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News You Can Use

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ARGOS IS HERE: TRAINING COMING SOON

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Argos Reporting

We are extremely excited about how Argos has enabled us to provide the campus community with operational reports like never before! Users are able to see data that are updated daily and, in some cases, “real-time” data. Testing is almost finished, and training will be provided soon.

As of November 15th, we have designed and shared **Available Now!** approximately 108 Argos Reports and have about 75 individuals with access. Current users are viewing and testing report layout and content and providing feedback to help us improve our designs and expand data access. Reports have been completed for all academic college/schools and for several academic support units. Training will begin soon and new users will be added as training is completed.

Argos Training...Coming Soon

Training

We are in the process of creating the Argos Report Viewer Training for Argos

users to equip you with the skills needed to get the most out of the Argos tool and the reports available to you. Training is expected to begin in mid-December. When training begins, you will be able to register by using our [Training Registration Form](#) to select the time that works best for you.

Program Review Dashboards

SPECIAL COLLECTION We have been busy adding to the special collection of [Program Review Dashboards](#) designed for those responsible for completing academic reviews of their units. We had completed three dashboard titles in September. We have added four dashboard titles since September which include:

- Average Test Scores and GPA
- Financial Aid by Academic Year
- Faculty Count by Academic Year
- Faculty Salary by Academic Year

Upcoming [Program Review Dashboards](#) will include data for applicants, high schools, retention rates, graduation rates, courses, and teaching loads. The dashboards are accessible at the link above or by going to the PVAMU Data dropdown menu on the [IRE website](#). Check back often for dashboard updates.

OFFICIAL DATA REQUESTS REMAIN LOW.

In spite of our efforts to convince users to use our [Data Request Forms](#) to make requests, usage dropped to 47% for September and October, down from 51% the previous two months. We are not giving up on the process.

A special “SHOUT OUT” to **Deborah Walker**, Administrative Assistant in Chemistry who used our Data Request Form to submit the 1,200th request for data since we began using the form in 2013. We have responded to 791 requests in 2016, an average of 72 per month.

Tableau vs Argos

You may be wondering what happens with Tableau now that we have Argos. The short answer is—nothing. The two reporting tools are complementary in nature and both offer customizable reports.

Tableau is used to report “certified” data counts for individual and historical terms by categories based on need. These data are on our website and are available to anyone with access to the Internet. Argos, on the other hand, is an enterprise reporting solution that provides “operational” data that are “not certified”. Argos reports allow IR staff to provide users with counts and individual student, course, and faculty data that are only shared with faculty and staff. Argos reports offer campus customers timely data designed to help them make better data-informed decisions. Most Argos reports reflect data current as of the day the report is generated.

We are excited about introducing Argos to you in the coming weeks and months. We believe you will really like the access it offers!

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