



Park University

Independent Auditor's Report and Consolidated Financial Statements (Including Reports Required under Uniform Guidance)

June 30, 2023 and 2022



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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Trustees and Audit Committee
Park University
Parkville, Missouri

Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Park University (the University), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the University, as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the University's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the consolidated financial statements are issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated 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 opinion. 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 *Government Auditing Standards* 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 consolidated financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated 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 consolidated 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 University'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 consolidated financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the University'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.

Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplementary information including the schedule of expenditures of federal awards as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and the Financial Responsibility Schedule Required by the U.S. Department of Education, as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements.

The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements or to the consolidated financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 24, 2023, on our consideration of the University'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 solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's 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 University's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

FORVIS, LLP

Kansas City, Missouri
October 24, 2023

Park University
Consolidated Statements of Financial Position
June 30, 2023 and 2022

Assets

	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,663,014	\$ 20,273,652
Restricted cash	3,051,132	5,323,980
Accounts receivable, net of allowance 2023 - \$3,400,000, 2022 - \$2,100,000	10,096,765	16,103,324
Pledges receivable	918,094	1,160,243
Investments	46,899,153	42,870,215
Investment in real estate	14,164,330	13,416,197
Funds held in trusts by others	20,223,996	18,678,956
Property, plant, equipment and library books, net	66,765,935	69,965,168
Right-of-use assets - operating leases	5,789,363	7,272,535
Other assets	1,168,027	1,574,510
	<u>\$ 191,739,809</u>	<u>\$ 196,638,780</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 191,739,809</u>	<u>\$ 196,638,780</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 6,276,323	\$ 8,593,870
Deferred income and deposits	4,868,609	5,079,307
Notes and bonds payable	21,489,826	23,533,606
Operating lease liabilities	5,940,274	7,425,797
	<u>38,575,032</u>	<u>44,632,580</u>
Total liabilities	<u>38,575,032</u>	<u>44,632,580</u>

Net Assets

Without donor restrictions	99,620,383	102,903,792
With donor restrictions	53,544,394	49,102,408
	<u>153,164,777</u>	<u>152,006,200</u>
Total net assets	<u>153,164,777</u>	<u>152,006,200</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 191,739,809</u>	<u>\$ 196,638,780</u>

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Consolidated Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenues, Gains and Other Support			
Student tuition and fees	\$ 57,769,911	\$ -	\$ 57,769,911
Net investment return	2,575,219	3,499,876	6,075,095
Change in funds held in trust by others	-	1,545,040	1,545,040
Net rental income	914,780	-	914,780
Contributions, gifts and grants	65,085	1,903,425	1,968,510
Auxiliary enterprises	4,226,887	-	4,226,887
Contributions of nonfinancial assets	710,550	-	710,550
Other income	1,193,817	-	1,193,817
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>2,506,355</u>	<u>(2,506,355)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues, gains and other support	<u>69,962,604</u>	<u>4,441,986</u>	<u>74,404,590</u>
Expenses			
Program services			
Instruction	35,317,453	-	35,317,453
Academic support	4,793,874	-	4,793,874
Student services	10,320,066	-	10,320,066
Auxiliary enterprises	4,224,571	-	4,224,571
Libraries	703,905	-	703,905
Institutional support	<u>17,886,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,886,144</u>
Total expenses	<u>73,246,013</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,246,013</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(3,283,409)	4,441,986	1,158,577
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>102,903,792</u>	<u>49,102,408</u>	<u>152,006,200</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 99,620,383</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 53,544,394</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 153,164,777</u></u>

Park University
Consolidated Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenues, Gains and Other Support			
Student tuition and fees	\$ 60,201,285	\$ -	\$ 60,201,285
Net investment loss	(2,733,163)	(4,576,500)	(7,309,663)
Change in funds held in trust by others	-	(1,961,132)	(1,961,132)
Net rental income	899,695	-	899,695
Contributions, gifts and grants	12,550,129	1,343,730	13,893,859
Auxiliary enterprises	3,241,302	-	3,241,302
Other income	16,670,332	-	16,670,332
Net assets released from restrictions	9,141,082	(9,141,082)	-
	<u>99,970,662</u>	<u>(14,334,984)</u>	<u>85,635,678</u>
Total revenues, gains and other support			
Expenses			
Program services			
Instruction	33,599,761	-	33,599,761
Academic support	5,210,734	-	5,210,734
Student services	16,567,348	-	16,567,348
Auxiliary enterprises	4,154,145	-	4,154,145
Libraries	800,141	-	800,141
Institutional support	23,575,565	-	23,575,565
	<u>83,907,694</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,907,694</u>
Total expenses			
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	16,062,968	(14,334,984)	1,727,984
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>86,840,824</u>	<u>63,437,392</u>	<u>150,278,216</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 102,903,792</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 49,102,408</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 152,006,200</u></u>

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Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Program Services					Institutional Support	Total
	Instruction	Academic Support	Student Services	Auxiliary Enterprises	Libraries		
Salaries and wages	\$ 20,946,560	\$ 2,849,803	\$ 4,273,883	\$ 464,535	\$ 235,405	\$ 5,001,998	\$ 33,772,184
Payroll tax and employee benefits	4,083,088	548,686	1,078,227	166,484	53,924	1,652,971	7,583,380
Advertising, marketing and recruiting	131,932	833	2,030,312	9,026	-	108,675	2,280,778
Rent and occupancy expense	4,009,270	95,125	124,394	467,500	-	1,270,956	5,967,245
Accreditation, assessments and memberships	98,945	84,481	61,465	-	-	153,315	398,206
Insurance	138,423	-	885,012	-	-	1,232,453	2,255,888
Supplies and office expenses	1,109,056	139,500	773,713	96,515	376,536	979,817	3,475,137
Depreciation and amortization	2,010,657	706,447	923,815	1,304,210	-	489,079	5,434,208
Interest expense	144,333	50,711	66,315	445,209	-	35,109	741,677
Contract services	1,142,825	211,543	64,529	1,269,258	36,597	3,766,052	6,490,804
Travel	954,661	100,220	21,684	1,834	1,443	60,597	1,140,439
Strategic planning	10,710	-	-	-	-	1,148,514	1,159,224
Departmental projects	536,993	6,525	16,717	-	-	83,545	643,780
Other	-	-	-	-	-	1,903,063	1,903,063
Total expenses	<u>\$ 35,317,453</u>	<u>\$ 4,793,874</u>	<u>\$ 10,320,066</u>	<u>\$ 4,224,571</u>	<u>\$ 703,905</u>	<u>\$ 17,886,144</u>	<u>\$ 73,246,013</u>

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Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses
Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Program Services					Institutional Support	Total
	Instruction	Academic Support	Student Services	Auxiliary Enterprises	Libraries		
Salaries and wages	\$ 21,417,423	\$ 2,963,885	\$ 4,537,713	\$ 499,832	\$ 234,574	\$ 8,914,238	\$ 38,567,665
Payroll tax and employee benefits	3,498,989	599,702	1,256,534	135,311	39,957	2,495,504	8,025,997
Advertising, marketing and recruiting	18,314	2,466	1,006,098	6,824	-	1,056,041	2,089,743
Rent and occupancy expense	3,253,372	362,007	124,020	447,717	-	1,623,510	5,810,626
Accreditation, assessments and memberships	82,109	76,258	126,038	-	-	147,098	431,503
Insurance	113,026	-	493,449	-	-	1,268,391	1,874,866
Supplies and office expenses	1,107,057	110,944	737,832	125,671	503,890	1,290,710	3,876,104
Depreciation and amortization	2,054,335	721,793	943,884	1,332,542	-	499,703	5,552,257
Interest expense	158,541	55,703	72,843	500,785	-	38,564	826,436
Contract services	886,786	230,894	59,444	1,094,943	21,113	3,824,549	6,117,729
Travel	591,453	65,872	12,094	10,520	607	62,385	742,931
Strategic planning	21,353	16,905	-	-	-	746,870	785,128
Departmental projects	397,003	4,305	3,242	-	-	119,942	524,492
HEERF student expenditures	-	-	7,194,157	-	-	-	7,194,157
Other	-	-	-	-	-	1,488,060	1,488,060
Total expenses	<u>\$ 33,599,761</u>	<u>\$ 5,210,734</u>	<u>\$ 16,567,348</u>	<u>\$ 4,154,145</u>	<u>\$ 800,141</u>	<u>\$ 23,575,565</u>	<u>\$ 83,907,694</u>

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$ 1,158,577	\$ 1,727,984
Items not requiring (providing) cash		
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	5,435,428	5,565,144
Net realized and unrealized (gains) losses on investments	(2,496,628)	9,586,426
Change in funds held in trusts by others	(1,545,040)	1,961,132
Contributions restricted for long-term investment		
or acquisition of long-lived assets	(1,903,425)	(1,343,730)
Allowance for bad debts	1,330,411	9,191
Gain on disposal of PPE	-	(137,352)
Noncash operating lease expense	1,483,172	1,364,336
Changes in		
Accounts receivable	4,676,148	(11,514,196)
Pledges receivable	74,154	356,541
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(2,001,517)	(551,099)
Operating lease liability	(1,485,523)	(1,427,114)
Deferred income and deposits	(210,698)	(2,410,258)
Other assets	406,483	(57,624)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>4,921,542</u>	<u>3,129,381</u>
Investing Activities		
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	8,472,008	35,582,398
Purchase of investments	(9,050,541)	(36,602,852)
Purchase of property, plant, equipment and library books	(2,551,005)	(7,670,421)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>822,421</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(3,129,538)</u>	<u>(7,868,454)</u>
Financing Activities		
Principal payments on notes payable	(1,050,000)	(990,000)
Principal payments on bond payable	(995,000)	(955,000)
Proceeds from contributions restricted for long-term investment or acquisition of long-lived assets	<u>2,071,420</u>	<u>1,954,730</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>26,420</u>	<u>9,730</u>

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Continued)
Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Increase (Decrease) in Cash, Cash Equivalents, Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents Held in Investments	\$ 1,818,424	\$ (4,729,343)
Cash, Cash Equivalents, Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents Held in Investments, Beginning of Year	<u>26,191,768</u>	<u>30,921,111</u>
Cash, Cash Equivalents, Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents Held in Investments, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 28,010,192</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 26,191,768</u></u>
Reconciliation of Cash, Cash Equivalents, Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents Held in Investments to the Statements of Financial Position		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22,663,014	\$ 20,273,652
Restricted cash	3,051,132	5,323,980
Investments	<u>2,296,046</u>	<u>594,136</u>
Total cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and cash equivalents held in investments shown in the statements of cash flows	<u><u>\$ 28,010,192</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 26,191,768</u></u>
Supplemental Cash Flows Information		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 724,033	\$ 854,213
Property, plant and equipment purchases in accounts payable	476,356	792,386
Adjustments to operating lease liabilities and right-of-use assets operating leases due to lease modification	-	2,464,530

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

June 30, 2023 and 2022

Note 1: Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Operations

Park University (the “University”) was established in 1875 as a liberal arts institution of higher learning. The University located in Parkville, Missouri, has approximately 39 campus locations throughout the country including Gilbert, Arizona. The University offers a number of degrees including 54 Bachelor’s, eight Associates, 14 Masters and one Specialist as well as 31 certificate programs serving approximately 13,250 individual students per year.

The University is accredited by national, regional and state agencies. The University’s programs are housed under the Office of Academic Affairs under the management of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. There are three colleges administratively led by Deans. Each college houses both the respective undergraduate and graduate programs which reflect the program offering, potential synergies and growth opportunities.

- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences which include the following:
 - School of Liberal Arts which include the following Departments:
 - English and Modern Languages; Communication, Journalism and Public Relations; Art, Design & Interdisciplinary Studies; History and Political Sciences
 - Master of Arts in Communication and Leadership
- College of Education and Health Professional which include the following:
 - School of Education: Undergraduate Programs, Graduate Programs; and Athletic Training/Fitness and Wellness
 - Master of Education
 - School of Behavioral and Health Sciences which include the following Departments:
 - Nursing; Social Work; and Psychology and Sociology
 - Master of Social Work
- College of Management which include the following:
 - School of Business
 - Undergraduate Programs: Accounting, Economics and Finance; Management, Human Resource Management and Decision Sciences; and International Business, Logistics, Marketing and Healthcare Management
 - Graduate Programs; Master of Business Administration and Master of Healthcare Administration
 - Hauptmann School of Public Affairs
 - Master of Public Affairs

Park University also operates the Parkville Commercial Underground (PCU), which is mainly used for warehousing, light manufacturing and some offices. The PCU is approximately 475,000 gross square feet. Occupancy rates are extremely high due to the niche market the property caters to.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Park University and its wholly owned subsidiaries Park Ventures, LLC and Park Vista, LLC. Park Ventures, LLC was formed in 2016 for the purpose of acquiring a plot of land. Park Vista, LLC was formed in 2002 for the purpose of leasing operations. The University's consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, gains, losses and other changes in net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The University considers all liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Uninvested cash and cash equivalents included in investment accounts, including endowment accounts are considered to be cash and cash equivalents. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, cash equivalents consisted primarily of money market accounts with brokers and certificates of deposit.

At June 30, 2023, the University's cash accounts exceeded federally insured limits by approximately \$15,600,000. However, management monitors the financial stability of these financial institutions and believes the risk of loss is minimal.

Restricted Cash

Restricted cash represent proceeds from the issuance of bonds that are on deposit at a third-party financial institution custodian, cash restricted for long-term purpose and federal student financial aid funds. These amounts are restricted for debt service, sinking funds deposits and student aid and are not available for current operations.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at the amount of consideration from students of which the University has an unconditional right to receive less applied scholarships, grants and loan proceeds. The University provides an allowance for doubtful accounts, which is based upon a review of outstanding receivables, historical collection information and existing economic conditions. Tuition is due at the beginning of the semester. Charges that are past due and have had no response to the due diligence process are assigned to third-party collection agencies. Delinquent receivables are written off based on individual credit evaluation and other specific circumstances.

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Contributions

Contributions are provided to the University either with or without restrictions placed on the gift by the donor. Revenue and net assets are separately reported to reflect the nature of those gifts – with or without donor restrictions. The value recorded for each contribution is recognized as follows:

Nature of the Gift	Value Recognized
<i>Conditional gifts, with or without restriction</i>	
Gifts that depend on the University overcoming a donor-imposed barrier to be entitled to the funds	Not recognized until the gift becomes unconditional, <i>i.e.</i> , the donor-imposed barrier is met
<i>Unconditional gifts, with or without restriction</i>	
Received at date of gift - cash and assets	Fair value
Received at date of gift - property, equipment and long-lived assets	Estimated fair value
Expected to be collected within one year	Net realizable value
Collected in future years	Initially reported at fair value determined using the discounted present value of estimated future cash flows technique

In addition to the amount initially recognized, revenue for unconditional gifts to be collected in future years is also recognized each year as the present-value discount is amortized using the level-yield method.

When a donor stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the consolidated statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Absent explicit donor stipulations for the period of time that long-lived assets must be held, expirations of restrictions for gifts of land, buildings, equipment and other long-lived assets are reported when those assets are placed in service.

Gifts and investment income having donor stipulations which are satisfied in the period the gift is received are recorded as revenue and net assets without donor restrictions.

Conditional contributions having donor stipulations which are satisfied in the period the gift is received are recorded as revenue and net assets without restrictions.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
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Investments, Investment in Real Estate and Investment Return

The University measures securities, other than investments that qualify for the equity method of accounting, at fair value. Investments in limited partnerships are recorded at net asset value (NAV), as a practical expedient, to determine fair value of the investments. Other investments are valued at the lower of cost (or fair value at time of donation, if acquired by contribution) or fair value. Real estate estimated fair value is based on appraisals that are received every three years. Investment return includes dividend, interest and other investment income; realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments carried at fair value; and realized gains and losses on other investments. Gains and losses on the sale of securities are recorded on the trade date and are determined using the specific identification method.

Investment return that is initially restricted by donor stipulation and for which the restriction will be satisfied in the same year are recorded as net assets without donor restrictions. Other investment return is reflected in the consolidated statements of activities as net assets without donor restrictions or net assets with donor restrictions based upon the existence and nature of any donor or legally imposed restrictions.

The University maintains pooled investment accounts for its endowments. Investment income and realized and unrealized gains and losses from securities in the pooled investment accounts are allocated monthly to the individual endowments based on the relationship of the fair value of the interest of each endowment to the total fair value of the pooled investment accounts, as adjusted for additions to or deductions from those accounts.

Funds Held in Trust by Others

Funds held in trust by others are resources not in the University's possession, nor under its control. These funds are held and administered by outside trustees. The University derives income or a residual interest from such funds. Funds held in trust by others are reported at the estimated fair value of the assets or at the present value of the future cash flows when the irrevocable trust is established, or the University is notified of its existence. The funds held in trust generated approximately \$797,000 and \$719,000 of investment income for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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Property, Plant, Equipment and Library Books

Property, plant, equipment and library books acquisitions over \$2,500 are stated at cost, or if donated, at fair value at the date of donation, less accumulated depreciation. Maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. The cost and related accumulated depreciation of assets sold or disposed of are removed from the accounts and the resulting gain or loss is included in the consolidated statements of activities. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets as follows:

Land improvements	15 - 25 years
Buildings and improvements	10 - 50 years
Improvements other than buildings	5 - 20 years
Equipment	3-30 years
Library books	15 years

Long-Lived Asset Impairment

The University evaluates the recoverability of the carrying value of long-lived assets whenever events or circumstances indicate the carrying amount may not be recoverable. If a long-lived asset is tested for recoverability and the undiscounted estimated future cash flows expected to result from the use and eventual disposition of the asset is less than the carrying amount of the asset, the asset cost is adjusted to fair value and an impairment loss is recognized as the amount by which the carrying amount of a long-lived asset exceeds its fair value. No asset impairment was recognized during the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022.

Leases

The University determines if an arrangement is a lease or contains a lease at inception. Leases result in the recognition of ROU assets and lease liabilities on the consolidated statements of financial position. ROU assets represent the right to use an underlying asset for the lease term, and lease liabilities represent the obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease, measured on a discounted basis. The University determines lease classification as operating or finance at the lease commencement date.

The University accounts for lease and nonlease components, separately, such as common area and other maintenance costs.

At lease commencement, the lease liability is measured at the present value of the lease payments over the lease term. The ROU asset equals the lease liability adjusted for any initial direct costs, prepaid or deferred rent, and lease incentives. The University has made a policy election to use a risk-free rate (the rate of a zero-coupon U.S. Treasury instrument) for the initial and subsequent measurement of all lease liabilities. The risk-free rate is determined using a period comparable with the lease term.

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The lease term may include options to extend or to terminate the lease that the University is reasonably certain to exercise. Lease expense is generally recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The University has elected not to record leases with an initial term of 12 months or less on the consolidated statements of financial position. Lease expense on such leases is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Deferred Revenue

The University records tuition revenue and related expenses in the period in which the session is substantially completed. Accordingly, certain revenues have been deferred at June 30 and will be recognized as the courses are completed.

Net Assets

Net assets, revenues, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor restrictions. The governing board has designated, from net assets without donor restrictions, net assets for a board-designated endowment which totaled \$16,875,459 and \$15,143,887 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Additionally, the governing board has designated, from net assets without donor restrictions, net assets for investment in real estate which totaled \$14,164,330 and \$13,416,197 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions – Net assets with donor restrictions are subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity.

Revenues

Tuition and fees revenue is recognized over the term of the semester as the University provides services to students. Revenue is reported at the amount of consideration which the University expects to be entitled in exchange for providing tuition. The University determines the transaction price based on standard charges for goods and services provided, reduced by discounts provided for scholarships and other price concessions provided to students.

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Government Grants

Support funded by grants is recognized as the University meets the conditions prescribed by the grant agreement, performs the contracted services or incurs outlays eligible for reimbursement under the grant agreements. Grant activities and outlays are subject to audit and acceptance by the granting agency and, as a result of such audit, adjustments could be required.

Federal Income Tax Status

The Internal Revenue Service has ruled that the University qualifies under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a tax-exempt university, and is, therefore, not subject to tax under present income tax laws; however, certain income that is considered unrelated business income could be subject to taxation. The University files tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The cost of supporting the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the consolidated statements of activities. The consolidated statements of functional expenses present the natural classification detail by expenses by function. Depreciation expense is allocated based on a building and usage analysis. Interest expense on external debt is allocated to the functional categories, which have benefited from the proceeds of the external debt. Plant operations and maintenance represents space-related costs, which are allocated to the functional categories directly and/or based on the building and usage analysis.

Fundraising

The University participates in various fundraising activities such as direct mail campaigns and special events. The expenses related to these fundraising activities are recorded in institutional support and approximated \$580,000 and \$557,000 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Note 2: Revenue from Contracts with Students

Student Tuition and Fees Revenue

Revenue from contracts with students for tuition and fees is reported at the amount that reflects the consideration to which the University expects to be entitled in exchange for providing instruction throughout various locations in the United States of America and online. These amounts are due from students, third-party payors and others and includes variable consideration for scholarships the University has offered to students. For the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the University's revenue was reduced by the amounts in the table below as a result of scholarships.

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Revenue is recognized as performance obligations are satisfied, which is ratably over the academic term. Generally, the University bills students prior to the beginning of the semester, and student accounts receivable are due in full once the semester has begun. Students may be entitled to a refund if they withdraw in accordance with University policy. The University determines the refund liability at year-end based on actual experience subsequent to year-end.

	2023	2022
Gross charges for student tuition and fees	\$ 65,394,666	\$ 66,680,352
Discount for institutional scholarships	<u>(7,624,755)</u>	<u>(6,479,067)</u>
	<u><u>\$ 57,769,911</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 60,201,285</u></u>

Auxiliary Enterprises Revenue

Performance obligations are determined based on the nature of the goods or services provided by the University in accordance with the contract. Auxiliary revenue includes housing revenues that are recognized as performance obligations are satisfied, which is generally over the period the services are provided to the students. Meal plans are recognized as students consume the goods at a point in time. Housing and meal plan revenues are considered to be separate performance obligations. The University allocates the fees charged to students for housing and meal plans based on standalone charges to students for housing and meal plans. Auxiliary revenue also includes revenue from sales of items such as books, merchandise, vending machines and other, which is recognized when goods are provided to students and customers at a single point in time.

Performance Obligations and Transaction Price Allocated to Remaining Performance Obligations

Because all of its performance obligations relate to contracts with a duration of less than one year, the University has elected to apply the optional exemption provided in FASB ASC 606-10-50-14(a) and, therefore, is not required to disclose the aggregate amount of the transaction price allocated to performance obligations that are unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied at the end of the reporting period. The unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied performance obligations referred to above are primarily related to providing instruction to students in which the course term overlaps into the subsequent fiscal year. The performance obligations for these contracts are generally completed when the academic term is completed.

Significant Judgments

The University determines the transaction price based on standard charges for goods and services provided, reduced by certain institutional scholarships and aid in accordance of the University's policies for granting certain merit-based aid.

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From time to time, the University will receive prepayments of student balances from third-party payors or students resulting in a contract liability. These amounts are excluded from revenues and are recorded as liabilities until the performance obligation has been satisfied. As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the University recorded liability for student deposits of approximately \$260,000 and \$476,000, respectively.

The University estimates the transaction price for customers based on historical experience and current market conditions. The initial estimate of the transaction price is determined by reducing the standard charge by any contractual adjustments, discounts and implicit price concessions based on historical collection experience. Subsequent changes that are determined to be the result of an adverse change in the customer's ability to pay are recorded as bad debt expense.

Disaggregation of Revenue

The composition of revenue by graduate category for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, are as follows:

	2023	2022
Student Tuition and Fees		
Tuition		
Undergraduate Parkville Campus	\$ 2,796,167	\$ 3,307,634
Undergraduate Campus Centers and Online	39,628,059	44,091,625
Graduate	11,981,788	10,778,467
Fees		
Undergraduate	2,827,213	1,411,751
Graduate	536,684	611,808
	<u>\$ 57,769,911</u>	<u>\$ 60,201,285</u>
Auxiliary Enterprises		
Housing	\$ 2,782,843	\$ 2,174,301
Meal Service and other	1,444,044	1,067,001
	<u>\$ 4,226,887</u>	<u>\$ 3,241,302</u>
Timing of revenue and recognition		
Services transferred over time	\$ 60,552,754	\$ 62,375,586
Sales at point in time	1,444,044	1,067,001
	<u>\$ 61,996,798</u>	<u>\$ 63,442,587</u>

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Contract Balances

Contract assets primarily related to the University's rights to consideration for services provided but not billed at the reporting date. Contract assets are transferred to receivables when the rights become unconditional. Contract liabilities represent the University's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer when consideration has already been received from the customer.

The University had no contract assets as of June 30, 2023 and 2022. The University's contract liabilities as of June 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 were \$4,589,710, \$4,808,414 and \$5,372,614, respectively.

During the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the University recognized \$4,808,414 and \$5,372,614, respectively, that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the period. Additionally, during the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the University recognized increase in contract liabilities of \$4,589,710 and \$4,808,414, respectively, due to cash received, excluding amounts recognized as revenue during the period.

The University's gross receivables from contracts with students as of June 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 were \$6,762,233, \$5,725,291 and \$5,992,585, respectively.

Financing Component

The University has elected the practical expedient allowed under FASB ASC 606-10-32-18 and does not adjust the promised amount of consideration from customers and third parties for the effects of a significant financing component due to the University's expectation that the period between the time the service is provided to a customer and the time the customer or a third-party payor pays for that service will be one year or less.

However, the University does, in certain instances, enter into payment agreements with students that allow payments in excess of one year. For those cases, the financing component is not deemed to be significant to the contract.

Contract Costs

The University has applied the practical expedient provided by FASB ASC 340-40-25-4 and all incremental customer contract acquisition costs are expensed as they are incurred, as the amortization period of the asset that the University otherwise would have recognized is one year or less in duration.

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Note 3: Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consisted of the following as of June 30, 2023 and 2022:

	2023	2022
Accounts receivable		
Tuition	\$ 6,762,233	\$ 5,725,291
Corporate, grants and other	6,734,532	12,478,033
	<u>13,496,765</u>	<u>18,203,324</u>
Allowance for bad debts	3,400,000	2,100,000
	<u>\$ 10,096,765</u>	<u>\$ 16,103,324</u>

Note 4: Pledges Receivable

Promises to give are estimated to be collected as follows at June 30, 2023 and 2022:

	2023	2022
Within one year	\$ 557,194	\$ 644,243
In one to five years	417,900	550,000
	<u>975,094</u>	<u>1,194,243</u>
Less unamortized discount of 2023 - 3.25% - 8.25%, 2022 - 3.25%	<u>(57,000)</u>	<u>(34,000)</u>
	<u>\$ 918,094</u>	<u>\$ 1,160,243</u>

Note 5: Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures

Fair value is 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. Fair value measurements must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The hierarchy comprises three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1** Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2** Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities

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Level 3 Unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity and are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities

Recurring Measurements

The following table presents the fair value measurements of assets and liabilities recognized in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements fall at June 30, 2023 and 2022:

		Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
	Fair Value			
June 30, 2023				
Investments				
Money market funds	\$ 2,296,046	\$ 2,296,046	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual funds	17,957,892	17,957,892	-	-
Common stocks	12,661,656	12,661,656	-	-
U.S. Treasury securities	2,503,738	-	2,503,738	-
Corporate bonds	9,192,932	-	9,192,932	-
U.S. Government and agency securities	750,577	-	750,577	-
Limited partnerships measured at net asset value (A)	1,536,312	-	-	-
Total investments	46,899,153	32,915,594	12,447,247	-
Investment in Real Estate	14,164,330	-	-	14,164,330
Funds Held in Trusts by Others	20,223,996	-	-	20,223,996
Total	<u>\$ 81,287,479</u>	<u>\$ 32,915,594</u>	<u>\$ 12,447,247</u>	<u>\$ 34,388,326</u>
June 30, 2022				
Investments				
Money market funds	\$ 594,136	\$ 594,136	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual funds	17,984,646	17,984,646	-	-
Common stocks	10,735,978	10,735,978	-	-
U.S. Treasury securities	2,583,157	-	2,583,157	-
Corporate bonds	8,621,912	-	8,621,912	-
U.S. Government and agency securities	765,042	-	765,042	-
Limited partnerships measured at net asset value (A)	1,585,344	-	-	-
Total investments	42,870,215	29,314,760	11,970,111	-
Investment in Real Estate	13,416,197	-	-	13,416,197
Funds Held in Trusts by Others	18,678,956	-	-	18,678,956
Total	<u>\$ 74,965,368</u>	<u>\$ 29,314,760</u>	<u>\$ 11,970,111</u>	<u>\$ 32,095,153</u>

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- (A) Certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts included above are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the consolidated statements of financial position.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies and inputs used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position, as well as the general classification of such assets and liabilities pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no significant changes in the valuation techniques during the year ended June 30, 2023.

Investments

Where quoted market prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated by using quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics or independent asset pricing services and pricing models, the inputs of which are market-based or independently sourced market parameters, including, but not limited to, yield curves, interest rates, volatilities, prepayments, defaults, cumulative loss projections and cash flows. Such securities are classified in Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy.

Investment in Real Estate

Fair value is estimated using appraisals performed by independent third parties every three years. Due to the University not actively marketing the real estate, the investment is classified within Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy. See the table below for inputs and valuation techniques used for Level 3 securities.

Funds Held in Trusts by Others

Fair value is estimated at the present value of the future distributions expected to be received over the term of the agreement. Due to the University's inability to redeem a majority of the trust's assets, the interest is classified within Level 3 of the valuation hierarchy. See the table below for inputs and valuation techniques used for Level 3 securities.

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Alternative Investments

The fair value of alternative investments have been estimated using the net asset value (NAV) per share as a practical expedient to determine fair value of the investments. Alternative investments held at June 30 consist of the following:

		June 30, 2023			
		Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Golub Capital Partners					
International 10, L.P. (A)	\$	1,536,312	\$ 525,000	Upon Approval	None
		June 30, 2022			
		Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Golub Capital Partners					
International 10, L.P. (A)	\$	1,585,344	\$ 525,000	Upon Approval	None

- (A) This category includes an investment in a limited partnership fund. The fund holds investments in certain affiliated investment funds, which are measured at net asset value. These affiliated funds hold investments in a leveraged portfolio of senior secured, second lien and subordinated loans. The affiliated funds also invest in equity investments and other fixed income securities. These investments can be redeemed with the funds; however, redemption does require consent from the General Partner. Distributions from each fund will be made as the underlying investments of the funds are liquidated. The University has committed additional capital in the amount of \$525,000 to be contributed to the fund. The University's risk of loss is limited to the value of the investment including the unfunded commitment.

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Level 3 Reconciliation

The following is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of recurring fair value measurements recognized in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position using significant unobservable (Level 3) inputs:

	Investment in Real Estate	Funds Held in Trusts by Others
Balance, June 30, 2021	\$ 12,900,000	\$ 20,640,088
Total unrealized losses included in change in net assets	-	(1,961,132)
Purchases	<u>516,197</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance, June 30, 2022	13,416,197	18,678,956
Total unrealized gains included in change in net assets	-	1,545,040
Purchases	<u>748,133</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance, June 30, 2023	<u><u>\$ 14,164,330</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 20,223,996</u></u>

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Unobservable (Level 3) Inputs

The following tables present quantitative information about unobservable inputs used in recurring Level 3 fair value measurements.

	Fair Value	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Range (weighted average)
<u>June 30, 2023</u>				
Investment in real estate	\$ 14,164,330	Appraised fair value	Adjustments from comparable properties	N/A
Funds held in trusts by others	\$ 20,223,996	Discounted cash flow	Estimated future cash flows	N/A
<u>June 30, 2022</u>				
Investment in real estate	\$ 13,416,197	Appraised fair value	Adjustments from comparable properties	N/A
Funds held in trusts by others	\$ 18,678,956	Discounted cash flow	Estimated future cash flows	N/A

Uncertainty of Fair Value Measurements

The following is a description of the uncertainty of the fair value measurement at the reporting date from the use of significant unobservable inputs, if those inputs reasonably could have been different at the reporting date.

Investment in Real Estate

The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the University's investment in real estate are appraisals based on comparable properties in the area. Significant increases (decreases) in the inputs in isolation would result in a significantly lower (higher) fair value measurement at the reporting date. In general, changes in the inputs will not affect the other input.

Funds Held in Trusts by Others

The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the University's funds held in trusts by others are estimated future cash flows based on the current market value of the underlying investments in the trusts. Significant increases (decreases) in the inputs would result in a significantly lower (higher) fair value measurement. In general, changes in the inputs will not affect the other input.

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Note 6: Property, Plant, Equipment and Library Books

Property, plant, equipment and library books at June 30, 2023 and 2022 consists of:

	2023	2022
Land and land improvements	\$ 539,717	\$ 539,717
Building and improvements	108,135,579	105,404,550
Equipment owned	43,842,951	43,419,725
Library books	1,162,627	1,162,627
Construction in progress	219,662	1,138,942
	<u>153,900,536</u>	<u>151,665,561</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>87,134,601</u>	<u>81,700,393</u>
 Total property, plant, equipment and library books	 <u><u>\$ 66,765,935</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 69,965,168</u></u>

Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 was \$5,434,208 and \$5,552,257, respectively.

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Note 7: Notes and Bonds Payable

Obligations under notes and bonds payable consisted of the following as of June 30, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Notes payable, principal and interest due in annual installments of \$550,945 through May 2023, bearing interest at 3.7%, collateralized by substantially all assets of the University. Unamortized debt issuance costs based on imputed interest rate of 4% were \$0 and \$8,222 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.	\$ -	\$ 745,000
Bonds payable (The Industrial Development Authority of the County of Platte County, Missouri Bonds, Series 2016), principal due annually in installments increasing from \$450,000 to \$1,050,000, bearing interest at 2.5% to 6.5% due semi-annually, maturing in 2024, collateralized by the Underground Property at the Parkville Campus. Unamortized bond issuance costs based on an imputed interest rate of 4% were \$8,115 and \$27,591 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.	910,000	1,960,000
Note payable, principal and interest due in annual installments of \$288,563 through May 2031, bearing interest at 4.35%, collateralized by substantially all assets of the University. Unamortized debt issuance costs based on imputed interest rate of 4% were \$32,929 and \$29,411 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.	2,415,000	2,665,000
Bonds payable (The Industrial Development Authority of Parkville, Missouri Bonds, Series 2016), principal due annually in installments increasing from \$170,000 to \$1,360,000, bearing interest from 2.4% to 3.4% due semi-annually, maturing in 2032, collateralized by Underground Property at the Parkville Campus. Unamortized bond issuance costs based on an imputed interest rate of 6% were \$107,747 and \$120,549 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.	9,995,000	9,995,000
Bonds payable (The Industrial Development Authority of the County of Platte County, Missouri Bonds, Series 2019), principal due annually in installments increasing from \$470,000 to \$630,000, bearing interest at 2.05% to 3.30% due semi-annually, maturing in 2036, collateralized by real estate at the Parkville Campus. Unamortized bond issuance costs based on imputed interest rate of 4% were \$201,396 and \$213,663 at June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.	8,500,000	8,500,000
	<u>21,820,000</u>	<u>23,865,000</u>
Unamortized issuance costs	(350,187)	(399,436)
Unamortized premium on bonds	<u>20,013</u>	<u>68,042</u>
	<u>\$ 21,489,826</u>	<u>\$ 23,533,606</u>

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At June 30, 2022, the University had one line of credit with available borrowing totaling \$7,000,000, which expired in December 2022. At June 30, 2022, there were no borrowings against this line. The line was collateralized by accounts receivable and board restricted endowments of the University. The interest rate was 4.75 percent on June 30, 2022.

Total interest expense incurred by the University for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 was \$741,677 and \$826,436, respectively.

Certain borrowing agreements contain restricted covenants which among other things, require the University to maintain certain financial covenant ratios. The University failed to comply with these covenants at June 30, 2023. As such, management is following the requirements as set forth in the borrowing agreements to remedy the noncompliance.

The maturities on notes and bonds are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Notes Payable	Bonds Payable	Total
2024	\$ 260,000	\$ 1,080,000	\$ 1,340,000
2025	270,000	1,580,000	1,850,000
2026	280,000	1,620,000	1,900,000
2027	295,000	1,665,000	1,960,000
2028	305,000	1,700,000	2,005,000
Thereafter	1,005,000	11,760,000	12,765,000
	<u>\$ 2,415,000</u>	<u>\$ 19,405,000</u>	<u>\$ 21,820,000</u>

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Note 8: Net Assets

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions at June 30 are restricted for the following purposes or periods:

	2023	2022
Subject to expenditures for specific purpose		
Building projects	\$ -	\$ 28,536
Educational programs	1,653,276	1,442,063
Financial aid	5,413,719	4,655,961
Institutional scholarships	421,805	742,125
	<u>7,488,800</u>	<u>6,868,685</u>
Endowments, subject to spending policy		
Term endowment	545,100	539,555
Pooled endowment		
Educational programs	5,190,842	4,371,413
Financial aid	17,624,131	16,373,531
Institutional support	2,471,525	2,270,268
	<u>25,831,598</u>	<u>23,554,767</u>
Not subject to spending policy or appropriations		
Funds held in trust by others	<u>20,223,996</u>	<u>18,678,956</u>
	<u><u>\$ 53,544,394</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 49,102,408</u></u>

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Net Assets Released from Restrictions

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors. The amounts released during the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 were as follows:

	2023	2022
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions		
Educational programs	\$ 832,246	\$ 587,230
Financial aid	812,204	707,896
Institutional support	315,180	221,310
Capital projects	<u>-</u>	<u>7,063,475</u>
	1,959,630	8,579,911
Appropriations in accordance with spending policy		
Financial aid	<u>546,725</u>	<u>561,171</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	<u><u>\$ 2,506,355</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,141,082</u></u>

Note 9: Endowments

The University's endowment consists of approximately 20 individual funds established for a variety of purposes. The endowment includes both donor-restricted endowment funds and funds designated by the board of trustees to function as endowments (board-designated endowment funds). As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), net assets associated with endowment funds, including board-designated endowment funds, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The University's board of trustees is subject to the *Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act* (UPMIFA) and, thus, classifies amounts in its donor-restricted endowment funds as net assets with donor restrictions because those net assets are time restricted until the board of trustees appropriates such amounts for expenditure. Most of those net assets also are subject to purpose restrictions that must be met before reclassifying those net assets to net assets without donor restrictions.

Additionally, in accordance with UPMIFA, the University considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

1. Duration and preservation of the fund
2. Purposes of the University and the fund
3. General economic conditions
4. Possible effect of inflation and deflation

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5. Expected total return from investment income and appreciation or depreciation of investments
6. Other resources of the University
7. Investment policies of the University

The composition of net assets by type of endowment fund at June 30, 2023 and 2022 was:

	2023		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Board-designated endowment funds	\$ 16,875,459	\$ -	\$ 16,875,459
Donor-restricted endowment funds			
Original donor-restricted gift amount and amounts required to be maintained in perpetuity by donor	-	13,322,605	13,322,605
Accumulated investment gains	-	11,963,883	11,963,883
Term endowment	-	545,110	545,110
 Total endowment funds (UPMIFA)	 16,875,459	 25,831,598	 42,707,057
 Endowment funds - investment in real estate	 14,164,330	 -	 14,164,330
 Total endowment funds	 <u>\$ 31,039,789</u>	 <u>\$ 25,831,598</u>	 <u>\$ 56,871,387</u>
 2022			
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Board-designated endowment funds	\$ 15,143,887	\$ -	\$ 15,143,887
Donor-restricted endowment funds			
Original donor-restricted gift amount and amounts required to be maintained in perpetuity by donor	-	12,699,618	12,699,618
Accumulated investment gains	-	10,315,594	10,315,594
Term endowment	-	539,555	539,555
 Total endowment funds (UPMIFA)	 15,143,887	 23,554,767	 38,698,654
 Endowment funds - investment in real estate	 13,416,197	 -	 13,416,197
 Total endowment funds	 <u>\$ 28,560,084</u>	 <u>\$ 23,554,767</u>	 <u>\$ 52,114,851</u>

Included in the total endowment funds presented above is the University's investment in real estate. Those assets are not subject to the University's investment or spending policies.

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Change in endowment net assets for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 were:

	2023		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Endowment investment net assets, July 1, 2022	\$ 15,143,887	\$ 23,554,767	\$ 38,698,654
Investment return, net	1,852,885	2,200,579	4,053,464
Contributions and additions	-	622,977	622,977
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditures	(121,313)	(546,725)	(668,038)
Endowment investment net assets, June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 16,875,459</u>	<u>\$ 25,831,598</u>	<u>\$ 42,707,057</u>
	2022		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Endowment investment net assets, July 1, 2021	\$ 18,092,296	\$ 28,460,539	\$ 46,552,835
Investment loss, net	(2,858,110)	(4,509,836)	(7,367,946)
Contributions and additions	-	165,235	165,235
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditures	(90,299)	(561,171)	(651,470)
Endowment investment net assets, June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 15,143,887</u>	<u>\$ 23,554,767</u>	<u>\$ 38,698,654</u>

The governing body of the University has interpreted UPMIFA as not requiring the maintenance of purchasing power of the original gift amount contributed to an endowment fund, unless a donor stipulates the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, when reviewing its donor-restricted endowment funds, the University considers a fund to be underwater if the fair value of the fund is less than the sum of

- a) the original value of initial and subsequent gift amounts donated to the fund and
- b) any accumulations to the fund that are required to be maintained in perpetuity in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument.

The University has interpreted UPMIFA to permit spending from underwater funds in accordance with the prudent measures required under the law. From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level the University is required to retain as a fund of perpetual duration pursuant to donor stipulation or UPMIFA. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the University did not have any deficiencies of this nature.

The University's board of trustees has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs and other items supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment. Endowment assets include the assets of donor-restricted funds that the University must hold in perpetuity or for donor-specified purposes, as well as those of board-designated endowment funds.

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Under Park University's policies, endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to provide a fairly steady level of current return, which will trend in the direction of inflation over five-year periods and to provide returns, over three-year average, which will be at least as great as those from comparably positioned "unmanaged" fund consistent of 60 percent MSCI ACWI index, 35 percent Barclay's Government/Composite Intermediate Index and 5 percent 90-day Treasury Bills. The University expects its endowment funds to provide an average rate of return of approximately 5.5 percent annually over time. Actual return in any given year may vary from this amount.

To satisfy its long-term rate of return objectives, the University relies on a total returns strategy in which invested returns are achieved through both current yield (invested income such as dividends and interest) and capital appreciation (both realized and unrealized). The University targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

The University has a spending policy that allows the appropriations to be up to 5 percent of the 36-month rolling average market value as of the prior fiscal year-end. In establishing this policy, the University considered the long-term expected return on its endowment. Accordingly, over the long term, the University expects the current spending policy to allow its endowment to grow at an average of 0.5 to 1.5 percent annually. This is consistent with the University's objectives to maintain the purchasing power of endowment assets held in perpetuity or for a specified term, as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment returns.

Note 10: Leases

Nature of Leases

The University has entered into the following lease arrangements:

Operating Leases

The University has leases for office space that expire in various years through 2033. These leases generally contain renewal options for periods ranging from one to five years and require the University to pay all executory costs (property taxes, maintenance and insurance). Lease payments have an escalating fee schedule, which range from a 1 to 3 percent increase each year. Termination of the leases is generally prohibited unless there is a violation under the lease agreement. The University also has several other leases for copiers that expire in various years through 2030.

All Leases

The University has no material related-party leases. The University's lease agreements do not contain any material residual value guarantees or material restrictive covenants.

As of June 30, 2023, the University has entered into additional operating leases, primarily for buildings, that have not yet commenced of \$2,600,000. These operating leases will commence on July 1, 2023, with a lease term of three years.

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Quantitative Disclosures

The lease cost and other required information for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 are:

	2023	2022
Lease cost		
Operating lease cost	\$ 1,480,846	\$ 1,474,235
Total lease cost	<u>\$ 1,480,846</u>	<u>\$ 1,474,235</u>
Other information		
Cash paid for amounts in the measurement of lease liabilities		
Operating cash flows from operating leases	\$ 1,471,997	\$ 1,507,794
Weighted-average remaining lease term		
Operating leases	7.13 years	8.09 years
Weighted-average discount rate		
Operating leases	0.94%	0.94%

Future minimum lease payments and reconciliation to the consolidated statements of financial position at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

2024	\$ 985,889
2025	981,565
2026	829,100
2027	687,450
2028	609,133
Thereafter	<u>2,137,886</u>
Total lease payments to be paid	6,231,023
Less future interest	<u>290,749</u>
Operating lease liabilities	<u>\$ 5,940,274</u>

Lease Income

As discussed in *Note 1*, the University operates PCU, which leases underground commercial space, as part of the endowment. The leases are accounted for as operating leases, which recognize revenue ratably over the life of the lease. The leases, which are noncancellable without penalty, have terms primarily from one month to five years. The leases do not contain any options for the lessees to purchase the property at the end of the lease term. Lease income amounted to \$914,780 and \$899,695 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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Leasing property at June 30, 2023 and 2022 was \$14,164,330 and \$13,416,197, respectively. As discussed in *Note 7*, PCU property is pledged as collateral to various bonds.

As of June 30, 2023, the University's future lease receivables, excluding any contingent rentals, are as follows:

2024	\$ 684,708
2025	646,508
2026	<u>446,908</u>
	<u>\$ 1,778,124</u>

Note 11: Employee Benefits

Defined Contribution Plan

The University has a defined contribution pension plan covering substantially all faculty and administrative expenses. The Plan provides retirement benefits to eligible participants. Pension expense was \$1,207,016 and \$1,279,000 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Deferred Compensation Plan

The University also sponsors a 457(b) deferred compensation plan for certain participants of the executive management team. The plan includes an employer discretionary contribution on behalf of the participants and also participant contributions based on a chosen deferral amount. During the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the University did not make a discretionary contribution to the 457(b) plan. An asset and corresponding liability are recorded in the consolidated statements of financial position for approximately \$56,900 and \$87,500 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, representing the amounts held in the plan which have been contributed by the employer or plan participants and the funds owed to the participants.

Note 12: Asset Retirement Obligation

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that an asset retirement obligation (ARO) associated with the retirement of a tangible long-lived asset be recognized as a liability in the period in which it is incurred or becomes determinable (as defined by the standard) even when the timing and/or method of settlement may be conditional on a future event. The University's conditional AROs primarily relate to asbestos contained in buildings the University owns. Environmental regulations exist in many of the states the University operates in that require the University to handle and dispose of asbestos in a special manner if a building undergoes major renovations or is demolished.

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As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the University has a liability of \$677,804 recorded on the consolidated statements of financial position.

Note 13: Liquidity and Availability

The University regularly monitors the availability of resources required to meet its operating needs and other contractual commitments, while also striving to maximize the investment of its available funds. The University has various sources of liquidity at its disposal, including cash and cash equivalents, marketable debt and equity securities and a line of credit. See *Note 7* for information about the University's line of credit facility.

For purposes of analyzing resources available to meet general expenditures over a 12-month period, the University considers all expenditures related to its ongoing activities of teaching, research and public service as well as the conduct of services undertaken to support those activities to be general expenditures.

As of June 30, 2023 and 2022, the following financial assets could readily be made available within one year of the consolidated statements of financial position date to meet general expenditures.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 19,366,310	\$ 20,273,652
Accounts receivable, net	10,096,765	16,103,324
Contributions for general expenditures due in one year or less	<u>500,194</u>	<u>644,243</u>
	<u><u>\$ 29,963,269</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 37,021,219</u></u>

The board-designated endowment of \$16,875,459 and \$15,143,887 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, is subject to an annual spending rate to be approved by the board of trustees annually. Although the University does not intend to spend from the board-designated endowment (other than the amounts appropriated for general expenditure as part of the board's annual budget approval and appropriation), these amounts could be made available if necessary.

In addition to financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next 12 months, the University operates with a balanced budget and anticipates collecting sufficient revenue to cover general expenditures not covered by donor-restricted resources. Refer to the consolidated statements of cash flows which identifies the sources and uses of the University's cash and shows positive cash generated by operations for fiscal years 2023 and 2022.

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Note 14: COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Funding

On March 11, 2021, the President signed into law the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), or more commonly known as HEERF III, the University was awarded a student share of \$7,194,157 and an institutional share of \$5,260,067 that totaled \$12,454,224. As of June 30, 2022, the University expended all of the funds through eligible expenditures or lost revenues.

During the year ended June 30, 2022, the University applied for the Employee Retention Credit (ERC) provided under the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act* (CARES) that was signed into law by the President on March 27, 2020. ERC provides a refundable employee retention tax credit to eligible employers who meet either a gross receipts test or a government mandate test. The tax credit is equal to a specified percentage of qualified wages paid to employees subject to certain limits. The University determined it qualifies for the tax credit and claimed \$14,447,456, which was recognized as revenue for 2022 and included in other income on the consolidated statement of activities. The University had received \$9,312,482 and \$4,500,179 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, with the remaining balance included in accounts receivable on the consolidated statements of financial position. The remaining \$634,795 was collected subsequent to year-end. Laws and regulations concerning the employee retention credit are complex and subject to varying interpretation. These credits may be subject to retroactive audit and review. There can be no assurance that regulatory authorities will not challenge the University's claim to the ERC, and it is not possible to determine the impact this would have on the University.

Note 15: Contributed Nonfinancial Assets

For the year ended June 30, 2023, contribution nonfinancial assets recognized within the statement of activities included:

	<u>2023</u>
Rent	<u><u>\$ 710,550</u></u>

The nonfinancial assets listed above were recognized within revenue. Unless otherwise noted, contributed nonfinancial assets did not have donor-imposed restrictions. The contributed rent was estimated using the fair value of lease payments on comparable properties.

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Note 16: Related Party Transactions

The University, from time to time, receives contributions from members of the board of trustees and University employees. These donations are not material to the consolidated financial statements. The Board of Trustees of Park University has adopted and regularly monitors the implementation, periodic review and updating of the University's conflict of interest policy. Every year, each interested person as defined in the policy, University officers, University trustees, and key employees of the University are required to complete a policy and disclosure statement. In addition, interested persons are required to complete updated disclosure statements at any time potential or actual conflicts of interest arise.

Note 17: Significant Estimates and Concentrations

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require disclosure of certain significant estimates and current vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations. Those matters include the following:

Contributions

Approximately 29 percent and 10 percent of all contributions were received from one donor in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

General Litigation

The University is subject to claims and lawsuits that arise primarily in the ordinary course of business. It is the opinion of management that the disposition or ultimate resolution of such claims and lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position, change in net assets and cash flows of the University.

The University is a plaintiff in a lawsuit claiming that Martin Marietta Materials, Inc., the mining company handling construction of underground commercial space, breached its contract, causing millions of dollars of damages to the University. The University has not recognized any amounts in the consolidated financial statements related to this claim.

Accounts Receivable and Pledges Receivable Allowances

Management believes that outstanding accounts receivable and pledges receivable allowances are reasonable as of June 30, 2023. The estimate could change in future periods due to unforeseen events and circumstances. Approximately 91 percent and 62 percent of third-party accounts receivable were from three and one customer in 2023 and 2022, respectively. Approximately 83 percent and 75 percent of pledges receivable were from three and two donors in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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Investments, Investment in Real Estate and Funds Held in Trusts by Others

The University invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position.

Depreciation

As discussed in *Note 1*, depreciation is charged to expense using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of each asset, which ranges from three to 50 years.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

Significant estimates relating to the allocation of expenses on a functional basis are described in *Note 1*.

Note 18: U.S. Department of Education Financial Responsibility Ratio Information

The following information is required by the U.S. Department of Education for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	<u>2023</u>
Property, plant and equipment, including construction in progress, net of accumulated depreciation - pre-implementation	\$ 46,704,691
Property, plant and equipment, including construction in progress, net of accumulated depreciation - post-implementation with outstanding debt for original purchase	10,435,306
Property, plant and equipment, including construction in progress, net of accumulated depreciation - post-implementation without outstanding debt for original purchase	<u>9,625,938</u>
Total property, plant and equipment, net	<u><u>\$ 66,765,935</u></u>

Note 19: Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 24, 2023, which is the date the consolidated financial statements were issued.

Supplementary Information

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Financial Responsibility Schedule Required by the U.S. Department of Education Year Ended June 30, 2023

Ratio Element	Reference to Financial Statements and/or Notes	2023
Primary Reserve Ratio		
Expendable Net Assets		
Net assets without donor restrictions	Statement of Financial Position	\$ 99,620,383
Net assets with donor restrictions	Statement of Financial Position	53,544,394
Net assets with donor restrictions - restricted in perpetuity	Note 9	13,322,605
Annuities with donor restrictions	Not applicable to the University	-
Term endowments with donor restrictions	Note 9	545,110
Life income funds with donor restrictions	Not applicable to the University	-
Total annuities, term endowments and life income funds with donor restrictions		<u>545,110</u>
Unsecured related party receivables	Not applicable to the University	-
Intangible assets	Not applicable to the University	-
Post-employment and defined benefit pension plan liabilities	Not applicable to the University	-
Property, plant and equipment, including construction in progress, net of accumulated depreciation - pre-implementation	Note 17	46,704,691
Property, plant and equipment, including construction in progress, net of accumulated depreciation - post-implementation with outstanding debt for original purchase	Note 17	10,435,306
Property, plant and equipment, including construction in progress, net of accumulated depreciation - post-implementation without outstanding debt for original purchase	Note 17	<u>9,625,938</u>
Total property, plant and equipment, net		<u>66,765,935</u>
Right-of-use lease asset - operating leases, net of accumulated amortization - post-implementation	Statement of Financial Position	5,789,363
Long-term debt obtained for long-term purposes - pre-implementation	Note 7	13,320,000
Long-term debt obtained for long-term purposes - post-implementation	Note 7	8,500,000
Line of credit for construction in progress	Not applicable to the University	-
Operating lease liability - post-implementation	Statement of Financial Position	5,940,274
Total expenses and Losses		
Total expenses without donor restrictions	Statement of Activities	73,246,013
Equity Ratio		
Modified Net Assets		
Net assets without donor restrictions	Statement of Financial Position	99,620,383
Net assets with donor restrictions	Statement of Financial Position	53,544,394
Intangible assets	Not applicable to the University	-
Unsecured related party receivables	Not applicable to the University	-
Modified Assets		
Total assets	Statement of Financial Position	191,739,809
Intangible assets	Not applicable to the University	-
Unsecured related party receivables	Not applicable to the University	-
Net Income Ratio		
Change in net assets without donor restrictions	Statement of Activities	(3,283,409)
Total revenues, gains and other support without donor restrictions	Statement of Activities	69,962,604

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Education/Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants	84.007	N/A	\$ -	\$ 471,993
U.S. Department of Education/Federal Direct Student Loans	84.268	N/A	-	23,704,077
U.S. Department of Education/Federal Work-Study Program	84.033	N/A	-	339,456
U.S. Department of Education/Federal Pell Grant Program	84.063	N/A	-	11,441,289
U.S. Department of Education/Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grants	84.379	N/A	-	31,583
Total Student Financial Assistance Cluster			-	35,988,398
Total Federal Expenditures			\$ -	\$ 35,988,398

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Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Note 1: Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Park University under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Park University, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets or cash flows of Park University.

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years.

Note 3: Indirect Cost Rate

Park University has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

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*

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Trustees and Audit Committee
Park University
Parkville, Missouri

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the consolidated financial statements of Park University (the University), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 24, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the consolidated financial statements, we considered the University'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 opinion on the consolidated financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the University'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 University's consolidated financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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 or significant deficiencies. 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the University's consolidated 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 consolidated 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 University'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 University's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

FORVIS, LLP

Kansas City, Missouri
October 24, 2023

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Trustees and Audit Committee
Park University
Parkville, Missouri

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We have audited Park University's (the University) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the University's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2023. The University's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the University complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance" section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the University and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the University's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the University's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the University's compliance based on our audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the University's compliance with the requirements of the major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 University's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the University's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-001. Our opinion on the major federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on University's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The University's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response. The University is responsible for preparing a corrective action plan to address each audit finding included in our auditor's report. The University's corrective action plan was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the “Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance” section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

FORVIS, LLP

Kansas City, Missouri
October 24, 2023

Park University

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year Ended June 30, 2023

Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results

Financial Statements

1. Type of report the auditor issued on whether the consolidated financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP:
☒ Unmodified ☐ Qualified ☐ Adverse ☐ Disclaimer
2. Internal control over financial reporting:
 Significant deficiency(ies) identified? ☐ Yes ☒ None reported
 Material weakness(es) identified? ☐ Yes ☒ No
3. Noncompliance material to the consolidated financial statements noted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Federal Awards

4. Internal control over major federal awards program:
 Significant deficiency(ies) identified? ☐ Yes ☒ None reported
 Material weakness(es) identified? ☐ Yes ☒ No
5. Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major federal program:
☒ Unmodified ☐ Qualified ☐ Adverse ☐ Disclaimer
6. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported by 2 CFR 200.516(a)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
7. Identification of the major federal program:

Cluster/Program	Federal Assistance Listing Number
Student Financial Assistance Cluster	
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants	84.007
Federal Direct Student Loans	84.268
Federal Work-Study Program	84.033
Federal Pell Grant Program	84.063
Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grants	84.379
8. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000.	
9. Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee?	☒ Yes ☐ No

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

Reference Number	Finding
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No matters are reportable.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)

Year Ended June 30, 2023

Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

Reference Number	Finding
2023-001	Student Financial Aid Cluster U.S. Department of Education Federal Direct Student loans 84.268, Federal Work-Study Program 84.033, Federal Pell Grant Program 84.063, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunities Grant 84.007, Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grants 84.379 Award Year - Academic year 2022-2023 Criteria or Specific Requirement - The <i>Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act</i> (Pub. L. 106-102) requires financial institutions to explain their information-sharing to their customers and to safeguard sensitive data (16 CFR 314). The Federal Trade Commission considers Title IV-eligible institutions that participate in Title IV Educational Assistance Program as "financial institutions" and subject to the <i>Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act</i> because they appear to be significantly engaged in wiring funds to consumers (16 CFR 313.3(k)(2)(vi)). Under 16 CFR 314, institutions are required to develop, implement and maintain a comprehensive information security program that address the implementation eight minimum safeguards. Condition - The University does not have a written information security program that addresses the minimum safeguards identified in 16 CFR 314.4(c)(1) through (8). Questioned Costs - None noted. Context - Through inquiry of management and review of information policies published on the University's website it was determined the eight requirements were not all included in a comprehensive policy. Effect - The University was not in compliance with the <i>Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act</i> . Cause - The University's policy was not finalized. Identification as a repeat finding, if applicable - Not applicable. Recommendation - We recommend management takes necessary steps to finalize a written information security policy which at minimum has the eight safeguards within 16 CFR 314. View of Responsible Official and Planned Corrective Actions - Management agrees with the stated finding and has implemented a corrective action plan.

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Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
Year Ended June 30, 2023

**Reference
Number**

Summary of Finding

No matters are reportable.