparison groups.

- **Multi-Year Access in Institution Interface**
  The Institution Interface was expanded in 2009 to provide college and university contacts with secure, easy access to NSSE data and reports from past administrations. Survey administration details can be accessed and reports from past administrations can be downloaded. Survey years 2006-2009 are currently available and past administrations will be added over the next year.

- **New Web site**
  A new NSSE Web site will be unveiled in early 2010 to assist multiple audiences such as institutional users, researchers, parents and students to access information more easily. Also under development is an interactive Web query tool that will offer site visitors an easy way to generate special tabulations of NSSE results.

- **Accreditation Toolkits**
  NSSE’s Accreditation Toolkits are useful for mapping student engagement results to regional accreditation standards. In addition, NSSE now offers several specialized toolkits mapping survey items to professional accreditation standards such as the engineering accreditor ABET and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). Toolkits are available at [www.nsse.iub.edu/links/accred_toolkits](http://www.nsse.iub.edu/links/accred_toolkits).

- **The Student Experience in Brief**
  NSSE’s A Pocket Guide to Choosing a College has become a popular resource in the college choice process. Many institutions now provide it to prospective students, and admissions counselors across the country use it to guide discussions on selecting a college. In 2009, The Pocket Guide Report: "What Students are Saying... “ was renamed The Student Experience in Brief. The report summarizes institutional results that correspond to pocket guide questions. Institutions can now provide a quick snapshot of the level of student engagement on their campus in a format that is easily understood by prospective students.

- **Customized Comparison Groups**
  NSSE enables institutions to tailor up to three customized comparison groups in reports. The ability to customize these groups to suit institutional assessment needs is an important way to ensure the usefulness of NSSE reports. Find a guide to customizing your reports at: [www.nsse.iub.edu/links/comparison_groups](http://www.nsse.iub.edu/links/comparison_groups).

- **Multi-Year Benchmark Report and Multi-Year Data Analysis Guide**
  These two resources help institutions analyze data for trends and stability over time, responding to the needs of institutions that administer NSSE on a periodic basis. The multi-year report presents comparable benchmark scores by years, while the guide lays out considerations for working with multiple years of NSSE data and conducting statistical analyses.
Survey Administration

- **Census administrations for Web-only mode**
  In 2009, 93% of NSSE participants administered the survey using the Web-only (65%) or Web + (28%) mode. Using improved Web-based survey technology and practical lessons from the field, in 2010 NSSE will survey the entire population of first-year and senior year students for institutions using the Web-only mode.

- **HTML Message Formatting**
  NSSE participants now have the option to utilize HTML formatting in message creation. Although message customization has always been an intrinsic aspect of the NSSE administration, this new formatting option not only allows letters to take on a more personalized appearance, but streamlines the process of creating messages for NSSE participants.

Outreach

- **Webinar Series and Archived Webinars**
  The NSSE series of free, live Webinars continues in 2009. Recent topics include “Linking NSSE Data to Other Institutional Data” and “Driving Data Down: Using NSSE Results in Department, School and Major-level Assessment Activities.” Past presentations are available for viewing at any time in the Webinar archives section on the NSSE Web site at www.nsse.iub.edu/webinars.

- **Lessons from the Field Resource**
  NSSE’s latest resource, *Using NSSE to Assess and Improve Undergraduate Education: Lessons from the Field 2009*, highlights the approaches institutions have taken to move from data to action. This volume captures the emerging lessons from a variety of institutional types, providing instructive accounts and inspirational examples of how colleges and universities use NSSE results to enhance undergraduate teaching and learning. Download a PDF copy of *Lessons from the Field* at: www.nsse.iub.edu/links/lessons.

- **NSSE 10th Year Anniversary Symposium**
  To celebrate its 10th year milestone anniversary, NSSE hosted an invitational symposium, “Student Engagement and Educational Quality: An Agenda for the Next Decade.”

Symposium highlights and featured speakers included:
- Opening plenary on the emergence of student engagement as a way to assess educational quality with Russ Edgerton, Peter Ewell, and George Kuh
- Concurrent breakout sessions on what we have learned, the Wabash National Study of Liberal Arts Education (WNSLAE), “Parsing the First Year of College,” and a focus on institutional uses of NSSE results
- Accountability and Assessment plenary panel with Molly Corbett Broad, Muriel Howard, Stan Ikenberry and David Paris
- Future plans for the NSSE survey
- Insights on the future of student engagement with Adrianna Kezar and Shaun Harper

Selected papers and podcasts from this event will be available on our Web site by late November.