

## Public Information Sheet

Academic Year: 2013 - 14

### **Assessment Highlights:**

Because of our work toward accreditation, we have developed a new assessment plan. It will take three years to complete the assessment cycle. So far, we have found that various groups of respondents give us high marks for achieving our mission and goals. This broad range of respondents especially perceive us to be strong in imparting a Biblical worldview as well as skills for lifetime learning. Our students exceed national norms as engaged learners. Because of our commitment to low tuition (and keeping students out of debt), our students also exceed national norms pertaining to financial security. Surveys have identified areas where students would like more services (e.g., advising, counseling, and career planning areas) and we are working to improve ratings on student leadership opportunities (which will also help enhance students' commitment to the college). By averaging the ratings students give for each question on our faculty evaluation forms, we find that students perceive our faculty to be excellent in being well prepared, communicating subject matter clearly and with relevant explanations and examples, welcoming student comments (e.g., questions, disagreements, and their own ideas), and showing enthusiasm and genuine interest in teaching their courses. We are working to help faculty improve syllabus preparation, textbook selection and assignments. Employee satisfaction is quite high and employees feel their jobs fit their gifts and motivations. Our excellent library is not only a strength of the school, but is also an asset to the community.

### **Student Satisfaction Data (from Noel-Levitz and other surveys)**

The Noel-Levitz student survey gives us data about ourselves in seven areas. In three areas, our averages are similar to the averages for other four-year private colleges. We are above the national averages in two areas and below the national averages in two more areas.

	<b>Yellowstone Christian College</b>	<b>Averages for Four-Year Private Colleges</b>
Academic Confidence	77.6%	78.6%
Engaged Learning	85.7%	78.4%
Commitment to College	79.1%	87.3%
Leadership	71.7%	76.0%
Transition	79.0%	80.4%
Family Support	82.4%	83.0%
Financial Security	67.3%	61.4%

### **Enrollment/Retention/Graduation Information**

Headcount (total number of students)	61
Percent of full-time students (full-time students divided by total number of students)	26.00%
Tuition (cost per credit)	\$260.00

Percent of students receiving financial assistance (e.g., scholarships, work-study)	55.00%
Retention Rate (returning students divided by number of potential returning students)	62.00%
Percent of students who completed their program within 150% of full-time studies (e.g., for bachelor students, the number of graduates during the previous six years divided by the number of students who began their bachelors six years ago)	54.00%

***Placement of Alumni Three Years After Graduating (from most recent alumni survey)***

Percent of three-year alumni who continued their studies with a higher degree (Q3)	Data not yet available
Percent of three-year alumni who have found employment in their field of study (Q8)	Data not yet available
Percent of three-year alumni who have found volunteer positions in their field of study (Q9)	Data not yet available
Percent of three-year alumni who are now paid ministers (Q6)	Data not yet available
Percent of three-year alumni who are volunteering regularly in their church or another ministry (Q6)	Data not yet available