# November 2021 Symposium Q&A + Chat

# Q&A

# Anonymous Attendee 11:04

Will this be recorded?

Yang Zhang 11:12 Private answer Yes, it is.

# Simon Tonev 11:21

Coming on 30 years, is the CDS \*process\* due for a refresh? Templates can be clunky and error-prone. Accessibility can be an issue. It sometimes requires double-entry for different guidebooks. What about online data entry with human-readable, accessible output? Online database could be used by guidebooks (no double-entry) and perhaps could even be free access to \*contributing\* institutions.

Bob Morse 12:00

US News will enter school's data into our database / US News hope to have a electronic upload process to do that in the 2022 Best Colleges data collection process, this will reduce data entry errors

## Anonymous Attendee 11:21

Many colleges are test optional (for ACT / SAT). Is US News still going to consider this 5% of the weight?

Bob Morse 11:58

I think I have answered this for US news. One more point, whatever changes US news makes or doesn't make in terms of the 5% weight and % submit threshold it will all likelihood not be announced until 2 weeks before (during the school embargo period) the rankings are published live for the general public on usnews.com

#### Anonymous Attendee 11:28

Will we be able to print or have a pdf version of the completed survey?

Ashley Robinson-Spann 12:04

You wouldn't believe how hard it is to do this. Unfortunately it will not be ready for this cycle. But the new CDS section should be easier to view.

## Anonymous Attendee 11:29

In the past, your data analyst have been able to enter the CDS data into College Board fields. Will they help us do that.

Ashley Robinson-Spann 11:56

Yes, they still offer this service. This cycle they were not able to do so until the cycle closed, so it was heavily delayed, but it should happen on a rolling basis this cycle.

# Cecila King 11:29

I'm sorry, I must have missed something, but what is this portal you are talking about launching?

Ashley Robinson-Spann 12:01

We launched the BigFuture College Profiles portal for collecting the Annual Survey of Colleges data. The College Board also launched an updated version of the college search tool BigFuture.

#### Scott Brenden 11:30

What approaches has MIRO, or have other attendees, done to gather CDS data on multiple institutions (e.g. all research universities) without going to hundreds of university sites and hunting through their CDS pdfs?

Yang Zhang 11:59

For MIRO, we go to the IR offices' websites from universities we want to collect information from. We haven't found a more efficient way.

#### Amber Sanchez 11:32

Question about adding CDS for College Board: Because our data isn't always ready all at once, we sometimes have had to send College Board some sections later. Will we still be able to do that?

Ashley Robinson-Spann 12:00

On the new tool, each category can be submitted separately now, so yes you can do so when the survey is open. I believe the survey may be closed for a few weeks after the first deadline in February and then after the last deadline in August. When it is closed, you will not be able to submit any sections.

#### SC 11:32

Will the College Board have a printout of the survey so we can easily view the questions and answers?

Ashley Robinson-Spann 12:03

You wouldn't believe how hard it is to do this. Unfortunately it will not be ready for this cycle. But the new CDS section should be easier to view.

## Anonymous Attendee 11:38

Would it be possible for each of the initiative members to list the various survey launches and due dates schedules either on the Common Data Set Initiative.org site.

This question has been answered live

## Tao Peng 11:40

In CDS B section where tracking enrollment of Male and Female students. How do we handle if a student list their gender as "other" or 'disclosed"? As result of this the total enrollment of the students in Section B is off

Bob Morse 12:04

I think each publisher's survey has something equivalent to "other" on their survey even though it isn't on the CDS

# Emily Shipley 12:04

For departments that update each year, do you receive notification when they've finalized their updates?

Ashley Robinson-Spann 12:05

We are able to export a list of the survey categories that have been completed each day, but there is no notification.

# Chat

11:01:29 From Mengyun Li to Everyone:



11:01:39 From John Carroll to Everyone:

Aloha

11:01:45 From Yang Zhang to Host and Panelists:

Aloha everyone, welcome. Thanks for joining our symposium today, we will start in 30 seconds

11:01:52 From Cecila King to Everyone:

Aloha!

11:01:55 From Hal to Everyone:

relaxing music:)

11:01:57 From Yang Zhang to Host and Panelists:

We would love to hear where you are calling from.

11:02:02 From Mingyu Lu to Host and Panelists:

Hi everyone!

11:02:09 From Michael Montoya - Eastern Arizona College to Host and Panelists:

Very relaxing!:)

11:02:12 From Hsueh Leung (CCNY) to Everyone:

Hello

11:02:14 From Cathy Ziegler to Everyone:



11:02:21 From Allen Gale to Everyone:

I think I need to get out my grass skirt!

11:02:29 From Heather Kelly to Everyone:

Aloha!

11:02:33 From Daniel Nelson to Everyone:

Looks warmer than Minnesota!

11:02:35 From Mengyun Li to Everyone:

Haha

11:02:39 From Jena Zangs (she/her/hers) to Everyone:

in MN and it is snowing

11:02:44 From Cynthia Emory to Everyone:

Hello

11:02:47 From Louise Hookway to Everyone:

Aloha!

11:02:55 From Nicole Sakakibara to Host and Panelists:

Hello!

11:03:33 From Hsueh Leung (CCNY) to Everyone:

Are the Virtual Symposium available to review that I missed

11:06:20 From Yang Zhang to Everyone:

Hi Hsueh, we are creating a recorded video collection, will announce it once it's ready. :)

11:16:14 From Stephanie Shields to Host and Panelists:

Hi, will the PowerPoints from today be shared afterwards?

11:16:52 From Yang Zhang to Everyone:

Yes, we will upload all the slides on the symposium webpage in a few days.

11:21:02 From Jennifer Connolly to Everyone:

Is the CDS listserv different from the Google group?

11:23:03 From Kayla Palmisano (she/her) to Everyone:

@Jennifer, I believe it is the same thing

11:23:38 From Emily Shipley to Everyone:

Do you have an estimate of when that will launch?

11:24:05 From Gayle Hart to Everyone:

wrt College Board, we can expect 3 data submissions again?

11:26:05 From Jennifer Connolly to Everyone:

Thank you @Kayla

11:28:00 From Yang Zhang to Everyone:

Dear all, please use Q&A button for questions so we do not accidentally miss it in the chat.

Thank you.

11:28:08 From Claudia G to Everyone:

Yay!

11:28:23 From Louise Hookway to Everyone:

Thank you for that!!

11:29:15 From SC to Host and Panelists:

Will College Board have a printout of the entire survey so we can easily view all the questions & responses?

11:30:06 From Hsueh Leung (CCNY) to Everyone:

Thank you Yang!

11:31:00 From Hsueh Leung (CCNY) to Everyone:

Does Robert's presentation will be available on the website as well?

11:31:32 From Elizabeth Owolabi to Everyone:

Can we get a recording of this session.

11:31:41 From Yang Zhang to Everyone:

Yes, we will upload all the PPT on the symposium page in a few days.

11:32:30 From Hsueh Leung (CCNY) to Everyone:

Thanks Yang

11:34:47 From Michael Bell, Kent State University to Host and Panelists:

For Bob - what happens if we don't have a data point used in the US News rankings? For example, if we don't have accurate info for I1 % FT faculty with terminal degree.

11:40:02 From Ashley Robinson-Spann to Host and Panelists:

Ashley Robinson-Spann email: arobinsonspann@collegeboard.org

11:54:12 From Greg Bruner to Everyone:

tHANKS!!!

11:54:16 From Ashley F to Everyone:



11:54:17 From Steven Brouillette to Host and Panelists:

Thanks

11:55:20 From Bob Morse to Everyone:

For schools that have missing ranking factors US News makes estimates for ranking purposes only /the estimates aren

11:55:38 From Bob Morse to Everyone:

Aren't published and appear as N/A.

11:59:32 From Yang Zhang to Everyone:

Scott Brenden asked a question, please feel free to share your experience in the chat: "What approaches has MIRO, or have other attendees, done to gather CDS data on multiple institutions (e.g. all research universities) without going to hundreds of university sites and hunting through their CDS pdfs?" For MIRO, we go to the IR offices' websites from universities we want to collect information from. We haven't found a more efficient way.

12:01:40 From Bob Morse to Everyone:

My email is rmorse@usnews.com

12:03:17 From Sandy Sollenberger to Everyone:

What tool are you using for the online survey?

12:03:41 From Ashley F to Everyone:

Sandy, I believe she said survey monkey.

12:03:48 From Sandy Sollenberger to Everyone:

Thank you

12:03:50 From Yang Zhang to Everyone:

MIRO uses SurveyMonkey, but you can use other tools like google form and quantics too.

12:03:50 From Gayle Hart to Everyone:

When looking for current academic year data points, sifting through multiple CDSs seems to be the only way. If it's a data point also collected in an AAUDE exchange item, I will look through the resources at AAUDE first.

12:04:27 From Yang Zhang to Everyone:

Thanks Gayle for sharing your insights.

12:05:08 From Ashley F to Everyone:

How long did it take to set up this process?

12:06:20 From Yang Zhang to Everyone:

If I remember it correctly, maybe a few months from designing the process and consult with other offices, on top of our other IR responsibilities. We used the summer time to do this.

12:06:54 From Ashley F to Everyone:

Thank you Yang Zhang!

12:07:07 From Yang Zhang to Everyone:

You are welcome, Ashley. :)

12:08:47 From Bryson McFeeley to Everyone:

Symposium webpage: https://manoa.hawaii.edu/miro/november/

12:20:46 From Kris White to Everyone:

Could we get a copy of the recording and slides for this presentation?

12:22:00 From Haihua to Everyone:

Could you detail a little about how you use SPSS to help with these surveys?

12:22:56 From Ashiyana Regmi Koirala to Everyone:

Do you manually enter the collected information online?

12:23:40 From Kelly Lin to Host and Panelists:

Symposium: https://manoa.hawaii.edu/miro/symposium/

12:23:46 From SC to Host and Panelists:

Please explain how the SPSS to Excel works. Thanks!

12:24:28 From Karese Kaw-Uh to Host and Panelists:

Our office email is miro@hawaii.edu

12:24:32 From Kellie Delmonico (U. S. Military Academy) to Everyone:

Thank you, this was great!

12:24:36 From Kelly Lin to Host and Panelists:

Newsletter: https://manoa.hawaii.edu/miro/subscribe2/

12:24:38 From Stephanie Shields to Everyone:

thank you!

12:24:39 From Erin Cowart to Everyone:

Thank you!

12:24:42 From Amber Sanchez to Everyone:

Thank you so much!!

12:24:46 From Steven Brouillette to Host and Panelists:

Thanke

12:24:48 From Louise Hookway to Everyone:

Thank you!!

12:24:49 From Ted Cain to Everyone:

Thank you all!

12:24:50 From Joe Ramirez to Everyone:

Thank you!

12:24:51 From Angela Grant to Everyone:

Thank you for hosting this symposium!

12:24:54 From Paul Bowdre to Everyone:

Thank you!

12:24:56 From Linda Rowland to Everyone:

Thank you!

12:25:02 From Karese Kaw-Uh to Host and Panelists:

Thank you for joining us!:)

12:25:02 From Vera Setiawan to Everyone:

Thank you so much!

12:25:05 From Deyu Xu to Host and Panelists:

Thank you so much!

12:25:12 From Jasmine Johnson to Everyone:

Thank you!

12:25:14 From Ashiyana Regmi Koirala to Everyone:

Thank you!

12:25:14 From Ashley F to Everyone:

Thank you so much!

12:25:17 From Cris Hamilton to Everyone:

Thanks you and great job!

12:25:18 From Jennifer Connolly to Everyone:

Thank you!

12:25:18 From Syamala Aramandla to Everyone:

Thank you

12:25:21 From Elizabeth Owolabi to Everyone:

thanks for a great session

12:25:22 From Hsueh Leung (CCNY) to Everyone:

Thank you Yang and your team.

12:25:27 From Julie Zilka to Everyone:

Thank You!