INTERACTIVE DASHBOARDS... A REALITY

Life in the IR:
News You Can Use

WEBSITE MAKEOVER
MAKING DATA AVAILABLE
AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!

Office of Institutional Research & Effectiveness

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Website: New Look/New Data   www.pvamu.edu/ir

The Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness is excited to share with you in our first "Life in the IR" newsletter. We will bring you important information and updates related with the services provided to our customers, especially the Prairie View A&M University community. We believe you will find the content of *Life in the IR* relevant to your daily work.

Website Makeover

Our website has undergone a complete makeover! With the new look comes **A LOT** of new data reports and information. Highlights of some of the biggest changes are here.

PVAMU Data

Every report on our PVAMU Data page was updated in August! You now have a tremendous amount of data at your fingertips. One of our goals is to improve customer service, and providing you with 24-hour online access to data is one way to accomplish that goal. We encourage you to take some time to review the data now available to you. We believe you will be pleasantly surprised.

Interactive Dashboards

It took two years of reviewing and testing software, validating data, training to use software, and creating reports, but Interactive Dashboards are now a reality! We are still building additional reports but you now have access to several dashboards that will provide you with interactive tools to customize reports to meet your individual needs. These reports are excellent sources of information for historical enrollments, program reviews, grant proposals, or annual grant reporting. Currently, there are two dashboard titles with multiple dashboards in each. Dashboards will eventually be available in four platforms—desktop, laptop, tablet, and mobile.

IR Trainings

We are offering several trainings to help our customers get the most out of the IR data reports and the resources on our website. Trainings offered include Using Tableau Reports, Using IR Online Resources, Faculty Workload, Excel Basics, and Excel Intermediate. All faculty and staff will benefit from these trainings. Faculty and administrators are encouraged to attend the Tableau Reports and Online Resources trainings since both of these offer opportunities to access data that will be useful in program reviews/planning and grant proposal writing/annual reporting. Users should complete the Training Registration form on our website.

Congratulations and so long to Ashley Beckworth. September 5th will be her last day at PVAMU. She will be missed.

Data Request Form

Our internal reporting demands have increased 233.73% over the last 3 years! Yes, you read that right. The number of internal reports increased from 581 in 2010 to 1,939 in 2013! With such demands, we really need your help. **Effective September 1, 2014, we are asking all customers to use our Data Request Form to submit your requests for data not found on our website.** This will eliminate manual entries that must be made by IR staff to track requests placed by email, phone, or in person. We have added a separate request form for faculty data for your convenience.

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