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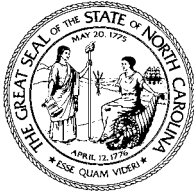
FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

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The Honorable Pat McCrory, Governor
The General Assembly of North Carolina
Board of Directors, Halifax Community College Foundation, Inc.

We have completed a financial statement audit of Halifax Community College Foundation, Inc. for the year ended June 30, 2014, 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.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and other matters based on an audit of the financial statements disclosed a deficiency and instance of noncompliance that is detailed in the Audit Findings and Responses section of this report. The Foundation's response is included following the finding.

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.

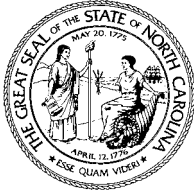
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Halifax Community College Foundation, Inc.
Weldon, North Carolina

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Halifax Community College Foundation, Inc., a component unit of Halifax Community College, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Foundation's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. 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 from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Foundation's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Halifax Community College Foundation, Inc., as of June 30, 2014, and the changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters – Required Supplementary Information

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 a 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 our audit of the basic financial statements. 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.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 6, 2015 on our consideration of the Foundation's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Foundation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Beth A. Wood, CPA
State Auditor

Raleigh, North Carolina

August 6, 2015

HALIFAX COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The information in this section is intended to provide a general overview of Halifax Community College Foundation Inc.'s (Foundation) financial statements and is based upon the information contained in the financial statements accompanying this discussion and analysis. The user is encouraged to reference the appropriate section of the financial statements for the supporting detailed information.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The Foundation's discussion and analysis provides a summary of its basic financial statements which include the Statement of Net Position; Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Change in Net Position; and Statement of Cash Flows. The Foundation had a total net position of \$1,260,366.49 at June 30, 2014.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the Foundation's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Foundation is improving.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position shows how the Foundation's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. Revenues and expenses are presented in a format that distinguishes between operating and non-operating revenues and expenses.

The Statement of Cash Flows provides information regarding the Foundation's cash receipts and cash payments during the reported period. This statement reports cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operations, investing, and financing activities. The statement reconciles the beginning cash on hand as of July 1, 2013, to the ending cash on hand as of June 30, 2014.

The Notes to Financial Statements provide additional information that is essential to a complete understanding of the data provided.

Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position can serve as a useful indicator of the Foundation's financial position. Net position for the Foundation increased by \$103,786.66 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, to \$1,260,366.49.

Total assets increased by 9% from the prior year. This is mainly due to the unrealized gain and interest earned on investments, gifts received and a reduction in spending from the prior year.

Current assets increased by \$91,100.94. This is mostly due to investments totaling \$60,925.00 becoming available to spend.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Most of the Foundation's net position, ninety-two percent (92%), is invested with RBC Wealth Management in Cash, certificates of deposit, and mutual funds.

	Condensed Statement of Net Position		
	2014	2013	Increase (Decrease)
Assets			
Current	\$ 153,647.52	\$ 62,546.58	\$ 91,100.94
Noncurrent	1,106,718.97	1,094,033.25	12,685.72
Total Assets	<u>1,260,366.49</u>	<u>1,156,579.83</u>	<u>103,786.66</u>
Net Position			
Restricted	1,260,366.49	1,156,579.83	103,786.66
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 1,260,366.49</u>	<u>\$ 1,156,579.83</u>	<u>\$ 103,786.66</u>

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position presents information that reports how the Foundation's net position changed. The information presented in the Management's Discussion and Analysis is for fiscal years ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013.

Operating expenses for fiscal year 2014 were \$75,012.89, a decrease of 5% from the prior year mostly in scholarships. Scholarships awarded to the students of Halifax Community College represented \$45,726.00 of this total. The remaining \$29,286.89 was for supplies and services.

Non-operating revenues amounted to \$178,799.55. Of this, \$106,541.56 was contributions from donors. The remaining \$72,257.99 was income on investments, which increased from the prior year due to positive market conditions.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONCLUDED)

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Increases Decreases</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Supplies and Materials	\$ 6,777.88	\$ 11,750.29	\$ (4,972.41)
Services	22,509.01	17,151.70	5,357.31
Scholarships and Fellowships	45,726.00	50,404.00	(4,678.00)
Total Operating Expenses	<u>75,012.89</u>	<u>79,305.99</u>	<u>(4,293.10)</u>
Operating Loss	<u>(75,012.89)</u>	<u>(79,305.99)</u>	<u>4,293.10</u>
Nonoperating Revenues:			
Noncapital Gifts	106,541.56	140,965.90	(34,424.34)
Investment Income	72,257.99	53,357.86	18,900.13
Net Nonoperating Revenues	<u>178,799.55</u>	<u>194,323.76</u>	<u>(15,524.21)</u>
Increase in Net Position	103,786.66	115,017.77	(11,231.11)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>1,156,579.83</u>	<u>1,041,562.06</u>	<u>115,017.77</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ 1,260,366.49</u>	<u>\$ 1,156,579.83</u>	<u>\$ 103,786.66</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 178,799.55	\$ 194,323.76	\$ (15,524.21)
Total Expenses	<u>75,012.89</u>	<u>79,305.99</u>	<u>(4,293.10)</u>
Total Increase in Net Position	<u>\$ 103,786.66</u>	<u>\$ 115,017.77</u>	<u>\$ (11,231.11)</u>

Economic Forecast

Halifax Community College Foundation, Inc. is optimistic about the future. It is currently engaged in a campaign named "Brick by Brick" which is estimated to increase unrestricted net assets by \$189,000. Tuition at Halifax Community College is modest by some standards, but for many of our students, it presents a barrier to completing their educational goals. Our donors realize this and have one important thing in common - they care deeply about the future of the Roanoke Valley and invest their resources into the lives of others. They know that dollars invested into an education at Halifax Community College will earn big dividends. Recipients complete their education, join the workforce, become taxpayers and stay off public assistance.

Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide an overview of Halifax Community College Foundation's finances. Questions concerning any of this information should be addressed to the Director of the Foundation, Halifax Community College Foundation, 100 College Drive, Weldon, NC 27890, (252) 536-7239.

Halifax Community College Foundation, Inc.
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2014

Exhibit A-1

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	149,848.52
Receivables		<u>3,799.00</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>153,647.52</u>

Noncurrent Assets:

Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents		621,472.67
Restricted Investments		<u>485,246.30</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets		<u>1,106,718.97</u>
Total Assets		<u>1,260,366.49</u>

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Total Deferred Outflows of Resources		<u>0.00</u>
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DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		<u>0.00</u>
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NET POSITION

Restricted for:

Nonexpendable:		
Scholarships and Fellowships		683,383.15
Expendable:		
Scholarships and Fellowships		<u>576,983.34</u>

Total Net Position	\$	<u>1,260,366.49</u>
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The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

***Halifax Community College Foundation, Inc.
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and
Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014***

Exhibit A-2

EXPENSES

Operating Expenses:

Supplies and Materials	\$ 6,777.88
Services	22,509.01
Scholarships and Fellowships	<u>45,726.00</u>

Total Operating Expenses	<u>75,012.89</u>
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Operating Loss	<u>(75,012.89)</u>
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NONOPERATING REVENUES

Noncapital Gifts	106,541.56
Investment Income	<u>72,257.99</u>

Net Nonoperating Revenues	<u>178,799.55</u>
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Increase in Net Position	<u>103,786.66</u>
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NET POSITION

Net Position, July 1, 2013	<u>1,156,579.83</u>
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Net Position, June 30, 2014	<u><u>\$ 1,260,366.49</u></u>
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The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Halifax Community College Foundation, Inc.
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

Exhibit A-3

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Payments to Vendors and Suppliers	\$ (29,286.89)
Payments for Scholarships and Fellowships	(45,726.00)
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Cash Used by Operating Activities	(75,012.89)
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CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Noncapital Gifts Received	106,354.96
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Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	106,354.96
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Proceeds from Sales and Maturities of Investments	608,868.77
Investment Income	77.95
Purchase of Investments	(85,620.00)
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Cash Provided by Investing Activities	523,326.72
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Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	554,668.79
Cash and Cash Equivalents, July 1, 2013	216,652.40
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Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30, 2014	\$ 771,321.19
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RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Current Assets:	
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 149,848.52
Noncurrent Assets:	
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	621,472.67
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Total Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30, 2014	\$ 771,321.19
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NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL, AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Change in Fair Value of Investments	\$ 49,355.00
Increase in Receivables Related to Nonoperating Income	8.00

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

HALIFAX COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION, INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2014

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Financial Reporting Entity - The Halifax Community College Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation), a component unit of Halifax Community College, is a North Carolina nonprofit corporation organized to benefit the College through administration of contributions. The Foundation is governed by a 12 member board consisting of 4 ex facto directors and 8 elected directors. The Foundation's purpose is to aid, support, promote teaching, research, and service in the various educational, scientific, scholarly, professional, artistic, and creative endeavors of the College. Because the directors of the Foundation are appointed by the members of the Halifax Community College Board of Trustees, and the Foundation's sole purpose is to benefit the College, its basic financial statements are blended with those of the College in the College's financial report.

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 Governmental Accounting Standards Board (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 Foundation's activities is considered to be a single business-type activity and accordingly, is reported within a single column in the basic financial statements.

C. Basis of Accounting - The financial statements of the Foundation 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.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Foundation receives (or gives) value without directly giving (or receiving) equal value in exchange, include both monetary and in-kind donor contributions. Revenue is recognized, net of estimated uncollectible amounts, as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met, if probable of collection.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

D. Cash and Cash Equivalents - This classification includes cash on deposit with private bank accounts.

E. Investments - Investments generally are reported at fair value, as determined by quoted market prices or estimated amounts determined by management if quoted market prices are not available. Because of the inherent uncertainty in the use of estimates, values that are based on estimates may differ from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for the investments. The net increase (decrease) in the fair value of investments is recognized as a component of investment income.

Certificates of deposit and money market funds are reported at cost, if purchased, or at fair value or appraised value at date of gift, if donated.

F. Receivables - Consist of investment income receivable and pledges that are verifiable, measurable, and expected to be collected and available for expenditures. Reported receivables are expected to be collected.

G. 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 whose use is limited by external parties, as well as endowment and other restricted investments.

H. Net Position - The Foundation's net position is classified as follows:

Restricted Net Position - Nonexpendable - Nonexpendable restricted net position includes 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 Position - Expendable - Expendable restricted net position includes resources for which the Foundation is legally or contractually obligated to spend in accordance with restrictions imposed by external parties.

Unrestricted Net Position - Unrestricted net position includes resources derived from sales and services, unrestricted gifts, and interest income.

Restricted and unrestricted resources 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 based on management of the

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Foundation. Both restricted and unrestricted net position include consideration of deferred inflows and outflows of resources.

- I. Revenue and Expense Recognition** - The Foundation classifies its revenues and expenses as operating or non-operating in the accompanying Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the Foundation's principal ongoing operations. 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*.

Non-operating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of non-exchange transactions. Revenues from non-exchange transactions that represent subsidies or gifts to the Foundation, as well as investment income, are considered non-operating since these are either investing or noncapital financing activities.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

- A. Deposits** - At June 30, 2014, the carrying amount of the Foundation's deposits with a private banking institution, including certificates of deposit, was \$871,847.19, and the bank balance was \$918,394.58.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Foundation's deposits may not be returned to it. The Foundation does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2014, the Foundation's bank balance was covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) coverage of \$250,000, the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) of \$250,000, and the remaining balance is collateralized with other SIPC coverage through the investment company. The certificate of deposit with the investment institution in the amount of \$100,526, is covered by FDIC.

- B. Investments** - Investments of the Foundation 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.

The following table presents the fair value of investments by type and investments subject to interest rate risk at June 30, 2014, for the Foundation's investments. Interest rate risk is defined by GASB Statement No. 40 as the risk a government may face should interest rate

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

variances affect the fair value of investments. The Foundation does not have a formal investment policy that addresses interest rate risk.

Investments

Investment Type	Fair Value
Other Securities	
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 100,526.00
Mutual Funds	<u>384,720.30</u>
Total Restricted Investments	<u><u>\$ 485,246.30</u></u>

Certificates of deposit reported as investments are also a component of the deposit totals reported in the deposits section of this note.

The Foundation's investments are protected by Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) up to \$500,000 for securities (cash up to \$250,000). SIPC provides protection against the loss of cash and securities held at a financially-troubled SIPC-member brokerage firm. Securities include money market mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, bonds, etc. In addition to the \$500,000 of protection by SIPC, the Foundation's investment manager provides an additional policy covering up to \$99.5 million per SIPC qualified account.

Custodial Credit Risk: For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Foundation will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Foundation does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk; however, it is protected by SIPC as described above. The Foundation's investments were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Investment Type	Held by Counterparty
Mutual Funds	\$ <u>384,720.30</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 384,720.30</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

C. Reconciliation of Deposits and Investments - A reconciliation of deposits and investments for the Foundation to the basic financial statements as of June 30, 2014, is as follows:

Carrying Amount of Deposits with Private Financial Institutions excluding Certificates of Deposit	\$ 771,321.19
Restricted Investments	<u>485,246.30</u>
Total Deposits and Investments	<u>\$ 1,256,567.49</u>
Current:	
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 149,848.52
Noncurrent:	
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	621,472.67
Restricted Investments	<u>485,246.30</u>
Total Deposits and Investments	<u>\$ 1,256,567.49</u>

NOTE 3 - ENDOWMENT INVESTMENTS

Investments of the Foundation's endowment funds are pooled, unless required to be separately invested by the donor. If a donor has not provided specific instructions, state law permits the Board of Directors to authorize for expenditure the net appreciation, realized and unrealized, of the investments of the endowment funds. Under the "Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act" (UPMIFA), authorized by the North Carolina General Assembly on March 19, 2009, the Board may also appropriate expenditures from eligible nonexpendable balances if deemed prudent and necessary to meet program outcomes and for which such spending is not specifically prohibited by the donor agreements. However, a majority of the Foundation's endowment donor agreements prohibit spending of nonexpendable balances and therefore the related nonexpendable balances are not eligible for expenditure. During the year, the Board did not appropriate expenditures from eligible nonexpendable endowment funds. Annual payouts from the Foundation's endowment funds are limited to the income earned on the investments.

In previous years, the Foundation has provided scholarships that exceeded the related endowment's available annual payouts and used accumulated earnings to cover general and operational expenses. This has resulted in a reduction to the restricted expendable scholarships and fellowships resources. At June 30, 2014, the amount of the deficit reported against the restricted expendable scholarships balances was \$181,100.26.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONCLUDED)

NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended June 30, 2014 members of the Foundation's Board of Directors made contributions to the Foundation totaling \$2,395.00. The Halifax Community College's Board of Trustees contributed \$2,480.00.

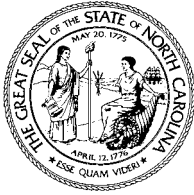
NOTE 5 - CONTRIBUTED FACILITIES AND SERVICES

The Foundation, without cost, occupies and uses certain premises, furnishings, and equipment owned by the College. The estimated fair values of these premises, furnishings, and equipment have not been included in the financial statements. In addition, the Foundation also receives, without cost, management and accounting services provided by the College. The value of these contributed services has not been included in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Foundation is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to volunteers, and natural disasters. Since the Foundation is housed in College facilities and staffed by College employees, the Foundation is covered by the College's insurance policies. The College handles these exposures to loss by 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.

Details of the College's risk management programs are disclosed in the College's separate financial statements, which may be obtained from the College Controller's Office, Halifax Community College, Inc., PO Box 809, Weldon, NC 27890 or by calling (252) 536-7269.

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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 Directors
Halifax Community College Foundation, Inc.
Weldon, North Carolina

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, the financial statements of Halifax Community College Foundation, Inc., a component unit of Halifax Community College, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Foundation's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 6, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Foundation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying Audit Findings and Responses section, we identified a deficiency in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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

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ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
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possibility that a material misstatement of the College’s financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Audit Findings and Responses section to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Foundation’s financial statements are free from 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying Audit Findings and Responses section.

Foundation’s Response to Finding

The Foundation’s response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Audit Findings and Responses section. The Foundation’s response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation’s internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Foundation’s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Raleigh, North Carolina

August 6, 2015

AUDIT FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

Matters Related to Financial Reporting

The following audit finding was identified during the current audit and describes conditions that represent a deficiency in internal control or noncompliance with laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, or other matters. The finding was also reported in the prior year.

DEFICIENT CASH MANAGEMENT PRACTICES RESULTED IN UNALLOWABLE USE OF RESTRICTED FUNDS

The Foundation did not properly track and manage its cash and, as a result, used restricted funds for unallowable purposes, such as administrative costs. The Foundation also awarded scholarships in excess of donated amounts and/or available endowment earnings.

As of June 30, 2014, the Foundation had spent more than \$164,665.96 of funds restricted for scholarships and administrative expenses and had no remaining unrestricted funds available to cover future administrative costs and by awarding scholarships in excess of specified donated amounts and/or available endowment earnings. This money was improperly transferred from other restricted accounts.

The Foundation does not use an automated accounting system to track and monitor restricted funds. Instead, it uses spreadsheets and other manual records to record and track all receipts and expenditures. The ineffective design of these records may have contributed to the Foundation violating donor restrictions.

The Foundation receives donations and many are restricted for scholarships to students at Halifax Community College. North Carolina General Statute 36E, "Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act," states such donations should be used in accordance with donor restrictions and such use should be executed in good faith, with the care of an ordinary prudent person. As outlined in statute 36E-6, only under certain circumstances and after prescribed protocols have been followed can the restrictions be released or modified.

This finding was reported in the prior year audit.

Recommendation: The Foundation should move its accounting records to a system that provides the information necessary for tracking Foundation resources, including any restrictions to ensure proper use. Care should be taken to avoid using restricted funds, even temporarily, for purposes other than those designated by the donors. Given its current condition, the Foundation should seek funding from unrestricted sources to cover its administrative costs.

Foundation Response: Prior to Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012, the Foundation did not have adequately trained personnel; nor, auditors aware of the proper accounting and reporting procedures for a 501(c)3 organization. Therefore, proper tracking of transaction were erroneous at times. In October 2012, a CPA was hired with extensive experience with 501(c)3

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organizations. She endeavored to recreate the entire history of the Foundation from its inception in 1976 to determine the true position of each restricted, endowed and unrestricted fund. She also recommended a new audit firm be retained that had experience in 501(c)3 accounting.

Once the history was recreated, it was found that some restricted funds had been overspent due to being over-awarded and restricted funds had been used to cover administrative expenses. The Foundation recognizes its need to make each overspent scholarship whole along with replenishing the unrestricted fund balance. The amount of overspent scholarships decreased this fiscal year and only funds received for unrestricted spending were spent. This shows progress in reversing the errors that had occurred since 1976 when the Foundation was established and that the Foundation has not continued to spend restricted funds for unrestricted purposes.

The Foundation is raising unrestricted funds via donor contributions and fund-raising activities. The Brick by Brick campaign has the potential to resolve the negative unrestricted fund balance.

The Foundation plans to implement an accounting system in Fiscal Year 2016 that will provide for proper tracking of contributions and expenses and real time reporting of the Foundation's position.

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