President’s Message

Greetings. I’m Dr. Jo Ann Gora, president of Ball State University.

It is with great pride that I present our institution’s comprehensive self-study report for continuing accreditation to the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. This document reflects the diligent work and broad participation of our faculty, staff, students, alumni, and local community over the past two years.

In the pages of this report, you’ll find a critical and thorough evaluation of Ball State’s goals, practices, operations, and outcomes, as measured against the five major criteria and 21 core components adopted by the Higher Learning Commission in 2012. Supporting data, documents, and multimedia assets demonstrate our success in achieving excellence in education since our last 10-year accreditation. The report also describes our ongoing efforts for the next decade.

With the university’s centennial on the horizon, we are more committed than ever to the highest standards of quality, integrity, and effectiveness. Through our recent strategic plans, we have redefined our institutional mission, we have developed innovative approaches to teaching and learning, we have fostered a vibrant and diverse campus environment, and we have achieved numerous national rankings and recognitions. Our unique immersive learning experiences turn students’ knowledge into judgment and their judgment into action through hands-on, interdisciplinary team projects that solve real problems for business and community partners.

Today’s Ball State is a distinctive, responsive, and responsible institution of higher education, dedicated to integrated planning, rigorous assessment, and continuous improvement.

I sincerely appreciate your careful review and consideration.