

## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### **BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

FLAT ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

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#### **AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL**

The Honorable Pat McCrory, Governor The General Assembly of North Carolina Board of Trustees, Blue Ridge Community College

We have completed a financial statement audit of Blue Ridge Community College for the year ended June 30, 2012, and our audit results are included in this report. You will note from the independent auditor's report that we determined that the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects.

The results of our tests disclosed no deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses in relation to our audit scope or any instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

*North Carolina General Statutes* require the State Auditor to make audit reports available to the public. Copies of audit reports issued by the Office of the State Auditor may be obtained through one of the options listed in the back of this report.

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees Blue Ridge Community College Flat Rock, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Blue Ridge Community College, a component unit of the State of North Carolina, and its discretely presented component unit, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, which collectively comprise the College's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the College's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation, Inc., the College's discretely presented component unit. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinions, insofar as they relate to the amounts included for the Foundation, are based on the report of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The financial statements of Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation, Inc. were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the report of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of Blue Ridge Community College and its discretely presented component unit as of June 30, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONCLUDED)**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 8, 2013 on our consideration of the College's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during the audit of the basic financial statements. However, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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February 8, 2013

## BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of the Blue Ridge Community College's (BRCC) annual financial statements presents an overview of BRCC's financial activities during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2012. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes to the financial statements. For more information, please contact the Financial Services office at (828) 694-1713.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

These basic financial statements consist of three parts: management's discussion and analysis, financial statement exhibits, and notes to the financial statements.

The financial statements of BRCC report information about BRCC using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. These statements offer short-term and long-term financial information about the College's activities.

The Statement of Net Assets includes all of BRCC's assets and liabilities and provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and obligations to creditors (liabilities). It also provides the basis for evaluating the capital structure of BRCC and assessing the liquidity and financial flexibility of BRCC.

All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets. This Statement measures the success of BRCC's operations over the past year and can be used to determine whether BRCC has successfully recovered all its costs through tuition and fees, grants, and gifts.

The final required financial statement is the Statement of Cash Flows. The primary purpose of this statement is to provide information about BRCC's cash receipts and cash payments during the reporting period. This statement reports cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operations, investing, and financing activities and provides answers to such questions as: where did the cash come from, what was cash used for, and what was the change in cash balance during the reporting period.

The notes to the financial statements are a required component of the basic financial statements and explain in further detail some of the information in the financial statements.

#### **Financial Analysis**

#### **Assets**

The assets of the College are divided between current and noncurrent assets.

Current assets include cash, receivables, amounts due from other agencies or individuals, inventories, prepaid items and notes receivable. Current assets increased slightly in total when compared to the prior fiscal year. The majority of the increase over the prior year is due

to an increase in cash and restricted cash. This is related to the timing of amounts received for contracts/grants not expended out in current fiscal year, and the carryover of funds for future multi-year commitments.

	2012	2011	Increase/ (Decrease)
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 858,218	\$ 802,829	\$ 55,389
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	375,411	177,015	198,396
Receivables, Net	305,782	334,844	(29,062)
Due from Community College Component Unit	1,725	698	1,027
Inventories	68,130	64,638	3,492
Prepaid Items	62,743	84,753	(22,010)
Notes Receivable, Net	 730	10,292	 (9,562)
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,672,739	\$ 1,475,069	\$ 197,670

Noncurrent assets include cash, receivables, amounts due from primary government, and capital assets (land, construction in progress, buildings, general infrastructure, and equipment).

 2012		2011		Increase/ (Decrease)
\$ 657,972	\$	562,387	\$	95,585
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\$ 31,679,975	\$	31,870,614	\$	(190,639)
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The \$190,639 decrease in net capital assets is mainly attributable to the completion, capitalization and subsequent commencement of depreciation of the \$2 million energy improvement and renovation project completed during the current fiscal year. Depreciation expense recorded during the current fiscal year included amounts for the completed projects, which increased depreciation expense, thereby reducing the net book value of capital assets.

#### Liabilities

The College's liabilities are divided between current liabilities payable within 12 months and noncurrent liabilities that extend beyond a year. Long-term liabilities include the portion of accrued employee annual leave that will not be paid within the next fiscal year, calculated at the current salary rates for each employee, consistent with the institution's leave policies, a capital lease, as well as remaining balances of notes payable.

	2012	2011	Increase/ Decrease)
<b>Liabilities</b> Current Liabilities Noncurrent Liabilities	\$ 788,334 565,733	\$ 873,731 579,099	\$ (85,397) (13,366)
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,354,067	\$ 1,452,830	\$ (98,763)

No new liabilities were entered into during the current fiscal year. The decrease in liabilities is mostly attributed to payments made on current outstanding notes payable and capital lease obligations.

#### **Net Assets**

Total net assets were \$31,998,647 at June 30, 2012. Net assets are a measure of all the College's assets after liabilities are deducted. The decrease in Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt is attributed to a decrease in the book value of capital assets via depreciation expense and a decrease in the related debt balances and restricted contracts/grants received. Restricted net assets continue to grow in the area of capital project funding, specifically the one-time ability to carryover equipment funds for capital purposes. The increase in unrestricted net assets is due to an increase in operating revenues over the prior year.

	2012	2011	Increase / (Decrease)
Net Assets Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt Restricted Unrestricted	\$ 30,755,414 1,078,540 164,693	\$ 31,084,984 805,755 2,114	\$ (329,570) 272,785 162,579
Total Net Assets	\$ 31,998,647	\$ 31,892,853	\$ 105,794

#### **Revenues**

The College's revenues are classified as operating and nonoperating revenues. Operating revenues include student tuition and fees and the revenue received from sales and services; principally comprised of commission received from the bookstore and vending contracts. Gross tuition and fees increased because of an increase in charges per credit hour, resulting in the majority of the total increase in total operating revenues of \$412,413.

	2012	2011	Increase / (Decrease)
<b>Operating Revenues</b>			
Student Tuition and Fees, Net	\$ 2,429,588	\$ 2,000,108	\$ 429,480
Federal Grants and Contracts		5,123	(5,123)
State and Local Grants and Contracts	234,900	256,475	(21,575)
Sales and Services, Net	278,780	269,669	9,111
Other Operating Revenues	54,732	 54,212	 520
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 2,998,000	\$ 2,585,587	\$ 412,413

Nonoperating revenues comprise the major portion of the College's income and include formula allocations from the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges for current expense, equipment, and capital improvements. Also included are funds appropriated by the Henderson County and Transylvania County Boards of Commissioners, and various other revenues deposited into Institutional Funds. The decrease in nonoperating revenues is due to a decrease in state and county budget allocations. Also, decreases in enrollment, resulting in a decrease in student aid and grant funding contributed to the decline in noncapital grants. As enrollment decreases, financial assistance available to individual students also decreases.

	2012	2011	Increase/ Increase/
Nonoperating Revenues			
State Aid	\$ 10,244,328	\$ 10,293,113	\$ (48,785)
County Appropriations	2,399,480	2,573,894	(174,414)
Noncapital Grants - Student Financial Aid	4,600,100	4,732,651	(132,551)
Noncapital Grants - Other	529,787	677,079	(147,292)
Noncapital Gifts	368,601	347,635	20,966
Investment Income	11,946	2,498	9,448
Other Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	10,664	120,428	(109,764)
Total Nonoperating Revenues	\$ 18,164,906	\$ 18,747,298	\$ (582,392)

#### **Operating Expenses**

The operating expenses of the College are comprised principally of the direct cost of personnel and related fringe benefits. Depreciation expense is identified consistent with the requirements for GASB Statements No. 34/35. Operating expenses remain relatively stable in total compared to the prior year. While salaries and benefits increased due to an increase in

benefits and creation of new positions, expenses for scholarships and fellowships decreased in concert with enrollment. Supplies also decreased due to an increase in the purchase of depreciable items in the current fiscal year while services declined due to a decrease in contracted services, printing and binding and facilities and maintenance agreements.

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Operating Expenses Salaries and Benefits	¢	14 550 050	Φ	12 051 401	¢	500.450
	\$	14,550,950	\$	13,951,491	\$	599,459
Supplies and Materials		1,259,272		1,622,946		(363,674)
Services		1,480,173		1,727,758		(247,585)
Scholarships and Fellowships		3,521,380		3,752,199		(230,819)
Utilities		529,093		564,051		(34,958)
Depreciation		1,451,554		1,346,731		104,823
Total Operating Expenses	\$	22,792,422	\$	22,965,176	\$	(172,754)

#### **Capital Contributions**

Capital contributions are received from appropriations from the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges under a formula allocation for educational equipment and library books. The Board also provides construction funds as part of the North Carolina 2000 Higher Education Bond Referendum and previous legislative action providing funds for renovations and repairs. Total capital contributions decreased by \$473,483. This is primarily due to completion of the \$2 million energy improvement and renovation project that was completed and mostly funded in the 2010-11 fiscal year.

	2012	2011	Increase/ (Decrease)
<b>Capital Contributions</b>			
State Capital Aid	\$ 970,343	\$ 1,076,285	\$ (105,942)
County Capital Aid	560,429	1,122,164	(561,735)
Capital Grants and Gifts	204,538	 10,344	194,194
Total Capital Contributions	\$ 1,735,310	\$ 2,208,793	\$ (473,483)

#### **Future Capital Asset Activity**

Preliminary planning for the construction of a Public Safety building is on hold, pending approval of funding in the future. Amounts due from the state of \$200,000 are restricted for renovation of the Spearman Building for the new Mechatronics program.

#### **Economic Outlook**

Following two years of large enrollment increases, growth has stabilized or declined in some areas. The College continues to eliminate certain low enrollment programs while creating new programs that best meet the every changing needs of the community and area workforce.

In addition, the College has experienced a decrease in operational funding by the State and County due to current economic challenges. As the College looks ahead, we will continue to look for ways to do more with less as well as pursue other revenue generating opportunities through the Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation, Inc. and other auxiliary efforts. Moreover, the College will continue to control costs by looking for new and innovative ways to improve operational efficiencies through external partnerships, energy efficiencies and technology maximization.

### Blue Ridge Community College Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2012

Exhibit A-1

ASSETS	
Current Assets:	Ф 050.040
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 858,218
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents Receivables, Net (Note 4)	375,411 305,782
Due from Community College Component Units	1,725
Inventories	68,130
Prepaid Items	62,743
Notes Receivable, Net (Note 4)	730
Total Current Assets	1,672,739
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Noncurrent Assets:	
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	657,972
Restricted Due from Primary Government	200,000
Capital Assets - Nondepreciable (Note 5)	1,711,856
Capital Assets - Depreciable, Net (Note 5)	29,110,147
Total Noncurrent Assets	31,679,975
Total Assets	33,352,714
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities (Note 6)	370,349
Due to Primary Government	1,811
Unearned Revenue	251,136
Funds Held for Others	28,741
Long-Term Liabilities - Current Portion (Note 7)	136,297
Total Current Liabilities	788,334
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Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Long-Term Liabilities (Note 7)	565,733
Total Liabilities	1,354,067
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NET ASSETS	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	30,755,414
Restricted for:	
Nonexpendable:	
Scholarships and Fellowships	50,000
Loans	1,500
Expendable:	100
Scholarships and Fellowships	186
Loans	79,545
Capital Projects	654,988
Restricted for Specific Programs	292,321
Unrestricted	164,693
Total Net Assets	\$ 31,998,647

### Blue Ridge Community College Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2012	
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Exhibit A-2

REVENUES	
Operating Revenues: Student Tuition and Fees, Net (Note 9) State and Local Grants and Contracts Sales and Services, Net (Note 9) Other Operating Revenues	\$ 2,429,588 234,900 278,780 54,732
Total Operating Revenues	2,998,000
EXPENSES Operating Expenses:     Salaries and Benefits     Supplies and Materials     Services     Scholarships and Fellowships     Utilities     Depreciation	14,550,950 1,259,272 1,480,173 3,521,380 529,093 1,451,554
Total Operating Expenses	22,792,422
Operating Loss	(19,794,422)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES) State Aid County Appropriations Noncapital Grants - Student Financial Aid Noncapital Grants Noncapital Gifts Investment Income Interest and Fees on Debt Other Nonoperating Revenues	10,244,328 2,399,480 4,600,100 529,787 368,601 11,946 (5,873) 16,537
Net Nonoperating Revenues	18,164,906
Loss Before Other Revenues	(1,629,516)
State Capital Aid County Capital Aid Capital Gifts	970,343 560,429 204,538
Increase in Net Assets	105,794
NET ASSETS Net Assets, July 1, 2011	31,892,853
Net Assets, June 30, 2012	\$ 31,998,647

Blue Ridge Community College
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2012

Exhibit A-3	
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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Received from Customers Payments to Employees and Fringe Benefits Payments to Vendors and Suppliers Payments for Scholarships and Fellowships Loans Issued to Students Collection of Loans to Students Other Payments	\$ 2,878,811 (14,386,406) (3,192,827) (3,522,167) (20,970) 25,126 (11,127)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	 (18,229,560)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES  State Aid Received County Appropriations Noncapital Grants - Student Financial Aid Noncapital Grants Received Noncapital Gifts William D. Ford Direct Lending Receipts William D. Ford Direct Lending Disbursements	10,244,328 2,399,480 4,600,100 504,184 367,574 1,519,103 (1,519,103)
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	18,115,666
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES State Capital Aid Received County Capital Aid Capital Grants Received Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets Principal Paid on Capital Debt and Leases Interest Paid on Capital Debt and Leases	770,343 609,481 101,360 (916,599) (107,394) (5,873)
Net Cash Provided by Capital and Related Financing Activities	 451,318
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Investment Income	11,946
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash and Cash Equivalents, July 1, 2011	 349,370 1,542,231
Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30, 2012	\$ 1,891,601

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS		
TO NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating Loss	\$	(19,794,422)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:	·	, , ,
Depreciation Expense		1,451,554
Provision for Uncollectible Loans and Write-Offs		13,974
Miscellaneous Nonoperating Income		21,724
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
Receivables, Net		(125,130)
Inventories		(3,492)
Prepaid Items		22,010
Notes Receivable, Net		(4,412)
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities		188,277
Due to Primary Government		1,528
Unearned Revenue		13,722
Funds Held for Others		(32,851)
Compensated Absences		17,958
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	\$	(18,229,560)
RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Current Assets:	_	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	858,218
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents		375,411
Noncurrent Assets:		057.070
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	657,972
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents - June 30, 2012	\$	1,891,601
NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL, AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Assets Acquired through Assumption of a Liability	\$	27,750
Assets Acquired through a Gift	*	204,538
Capital Asset Write-offs		5,187
Increase in Receivables Related to Nonoperating Income		200,000
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## Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation, Inc. Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2012 Exhibit B-1

ASSETS Current Assets: Cash and Equivalents Promise to Give Other Receivables	\$ 487,006 31,020 13,738
Total Current Assets	531,764
Investments	 8,366,391
Total Assets	 8,898,155
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS Current Liabilities: Accounts Payable	1,725
Net Assets: Unrestricted: Undesignated Board-Designated	771,249 21,242
Total Unrestricted Temporarily Restricted Permanently Restricted	792,491 1,082,412 7,021,527
Total Net Assets	 8,896,430
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 8,898,155

	Un	Unrestricted		Temporarily Restricted		Permanently Restricted		Total
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUES Contributions Interest and Dividends Net Realized and Unrealized Losses on Investments	\$	298,624 27,379 (31,452)	\$	191,052 101,323 (117,784)	\$	120,741	\$	610,417 128,702
Transfers Other Net Assets Released from Restrictions		13,641 35 640,302		(117,764) (13,641) 8,448 (640,302)				(149,236) 8,483
Total Public Support and Revenues		948,529		(470,904)		120,741		598,366
EXPENSES Program Services:								
Scholarship Awards Other Student Finanical Assistance Other Awards Other Program Services		272,990 58,672 555,682 5,250						272,990 58,672 555,682 5,250
Total Program Services Supporting Services		892,594 138,899						892,594 138,899
Total Expenses		1,031,493						1,031,493
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		(82,964)		(470,904)		120,741		(433,127)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year		875,455		1,553,316		6,900,786		9,329,557
Net Assets at End of Year	\$	792,491	\$	1,082,412	\$	7,021,527	\$	8,896,430

#### BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2012

#### NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Financial Reporting Entity - The concept underlying the definition of the financial reporting entity is that elected officials are accountable to their constituents for their actions. As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), the financial reporting entity includes both the primary government and all of its component units. An organization other than a primary government serves as a nucleus for a reporting entity when it issues separate financial statements. Blue Ridge Community College is a component unit of the State of North Carolina and an integral part of the State's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.

The accompanying financial statements present all funds of the College and its component unit for which the College's Board of Trustees is financially accountable. The College's component unit is discretely presented in the College's financial statements. The discretely presented component unit's financial data is reported in separate financial statements because of its use of different GAAP reporting models and to emphasize its legal separateness.

**Discretely Presented Component Unit** - Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation, Inc. (Foundation) is a legally separate not-for-profit corporation and is reported as a discretely presented component unit based on the nature and significance of its relationship to the College.

The Foundation is a legally separate, tax-exempt component unit of the College. The Foundation acts primarily as a fund-raising organization to supplement the resources that are available to the College in support of its programs. The Foundation board consists of 18 members. Although the College does not control the timing or amount of receipts from the Foundation, the majority of resources, or income thereon, that the Foundation holds and invests are restricted to the activities of the College by the donors. Because these restricted resources held by the Foundation can only be used by, or for the benefit of the College, the Foundation is considered a component unit of the College and is reported in separate financial statements because of the difference in its reporting model, as described below.

The Foundation is a private not-for-profit organization that reports its financial results under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements. As such, certain revenue recognition criteria and presentation features are different from the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) revenue recognition criteria and presentation features. No modifications have been made to the Foundation's financial information in the College's financial reporting entity for these differences.

During the year ended June 30, 2012, the Foundation distributed \$573,139 to the College for both restricted and unrestricted purposes. Complete financial statements for the Foundation can be obtained by calling (828) 694-1710.

**B.** Basis of Presentation - The accompanying financial statements are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the GASB.

Pursuant to the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments, as amended by GASB Statement No. 35, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for Public Colleges and Universities, the full scope of the College's activities is considered to be a single business-type activity and accordingly, is reported within a single column in the basic financial statements.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 20, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting, the College does not apply FASB pronouncements issued after November 30, 1989, unless the GASB amends its pronouncements to specifically adopt FASB pronouncements issued after that date.

**C. Basis of Accounting** - The financial statements of the College have been prepared using the economic resource measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when an obligation has been incurred, regardless of the timing of the cash flows.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the College receives (or gives) value without directly giving (or receiving) equal value in exchange, include state appropriations, certain grants, and donations. Revenues are recognized, net of estimated uncollectible amounts, as soon as all

eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met, if probable of collection.

- **D.** Cash and Cash Equivalents This classification includes undeposited receipts, petty cash, cash on deposit with private bank accounts, money market accounts, and deposits held by the State Treasurer in the short-term investment fund. The short-term investment fund maintained by the State Treasurer has the general characteristics of a demand deposit account in that participants may deposit and withdraw cash at any time without prior notice or penalty.
- **E.** Receivables Receivables consist of tuition and fees charged to students and charges for auxiliary enterprises' sales and services. Receivables also include amounts due from the federal government, state and local governments, and private sources in connection with reimbursement of allowable expenditures made pursuant to contracts and grants. Receivables are recorded net of estimated uncollectible amounts.
- **F.** Inventories Inventories, consisting of expendable supplies, are valued at cost using the last invoice cost method. Merchandise for resale is valued at the lower of cost or market using the retail inventory method.
- **G.** Capital Assets Capital assets are stated at cost at date of acquisition or fair value at date of donation in the case of gifts. The value of assets constructed includes all material direct and indirect construction costs. Interest costs incurred are capitalized during the period of construction.

The College capitalizes assets that have a value or cost of \$5,000 or greater at the date of acquisition and an estimated useful life of more than one year.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally 10 to 50 years for general infrastructure, 15 to 50 years for buildings, and 4 to 37 years for equipment.

The outdoor sculpture collection is capitalized at cost or fair value at the date of donation. The collection is depreciated over the life of the collection using the straight-line method. The estimated useful life for the collection is 25 years.

**H. Restricted Assets** - Certain resources are reported as restricted assets because restrictions on asset use change the nature or normal

understanding of the availability of the asset. Resources that are not available for current operations and are reported as restricted include resources restricted for the acquisition or construction of capital assets and resources whose use is limited by external parties or statute.

- I. Noncurrent Long-Term Liabilities Noncurrent long-term liabilities include notes payable, capital lease obligations, and compensated absences that will not be paid within the next fiscal year.
- J. Compensated Absences The College's policy is to record the cost of vacation leave when earned. The policy provides for a maximum accumulation of unused vacation leave of 30 days which can be carried forward each July 1 or for which an employee can be paid upon termination of employment. When classifying compensated absences into current and noncurrent, leave is considered taken using a last-in, first-out (LIFO) method. Also, any accumulated vacation leave in excess of 30 days at year-end is converted to sick leave. Under this policy, the accumulated vacation leave for each employee at June 30 equals the leave carried forward at the previous June 30 plus the leave earned, less the leave taken between July 1 and June 30.

In addition to the vacation leave described above, compensated absences include the accumulated unused portion of the special annual leave bonuses awarded by the North Carolina General Assembly. The bonus leave balance on June 30 is retained by employees and transferred into the next fiscal year. It is not subject to the limitation on annual leave carried forward described above and is not subject to conversion to sick leave.

There is no liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave because the College has no obligation to pay sick leave upon termination or retirement. However, additional service credit for retirement pension benefits is given for accumulated sick leave upon retirement.

**K.** Net Assets - The College's net assets are classified as follows:

**Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt** - This represents the College's total investment in capital assets, net of outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets.

**Restricted Net Assets - Nonexpendable -** Nonexpendable restricted net assets include endowments and similar type assets whose use is limited by donors or other outside sources, and, as a condition of the gift, the principal is to be maintained in perpetuity.

**Restricted Net Assets - Expendable -** Expendable restricted net assets include resources for which the College is legally or contractually obligated to spend in accordance with restrictions imposed by external parties.

**Unrestricted Net Assets** - Unrestricted net assets include resources derived from student tuition and fees, sales and services, unrestricted gifts, and interest income.

Restricted and unrestricted resources are tracked using a fund accounting system and are spent in accordance with established fund authorities. Fund authorities provide rules for the fund activity and are separately established for restricted and unrestricted activities. When both restricted and unrestricted funds are available for expenditure, the decision for funding is transactional based within the departmental management system in place at the College.

- L. Scholarship Discounts Student tuition and fees revenues from College charges are reported net of scholarship discounts in the accompanying Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets. The scholarship discount is the difference between the actual charge for goods and services provided by the College and the amount that is paid by students or by third parties on the students' behalf. Student financial assistance grants, such as Pell grants, and other federal, state, or nongovernmental programs, are recorded as nonoperating revenues in the accompanying Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets. To the extent that revenues from these programs are used to satisfy tuition and fees, the College has recorded a scholarship discount.
- M. Revenue and Expense Recognition The College classifies its revenues and expenses as operating or nonoperating in the accompanying Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the College's principal ongoing operations. Operating revenues include activities that have characteristics of exchange transactions, such as (1) student tuition and fees, (2) sales and services of auxiliary enterprises, and (3) certain federal, state, and local grants and contracts. Operating expenses are all expense transactions incurred other than those related to capital and noncapital financing or investing activities as defined by GASB Statement No. 9, Reporting Cash Flows of Proprietary and Nonexpendable Trust Funds and Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting.

Nonoperating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of nonexchange transactions. Revenues from nonexchange transactions and state aid that represent subsidies or gifts to the College, as well as investment income, are considered nonoperating since these are either investing, capital, or noncapital financing activities. Capital contributions are presented separately after nonoperating revenues and expenses.

- N. Internal Sales Activities Certain institutional auxiliary operations provide goods and services to College departments, as well as to its customers. These institutional auxiliary operations include printing and copy services. All internal sales activities to College departments from auxiliary operations and sales and service units have been eliminated in the accompanying financial statements. These eliminations are recorded by removing the revenue and expense in the auxiliary operations and sales and service units and, if significant, allocating any residual balances to those departments receiving the goods and services during the year.
- **O. Funds Held for Others** Funds held for others are resources in the possession of the College, but held and administered by an outside organization or club.
- P. County Appropriations County appropriations are provided to the College primarily to fund its plant operation and maintenance function and to fund construction projects, motor vehicle purchases, and maintenance of equipment, and to supplement faculty salaries. Unexpended county current appropriations and county capital appropriations do not revert and are available for future capital projects and renovations by the College.

#### NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The College is required by *North Carolina General Statute* 147-77 to deposit any funds collected or received that belong to the State of North Carolina with the State Treasurer or with a depository institution in the name of the State Treasurer. All funds of the College, other than those required to be deposited with the State Treasurer, are deposited in board-designated official depositories and are required to be collateralized in accordance with *North Carolina General Statute* 115D-58.7. Official depositories may be established with any bank or savings and loan association whose principal office is located in North Carolina. Also, the College may establish time deposit accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit. The amount shown on the Statement of Net Assets as cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand totaling \$2,100, and

deposits in private financial institutions with a carrying value of \$1,427,908 and a bank balance of \$1,488,711.

The North Carolina Administrative Code (20 NCAC 7) requires all depositories to collateralize public deposits in excess of federal depository insurance coverage by using one of two methods, dedicated or pooled. Under the dedicated method, a separate escrow account is established by each depository in the name of each local governmental unit and the responsibility of monitoring collateralization rests with the local unit. Under the pooling method, each depository establishes an escrow account in the name of the State Treasurer to secure all of its public deposits. This method shifts the monitoring responsibility from the local unit to the State Treasurer.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the College's deposits may not be returned to it. As of June 30, 2012, the College's bank balance in excess of federal depository insurance coverage was covered under the pooling method.

The College is authorized to invest idle funds as provided by G.S. 115D-58.6. In accordance with this statute, the College and the Board of Trustees manage investments to ensure they can be converted into cash when needed.

Generally, funds belonging to the College may be invested in any form of investment established or managed by certain investment advisors pursuant to G.S. 115D-58.6 (d1) or in the form of investments pursuant to G.S. 159-30(c), as follows: a commingled investment pool established and administered by the State Treasurer pursuant to G.S. 147-69.3, obligations of or fully guaranteed by the United States; obligations of the State of North Carolina; bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority; obligations of certain nonguaranteed federal agencies; prime quality commercial paper bearing specified ratings; specified bills of exchange; certain savings certificates; The North Carolina Capital Management Trust, an SEC registered mutual fund; repurchase agreements; and evidences of ownership of, or fractional undivided interests in, future interest and principal payments on either direct obligations of or fully guaranteed by the United States government, which are held by a specified bank or trust company or any state in the capacity of custodian.

At June 30, 2012, the amount shown on the Statement of Net Assets as cash and cash equivalents includes \$461,593 which represents the College's equity position in the State Treasurer's Short-Term Investment Fund. The Short-Term Investment Fund (a portfolio within the State Treasurer's Investment Pool, an external investment pool that is not

registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and does not have a credit rating) had a weighted average maturity of 1.5 years as of June 30, 2012. Assets and shares of the Short-Term Investment Fund are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value. Deposit and investment risks associated with the State Treasurer's Investment Pool (which includes the State Treasurer's Short-Term Investment Fund) are included in the State of North Carolina's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. An electronic version of this report is available by accessing the North Carolina Office of the State Controller's Internet home page <a href="http://www.osc.nc.gov/">http://www.osc.nc.gov/</a> and clicking on "Reports" or by calling the State Controller's Financial Reporting Section at (919) 707-0500.

#### **Component Unit:**

**Investments** - Investments of the College's discretely presented component unit, the Blue Ridge Community College Educational, Inc., are subject to and restricted by G.S. 36E "Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act" (UPMIFA) and any requirements placed on them by contract or donor agreements. Because the Foundation reports under the FASB reporting model, disclosures of the various investment risks are not required. The following is an analysis of investment by type:

At June 30, 2012	 Fair Value
Cash and Money Market Funds	\$ 667,505
Equity Securities	4,596,632
Mutual Funds	751,458
Government Bonds	970,215
Corporate Bonds	919,462
Mortgage Backed Securities	461,119
Total	\$ 8,366,391

#### NOTE 3 - DONOR RESTRICTED ENDOWMENTS

The College's endowment assets are pooled with state agencies and similar institutions in short-term investments with the State Treasurer's Cash and Investment Pool and are reported as restricted cash and cash equivalents - noncurrent on the accompanying financial statements. If a donor has not provided specific instructions, state law permits the Board of Trustees to authorize for expenditure the net appreciation, realized, and unrealized, of the assets of the endowment funds. Annual payouts from the College's endowment funds are based on an adopted spending policy, which limits spending to 100% of the interest earnings unless the donor has stipulated otherwise. At June 30, 2012, net appreciation of \$57,331 was available to be spent, of which \$56,092 was classified as expendable

net assets restricted for loans and \$1,239 was classified as expendable net assets restricted for specific programs.

#### NOTE 4 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2012, were as follows:

	Gross Receivables	Net Receivables			
Current Receivables: Students Student Sponsors Intergovernmental Other	\$ 400,484 42,843 86,057 33,364	\$ 248,977 7,989	\$ 151,507 34,854 86,057 33,364		
<b>Total Current Receivables</b>	\$ 562,748	\$ 256,966	\$ 305,782		
Notes Receivable: Notes Receivable - Current: Institutional Student Loan Programs	\$ 105,880	\$ 105,150	\$ 730		

#### NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in the capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2012, is presented as follows:

		Balance			Balance				
	July 1, 2011		Increases		Decreases			June 30, 2012	
Capital Assets, Nondepreciable:									
Land	\$	1,590,270	\$	0	\$	0	\$	1,590,270	
Construction in Progress		1,539,991		411,260		1,829,665		121,586	
Total Capital Assets, Nondepreciable		3,130,261		411,260		1,829,665		1,711,856	
Capital Assets, Depreciable:									
Buildings		37,041,047		1,834,663				38,875,710	
Machinery and Equipment		5,473,135		533,566		7,500		5,999,201	
Art, Literature, and Artifacts		55,000						55,000	
General Infrastructure		1,177,086		20,693				1,197,779	
Total Capital Assets, Depreciable		43,746,268	_	2,388,922		7,500		46,127,690	
Less Accumulated Depreciation:									
Buildings		12,167,138		941,448				13,108,586	
Machinery and Equipment		2,663,802		473,377		2,313		3,134,866	
Art, Literature, and Artifacts		4,983		2,200				7,183	
General Infrastructure		732,379		34,529				766,908	
Total Accumulated Depreciation		15,568,302		1,451,554		2,313		17,017,543	
<b>Total Capital Assets, Depreciable, Net</b>		28,177,966		937,368		5,187		29,110,147	
Capital Assets, Net	\$	31,308,227	\$	1,348,628	\$	1,834,852	\$	30,822,003	

#### NOTE 6 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities at June 30, 2012, were as follows:

	Amount		
Accounts Payable Accrued Payroll	\$	125,213 231,461	
Intergovernmental Payables		3,949	
Other		9,726	
<b>Total Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities</b>	\$	370,349	

#### NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

**A.** Changes in Long-Term Liabilities - A summary of changes in the long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2012, is presented as follows:

	 Balance July 1, 2011	Additions	Reductions	Jı	Balance ane 30, 2012	Current Portion
Notes Payable Capital Leases Payable Compensated Absences	\$ 130,876 43,107 617,483	\$ 0 464,411	\$ 86,164 21,230 446,453	\$	44,712 21,877 635,441	\$ 44,712 21,877 69,708
<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>	\$ 791,466	\$ 464,411	\$ 553,847	\$	702,030	\$ 136,297

Additional information regarding capital lease obligations is included in Note 8.

**B.** Notes Payable - The College was indebted for notes payable for the purposes shown in the following table:

			Final	Original		Principal		Principal				
	Financial	Interest Maturity		Amount	nt Paid Through			Outstanding				
Purpose	Institution	Rate	Date	of Issue June 30, 2012		June 30, 2012		June 30, 2012		June 30, 2012		une 30, 2012
		<del></del>										
Energy Convervation Equipment	BB&T	4.97%	12/12/2012	\$ 699,187	\$	654,475	\$	44,712				

The annual requirements to pay principal and interest on notes payable at June 30, 2012, are as follows:

	 Annual Requirements										
	Notes	Payable									
Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest									
2013	\$ 44,712	\$	650								

#### NOTE 8 - LEASE OBLIGATIONS

**A.** Capital Lease Obligations - Capital lease obligations relating to telephone system equipment is recorded at the present value of the minimum lease payments. Future minimum lease payments under capital lease obligations consist of the following at June 30, 2012:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	Amount					
2013	\$	22,543				
Total Minimum Lease Payments		22,543				
Amount Representing Interest (3% Rate of Interest)		666				
Present Value of Future Lease Payments	\$	21,877				

Machinery and equipment acquired under capital lease amounted to \$65,044 at June 30, 2012. Depreciation for the capital assets associated with capital leases is included in depreciation expense.

**B.** Operating Lease Obligations - The College entered into operating leases for copiers. Future minimum lease payments under cancelable operating leases consist of the following at June 30, 2012:

Fiscal Year	Amount						
2013 2014	\$	59,220 59,220					
2015 2016		59,220 43,339					
<b>Total Minimum Lease Payments</b>	\$	220,999					

The College has no noncancelable operating leases. Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$69,044.

#### NOTE 9 - REVENUES

A summary of eliminations and allowances by revenue classification is presented as follows:

Gross Revenues		Internal Sales Eliminations			Less Scholarship Discounts				Net Revenues	
\$	4,042,172	\$	0	\$	1,528,383	\$	84,201	\$	2,429,588	
\$	129,762	\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	129,762	
	123,617		123,617						- ,	
	41,133								41,133	
	24,024								24,024	
	83,861								83,861	
\$	402,397	\$	123,617	\$	0	\$	0	\$	278,780	
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#### NOTE 10 - OPERATING EXPENSES BY FUNCTION

The College's operating expenses by functional classification are presented as follows:

		Salaries and	Supplies and				Scholarships and				Depreciation/			
		Benefits	_	Materials		Services		Fellowships		Utilities		Amortization		Total
Instruction	\$	8,772,353	\$	214,206	\$	488,985	\$	1,960	\$	0	\$	0	\$	9,477,504
Research		1,670												1,670
Public Service		5,446												5,446
Academic Support		1,126,481		31,089		75,605								1,233,175
Student Services		898,636		17,127		158,252		26,463						1,100,478
Institutional Support		2,839,657		384,214		459,040								3,682,911
Operations and Maintenance of Plant		853,428		612,422		220,855				529,093				2,215,798
Student Financial Aid						301		3,492,957						3,493,258
Auxiliary Enterprises		53,279		214		77,135								130,628
Depreciation	_		_		_		_		_			1,451,554		1,451,554
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	\$	14,550,950	\$	1,259,272	\$	1,480,173	\$	3,521,380	\$	529,093	\$	1,451,554	\$	22,792,422

#### NOTE 11 - PENSION PLANS

A. Retirement Plans - Each permanent full-time employee, as a condition of employment, is a member of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System. The Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (Plan) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established by the state to provide pension benefits for employees of the state, its component units and local boards of education. The Plan is administered by the North Carolina State Treasurer.

Benefit and contribution provisions for the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System are established by *North Carolina General Statutes* 135-5 and 135-8 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. Employer and member contribution rates are set each year by the North Carolina General Assembly based on annual actuarial valuations. For the year ended June 30, 2012, these rates were set at 7.44% of covered payroll for employers and 6% of covered payroll for members.

For the current fiscal year, the College had a total payroll of \$11,568,056, of which \$9,093,558 was covered under the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System. Total employer and employee contributions for pension benefits for the year were \$676,561 and \$545,613, respectively.

Required employer contribution rates for the years ended June 30, 2011, and 2010, were 4.93% and 3.57%, respectively, while employee contributions were 6% each year. The College made 100% of its annual required contributions for the years ended June 30, 2012, 2011, and 2010, which were \$676,561, \$439,113, and \$302,662, respectively.

The Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System's financial information is included in the State of North Carolina's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. An electronic version of this report is available by accessing the North Carolina Office of the State Controller's Internet home page <a href="http://www.osc.nc.gov/">http://www.osc.nc.gov/</a> and clicking on "Reports" or by calling the State Controller's Financial Reporting Section at (919) 707-0500.

**B.** Deferred Compensation and Supplemental Retirement Income Plans - Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) Plan - All members of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System are eligible to enroll in the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan, a defined contribution plan, created under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k). All costs of administering the Plan are the responsibility of the Plan participants. No costs are incurred by the College. The voluntary contributions by employees amounted to \$134,832 for the year ended June 30, 2012.

Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b) and 403(b)(7) Plans - Eligible College employees can participate in tax sheltered annuity plans created under Internal Revenue Code Sections 403(b) and 403(b)(7). The employee's eligible contributions, made through salary reduction agreements, are exempt from federal and state income taxes until the annuity is received or the contributions are withdrawn. These plans

are exclusively for employees of colleges and certain charitable and other nonprofit institutions. All costs of administering and funding these plans are the responsibility of the Plan participants. The plan administrator is Great American Life Insurance Company. No costs are incurred by the College. The voluntary contributions by employees amounted to \$38,252 for the year ended June 30, 2012.

#### NOTE 12 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

A. Health Benefits - The College participates in the Comprehensive Major Medical Plan (the Plan), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit health care plan that provides postemployment health insurance to eligible former employees. Eligible former employees include long-term disability beneficiaries of the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina and retirees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System. Coverage eligibility varies depending on years of contributory membership service in their retirement system prior to disability or retirement.

The Plan's benefit and contribution provisions are established by the State Treasurer and the Board of Trustees of the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees as authorized by Chapter 135, Article 3B, of the General Statutes. The Plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases.

By General Statute, a Retiree Health Benefit Fund (the Fund) has been established as a fund in which accumulated contributions from employers and any earnings on those contributions shall be used to provide health benefits to retired and disabled employees and applicable beneficiaries. By statute, the Fund is administered by the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System and contributions to the fund are irrevocable. Also by law, Fund assets are dedicated to providing benefits to retired and disabled employees and applicable beneficiaries and are not subject to the claims of creditors of the employers making contributions to the Fund. Contribution rates to the Fund, which are intended to finance benefits and administrative expenses on a pay-as-you-go basis, are determined by the State Treasurer and the Board of Trustees of the State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees.

For the current fiscal year the College contributed 5.0% of the covered payroll under the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System to the Fund. Required contribution rates for the years ended June 30, 2011, and 2010, were 4.9% and 4.5%, respectively. The College made 100% of its annual required

contributions to the Plan for the years ended June 30, 2012, 2011, and 2010, which were \$454,678, \$436,441, and \$381,506, respectively. The College assumes no liability for retiree health care benefits provided by the programs other than its required contribution.

Additional detailed information about these programs can be located in the State of North Carolina's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. An electronic version of this report is available by accessing the North Carolina Office of the State Controller's Internet home page <a href="http://www.osc.nc.gov/">http://www.osc.nc.gov/</a> and clicking on "Reports" or by calling the State Controller's Financial Reporting Section at (919) 707-0500.

**B. Disability Income** - The College participates in the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina (DIPNC), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan, to provide short-term and long-term disability benefits to eligible members of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System. Benefit and contribution provisions are established by Chapter 135, Article 6, of the General Statutes, and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. The Plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases.

Disability income benefits are funded by actuarially determined employer contributions that are established by the General Assembly. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the College made a statutory contribution of .52% of covered payroll under the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System to the DIPNC. The required contribution rate for the years ended June 30, 2011, and 2010, was .52% for both years. The College made 100% of its annual required contributions to the DIPNC for the years ended June 30, 2012, 2011, and 2010, which were \$47,287, \$46,316, and \$44,085, respectively. The College assumes no liability for long-term disability benefits under the Plan other than its contribution.

Additional detailed information about the DIPNC is disclosed in the State of North Carolina's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.

#### NOTE 13 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The College is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These exposures to loss are handled via a combination of methods, including participation in state-administered insurance programs, purchase of commercial insurance, and self-retention of certain risks. There have been no significant reductions in insurance

coverage from the previous year and settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The risk of tort claims of up to \$1,000,000 per claimant is retained under the authority of the State Tort Claims Act. In addition, the State provides excess public officers' and employees' liability insurance up to \$10,000,000 via contract with a private insurance company. The North Carolina Community College System Office pays the premium, based on a composite rate, directly to the private insurer.

Fire and other property losses are covered by contracts with private insurance companies. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the previous year and settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

State-owned vehicles are covered by liability insurance through a private insurance company and handled by the North Carolina Department of Insurance. The liability limits for losses are \$1,000,000 per claim and \$10,000,000 per occurrence. The community college pays premiums to the North Carolina Department of Insurance for the coverage. Liability insurance for other College-owned vehicles is covered by contracts with private insurance companies.

The College is protected for losses from employee dishonesty and computer fraud for employees paid in whole or in part from state funds. This coverage is with a private insurance company and is handled by the North Carolina Department of Insurance. North Carolina Community College System Office is charged a premium by the private insurance company. Coverage limit is \$5,000,000 per occurrence. The private insurance company pays 90% of each loss less a \$75,000 deductible. Employee dishonesty insurance for employees paid from non-State funds is purchased from a private insurance company with coverage of \$75,000 per occurrence with a \$500 deductible.

The College purchased other authorized coverage from private insurance companies through the North Carolina Department of Insurance for student accident, nursing, multimedia, internet security, emergency medical and cosmetology liability polices.

College employees and retirees are provided comprehensive major medical care benefits. Coverage is funded by contributions to the State Health Plan (Plan), a discretely presented component unit of the State of North Carolina. The Plan is funded by employer and employee contributions. The Plan has contracted with third parties to process claims.

The State Board of Community Colleges makes the necessary arrangements to carry out the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act which are applicable to employees whose wages are paid in whole or in part from state funds. The College purchases workers' compensation insurance for employees whose salaries or wages are paid by the Board entirely from county or institutional funds.

Term life insurance (death benefits) of \$25,000 to \$50,000 is provided to eligible workers. This Death Benefit Plan is administered by the State Treasurer and funded via employer contributions. The employer contribution rate was .16% for the current fiscal year.

Additional details on the state-administered risk management programs are disclosed in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, issued by the Office of the State Controller.

#### NOTE 14 - COMMITMENTS

**Commitments** - The College has established an encumbrance system to track its outstanding commitments on construction projects. Outstanding commitments on construction contracts were \$243,868 at June 30, 2012.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Trustees Blue Ridge Community College Flat Rock, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of Blue Ridge Community College, a component unit of the State of North Carolina, and its discretely presented component unit, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, which collectively comprise the College's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 8, 2013. Our report was modified to include a reference to other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Other auditors audited the financial statements of the discretely presented component unit, as described in our report on the College's financial statements. The financial statements of the discretely presented component unit were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

The College's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the College's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the College's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the College's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the College's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

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Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the College's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management of the College, the Board of Trustees, others within the entity, the State Board of Community Colleges, the Governor, the General Assembly, and the State Controller, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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State Auditor

February 8, 2013

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