

Southwestern Community College

Sylva, North Carolina

Financial Statement Audit Report For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

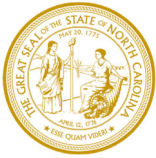
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Auditor's Transmittal

The Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor
The General Assembly of North Carolina
Board of Trustees, Southwestern Community College

We have completed a financial statement audit of Southwestern Community College for the year ended June 30, 2023, 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*.

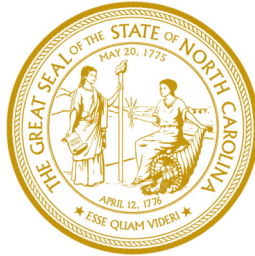
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Jessica N. Holmes, J.D.
State Auditor

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Independent Auditor's Report



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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Trustees
Southwestern Community College
Sylva, North Carolina

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of Southwestern Community College (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, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the College's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of the other auditors, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of Southwestern Community College, and its discretely presented component unit, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Southwestern Community College Foundation, Inc. (Foundation), 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 solely on the report of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* (GAGAS), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the College and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The College's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United

States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the College's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and GAGAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and GAGAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 College's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the College's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

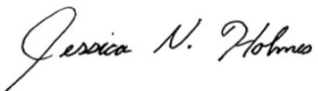
We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and other required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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

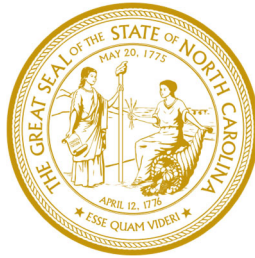
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 27, 2024 on our consideration of the College's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and 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 College's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Jessica N. Holmes, J.D.
State Auditor

Raleigh, North Carolina

March 27, 2024



Management's Discussion and Analysis

Introduction

The purpose of this section of Southwestern Community College's (College) financial statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis, is to provide an overview of the financial position and activities of the College for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section:

- Provides a brief discussion of the basic financial statements;
- Includes summary financial information which identifies transactions that have had a significant financial impact;
- Provides an analysis of the College's overall financial position;
- Provides a description of significant capital asset activity during the year; and
- Includes information, facts, decisions and/or conditions that are expected to have a material effect on the College's financial position.

Management's Discussion and Analysis should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and accompanying notes to the financial statements. The financial statements, related notes to the financial statements, and this discussion are the responsibility of management.

Using the Financial Statements

The College's financial statements are prepared and presented in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) principles.

The financial statements are presented pursuant to the provisions of GASB Statement No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis* on a consolidated basis focusing on the College as a whole. The statements are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when an obligation has been incurred. The Southwestern Community College Foundation, Inc. (Foundation) is reported as a discretely presented component unit based on the nature and significance of its relationship to the College, and discussion of the Foundation is not included in the management discussion and analysis.

Three basic financial statements are included in this report along with the notes to the financial statements and required supplementary information: Statement of Net Position, Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, and the Statement of Cash Flows.

Statement of Net Position – The Statement of Net Position shows, at a point-in-time, the financial position of the College. It includes all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position, and combines current financial resources and capital assets.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position – The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position presents the revenues and expenses for the fiscal year as well as changes in net position. The College's net position (the difference

between assets and deferred outflows of resources from liabilities and deferred inflows of resources) serves as an indicator of the financial condition of the College.

Statement of Cash Flows – The Statement of Cash Flows reports cash activity (receipts and payments) during the financial period. The information is summarized by different types of activities: operating, capital financing, noncapital financing, and investing and is prepared using the direct method.

Notes to the Financial Statements – The notes are an integral component of the basic financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the other statements in order to achieve a fuller understanding of the line-items presented in the financial statements.

Financial Highlights for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Condensed Statement of Net Position

Below is a condensed comparative analysis between the Statement of Net Position for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 and the prior fiscal year.

Condensed Statement of Net Position				
	FY23	FY22	Difference	% Difference
ASSETS				
Current Assets	\$ 10,749,968.95	\$ 10,108,839.78	\$ 641,129.17	6.34%
Noncurrent Assets				
Capital Assets, Net	51,353,822.75	51,020,496.38	333,326.37	0.65%
Other Noncurrent Assets	2,391,078.34	2,901,139.62	(510,061.28)	(17.58)%
Total Assets	<u>64,494,870.04</u>	<u>64,030,475.78</u>	<u>464,394.26</u>	0.73%
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>7,933,867.00</u>	<u>5,532,411.00</u>	<u>2,401,456.00</u>	43.41%
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities	1,399,107.54	1,451,870.96	(52,763.42)	(3.63)%
Noncurrent Liabilities				
Long-Term Liabilities	22,570,695.48	20,416,757.94	2,153,937.54	10.55%
Other Noncurrent Liabilities	583,680.78	301,645.26	282,035.52	93.50%
Total Liabilities	<u>24,553,483.80</u>	<u>22,170,274.16</u>	<u>2,383,209.64</u>	10.75%
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>7,517,171.00</u>	<u>10,231,452.00</u>	<u>(2,714,281.00)</u>	(26.53)%
NET POSITION				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	51,098,711.12	50,546,184.50	552,526.62	1.09%
Restricted	3,948,170.67	4,796,285.34	(848,114.67)	(17.68)%
Unrestricted	(14,688,799.55)	(18,181,309.22)	3,492,509.67	(19.21)%
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 40,358,082.24</u>	<u>\$ 37,161,160.62</u>	<u>\$ 3,196,921.62</u>	8.60%

The condensed Statement of Net Position reflects the financial position of the College. The College's net position increased by \$3,196,921.62 from the previous fiscal year, with the majority of the increase being reflected in unrestricted net position. This and other changes affecting net position are discussed in the following sections.

Assets:

Current Assets – Current assets consist of cash and cash equivalents, inventories, prepaid items, and receivables expected to be collected within the next fiscal year. The increase of \$641,129.17 in current assets is primarily due to a \$591,672.02 increase in unrestricted cash that resulted from the use of federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF) to recover lost institutional revenues impacted by COVID-19, coupled with an increase of \$405,283.06 in restricted cash resulting primarily from a Dogwood Health Trust grant award for Project SHIFT (SCC Health Initiative For Teens) that was received during the current fiscal year. These increases were offset by a \$348,537.30 decrease in intergovernmental receivables due to the HEERF program reaching its conclusion.

Noncurrent Assets – Noncurrent assets are comprised of restricted cash, restricted due from primary government, and net capital assets. Noncurrent assets decreased by \$176,734.91 due to a decrease in restricted cash of \$501,095.28 resulting from the expenditure of State Capital Infrastructure Funds (SCIF) on the Public Training Center project, and an increase of \$333,326.37 in capital assets. See below for discussion of capital activity.

Capital Assets, Net

	FY23	FY22
Capital Assets, Nondepreciable		
Land	\$ 2,628,284.33	\$ 2,628,284.33
Construction In Progress	186,145.41	55,078.55
Total Capital Assets, Nondepreciable	<u>2,814,429.74</u>	<u>2,683,362.88</u>
Capital Assets, Depreciable		
Buildings	56,398,120.21	56,325,772.47
General Infrastructure	4,998,746.68	4,579,647.52
Machinery & Equipment	9,807,034.96	8,821,006.39
Right-to-Use Leased Machinery & Equipment	603,004.00	603,004.00
Total Lease Assets, Depreciable	<u>71,806,905.85</u>	<u>70,329,430.38</u>
Total	74,621,335.59	73,012,793.26
Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization	<u>23,267,512.84</u>	<u>21,992,296.88</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 51,353,822.75</u>	<u>\$ 51,020,496.38</u>

Capital Assets – Capital assets (land, construction in progress, buildings, general infrastructure, machinery and equipment, and right-to-use leased assets) are stated at historical cost less depreciation and amortization. Capital assets (net) totaled \$51,353,822.75 at June 30, 2023.

Significant capital activity in the current year consisted of:

- The Balsam Center IT renovation and Firing Range Parking Lot resurfacing project, totaling \$491,446.90, were capitalized from construction in progress.
- Depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended June 30, 2023 totaled \$1,391,265.13.
- The acquisition of \$1,109,269.48 in machinery and equipment primarily for the Health Science Center, as well as the purchase of a new fire truck for the Public Safety Training Center.

Deferred Outflows of Resources:

Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and other postemployment benefits (OPEB) plans totaled \$7,933,867.00, which was a \$2,401,456.00 increase from the prior year. The increase was primarily due to changes in actuarial valuations of the plans. For more information on pension and OPEB plans, including actuarial calculations and assumptions, see notes 13 and 14, respectively.

Liabilities:

Current Liabilities – Current liabilities are comprised of accounts payable, accrued payroll, unearned revenue, funds held for others, and the current portion of long-term liabilities.

Total current liabilities at year-end were \$1,399,107.54. There were no significant changes in current liabilities for fiscal year 2023.

Noncurrent Liabilities – Noncurrent liabilities consist of funds held for others, the noncurrent portion of accrued vacation and bonus leave not expected to be used within the next twelve months, net pension liability, net OPEB liability, and the noncurrent portion of lease liabilities. The net pension liability, in the amount of \$9,286,788.00, represents the College's pro-rata share of the State's collective Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS) net pension liability. Additionally, the College recognized \$12,351,997.00 to reflect its share of the State's net OPEB liability. Total noncurrent liabilities increased by \$2,435,973.06 due principally to an increase in net pension liability of \$6,337,218.00 offset by a decrease in net OPEB liability of \$4,125,687.00. The changes in net pension and net OPEB liabilities are primarily due to changes in actuarial valuations of the plans. See notes 13 and 14 for more information on net pension and net OPEB liabilities, respectively.

Deferred Inflows of Resources:

Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans totaled \$7,517,171.00, which was a \$2,714,281.00 decrease from the prior year. The decrease is primarily due to changes in actuarial valuations of the plans. For more information on pension and OPEB plans, including actuarial calculations and assumptions, see notes 13 and 14, respectively.

Net Position:

Net position represents the difference between total assets and total deferred outflows of resources from total liabilities and total deferred inflows of resources. Changes in net position are one indicator of whether the College's overall financial condition has improved or declined during the fiscal year.

Total net position at June 30, 2023 was \$40,358,082.24, an increase of \$3,196,921.62 from the prior fiscal year.

For reporting purposes, net position is divided into four categories: net investment in capital assets, restricted nonexpendable, restricted expendable, and unrestricted.

Net Investment in Capital Assets - Net investment in capital assets represents the College's capital assets net of accumulated depreciation/amortization and any outstanding liabilities incurred in the acquisition of capital assets. During fiscal year 2023, \$51,098,711.12 was attributable to the College's net investment in capital assets. See the capital assets section of the discussion for activity impacting net investment in capital assets.

Restricted – Nonexpendable - Nonexpendable restricted net position 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. There was no change to restricted nonexpendable net position.

Restricted – Expendable - Expendable restricted net position includes resources for which the College is legally or contractually obligated to spend in accordance with external restrictions. The decrease of \$848,114.67 is primarily attributable to restricted expendable for capital projects, which decreased by \$804,411.05 due to the completion of capital projects during the year.

Unrestricted - Unrestricted net position includes resources derived from student tuition and fees, sales and services, unrestricted gifts, interest income, and pension and OPEB related balances. At June 30, 2023, the deficit in unrestricted net position totaled \$14,688,799.55 and represented a decrease in the deficit of \$3,492,509.67 from the prior fiscal year. The majority of the change in unrestricted net position was the result of fluctuations in pension and OPEB related balances as discussed above.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

The activity presented on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position represents the change in net position. The purpose of this statement is to present the revenues earned by the College, both operating and nonoperating, and the expenses incurred by the College, both operating and nonoperating, and any other revenues, expenses, gains and losses.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

	FY 2023	FY 2022	Difference	% Difference
Operating Revenues				
Student Tuition and Fees, Net	\$ 1,852,273.75	\$ 1,175,483.29	\$ 676,790.46	57.58%
Federal Grants and Contracts	127,869.75	117,228.86	10,640.89	9.08%
State and Local Grants and Contracts	9,638.86	112,428.16	(102,789.30)	(91.43)%
Sales and Services	155,543.31	180,739.79	(25,196.48)	(13.94)%
Other Operating Revenues	116,301.10	84,165.77	32,135.33	38.18%
Total Operating Revenues	2,261,626.77	1,670,045.87	591,580.90	35.42%
Operating Expenses				
Salaries and Benefits	15,258,062.06	14,925,942.91	332,119.15	2.23%
Supplies and Services	5,095,448.73	4,771,039.09	324,409.64	6.80%
Scholarships and Fellowships	2,648,645.15	4,405,702.11	(1,757,056.96)	(39.88)%
Utilities	704,130.79	578,599.07	125,531.72	21.70%
Depreciation/Amortization	1,391,265.13	1,237,876.02	153,389.11	12.39%
Total Operating Expenses	25,097,551.86	25,919,159.20	(821,607.34)	(3.17)%
Operating Loss	(22,835,925.09)	(24,249,113.33)	1,413,188.24	(5.83)%
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)				
State Aid	15,107,038.65	13,724,129.19	1,382,909.46	10.08%
State Aid - Coronavirus	157.00	109,024.24	(108,867.24)	(99.86)%
County Appropriations	2,964,559.00	2,825,113.00	139,446.00	4.94%
Student Financial Aid	3,858,287.22	3,985,659.71	(127,372.49)	(3.20)%
Federal Aid - COVID-19	985,217.06	5,019,185.29	(4,033,968.23)	(80.37)%
Noncapital Contributions	2,015,211.68	2,246,546.89	(231,335.21)	(10.30)%
Investment Income	223,553.07	13,797.09	209,755.98	1520.29%
Other Nonoperating Expenses	(102,306.90)	(53,007.21)	(49,299.69)	93.01%
Net Nonoperating Revenues	25,051,716.78	27,870,448.20	(2,818,731.42)	(10.11)%
Income Before Other Revenues	2,215,791.69	3,621,334.87	(1,405,543.18)	(38.81)%
State Capital Aid	213,635.07	2,234,059.51	(2,020,424.44)	(90.44)%
County Capital Aid	323,537.07	546,047.91	(222,510.84)	(40.75)%
Capital Contributions	443,957.79	170,731.23	273,226.56	160.03%
Total Other Revenues	981,129.93	2,950,838.65	(1,969,708.72)	(66.75)%
Increase in Net Position	3,196,921.62	6,572,173.52	(3,375,251.90)	(51.36)%
Net Position				
Net Position - Beginning of Year	37,161,160.62	30,588,987.10	6,572,173.52	21.49%
Net Position - End of Year	\$ 40,358,082.24	\$ 37,161,160.62	\$ 3,196,921.62	8.60%
Total Revenues	\$ 28,396,780.38	\$ 32,544,339.93	\$ (4,147,559.55)	(12.74)%
Total Expenses	\$ 25,199,858.76	\$ 25,972,166.41	\$ (772,307.65)	(2.97)%

Operating Revenues – Operating revenues totaled \$2,261,626.77 and consisted of five areas: student tuition and fees, net; federal grants and contracts, state and local grants and contracts, sales and services, and other operating revenues. The increase of \$591,580.90 in operating revenues was primarily due to a \$676,790.46 increase in student tuition and fees due to an increase in enrollment and specific fees.

Operating Expenses – Operating expenses represent expenses used to acquire or produce the goods and services provided in return for operating revenues, and to carry out the mission of the College. The majority of operating expenses are for direct costs of salaries and fringe benefits. Other expenses are for operating activities which are necessary and essential to the mission of the College.

Operating expenses for fiscal year 2023 totaled \$25,097,551.86 and consisted of five categories: salaries and benefits, supplies and services, scholarships and fellowships, utilities, and depreciation/amortization expense.

The decrease of \$821,607.34 in operating expenses was primarily due to a decrease in scholarships and fellowships of \$1,757,056.96. This decrease in scholarships and fellowships was largely attributable to the use of HEERF student funds for SCC Promise tuition payments block grants in the prior year. The decrease in scholarships and fellowships was offset by increases in salaries and benefits of \$332,119.15 due to annual salary increases, retention and recruitment payments, and labor market adjustments. Supplies and services increased \$324,409.64 due to the implementation of new programs and online courses.

Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses – Nonoperating revenues represent the major portion of the College's revenues. Nonoperating revenues include state funds allocated to the College as well as local county appropriations and other nonoperating funds (i.e. student financial aid, noncapital contributions, and investment income). The state fund allocation is based on the College's full-time equivalent (FTE) formula budget computation from the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges. County appropriations are allocated based upon the College's needs to support the operation and maintenance of facilities.

In fiscal year 2023, net nonoperating revenues decreased by \$2,818,731.42. The change is due principally to the following:

- State aid increased by \$1,382,909.46 mainly due to the carry forward of \$856,549.00 in unspent prior year funds, and a slight increase resulting from changes in the variables used to calculate the College's portion of the State's budget allocation for fiscal year 2023.
- A decrease of \$4,033,968.23 in Federal COVID-19 aid due to the HEERF program reaching its conclusion as the majority of funds were utilized in prior periods.

Capital Contributions – Capital contributions are considered neither operating nor nonoperating activities, and are presented after nonoperating activities on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position.

The College received \$537,172.14 in state and county capital aid. This amount represented a decrease of \$2,242,935.28 from the previous fiscal year due to the completion of capital projects funded by the State. County capital aid also decreased due to a decrease in construction activity for projects funded by Jackson County.

The College's Financial Position and Economic Future

The College's ability to carry out its mission and maintain a solid financial foundation is directly influenced by state, federal and county support, student enrollment, as well as the availability of financial aid for students.

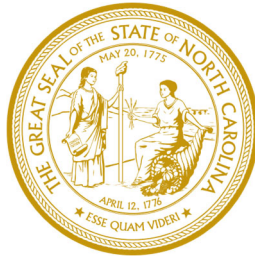
The State of North Carolina provides the majority of funding for the College through current operating and capital allocations. Most of the funding the College receives from the State is based upon enrollment. The College's state funding for fiscal year 2024 is expected to increase slightly as compared to the current period due to modest enrollment increases.

County appropriations provide funding for the operation and maintenance of College facilities. The level of support the College receives from Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties is critical to its mission and directly impacts the ability to maintain and improve facilities. County appropriations increased approximately 4% in fiscal year 2024 due to increases in minimum wages, as well as benefits and supply cost increases.

The College has several projects planned for fiscal year 2024, including HVAC and boiler repairs and replacements, multiple window, flooring, and carpet replacements, roof repairs, and updated servers at Grove's Center for operating the automated HVAC. Both Jackson and Groves data centers were upgraded with redundant IT HVAC systems. The College also received a \$554,759 allocation from the State for Rural College Broadband Access that will help provide critical IT infrastructure and network security improvements. Potential projects are identified by faculty, staff, and senior administrators. The College President and CFO present these needs to our local government, and this shared approach helps to ensure local needs are identified and met in a timely manner.

Moving forward, a new wing for a science classroom and a state-of-the-art laboratory at the Groves Center (Macon) is in the design/build phase. In fiscal year 2024, the State awarded the College \$20.0 million in SCIF funds for two additional projects. In Macon County, at the Public Safety Training Center plans are underway to build an Indoor Firing Range with multiple lanes, moving target system, intercom communications systems, acoustical controls, classroom and storage space. The firing range will provide a climate controlled regional facility for Law Enforcement agencies to receive initial firearm training and qualify for recertification for use of firearms to protect and serve the citizens. On the Jackson campus, Oaks Hall will be expanded with an addition and renovated to centralize the library on the campus, add faculty office space, and convert the existing library to a Small Business Center and continuing education facility with offices, classrooms, and a dedicated parking area. Over a three-year period, including fiscal year 2023, the College reviewed under performing and essential programs to best meet the needs of Jackson, Macon, and Swain communities. This review refocused resources and led to the discontinuation of a few programs, five reductions in force, the addition of Opticianry and Dental Assisting programs, and increased educational resources to several programs, including multiple in Health Sciences. The College is in the early phases of credentialing a Dental Hygiene program expected to begin in the Fall of 2026. This program will complement the Dental Assisting program which welcomed their first cohort in Fall of fiscal year 2024.

Projects are approved and funded from state capital improvement and local funds. It should be noted that these projects are contingent upon available funding. The College does not secure debt to fund capital projects.



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Statement of Net Position
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ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 8,082,693.41
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	1,903,170.02
Receivables, Net (Note 5)	597,218.91
Inventories	84,203.61
Prepaid Items	82,683.00
Total Current Assets	<u>10,749,968.95</u>

Noncurrent Assets:

Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	2,390,166.13
Restricted Due from Primary Government	912.21
Capital Assets - Nondepreciable (Note 6)	2,814,429.74
Capital Assets - Depreciable, Net (Note 6)	<u>48,539,393.01</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>53,744,901.09</u>

Total Assets	<u>64,494,870.04</u>
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DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions	5,734,728.00
Deferred Outflows Related to Other Postemployment Benefits (Note 14)	<u>2,199,139.00</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>7,933,867.00</u>

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities (Note 7)	900,589.93
Unearned Revenue	201,149.15
Funds Held for Others	21,770.80
Long-Term Liabilities - Current Portion (Note 8)	<u>275,597.66</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,399,107.54</u>

Noncurrent Liabilities:

Funds Held for Others	583,680.78
Long-Term Liabilities (Note 8)	<u>22,570,695.48</u>
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>23,154,376.26</u>

Total Liabilities	<u>24,553,483.80</u>
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DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	238,915.00
Deferred Inflows Related to Other Postemployment Benefits (Note 14)	<u>7,278,256.00</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>7,517,171.00</u>

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NET POSITION

Net Investment in Capital Assets	51,098,711.12
Restricted:	
Nonexpendable:	
Student Financial Aid	25,500.00
Expendable:	
Student Financial Aid	412,911.44
Capital Projects	1,950,420.83
Restricted For Specific Programs	1,559,338.40
Total Restricted-Expendable Net Position	3,922,670.67
Unrestricted	(14,688,799.55)
Total Net Position	\$ 40,358,082.24

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

Southwestern Community College
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and
Changes in Net Position
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Exhibit A-2

OPERATING REVENUES

Student Tuition and Fees, Net (Note 11)	\$ 1,852,273.75
Federal Grants and Contracts	127,869.75
State and Local Grants and Contracts	9,638.86
Sales and Services	155,543.31
Other Operating Revenues	116,301.10
Total Operating Revenues	2,261,626.77

OPERATING EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	15,258,062.06
Supplies and Services	5,095,448.73
Scholarships and Fellowships	2,648,645.15
Utilities	704,130.79
Depreciation/Amortization	1,391,265.13
Total Operating Expenses	25,097,551.86
Operating Loss	(22,835,925.09)

NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)

State Aid	15,107,038.65
State Aid - Coronavirus	157.00
County Appropriations	2,964,559.00
Student Financial Aid	3,858,287.22
Federal Aid - COVID-19	985,217.06
Noncapital Contributions	2,015,211.68
Investment Income	223,553.07
Other Nonoperating Expenses	(102,306.90)
Net Nonoperating Revenues	25,051,716.78
Income Before Other Revenues	2,215,791.69
State Capital Aid	213,635.07
County Capital Aid	323,537.07
Capital Contributions	443,957.79
Total Other Revenues	981,129.93
Increase in Net Position	3,196,921.62

NET POSITION

Net Position - July 1, 2022	37,161,160.62
Net Position - June 30, 2023	\$ 40,358,082.24

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

Southwestern Community College
Statement of Cash Flows
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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Received from Customers	\$ 2,259,779.06
Payments to Employees and Fringe Benefits	(18,115,938.11)
Payments to Vendors and Suppliers	(5,595,790.03)
Payments for Scholarships and Fellowships	(2,657,687.34)
William D. Ford Direct Lending Receipts	688,452.00
William D. Ford Direct Lending Disbursements	(688,452.00)
Other Receipts	191,415.85
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	(23,918,220.57)

CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES

State Aid	15,107,038.65
State Aid - Coronavirus	157.00
County Appropriations	2,964,559.00
Student Financial Aid	3,725,372.67
Federal Aid - COVID-19	985,217.06
Noncapital Contributions	2,372,901.09
Total Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	25,155,245.47

CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL FINANCING AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

State Capital Aid	213,635.07
County Capital Aid	345,711.46
Capital Contributions	437,447.79
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets	(1,824,393.50)
Principal Paid on Lease Liabilities	(120,080.00)
Interest Paid on Lease Liabilities	(16,705.00)
Net Cash Used by Capital Financing and Related Financing Activities	(964,384.18)

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Investment Income	223,219.08
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	495,859.80
Cash and Cash Equivalents - July 1, 2022	11,880,169.76
Cash and Cash Equivalents - June 30, 2023	\$ 12,376,029.56

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**RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO
NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Operating Loss	\$ (22,835,925.09)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation/Amortization Expense	1,391,265.13
Other Nonoperating Expenses	(78,410.16)
Changes in Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources:	
Receivables, Net	8,149.04
Inventories	36,462.23
Prepaid Items	(29,173.62)
Net Other Postemployment Benefits Asset	8,966.00
Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions	(2,683,280.00)
Deferred Outflows Related to Other Postemployment Benefits	281,824.00
Changes in Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources:	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	123,136.42
Unearned Revenue	(19,038.94)
Funds Held for Others	286,531.01
Net Pension Liability	6,337,218.00
Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability	(4,031,914.00)
Compensated Absences	250.41
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	(3,725,055.00)
Deferred Inflows Related to Other Postemployment Benefits	1,010,774.00
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	<u><u>\$ (23,918,220.57)</u></u>

NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL, AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Assets Acquired through the Assumption of a Liability	\$ 2,495.63
Assets Acquired through a Gift	6,510.00
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets	(7,191.74)
Decrease in Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability Related to Noncapital Contributions	(93,773.00)
Increase in Receivables Related to Nonoperating Revenues	133,248.54

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

Southwestern Community College Foundation, Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2023

Exhibit B-1

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	741,276
Pledges Receivable, Net		14,299

Total Current Assets		<u>755,575</u>
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Long-Term Assets:

Investments		6,860,303
Pledges Receivable		23,747

Total Long-Term Assets		<u>6,884,050</u>
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Total Assets	\$	<u><u>7,639,625</u></u>
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LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$	-
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NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions		284,126
With Donor Restrictions		<u>7,355,499</u>

Total Net Assets		<u>7,639,625</u>
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Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	<u><u>7,639,625</u></u>
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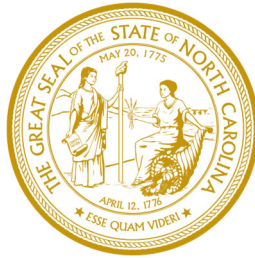
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Southwestern Community College Foundation, Inc.
Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Exhibit B-2

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Contributions	\$ 29,379	\$ 399,723	\$ 429,102
Special Events Revenue	-	131,795	131,795
Investment Gains/(Losses), Net	(1,650)	687,777	686,127
Interest Income	8,152	-	8,152
In-Kind Contributions	224,401	-	224,401
Total Support	260,282	1,219,295	1,479,577
Net Assets Released from Restrictions by:			
Expenditure	248,109	(248,109)	-
Administration Fees	34,146	(34,146)	-
Total Support and Revenue	542,537	937,040	1,479,577
EXPENSES			
Program	235,347	-	235,347
Management and General	120,293	-	120,293
Fundraising	141,692	-	141,692
Total Expenses	497,332	-	497,332
Change in Net Assets	45,205	937,040	982,245
NET ASSETS			
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	238,921	6,418,459	6,657,380
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 284,126	\$ 7,355,499	\$ 7,639,625

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



Notes to the Financial Statements

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. Southwestern Community College (College) is a component unit of the State of North Carolina and an integral part of the State's *Annual Comprehensive 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. See below for further discussion of the College's component unit. Other related foundations and similar nonprofit corporations for which the College is not financially accountable are not part of the accompanying financial statements.

Discretely Presented Component Unit - Southwestern Community College Foundation, Inc. (Foundation) is a legally separate, nonprofit corporation and is reported as a discretely presented component unit based on the nature and significance of its relationship to the College.

The Foundation acts primarily as a fundraising organization to supplement the resources that are available to the College in support of its programs. The Foundation board consists of not less than 13 and no more than 25 elected 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 nonprofit organization that reports its financial results under the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Codification. 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, 2023, the Foundation distributed \$225,153.81 to the College for both restricted and unrestricted purposes. Complete financial statements for the Foundation can be obtained by contacting Mr. Brett Woods, Director of the Foundation, 447 College Drive, Sylva, NC 28779, 828-339-4241.

- 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*, and GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, 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.

- 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 aid, 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, and deposits held by the State Treasurer in the Short-Term Investment Fund (STIF). The STIF 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. The College's equity position in the STIF is recorded at fair value. Additional information regarding the fair value measurement of deposits held by the State Treasurer in the STIF is disclosed in Note 3.

- 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.

- G. Capital Assets** - Capital assets are stated at cost at date of acquisition or acquisition value at date of donation in the case of gifts. Donated capital assets acquired prior to July 1, 2015 are stated at fair value as of the date of donation. The value of assets constructed includes all material direct and indirect construction costs.

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 in the following manner:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Buildings	10-100 years
Machinery and Equipment	2-30 years
General Infrastructure	10-75 years

Right-to-use leased assets are recorded at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term, plus any upfront payments and ancillary charges paid to place the underlying right-to-use asset into service. Lease liabilities are capitalized as a right-to-use asset when the underlying leased asset has a cost of \$5,000 or greater and an estimated useful life of more than one year.

Amortization for right-to-use leased assets is computed using the straight-line method over the shorter of the lease term or the underlying asset's estimated useful life. If a lease

agreement contains a purchase option the College is reasonably certain will be exercised, the right-to-use leased asset is amortized over the asset's estimated useful life.

- 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, resources whose use is limited by external parties or statute, and endowment and other restricted deposits.
- I. Accounting and Reporting of Fiduciary Activities** - Pursuant to the provisions of GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, custodial funds that are normally expected to be received and disbursed within a 3-month period or otherwise do not meet the fiduciary activity criteria defined by GASB Statement No. 84 continue to be reported in the Statement of Net Position as funds held for others and as operating activities in the Statement of Cash Flows.

There are no other trust or custodial funds meeting the criteria of a fiduciary activity that are required to be reported in separate fiduciary fund financial statements.

- J. Noncurrent Long-Term Liabilities** - Noncurrent long-term liabilities include lease liabilities, compensated absences, net pension liability, and net other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability.

The net pension liability represents the College's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability reported in the State of North Carolina's 2022 *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*. This liability represents the College's portion of the collective total pension liability less the fiduciary net position of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System. See Note 13 for further information regarding the College's policies for recognizing liabilities, expenses, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions.

The net OPEB liability represents the College's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability reported in the State of North Carolina's 2022 *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*. This liability represents the College's portion of the collective total OPEB liability less the fiduciary net position of the Retiree Health Benefit Fund and Disability Income Plan of North Carolina. See Note 14 for further information regarding the College's policies for recognizing liabilities, expenses, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB.

- K. 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.

- L. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources** - Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then.

- M. Net Position** - The College's net position is classified as follows:

Net Investment in Capital Assets - This represents the College's total investment in capital assets, net of outstanding liabilities related to those capital assets.

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 College 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 student tuition and fees, sales and services, unrestricted gifts, and interest income. It also includes the net position of accrued employee benefits such as compensated absences, pension plans, and other postemployment benefits.

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. Both restricted and unrestricted net position include consideration of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. See Note 10 for further information regarding deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that had a significant effect on unrestricted net position.

- N. 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 Position. 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 Position. To the extent that revenues from these programs are used to satisfy tuition, fees, and other charges, the College has recorded a scholarship discount.

- O. 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 Position. 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 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.

- 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. Unexpended county current appropriations and county capital appropriations do not revert and are available for future use by the College.

Note 2 - Deposits and Investments

College - 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, savings and loan association, or trust company 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 Position as cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand totaling \$2,930.00, and deposits in private financial institutions with a carrying value of \$1,255,379.33 and a bank balance of \$1,254,946.53.

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, 2023, 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 (STIF); 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, 2023, the amount shown on the Statement of Net Position as cash and cash equivalents includes \$11,117,720.23, which represents the College's equity position in the State Treasurer's Short-Term Investment Fund (STIF). The STIF (a portfolio within the State Treasurer's Investment Pool, an external investment pool that is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission or subject to any other regulatory oversight and does not have a credit rating) had a weighted average maturity of 0.7 years as of June 30, 2023. Assets and shares of the STIF are valued at fair value. Deposit and investment risks associated with the State Treasurer's Investment Pool (which includes the State Treasurer's STIF) are included in the North Carolina Department of State Treasurer Investment Programs' separately issued audit report. This separately issued report can be obtained from the Department of State Treasurer, 3200 Atlantic Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27604 or can be accessed from the Department of State Treasurer's website at <https://www.nctreasurer.com/> in the Audited Financial Statements section.

Component Unit - Investments of the College's discretely presented component unit, 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. Because the Foundation reports under the FASB reporting model, disclosures of the various investment risks are not required. The following is an analysis of investments by type:

Investment Type	Foundation Investments	Student Success Endowments	Total Investments
Equities	\$ 4,423,163	\$ 479,330	\$ 4,902,493
Fixed Income	1,427,063	374,455	1,801,518
Cash	136,156	20,136	156,292
Total	\$ 5,986,382	\$ 873,921	\$ 6,860,303

Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements

College - To the extent available, the College's investments are recorded at fair value as of June 30, 2023. GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application*, defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. This statement establishes a hierarchy of valuation inputs based on the extent to which the inputs are observable in the marketplace. Inputs are used in applying the various valuation techniques and take into account the assumptions that market participants use to make valuation decisions. Inputs may include price information, credit data, interest and yield curve data, and other factors specific to the financial instrument. Observable inputs reflect market data

obtained from independent sources. In contrast, unobservable inputs reflect the entity's assumptions about how market participants would value the financial instrument. Valuation techniques should maximize the use of observable inputs to the extent available.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following describes the hierarchy of inputs used to measure fair value and the primary valuation methodologies used for financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

Level 1	Investments whose values are based on quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets in active markets that a government can access at the measurement date.
Level 2	Investments with inputs - other than quoted prices included within Level 1 - that are observable for an asset, either directly or indirectly.
Level 3	Investments classified as Level 3 have unobservable inputs and may require a degree of professional judgment.

Short-Term Investment Fund - At year-end, all of the College's investments valued at \$11,117,720.23 were held in the STIF. Ownership interests of the STIF are determined on a fair market valuation basis as of fiscal year end in accordance with the STIF operating procedures. Valuation of the underlying assets is performed by the custodian. Pool investments are measured at fair value in accordance with GASB Statement No. 72. The College's position in the pool is measured and reported at fair value and the STIF is not required to be categorized within the fair value hierarchy.

Component Unit - Fair values of the Foundation's assets measured on a recurring basis at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

	Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Foundation Investments	\$ 5,986,382	\$ 5,986,382	\$ -	\$ -
Student Success Endowment	873,921	873,921	-	-
Pledges Receivable, Net	38,046	-	-	38,046
Total	\$ 6,898,349	\$ 6,860,303	\$ -	\$ 38,046

Financial assets valued using Level 1 inputs are based on unadjusted quoted market prices within active markets for identical assets. Financial assets valued using Level 3 inputs are based partially on unobservable inputs. Multi-year pledges receivable are discounted to present value and the allowance for doubtful accounts is adjusted based on management's evaluation of collectability.

Note 4 - 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, 2023, net appreciation of \$18,894.41 was available to be spent, of which \$2,869.24 was classified in net position as restricted: expendable: student financial aid as it is restricted for specific purposes. The remaining portion of net appreciation available to be spent is classified as unrestricted net position.

Note 5 - Receivables

Receivables at June 30, 2023, were as follows:

	Gross Receivables	Less Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Net Receivables
Receivables:			
Students	\$ 355,075.96	\$ 310,205.51	\$ 44,870.45
Student Sponsors	34,739.05	18,720.00	16,019.05
Accounts	940.00	100.00	840.00
Intergovernmental	535,489.41	-	535,489.41
Total Receivables	\$ 926,244.42	\$ 329,025.51	\$ 597,218.91

Note 6 - Capital Assets

A summary of changes in the capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2023, is presented as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2022	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2023
Capital Assets, Nondepreciable:				
Land	\$ 2,628,284.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,628,284.33
Construction in Progress	55,078.55	622,513.76	491,446.90	186,145.41
Total Capital Assets, Nondepreciable	2,683,362.88	622,513.76	491,446.90	2,814,429.74
Capital Assets, Depreciable:				
Buildings	56,325,772.47	72,347.74	-	56,398,120.21
Machinery and Equipment	8,821,006.39	1,109,269.48	123,240.91	9,807,034.96
General Infrastructure	4,579,647.52	419,099.16	-	4,998,746.68
Right-to-Use Leased Machinery and Equipment	603,004.00	-	-	603,004.00
Total Capital Assets, Depreciable	70,329,430.38	1,600,716.38	123,240.91	71,806,905.85
Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization for:				
Buildings	14,211,556.22	736,959.35	-	14,948,515.57
Machinery and Equipment	5,694,066.05	432,971.28	116,049.17	6,010,988.16
General Infrastructure	1,839,189.61	100,733.50	-	1,939,923.11
Right-to-Use Leased Machinery and Equipment	247,485.00	120,601.00	-	368,086.00
Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization	21,992,296.88	1,391,265.13	116,049.17	23,267,512.84
Total Capital Assets, Depreciable, Net	48,337,133.50	209,451.25	7,191.74	48,539,393.01
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 51,020,496.38	\$ 831,965.01	\$ 498,638.64	\$ 51,353,822.75

Note 7 - Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities at June 30, 2023, were as follows:

	Amount
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 315,140.92
Accounts Payable - Capital Assets	2,495.63
Accrued Payroll	582,953.38
Total Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 900,589.93

Note 8 - Long-Term Liabilities

A summary of changes in the long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2023, is presented as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2022	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2023	Current Portion
Lease Liabilities	\$ 372,696.00	\$ -	\$ 120,080.00	\$ 252,616.00	\$ 126,539.00
Compensated Absences	954,641.73	637,835.52	637,585.11	954,892.14	149,058.66
Net Pension Liability	2,949,570.00	6,337,218.00	-	9,286,788.00	-
Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability	16,477,684.00	-	4,125,687.00	12,351,997.00	-
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 20,754,591.73	\$ 6,975,053.52	\$ 4,883,352.11	\$ 22,846,293.14	\$ 275,597.66

Additional information regarding lease liabilities is included in Note 9.

Additional information regarding the net pension liability is included in Note 13.

Additional information regarding the net other postemployment benefits liability is included in Note 14.

Note 9 - Lease Arrangements

A. Lessee Arrangements - The College has lease agreements for the right to use equipment from external parties. The leases expire at various dates, and some have renewal options. Lease liabilities and right-to-use leased assets are recorded based on the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. The expected payments are discounted using the interest rate stated per the lease contract, or the College's estimated incremental borrowing rate if there is no stated contractual interest rate.

During the year the College did not recognize any variable payment amounts.

The College's lessee arrangements at June 30, 2023, are summarized below (excluding short-term leases):

Classification:	Number of Lease Contracts	Lease Liabilities June 30, 2023	Current Portion	Lease Terms ⁽¹⁾	Interest Rate
Lessee:					
Right-to-Use Leased Machinery and Equipment	2	\$ 252,616.00	\$ 126,539.00	2 years	5.25%

(1) The lease terms were calculated using weighted averages based on lease liability amounts.

B. Annual Requirements - The annual requirements to pay principal and interest on leases at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

Fiscal Year	Annual Requirements	
	Lease Liabilities	
	Principal	Interest
2024	\$ 126,539.00	\$ 10,246.00
2025	126,077.00	3,583.00
Total Requirements	\$ 252,616.00	\$ 13,829.00

Note 10 - Net Position

Unrestricted net position has been significantly affected by transactions resulting from the recognition of deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and related long-term liabilities, as shown in the following table:

	Amount
Net Pension Liability and Related Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ (3,790,975.00)
Net OPEB Liability and Related Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources	(17,431,114.00)
Effect on Unrestricted Net Position	(21,222,089.00)
Total Unrestricted Net Position Before Recognition of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Related Long-Term Liabilities	6,533,289.45
Total Unrestricted Net Position	\$ (14,688,799.55)

See Notes 13 and 14 for detailed information regarding the amortization of the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources relating to pensions and OPEB, respectively.

Note 11 - Revenues

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

	Gross Revenues	Less Scholarship Discounts and Allowances	Less Allowance for Uncollectibles	Net Revenues
Operating Revenues:				
Student Tuition and Fees, Net	\$ 3,381,082.25	\$ 1,431,529.81	\$ 97,278.69	\$ 1,852,273.75

Note 12 - Operating Expenses by Function

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

	Salaries and Benefits	Supplies and Services	Scholarships and Fellowships	Utilities	Depreciation/ Amortization	Total
Instruction	\$ 9,720,518.61	\$ 2,114,984.35	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,835,502.96
Academic Support	2,086,950.70	681,079.56	-	-	-	2,768,030.26
Student Services	1,785,721.58	274,673.01	-	-	-	2,060,394.59
Institutional Support	(5,318.81)	1,084,165.59	-	-	-	1,078,846.78
Operations and Maintenance of Plant	1,634,390.97	856,706.40	-	704,130.79	-	3,195,228.16
Student Financial Aid	-	-	2,648,645.15	-	-	2,648,645.15
Auxiliary Enterprises	35,799.01	83,839.82	-	-	-	119,638.83
Depreciation/Amortization	-	-	-	-	1,391,265.13	1,391,265.13
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 15,258,062.06	\$ 5,095,448.73	\$ 2,648,645.15	\$ 704,130.79	\$ 1,391,265.13	\$ 25,097,551.86

Included in the scholarship and fellowship function are student financial aid operating expenses for emergency financial aid payments to eligible students. These payments are for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus of \$61,760.42 provided by the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). Because of the administrative involvement by the College in providing the student awards, the related program activity is reported as nonoperating Federal Aid - COVID-19 revenue and student financial aid operating expenses. Since the purpose of the student aid is not for educational or scholarship purposes, they do not affect the scholarship discounting adjustments reported in Note 11.

Note 13 - Pension Plans**Defined Benefit Plan**

Plan Administration: The State of North Carolina administers the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS) plan. This plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan established by the State to provide pension benefits for general employees and law enforcement officers (LEOs) of the State, general employees and LEOs of its component units, and employees of Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and charter schools not in the reporting entity. Membership is comprised of employees of the State (state agencies and institutions), universities, community colleges, and certain proprietary component units along with the LEAs and charter schools that elect to join the Retirement System. Benefit provisions are established by General Statute 135-5 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly.

Benefits Provided: TSERS provides retirement and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 1.82% of the member's average final compensation times the member's years of creditable service. A member's average final compensation is calculated as the average of a member's four highest consecutive years of compensation. General employee plan members are eligible to retire with full retirement benefits at age 65 with five years of membership service, at age 60 with 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with 30 years of creditable service. General employee plan members are eligible to retire with partial retirement benefits at age 50 with 20 years of creditable service or at age 60 with five years of membership service. Survivor benefits are available to eligible beneficiaries of general members who die while in active service or within 180 days of their last day of service and who also have either completed 20 years of creditable service regardless of age, or have completed five years of service and have reached age 60. Eligible beneficiaries may elect to receive a monthly Survivor's Alternate

Benefit for life in lieu of the return of the member's contributions that is generally available to beneficiaries of deceased members. The plan does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases.

Contributions: Contribution provisions are established by General Statute 135-8 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. Plan members are required to contribute 6% of their annual pay. The contribution rate for employers is set each year by the North Carolina General Assembly in the Appropriations Act and may not be less than the contribution rate required of plan members. The TSERS Board of Trustees establishes a funding policy from which an accrued liability rate and a normal contribution rate are developed by the consulting actuary. The sum of those two rates developed under the funding policy is the actuarially determined contribution rate (ADC). The TSERS Board of Trustees may further adopt a contribution rate policy that is higher than the ADC known as the required employer contribution to be recommended to the North Carolina General Assembly. The College's contractually-required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2023 was 17.38% of covered payroll. Plan members' contributions to the pension plan were \$654,445.36, and the College's contributions were \$1,895,710.06 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The TSERS plan's financial information, including all information about the plan's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fiduciary net position, is included in the State of North Carolina's fiscal year 2022 *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*. An electronic version of this report is available on the North Carolina Office of the State Controller's website at <https://www.osc.nc.gov/> or by calling the State Controller's Financial Reporting Section at 919-707-0500.

TSERS Basis of Accounting: The financial statements of the TSERS plan are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. Employer contributions are recognized when due and the employer has a legal requirement to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of each plan. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the TSERS plan, and additions to/deductions from the TSERS plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TSERS.

Methods Used to Value TSERS Investment: Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes, the State Treasurer is the custodian and administrator of the retirement systems. The State Treasurer maintains various investment portfolios in its External Investment Pool. TSERS and other pension plans of the State of North Carolina participate in the Long-Term Investment, Fixed Income Investment, Equity Investment, Real Estate Investment, Alternative Investment, Opportunistic Fixed Income Investment, and Inflation Sensitive Investment portfolios. The Fixed Income Asset Class includes the Long-Term Investment and Fixed Income Investment portfolios. The Global Equity Asset Class includes the Equity Investment portfolio. The investment balance of each pension trust fund represents its share of the fair value of the net position of the various portfolios within the External Investment Pool. Detailed descriptions of the methods and significant assumptions regarding investments of the State Treasurer are provided in the 2022 *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*.

Net Pension Liability: At June 30, 2023, the College reported a liability of \$9,286,788.00 for its proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, and update procedures were used to roll forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2022. The College's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the present value of future

salaries for the College relative to the projected present value of future salaries for all participating employers, actuarially-determined. As of June 30, 2022, the College's proportion was 0.06257%, which was a decrease of 0.00042 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021, which was 0.06299%.

Actuarial Assumptions: The following table presents the actuarial assumptions used to determine the total pension liability for the TSERS plan at the actuarial valuation date:

Valuation Date	12/31/2021
Inflation	2.5%
Salary Increases*	3.25% - 8.05%
Investment Rate of Return**	6.5%

* Salary increases include 3.25% inflation and productivity factor.

** Investment rate of return includes inflation assumption and is net of pension plan investment expense.

TSERS currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e. teacher, general, law enforcement officer) and health status (i.e. disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. public plan population. The mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience review for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019.

Future ad hoc cost-of-living adjustment amounts are not considered to be substantively automatic and are therefore not included in the measurement.

The projected long-term investment returns and inflation assumptions are developed through review of current and historical capital markets data, sell-side investment research, consultant whitepapers, and historical performance of investment strategies. Fixed income return projections reflect current yields across the U.S. Treasury yield curve and market expectations of forward yields projected and interpolated for multiple tenors and over multiple year horizons. Global public equity return projections are established through analysis of the equity risk premium and the fixed income return projections. Other asset categories and strategies' return projections reflect the foregoing and historical data analysis. These projections are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 (the measurement date) are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Fixed Income	1.1%
Global Equity	6.5%
Real Estate	5.9%
Alternatives	7.5%
Opportunistic Fixed Income	5.0%
Inflation Sensitive	2.7%

The information in the preceding table is based on 30-year expectations developed with an investment consulting firm as part of a study that was completed in early 2022, and is part of the asset, liability, and investment policy of the North Carolina Retirement Systems. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic annualized figures. The real rates of return are calculated from nominal rates by multiplicatively subtracting a long-term inflation assumption of 2.25%. Return projections do not include any excess return expectations over benchmark averages. All rates of return and inflation are annualized. The long-term expected real rate of return for the Bond Index Investment Pool as of June 30, 2022 is 0.78%.

Discount Rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.5% for the December 31, 2021 valuation. The discount rate is in line with the long-term nominal expected return on pension plan investments. The calculation of the net pension liability is a present value calculation of the future net pension payments. These net pension payments assume that contributions from plan members will be made at the current statutory contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at the contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate: The following presents the net pension liability of the plan at June 30, 2022 calculated using the discount rate of 6.5%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.5%) than the current rate:

Net Pension Liability		
1% Decrease (5.5%)	Current Discount Rate (6.5%)	1% Increase (7.5%)
\$ 16,419,515.00	\$ 9,286,788.00	\$ 3,399,293.00

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions: For the year ended June 30, 2023, the College recognized pension expense of \$1,822,308.00. At June 30, 2023, the College reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to TSERS from the following sources:

Employer Balances of Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions by Classification:		
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference Between Actual and Expected Experience	\$ 40,435.00	\$ 126,580.00
Changes of Assumptions	732,692.00	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Plan Investments	3,050,153.94	-
Change in Proportion and Differences Between Employer's Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	15,737.00	112,335.00
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	1,895,710.06	-
Total	\$ 5,734,728.00	\$ 238,915.00

The amount reported as deferred outflows of resources related to contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to TSERS will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

**Schedule of the Net Amount of the Employer's Balances of
Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources
That will be Recognized in Pension Expense:**

<u>Year Ending June 30:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	\$ 906,665.00
2025	904,646.00
2026	326,633.00
2027	1,462,158.94
Total	<u>\$ 3,600,102.94</u>

Note 14 - Other Postemployment Benefits

The College participates in two postemployment benefit plans, the Retiree Health Benefit Fund and the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina, that are administered by the State of North Carolina as pension and other employee benefit trust funds. Each plan's financial information, including all information about the plans' assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fiduciary net position, is included in the State of North Carolina's fiscal year 2022 *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*. An electronic version of this report is available on the North Carolina Office of the State Controller's website at <https://www.osc.nc.gov/> or by calling the State Controller's Financial Reporting Section at 919-707-0500.

A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Plan Asset Matters

Basis of Accounting: The financial statements of these plans were prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employer contributions are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Benefits are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of each plan. For purposes of measuring the net other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of each plan, and additions to/deductions from each plans' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plans.

Methods Used to Value Plan Investments: Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes, the State Treasurer is the custodian and administrator of the other postemployment benefit funds. The State Treasurer maintains various investment portfolios in its External Investment Pool. The Retiree Health Benefit Fund participates in the External Investment Pool. The Disability Income Plan is invested in the Short-Term Investment Portfolio of the External Investment Pool and the Bond Index External Investment Pool. The investment balance of each other employee benefit trust fund represents its share of the fair value of the net position of the various portfolios within the pool. Detailed descriptions of the methods and significant assumptions regarding investments of the State Treasurer are provided in the 2022 *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*.

B. Plan Descriptions

1. Health Benefits

Plan Administration: The State of North Carolina administers the North Carolina State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees, referred to as the State Health Plan (the Plan), a healthcare plan exclusively for the benefit of employees of the State, the University of North Carolina System, community colleges, and certain other component units. In addition, Local Education Agencies (LEAs), charter schools, and some select local governments that are not part of the State's financial reporting entity also participate. Health benefit programs and premium rates are determined by the State Treasurer upon approval of the Plan Board of Trustees.

The Retiree Health Benefit Fund (RHBF) has been established by Chapter 135-7, Article 1 of the General Statutes as a fund to provide health benefits to retired and disabled employees and their applicable beneficiaries. RHBF is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit healthcare plan, exclusively for the benefit of former employees of the State, the University of North Carolina System, and community colleges. In addition, LEAs, charter schools, and some select local governments that are not part of the State's financial reporting entity also participate.

By statute, RHBF is administered by the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS). RHBF is supported by a percent of payroll contribution from participating employing units. Each year the percentage is set in legislation, as are the maximum per retiree contributions from RHBF to the Plan. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the Plan Board of Trustees, then sets the employer contributions (subject to the legislative cap) and the premiums to be paid by retirees, as well as the health benefits to be provided through the Plan.

Benefits Provided: Plan benefits received by retired employees and disabled employees from RHBF are OPEB. The healthcare benefits for retired and disabled employees who are not eligible for Medicare are the same as for active employees as described in Note 15. The plan options change when the former employees become eligible for Medicare. The benefits provided include medical and pharmacy coverage for employees and their dependents. Non-Medicare eligible members have two self-funded options administered by the State Health Plan while Medicare members have three options, including one self-funded option and two fully-insured Medicare Advantage/Prescription Drug Plan options. Self-funded medical and pharmacy claims costs are shared between the covered member and the State Health Plan. If the self-funded plan is elected by a Medicare eligible member, the coverage is secondary to Medicare. Fully-insured claims include cost sharing from covered members with the remaining balance paid by the fully-insured carrier.

Those former employees who are eligible to receive medical benefits from RHBF are long-term disability beneficiaries of the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina and retirees of TSERS, the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System (CJRS), the Legislative Retirement System (LRS), the University Employees' Optional Retirement Program (ORP), and a small number of local governments, with five or more years of contributory membership service in their retirement system prior to disability or retirement, with the following exceptions: for employees first hired on or after October 1, 2006, and members of the North Carolina General Assembly first taking office on or after February 1, 2007, future coverage as retired employees and retired members of the North Carolina General Assembly is subject to the requirement that

the future retiree have 20 or more years of retirement service credit in order to receive coverage on a noncontributory basis. Employees first hired on or after October 1, 2006 and members of the North Carolina General Assembly first taking office on or after February 1, 2007 with 10 but less than 20 years of retirement service credit are eligible for coverage on a partially contributory basis. For such future retirees, the State will pay 50% of the Plan's total noncontributory premium. Employees first hired on or after October 1, 2006 and members of the North Carolina General Assembly first taking office on or after February 1, 2007 with five but less than 10 years of retirement service credit are eligible for coverage on a fully contributory basis.

Section 35.21 (c) & (d) of Session Law 2017-57 repealed retiree medical benefits for employees first hired on or after January 1, 2021. The legislation amended Chapter 135, Article 3B of the General Statutes to require that retirees must earn contributory retirement service in the TSERS (or in an allowed local system unit), CJRS, or LRS prior to January 1, 2021, and not withdraw that service, in order to be eligible for retiree medical benefits under the amended law. Consequently, members first hired on and after January 1, 2021 will not be eligible to receive retiree medical benefits.

RHBF's benefit and contribution provisions are established by Chapter 135-7, Article 1, and Chapter 135, Article 3B of the General Statutes and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. RHBF does not provide for automatic post-retirement benefit increases.

Contributions: Contribution rates to RHBF, which are intended to finance benefits and administrative expenses on a pay-as-you-go basis, are determined by the North Carolina General Assembly in the Appropriations Act. The College's contractually-required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2023 was 6.89% of covered payroll. The College's contributions to the RHBF were \$751,521.42 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

In fiscal year 2021, the Plan transferred \$187.0 million to RHBF as a result of cost savings to the Plan over a span of six years. For financial reporting purposes, the transfer was recognized as a nonemployer contributing entity contribution. The contribution was allocated among the RHBF employers and recorded as noncapital contributions. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the College recognized noncapital contributions for RHBF of \$93,773.00.

2. Disability Income

Plan Administration: As discussed in Note 15, short-term and long-term disability benefits are provided through the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina (DIPNC), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan, to the eligible members of TSERS which includes employees of the State, the University of North Carolina System, community colleges, certain participating component units and LEAs which are not part of the State's reporting entity, and the University Employees' ORP. By statute, DIPNC is administered by the Department of State Treasurer and the Board of Trustees of TSERS.

Benefits Provided: Long-term disability benefits are payable as an OPEB from DIPNC after the conclusion of the short-term disability period or after salary continuation payments cease, whichever is later, while the employee is disabled and does not meet the TSERS conditions for unreduced service retirement. An employee is eligible to receive long-term disability benefits provided the following requirements are met:

(1) the employee has five or more years of contributing membership service in TSERS or the University Employees' ORP, earned within 96 months prior to becoming disabled or cessation of salary continuation payments, whichever is later; (2) the employee must make application to receive long-term benefits within 180 days after the conclusion of the short-term disability period or after salary continuation payments cease or after monthly payments for Workers' Compensation cease (excluding monthly payments for permanent partial benefits), whichever is later; (3) the employee must be certified by the Medical Board to be mentally or physically disabled for the further performance of his/her usual occupation; (4) the disability must have been continuous, likely to be permanent, and incurred at the time of active employment; (5) the employee must not be eligible to receive an unreduced retirement benefit from TSERS; and (6) the employee must terminate employment as a permanent, full-time employee. A general employee is eligible to receive an unreduced retirement benefit from TSERS after: (1) reaching the age of 65 and completing five years of membership service; (2) reaching the age of 60 and completing 25 years of creditable service; or (3) completing 30 years of creditable service, at any age.

For employees who had five or more years of membership service as of July 31, 2007, during the first 36 months of the long-term disability period, the monthly long-term disability benefit is equal to 65% of one-twelfth of an employee's annual base rate of compensation last payable to the participant or beneficiary prior to the beginning of the short-term disability period, plus the like percentage of one-twelfth of the annual longevity payment and local supplements to which the participant or beneficiary would be eligible. The monthly benefits are subject to a maximum of \$3,900 per month reduced by any primary Social Security disability benefits, by an amount equal to the monthly primary Social Security retirement benefit to which the employee might be entitled should the employee be at least age 62, and by monthly payments for Workers' Compensation to which the participant or beneficiary may be entitled, but the benefits payable shall be no less than \$10 a month. After the first 36 months of the long-term disability, the long-term benefit is calculated in the same manner as described above except the monthly benefit is reduced by an amount equal to a monthly primary Social Security disability benefit to which the participant or beneficiary might be entitled had Social Security disability benefits been awarded. When an employee qualifies for an unreduced service retirement allowance from TSERS, the benefits payable from DIPNC will cease, and the employee will commence retirement under TSERS or the University Employees' ORP.

For employees who had less than five years of membership service as of July 31, 2007, and meet the requirements for long-term disability on or after August 1, 2007, benefits are calculated in the same manner as described above except that after the first 36 months of the long-term disability, no further long-term disability benefits are payable unless the employee has been approved and is in receipt of primary Social Security benefits.

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.

Contributions: Although DIPNC operates on a calendar year, disability income benefits are funded by actuarially determined employer contributions that are established in the Appropriations Act by the North Carolina General Assembly and coincide with the State's fiscal year. The College's contractually-required contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2023 was 0.10% of covered payroll. The College's contributions to DIPNC were \$10,907.42 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

C. Net OPEB Liability

Retiree Health Benefit Fund: At June 30, 2023, the College reported a liability of \$12,335,969.00 for its proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability for RHBF. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2022. The total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, and update procedures were used to roll forward the total OPEB liability to June 30, 2022. The College's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the present value of future salaries for the College relative to the projected present value of future salaries for all participating employers, actuarially-determined. As of June 30, 2022, the College's proportion was 0.05195%, which was a decrease of 0.00135 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021, which was 0.05330%.

Disability Income Plan of North Carolina: At June 30, 2023, the College reported a liability of \$16,028.00 for its proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability for DIPNC. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2022. The total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, and update procedures were used to roll forward the total OPEB liability to June 30, 2022. The College's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on a projection of the present value of future salaries for the College relative to the projected present value of future salaries for all participating employers, actuarially-determined. As of June 30, 2022, the College's proportion was 0.05388%, which was a decrease of 0.00101 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021, which was 0.05489%.

Actuarial Assumptions: The total OPEB liabilities for RHBF and DIPNC were determined by actuarial valuations as of December 31, 2021, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified. The total OPEB liabilities were then rolled forward to June 30, 2022 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions.

	Retiree Health Benefit Fund	Disability Income Plan of N.C.
Valuation Date	12/31/2021	12/31/2021
Inflation	2.5%	2.5%
Salary Increases*	3.25% - 8.05%	3.25% - 8.05%
Investment Rate of Return**	6.5%	3.0%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rate - Medical***	6% grading down to 5% by 2027	N/A
Healthcare Cost Trend Rate - Prescription Drug***	9.5% grading down to 5% by 2031	N/A
Healthcare Cost Trend Rate - Medicare Advantage***	0% through 2025, 5% thereafter	N/A
Healthcare Cost Trend Rate - Administrative***	3%	N/A

* Salary increases include 3.25% inflation and productivity factor.

** Investment rate of return is net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation.

*** Disability Income Plan of NC eliminated employer reimbursements from the Plan (which included State Health Plan premiums) effective July 1, 2019.

N/A - Not Applicable

The OPEB plans currently use mortality tables that vary by age, gender, employee group (i.e. teacher, other educational employee, general employee, or law enforcement officer) and health status (i.e. disabled or not disabled). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. public plan

population. The healthy mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The projected long-term investment returns and inflation assumptions are developed through review of current and historical capital markets data, sell-side investment research, consultant whitepapers, and historical performance of investment strategies. Fixed income return projections reflect current yields across the U.S. Treasury yield curve and market expectations of forward yields projected and interpolated for multiple tenors and over multiple year horizons. Global public equity return projections are established through analysis of the equity risk premium and the fixed income return projections. Other asset categories and strategies' return projections reflect the foregoing and historical data analysis. These projections are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. DIPNC is primarily invested in the Bond Index Investment Pool as of June 30, 2022.

Best estimates of real rates of return for each major asset class included in RHBF's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 (the measurement date) are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Fixed Income	1.1%
Global Equity	6.5%
Real Estate	5.9%
Alternatives	7.5%
Opportunistic Fixed Income	5.0%
Inflation Sensitive	2.7%

The information in the preceding table is based on 30-year expectations developed with an investment consulting firm as part of a study that was completed in early 2022, and is part of the asset, liability, and investment policy of the North Carolina Retirement Systems. The long-term nominal rates of return underlying the real rates of return are arithmetic annualized figures. The real rates of return are calculated from nominal rates by multiplicatively subtracting a long-term inflation assumption of 2.25%. Return projections do not include any excess return expectations over benchmark averages. All rates of return and inflation are annualized. The long-term expected real rate of return for the Bond Index Investment Pool as of June 30, 2022 is 0.78%.

Actuarial valuations of the plans involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. The results of the valuations fluctuate from year to year as actual experience differs from assumptions. This includes demographic experiences (i.e., mortality and retirement) that differ from expected. This also includes financial experiences (i.e., member medical costs and contributions) that vary from expected trends. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

The actuarial assumptions used for RHBF are consistent with those used to value the pension benefits of TSERS where appropriate. These assumptions are based on the most recent pension valuations available. The discount rate used for RHBF reflects a pay-as-you-go approach.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes of the plans are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include

the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. Historically, the benefits have been funded solely by employer contributions applied equally to all retirees. Currently, as described above, benefits are dependent on membership requirements.

The actuarial methods and assumptions used for DIPNC include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations. Prior to July 1, 2019, employers received a reimbursement from DIPNC for employer costs, including the employer's share of the State Health Plan premiums, incurred during the second six months of the first year of a member's short-term disability coverage. With the elimination of the reimbursement to employers, State Health Plan premiums are no longer reimbursed by DIPNC for the benefits that were effective on or after July 1, 2019.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2021 valuations were generally based on the results of an actuarial experience study prepared as of December 31, 2019, as amended for updates to certain assumptions (such as medical claims and medical trend rate assumptions) implemented based on annual reviews that have occurred since that experience study.

Discount Rate: The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability for RHBF was 3.54% at June 30, 2022 compared to 2.16% at June 30, 2021. The projection of cash flow used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from employers would be made at the current statutorily determined contribution rate. Based on the above assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments to current plan members. As a result, a municipal bond rate of 3.54% was used as the discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability. The 3.54% rate is based on the Bond Buyer 20-year General Obligation Index as of June 30, 2022.

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability for DIPNC was 3.08% at June 30, 2022 compared to 3.0% at June 30, 2021. The projection of cash flow used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members would be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers would be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to the current plan members. In order to develop the blended discount rate of 3.08%, 3.0% was used during the period that the plan was projected to have a fiduciary net position, and a municipal bond rate of 3.54% was used during the period that the plan was projected to have no fiduciary net position. The 3.54% rate is based on the Bond Buyer 20-year General Obligation Index as of June 30, 2022.

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate: The following presents the College's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability of the plans, as well as what the plans' net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current discount rate:

		Net OPEB Liability		
		1% Decrease (2.54%)	Current Discount Rate (3.54%)	1% Increase (4.54%)
RHBF	\$	14,530,963.00	\$ 12,335,969.00	\$ 10,544,200.00
		1% Decrease (2.08%)	Current Discount Rate (3.08%)	1% Increase (4.08%)
DIPNC	\$	19,737.00	\$ 16,028.00	\$ 12,311.00

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates: The following presents the net OPEB liability of the plans, as well as what the plans' net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

Net OPEB Liability			
	1% Decrease (Medical - 4% - 5%, Pharmacy - 4% - 8.5%, Med. Advantage - 0% - 4%, Administrative - 2%)	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rates (Medical - 5% - 6%, Pharmacy - 5% - 9.5%, Med. Advantage - 0% - 5%, Administrative - 3%)	1% Increase (Medical - 6% - 7%, Pharmacy - 6% - 10.5%, Med. Advantage - 0% - 6%, Administrative - 4%)
RHBF	\$ 10,154,904.00	\$ 12,335,969.00	\$ 15,156,500.00

Effective with the actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, the liability for the State's potential reimbursement of costs incurred by employers was removed because the reimbursement by DIPNC was eliminated for disabilities occurring on or after July 1, 2019. Thus sensitivity to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates is not applicable for DIPNC.

OPEB Expense: For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the College recognized OPEB expense as follows:

OPEB Plan	Amount
RHBF	\$ (1,994,331.00)
DIPNC	23,712.00
Total OPEB Expense	\$ (1,970,619.00)

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB: At June 30, 2023, the College reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

Employer Balances of Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to OPEB by Classification:			
	RHBF	DIPNC	Total
Differences Between Actual and Expected Experience	\$ 119,766.00	\$ 17,966.00	\$ 137,732.00
Changes of Assumptions	987,655.00	1,029.00	988,684.00
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	106,824.00	16,953.00	123,777.00
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Employer's Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	180,986.58	5,530.58	186,517.16
Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	751,521.42	10,907.42	762,428.84
Total	\$ 2,146,753.00	\$ 52,386.00	\$ 2,199,139.00

**Employer Balances of Deferred Inflows of Resources
Related to OPEB by Classification:**

	RHBF	DIPNC	Total
Differences Between Actual and Expected Experience	\$ 34,135.00	\$ -	\$ 34,135.00
Changes of Assumptions	5,614,390.00	2,969.00	5,617,359.00
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Employer's Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	1,626,762.00	-	1,626,762.00
Total	\$ 7,275,287.00	\$ 2,969.00	\$ 7,278,256.00

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as reductions of the net OPEB liabilities related to RHBF and DIPNC in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized as OPEB expense as follows:

**Schedule of the Net Amount of the Employer's Balances of
Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of
Resources That will be Recognized in OPEB Expense:**

Year Ending June 30:	RHBF	DIPNC
2024	\$ (1,976,650.00)	\$ 9,388.00
2025	(1,554,837.00)	10,556.00
2026	(1,589,683.00)	7,777.00
2027	(758,886.00)	6,226.00
2028	0.58	2,049.00
Thereafter	-	2,513.58
Total	\$ (5,880,055.42)	\$ 38,509.58

Note 15 - 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.

A. Public Entity Risk Pool

State Public Education Property Insurance Fund

Fire and other property losses are covered by the State Public Education Property Insurance Fund (Fund), a state-administered public entity risk pool. The Fund is financed by premiums and interest collected through membership participation and retains a

\$10,000,000 deductible per occurrence. Reinsurance is purchased by the Fund to cover catastrophic events in excess of the \$10,000,000 deductible. Membership insured property is covered under an all risk coverage contract. Each member selects the deductible that will be applicable to their losses, and this deductible ranges from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Building and contents are valued under a replacement cost basis. No coinsurance penalties apply. 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.

B. Employee Benefit Plans

1. State Health Plan

College employees 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. See Note 14, Other Postemployment Benefits, for additional information regarding retiree health benefits.

2. Death Benefit Plan of North Carolina

Term life insurance (death benefits) of \$25,000 to \$50,000 is provided to eligible workers who enroll in the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System. This Death Benefit Plan is administered by the State Treasurer and funded via employer contributions. The employer contribution rate was 0.13% for the current fiscal year.

3. Disability Income Plan

Short-term and long-term disability benefits are provided to College employees through the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina (DIPNC), part of the State's Pension and Other Employee Benefit Trust Funds. Short-term benefits are paid by the College for up to twelve months. The Board of Trustees of the DIPNC may extend the short-term disability benefits for up to an additional twelve months. During the extended period of short-term disability benefits, payments are made directly by the DIPNC to the beneficiary. As discussed in Note 14, long-term disability benefits are payable as other postemployment benefits from DIPNC after the conclusion of the short-term disability period or after salary continuation payments cease, whichever is later, for as long as an employee is disabled.

C. Other Risk Management and Insurance Activities

1. Automobile Insurance

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 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.

2. Public Officers' and Employees' Liability Insurance

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 \$2,000,000 per claim and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per fiscal year via contract with private insurance companies. The North Carolina Community College System Office pays the premium, based on a composite rate, directly to the private insurer.

3. Employee Dishonesty and Computer Fraud

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. The 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 \$100,000 deductible. Employee dishonesty insurance for employees paid from non-state funds is purchased from Auto-Owners Insurance with coverage of \$50,000 per occurrence less a \$500 deductible.

4. Statewide Workers' Compensation Program

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 in whole or in part from county or institutional funds.

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

5. Other Insurance Held by the College

The College purchased other authorized coverage from private insurance companies through the North Carolina Department of Insurance for institutionally owned vehicles and equipment, as well as additional educator's legal liability insurance, student medical malpractice insurance for students enrolled in health science programs working at clinical sites, liability insurance for cosmetology students, cyber data security, and liability insurance for incidents which could arise at the College's law enforcement firearms training range.

Note 16 - Commitments

The College has established an encumbrance system to track its outstanding commitments on construction projects and other purchases. Outstanding commitments on construction contracts were \$217,760.04 and on other purchases were \$232,968.83 at June 30, 2023.

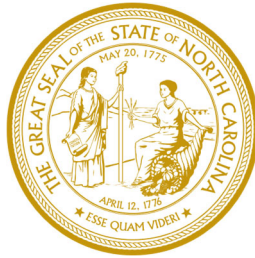
Note 17 - Changes in Financial Accounting and Reporting

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the College implemented the following pronouncement issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB):

GASB Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

GASB Statement No. 96 provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset (an intangible asset) and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding SBITAs.

The College has no agreements that require the recognition of SBITA assets or liabilities as of June 30, 2023.



Required Supplementary Information

Southwestern Community College
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Cost-Sharing, Multiple-Employer, Defined Benefit Pension Plan
Last Ten Fiscal Years*

Exhibit C-1

Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Proportionate Share Percentage of Collective Net Pension Liability	0.06257%	0.06299%	0.06412%	0.06841%	0.07020%
Proportionate Share of TSERS Collective Net Pension Liability	\$ 9,286,788.00	\$ 2,949,570.00	\$ 7,746,976.00	\$ 7,092,035.00	\$ 6,989,174.00
Covered Payroll	\$ 10,862,231.01	\$ 10,393,800.54	\$ 10,283,744.21	\$ 10,417,718.88	\$ 10,470,105.55
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	85.50%	28.38%	75.33%	68.08%	66.75%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	84.14%	94.86%	85.98%	87.56%	87.61%
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Proportionate Share Percentage of Collective Net Pension Liability	0.07014%	0.07051%	0.07201%	0.07068%	0.06690%
Proportionate Share of TSERS Collective Net Pension Liability	\$ 5,565,217.00	\$ 6,480,597.00	\$ 2,653,711.00	\$ 828,667.00	\$ 4,061,512.00
Covered Payroll	\$ 10,320,848.89	\$ 9,777,483.21	\$ 9,705,872.47	\$ 9,844,675.33	\$ 9,352,824.68
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	53.92%	66.28%	27.34%	8.42%	43.43%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	89.51%	87.32%	94.64%	98.24%	90.60%

Note: Information is presented for all years that were measured in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, as amended.

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year ended June 30.

Southwestern Community College
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of College Contributions
Cost-Sharing, Multiple-Employer, Defined Benefit Pension Plan
Last Ten Fiscal Years

Exhibit C-2

Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 1,895,710.06	\$ 1,779,233.44	\$ 1,536,203.72	\$ 1,333,801.62	\$ 1,280,337.65
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Determined Contribution	1,895,710.06	1,779,233.44	1,536,203.72	1,333,801.62	1,280,337.65
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered Payroll	\$ 10,907,422.67	\$ 10,862,231.01	\$ 10,393,800.54	\$ 10,283,744.21	\$ 10,417,718.88
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	17.38%	16.38%	14.78%	12.97%	12.29%
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 1,128,677.38	\$ 1,030,020.72	\$ 894,639.71	\$ 888,087.33	\$ 855,502.29
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Determined Contribution	1,128,677.38	1,030,020.72	894,639.71	888,087.33	855,502.29
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered Payroll	\$ 10,470,105.55	\$ 10,320,848.89	\$ 9,777,483.21	\$ 9,705,872.47	\$ 9,844,675.33
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	10.78%	9.98%	9.15%	9.15%	8.69%

Note: Changes of benefit terms, methods, and assumptions are presented in the Notes to Required Supplementary Information (RSI) schedule following the pension RSI tables.

Southwestern Community College
Notes to Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of College Contributions
Cost-Sharing, Multiple-Employer, Defined Benefit Pension Plan
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Changes of Benefit Terms:

Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System	Cost of Living Increase									
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.00%	N/A

Beginning in fiscal year 2015, with the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68, the above table reflects Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) in the period of the legislative session or Board of Trustees meeting when it was passed. The COLA is effective as of July 1 of that period and the fiscal year end plan liability is affected at June 30 of that year because the COLA is included in the actuarial assumptions used to calculate the plan net pension liability.

Effective July 1, 2017, the definition of law enforcement officer related to TSERS members was changed by the General Assembly to include Probation/Parole officers for retirement benefit purposes. The change includes officers with respect to service rendered on or after July 1, 2017, and provides for unreduced retirement at age 55 with five years of service as a law enforcement officer or reduced retirement at age 50 with 15 years of service as a law enforcement officer.

Effective July 1, 2017, retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees receiving benefits from the TSERS as of July 1, 2016, received a 1% cost-of-living adjustment. Retirees and beneficiaries of retirees with retirement effective dates between July 1, 2016 and before June 30, 2017 received a prorated amount. These benefit enhancements reflect legislation enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly.

In December 2021 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees receiving benefits from the TSERS as of September 1, 2021, received a one-time cost-of-living supplement payment, equal to 2% of the beneficiary's annual retirement allowance.

Benefit recipients of the TSERS will receive a one-time benefit supplement payment equal to 4% of the member's annual benefit amount, paid by October 2022, as granted by the North Carolina General Assembly for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The one-time supplement does not change the ongoing monthly benefits, and absent additional action by governing authorities, the payments will not recur in future years.

Methods and Assumptions Used in Calculations of Actuarially Determined Contributions: An actuarial valuation is performed for each year for the plan. The actuarially determined contribution rates in the Schedule of College Contributions are calculated by the actuary as a projection of the required employer contribution for the fiscal year beginning 18 months following the date of the valuation results. See Note 13 for more information on the specific assumptions for the plan. The actuarially determined contributions for those items with covered payroll were determined using the actuarially determined contribution rate from the actuary and covered payroll as adjusted for timing differences and other factors such as differences in employee class. Other actuarially determined contributions are disclosed in the schedule as expressed by the actuary in reports to the plans.

Changes of Assumptions: In January 2021, the actuarial assumptions for the TSERS were updated to more closely reflect actual experience.

In 2020, the North Carolina Retirement Systems' consulting actuaries performed the quinquennial investigation of the TSERS actual demographic and economic experience (known as the "Experience Review"). The Experience Review provides the basis for selecting the actuarial assumptions and methods used to determine plan liabilities and funding requirements. The most recent experience review examined the TSERS experience during the period between January 1, 2015, and December 31, 2019. Based on the findings, the Boards of Trustees of the TSERS adopted a number of new actuarial assumptions and methods. The most notable changes to the assumptions include updates to the mortality tables and mortality improvements. These assumptions were adjusted to be based on the Pub-2010 mortality tables reflecting the mortality projection scale MP-2019, released by the Society of Actuaries in 2019. In addition, the assumed rates of retirement, salary increases, and rates of termination from active employment were updated to more closely reflect actual experience.

The discount rate for the TSERS was lowered from 7.00% to 6.50% effective for the December 31, 2020 valuation, with the resulting effect on minimum actuarially determined employer contribution rates (or amounts) to be gradually recognized over a five-year period beginning July 1, 2022.

The Notes to Required Supplementary Information reflect information included in the State of North Carolina's 2022 *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*.

N/A - Not Applicable

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Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability or Asset
Cost-Sharing, Multiple-Employer, Defined Benefit OPEB Plans
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Retiree Health Benefit Fund	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Proportionate Share Percentage of Collective Net OPEB Liability	0.05195%	0.05330%	0.05316%	0.05838%	0.06001%
Proportionate Share of Collective Net OPEB Liability	\$ 12,335,969.00	\$ 16,477,684.00	\$ 14,747,461.00	\$ 18,470,293.00	\$ 17,095,884.00
Covered Payroll	\$ 10,862,231.01	\$ 10,393,800.54	\$ 10,283,744.21	\$ 10,417,718.88	\$ 10,470,105.55
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	113.57%	158.53%	143.41%	177.30%	163.28%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	10.58%	7.72%	6.92%	4.40%	4.40%
	2018	2017			
Proportionate Share Percentage of Collective Net OPEB Liability	0.05850%	0.06133%			
Proportionate Share of Collective Net OPEB Liability	\$ 19,180,331.00	\$ 26,680,635.00			
Covered Payroll	\$ 10,320,848.89	\$ 9,777,483.21			
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	185.84%	272.88%			
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	3.52%	2.41%			

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Disability Income Plan of North Carolina	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Proportionate Share Percentage of Collective Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	0.05388%	0.05489%	0.05509%	0.05968%	0.06073%
Proportionate Share of Collective Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ 16,028.00	\$ (8,966.00)	\$ (27,101.00)	\$ (25,752.00)	\$ (18,447.00)
Covered Payroll	\$ 10,862,231.01	\$ 10,393,800.54	\$ 10,283,744.21	\$ 10,417,718.88	\$ 10,470,105.55
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.15%	0.09%	0.26%	0.25%	0.18%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	90.34%	105.18%	115.57%	113.00%	108.47%
	2018	2017			
Proportionate Share Percentage of Collective Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	0.06121%	0.06209%			
Proportionate Share of Collective Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ (37,412.00)	\$ (38,558.00)			
Covered Payroll	\$ 10,320,848.89	\$ 9,777,483.21			
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.36%	0.39%			
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	116.23%	116.06%			

Note: Information is presented for all years that were measured in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, as amended.

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the prior fiscal year ended June 30.

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Retiree Health Benefit Fund	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 751,521.42	\$ 683,234.33	\$ 694,305.88	\$ 665,358.25	\$ 653,190.97
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Determined Contribution	751,521.42	683,234.33	694,305.88	665,358.25	653,190.97
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered Payroll	\$ 10,907,422.67	\$ 10,862,231.01	\$ 10,393,800.54	\$ 10,283,744.21	\$ 10,417,718.88
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	6.89%	6.29%	6.68%	6.47%	6.27%
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 633,441.39	\$ 599,641.32	\$ 547,539.05	\$ 532,852.40	\$ 531,612.47
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Determined Contribution	633,441.39	599,641.32	547,539.05	532,852.40	531,612.47
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered Payroll	\$ 10,470,105.55	\$ 10,320,848.89	\$ 9,777,483.21	\$ 9,705,872.47	\$ 9,844,675.33
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	6.05%	5.81%	5.60%	5.49%	5.40%

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Disability Income Plan of North Carolina	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 10,907.42	\$ 9,776.01	\$ 9,354.42	\$ 10,283.74	\$ 14,584.81
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Determined Contribution	10,907.42	9,776.01	9,354.42	10,283.74	14,584.81
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered Payroll	\$ 10,907,422.67	\$ 10,862,231.01	\$ 10,393,800.54	\$ 10,283,744.21	\$ 10,417,718.88
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.10%	0.09%	0.09%	0.10%	0.14%
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 14,658.15	\$ 39,219.23	\$ 40,087.68	\$ 39,794.08	\$ 43,316.57
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Determined Contribution	14,658.15	39,219.23	40,087.68	39,794.08	43,316.57
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Covered Payroll	\$ 10,470,105.55	\$ 10,320,848.89	\$ 9,777,483.21	\$ 9,705,872.47	\$ 9,844,675.33
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.14%	0.38%	0.41%	0.41%	0.44%

Note: Changes of benefit terms, methods, and assumptions are presented in the Notes to Required Supplementary Information (RSI) schedule following the OPEB RSI tables.

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Changes of Benefit Terms: Effective January 1, 2016, benefit terms related to copays, out-of-pocket maximums, and deductibles were changed for three of five options of the Retiree Health Benefit Fund (RHBF). Most of the changes were an increase in the amount from the previous year.

Effective January 1, 2017, benefit terms related to copays, coinsurance maximums, out-of-pocket maximums, and deductibles were changed for two of five options of the RHBF. Most of the changes were an increase in the amount from the previous year.

Effective January 1, 2019, benefit terms related to copays, out-of-pocket maximums, and deductibles were changed for one of four options of the RHBF. Out-of-pocket maximums increased while certain specialist copays decreased related to option benefits.

Effective January 1, 2020, benefit terms related to copays, out-of-pocket maximums, and deductibles were changed for the 70/30 PPO option of the RHBF. Only the copays were adjusted for 80/20 PPO option of the RHBF.

Effective January 1, 2021, members first hired on and after January 1, 2021 will not be eligible to receive retiree medical benefits.

Effective January 1, 2022, the structure of employer contributions to the RHBF was altered by legislation. Previously, non-Medicare-eligible retirees had the same employer contribution rate as active employees. As a result of the legislative change, non-Medicare-eligible retirees have the same employer contribution rate as Medicare-eligible retirees.

Beginning with the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina (DIPNC) actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2017, the valuation included a liability for the State's potential reimbursement of costs incurred by employers for income benefits and health insurance premiums during the second six months of the first year of employee's short-term disability benefit period. Effective with the actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, this liability was removed from the actuarial valuation because the reimbursement from DIPNC was eliminated for disabilities occurring on or after July 1, 2019.

Method and Assumptions Used in Calculations of Actuarially Determined Contributions: An actuarial valuation is performed for each plan each year. The actuarially determined contribution rates in the Schedule of College Contributions are calculated by the actuary as a projection of the required employer contribution for the fiscal year beginning six months preceding the date of the valuation results for the RHBF. The actuarially determined contribution rates in the Schedule of College Contributions are calculated by the actuary as a projection of the required employer contribution for the fiscal year beginning 18 months following the date of the valuation results for the DIPNC. See Note 14 for more information on the specific assumptions for each plan. The actuarially determined contributions were determined using the actuarially determined contribution rate from the actuary and covered payroll as adjusted for timing differences and other factors such as differences in employee class. Other actuarially determined contributions are disclosed in the schedule as expressed by the actuary in reports to the plans.

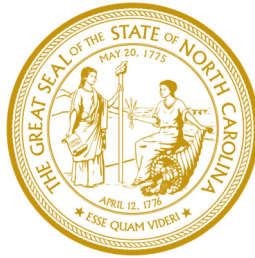
Changes of Assumptions: Consistent with prior years, for the actuarial valuation measured as of June 30, 2022 for the RHBF, a number of actuarial assumptions were reviewed and updated. The discount rate for the RHBF was updated to 3.54%, from 2.16% as of June 30, 2021. This update was to reflect the Bond Buyer 20-year General Obligation Index as of fiscal year end. Medical and prescription drug claims costs were changed based on most recent experience, and medical and prescription drug trend rates were changed to the current schedule. Enrollment assumptions were updated to model expected migrations among RHBF plan options over the next five years. The terms of the Pharmacy Benefits Management contract effective January 1, 2023 were incorporated in the valuation.

For the actuarial valuation measured as of June 30, 2022 for DIPNC, the discount rate was updated to 3.08%, from 3.00% as of June 30, 2021. This was a result of an update to reflect the Bond Buyer 20-year General Obligation Index as of fiscal year end, combined with the determination that the plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to the current plan members.

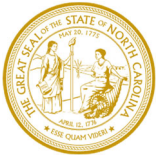
In 2020, the North Carolina Retirement Systems' consulting actuaries performed the quinquennial investigation of each retirement system's actual demographic and economic experience (known as the "Experience Review"). The Experience Review provides the basis for selecting the actuarial assumptions and methods used to determine plan liabilities and funding requirements. The most recent experience review examined each plan's experience during the period between January 1, 2015, and December 31, 2019. Based on the findings, the Boards of Trustees of the TSERS and the Committee on Actuarial Valuation of Retired Employees' Health Benefits adopted a number of new actuarial assumptions and methods for the RHBF and the DIPNC. The most notable changes to the assumptions include updates to the mortality tables and mortality improvements. These assumptions were adjusted to be based on the Pub-2010 mortality tables reflecting the mortality projection scale MP-2019, released by the Society of Actuaries in 2019. In addition, the assumed rates of retirement, salary increases, and rates of termination from active employment were updated to more closely reflect actual experience. Also in 2020, disability rates were adjusted to the non-grandfathered assumptions used in the TSERS actuarial valuation to better align with the anticipated incidence of disability.

For the DIPNC actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2018, for individuals who may become disabled in the future, the Social Security disability income benefit (which is an offset to the DIPNC benefit) was updated to be based on assumed Social Security calculation parameters in the year of the disability. The assumed costs related to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act regarding the Health Insurance Provider Fee for the fully insured plans and Excise Tax were removed when those pieces were repealed in December 2019 and first recognized in the 2020 OPEB report.

The Notes to Required Supplementary Information reflect information included in the State of North Carolina's 2022 *Annual Comprehensive Financial Report*.



Independent Auditor's Report



North Carolina Office of the State Auditor

Jessica N. Holmes, J.D., State Auditor

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
Southwestern Community College
Sylva, 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 Southwestern Community College (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, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the College's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 27, 2024. Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of Southwestern Community College Foundation, Inc. (Foundation) as described in our report on the College's financial statements. The financial statements of the Foundation were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, and accordingly, this report does not include reporting on internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters associated with the Foundation.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the College's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 College's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the College's internal control.

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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any

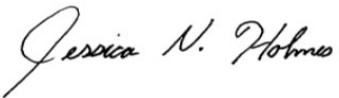
deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the College'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 financial statements. 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*.

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 College'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 College's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Jessica N. Holmes, J.D.
State Auditor

Raleigh, North Carolina

March 27, 2024

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This audit required 315 hours at an approximate cost of \$42,840.