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WSU Featured as Example of Good Assessment Practice

The National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment (NILOA) regularly spotlights good assessment practices, as put to use by colleges and universities across the country. WSU was selected by NILOA for a case study due to its promising approach to assessing student learning outcomes in the complex environment of a large, highly decentralized research university.

Author Dr. Pat Hutchings conveys 6 major lessons that other universities can learn from WSU's efforts in *Washington State University: Building Institutional Capacity for Ongoing Improvement*, based on her interviews with 21 WSU faculty and staff.

Read the full case study on the NILOA website.

**Perspectives**

Why should we focus on *setting meaningful benchmarks and standards*?

Assessment expert Linda Suskie provides an answer in a thoughtful essay.

**Annual Reporting**

The 2019 annual reports include a short new section requested by the Provost. Details will be shared with chairs and assessment coordinators this month.

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