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**REGENTS TO LEARN ABOUT STUDENT SUCCESS FACTORS
April 19 at Bowling Green State University**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio Board of Regents will hold a student success discussion with Bowling Green State University students, faculty and President Sidney A. Ribeau at 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 19 at Bowen Thompson Student Center, Room 201 A&B – Sky Bank Room, on the campus of Bowling Green State University (BGSU).

The purpose of the student discussion is to demonstrate to Regents the methods used by and success gained in student retention at BGSU. The university has for the past eight years focused on the freshman experience to provide students with sufficient attention and direction to ensure further success in their sophomore, junior and senior years.

U.S. News and World Report magazine, as a part of its annual rankings issue, predicts graduation rates for campuses based upon the average ACT scores for admitted students. During the past eight years, BGSU has annually exceeded that predicted rate by 12-15 percent. BGSU officials attribute their ability to graduate a higher percentage of students on their focus on student success and retention.

Media and the public are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion session.

The Ohio Board of Regents is the coordinating body for higher education in the state. Created in 1963 by the General Assembly, the 11-member public board has a direct, non-governing relationship with all of Ohio's colleges and universities.

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