

Assumption University

**Financial Statements
May 31, 2023 and 2022**

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Independent Auditor's Report

RSM US LLP

Board of Trustees
Assumption University

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Assumption University (the University), which comprise the statements of financial position as of May 31, 2023 and 2022, the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the University as of May 31, 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). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the 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 Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 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.

RSM US LLP

Boston, Massachusetts
November 21, 2023

Assumption University
Statements of Financial Position
May 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Assets		
Cash	\$ 7,095,671	\$ 24,061,817
Short-term investments	8,827,719	-
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,457,252	1,554,136
Student tuition receivables, net	968,595	994,398
Grants and other receivables	624,478	142,659
Student loans, net	219,526	513,840
Contributions receivable, net	2,579,402	4,245,774
Long-term investments	107,396,134	109,873,614
Beneficial interest in trust	1,679,713	1,718,621
Property, plant and equipment, net	106,588,557	106,094,342
Operating lease, right-of-use asset	389,062	-
Total assets	<u>\$ 237,826,109</u>	<u>\$ 249,199,201</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 6,566,604	\$ 7,396,438
Student deposits and deferred revenue	5,502,573	5,832,769
Annuity obligations	513,027	588,675
Asset retirement obligation	281,450	264,895
Refundable government student loans	994,613	1,244,666
Debt, net	33,376,707	35,662,870
Operating lease liability	389,062	-
Total liabilities	<u>47,624,036</u>	<u>50,990,313</u>
Net assets		
Without donor restrictions	143,168,074	148,404,289
With donor restrictions	47,033,999	49,804,599
Total net assets	<u>190,202,073</u>	<u>198,208,888</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 237,826,109</u>	<u>\$ 249,199,201</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended May 31, 2023

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating revenue and other support			
Tuition and fees, net of financial aid and scholarships of \$50,714,359	\$ 34,961,546	\$ -	\$ 34,961,546
Investment income:			
Operating assets	216,909	-	216,909
Nonoperating assets	7,113,454	1,396,769	8,510,223
Auxiliary enterprises	18,160,346	-	18,160,346
Annual gifts	1,107,905	25,090	1,132,995
Grants	4,163,861	-	4,163,861
Other income	4,053,525	-	4,053,525
Net assets released from restrictions	1,399,769	(1,399,769)	-
Total operating revenue and other support	<u>71,177,315</u>	<u>22,090</u>	<u>71,199,405</u>
Operating expenses			
Instruction	27,332,413	-	27,332,413
Academic support	6,556,584	-	6,556,584
Student services	14,002,540	-	14,002,540
Auxiliary enterprises	16,516,005	-	16,516,005
Institutional support	6,767,170	-	6,767,170
Total operating expenses	<u>71,174,712</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,174,712</u>
Increase in net assets from operations	<u>2,603</u>	<u>22,090</u>	<u>24,693</u>
Nonoperating revenue and expense			
Contributions	56,981	522,307	579,288
Investment (loss) return, net	(95,203)	146,271	51,068
Investment income utilized	(7,113,454)	(1,396,769)	(8,510,223)
Change in value of split interest agreements	(2,443)	(3,830)	(6,273)
Change in value of beneficial interest in trust	-	(38,908)	(38,908)
Other nonoperating expenses	(106,460)	-	(106,460)
Net assets reclassified to conform to change in donor's intent	(20,993)	20,993	-
Net assets released from restrictions	2,042,754	(2,042,754)	-
Decrease in net assets from nonoperating activities	<u>(5,238,818)</u>	<u>(2,792,690)</u>	<u>(8,031,508)</u>
Decrease in net assets	<u>(5,236,215)</u>	<u>(2,770,600)</u>	<u>(8,006,815)</u>
Net assets			
Beginning of year	<u>148,404,289</u>	<u>49,804,599</u>	<u>198,208,888</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 143,168,074</u>	<u>\$ 47,033,999</u>	<u>\$ 190,202,073</u>

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Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets
Year Ended May 31, 2022

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Operating revenue and other support			
Tuition and fees, net of financial aid and scholarships of \$53,286,657	\$ 38,428,363	\$ -	\$ 38,428,363
Investment income:			
Operating assets	641,047	-	641,047
Nonoperating assets	2,156,727	1,311,435	3,468,162
Auxiliary enterprises	18,659,221	-	18,659,221
Annual gifts	2,369,505	792,540	3,162,045
Grants	8,183,982	-	8,183,982
Other income	1,580,174	-	1,580,174
Net assets released from restrictions	1,740,244	(1,740,244)	-
Total operating revenue and other support	<u>73,759,263</u>	<u>363,731</u>	<u>74,122,994</u>
Operating expenses			
Instruction	25,468,260	-	25,468,260
Academic support	6,455,346	-	6,455,346
Student services	16,737,391	-	16,737,391
Auxiliary enterprises	15,672,853	-	15,672,853
Institutional support	7,900,487	-	7,900,487
Total operating expenses	<u>72,234,337</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,234,337</u>
Increase in net assets from operations	<u>1,524,926</u>	<u>363,731</u>	<u>1,888,657</u>
Nonoperating revenue and expense			
Contributions	260,305	709,452	969,757
Investment loss, net	(7,600,455)	(4,304,507)	(11,904,962)
Investment income utilized	(2,156,727)	(1,311,435)	(3,468,162)
Change in value of split interest agreements	(8,228)	(172,428)	(180,656)
Change in value of beneficial interest in trust	-	(111,254)	(111,254)
Change in value of interest rate swap agreement	196,094	-	196,094
Gain on forgiveness of debt	7,581,250	-	7,581,250
Other nonoperating expenses	(324,893)	-	(324,893)
Net assets reclassified to conform to change in donor's intent	(242,604)	242,604	-
Decrease in net assets from nonoperating activities	<u>(2,295,258)</u>	<u>(4,947,568)</u>	<u>(7,242,826)</u>
Decrease in net assets	<u>(770,332)</u>	<u>(4,583,837)</u>	<u>(5,354,169)</u>
Net assets			
Beginning of year	<u>149,174,621</u>	<u>54,388,436</u>	<u>203,563,057</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 148,404,289</u>	<u>\$ 49,804,599</u>	<u>\$ 198,208,888</u>

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Statements of Cash Flows
Years Ended May 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Decrease in net assets	\$ (8,006,815)	\$ (5,354,169)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	4,924,829	4,974,023
Amortization	18,837	18,838
Contributions restricted for endowment	(496,307)	(674,252)
Realized and unrealized losses on investments	2,725,076	15,439,630
Gain on forgiveness of debt	-	(7,581,250)
Change in the fair value of interest rate swap agreement	-	(196,094)
Recovery of doubtful contributions receivable	(45,000)	(120,000)
Recovery of uncollectible student tuition and loans receivable	(97,520)	(80,000)
Discount for contributions receivable	(19,710)	(71,596)
Accretion of asset retirement cost	16,555	15,583
Change in value of annuity obligations	(75,648)	(5,704)
Change in value of beneficial interest in trust	38,908	111,254
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Student tuition receivables	89,280	115,383
Grants and other receivables	(481,819)	4,420,359
Contributions receivable	1,731,082	1,366,055
Prepaid expenses and other assets	96,884	(264,118)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(510,990)	1,495,680
Student deposits and deferred revenue	(330,196)	(1,299,724)
Refundable government student loans	(250,053)	(349,989)
Total adjustments	<u>7,334,208</u>	<u>17,314,078</u>
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	<u>(672,607)</u>	<u>11,959,909</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchases of short-term investments	(8,827,719)	-
Purchases of long-term investments	(6,747,084)	(20,749,680)
Proceeds from maturities and sales of long-term investments	6,499,488	13,524,799
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(5,737,888)	(3,689,530)
Payments on student loans	328,357	308,173
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(14,484,846)</u>	<u>(10,606,238)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Contributions restricted for endowment	496,307	674,252
Payments on long-term debt	(2,305,000)	(2,048,308)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(1,808,693)</u>	<u>(1,374,056)</u>
Net decrease in cash	(16,966,146)	(20,385)
Cash		
Beginning of year	<u>24,061,817</u>	<u>24,082,202</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 7,095,671</u>	<u>\$ 24,061,817</u>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information		
Cash paid during the year for interest	\$ 682,522	\$ 908,638
Right-of-use asset acquired and operating lease liability	\$ 389,062	\$ -
Supplemental schedule of noncash investing activities		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 62,577	\$ 381,422

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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1. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Background

Assumption College was founded in 1904 as a Catholic, nonprofit, coeducational college located in Worcester, Massachusetts on a 185-acre campus. In April 2019, Assumption College applied to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to become a university. The application was approved, and the institution became Assumption University (the "University") on June 10, 2020.

Approximately 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students attend the University annually. The University offers bachelor's degrees in the liberal arts core and pre-professional programs with a liberal arts core, and professional master's degrees on a full-time and part-time basis.

The University also operates an additional campus in Rome, Italy. The Rome campus is located on land owned by the Augustinians of the Assumption, the founding order of the University.

Basis of Financial Statement Presentation

The accompanying financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting and have been prepared to focus on the University as a whole and to present balances and transactions according to the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes are classified as follows:

Without Donor Restrictions - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations. Net assets without donor restrictions may be designated for specific purposes by action of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") or may otherwise be limited by contractual agreements with outside parties. The change in net assets without donor restrictions is primarily impacted by the results of operations, new capital purchases, net of depreciation and debt, unrestricted giving, and by the amount of net assets with donor restrictions that have been released from restrictions.

With Donor Restrictions - Net assets whose use by the University is subject to donor-imposed stipulations that can be fulfilled by actions of the University pursuant to those stipulations or that expire by the passage of time. These also include net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained in perpetuity by the University, with investment return available for designated purposes. The change in net assets with donor restrictions is impacted primarily by gifts with time and donor constraints, such as restricted annual fund gifts, unconditional pledges and deferred giving instruments. Net assets with donor restrictions also include, under Massachusetts law, funds not yet appropriated by the Board, generally representing cumulative investment earnings and appreciation on endowment funds restricted in perpetuity.

Operations

The statements of activities and changes in net assets report the changes in net assets from operating and nonoperating activities. Operating revenues consist of those items attributable to the University's primary mission of providing education, including tuition (net of aid) and revenue for auxiliary enterprises, which includes student housing and dining services. Additionally, operating revenue includes contributions received related to annual fund support. The University allocates endowment income and appreciation based on the absence or existence of donor-imposed restrictions. Interest and dividends earned on the funds without donor restrictions are included as operating revenue. Operating revenue also includes appropriations from the endowment that are used to support operations.

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The University reports expenses associated with the management of the University's operations, including activities associated with the plant, endowment, annuity and loan funds, as operating expenses within net assets without donor restrictions.

Net investment return (loss), nonoperating contributions, investment income utilized, gain on forgiveness of debt, other nonoperating expenses, and the change in value of split interest agreements, beneficial interest in trust, and the interest rate swap agreement are included in nonoperating revenue and expenses.

All contributions are considered to be available for operations and reported as net assets without donor restrictions unless specifically restricted by the donor or have inherent time restrictions. Amounts received that are stipulated for use in future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as restricted support. When a qualifying expenditure occurs or a time restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions as "net assets released from restrictions" in the statements of activities and changes in net assets. However, if a restriction is fulfilled in the same time period in which the contribution is received, the contribution is immediately reported as a contribution without donor restrictions.

Furthermore, net investment return (loss), which consists of dividends, investment fees, and realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments, is reported as follows:

- Increases (decreases) in net assets with donor restrictions if the terms of the gift, or the University's interpretation of the relevant state law, impose restrictions on the use of the income or net gain (loss), or if the terms of the gift require the income or net gain (loss) to be added to the principal of an endowment fund restricted in perpetuity; and
- Increases (decreases) in net assets without donor restrictions in all other cases.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) 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 financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Estimates are primarily used in determining the valuation of investments, discounts and allowances for student tuition receivables, student loans receivable and contributions receivable, the estimated liabilities for annuity obligations, and the allocation of expenses.

Liquidity

In order to provide information about liquidity, assets are sequenced according to the timing of their conversion to cash and liabilities according to the nearness of their estimated maturity.

Cash

Most of the University's banking activity is maintained with several regional banks, and from time to time cash deposits exceed federal insurance limits. It is the University's policy to monitor these banks' financial strength on an ongoing basis. The University has not experienced any losses in these accounts.

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Short-term Investments

Short-term investments consisted of money market accounts at May 31, 2023. There were no short-term investments at May 31, 2022.

Student Tuition Receivables

Student tuition receivables are stated at the net amount outstanding, less an allowance for doubtful accounts. The allowance for doubtful accounts is established based on management's assessment as to collectability through a charge to bad debt expense for balances that have been deemed uncollectible. Tuition receivables are considered past due if not paid by the due date, or if any portion of the receivable balance is outstanding when the student graduates or withdraws from the University.

Investments

The University's portfolio is managed by an outside investment manager who operates under the oversight of the Investment Committee of the Board (the "Investment Committee"). The Investment Committee has established and communicated to the manager the University's investment guidelines.

All long-term investments have been reported in the financial statements at their fair value as of May 31, 2023 and 2022. The fair value of publicly-traded mutual funds, fixed income and equity securities is based upon quoted market prices and exchange rates, if applicable. The alternative investments, which are not readily marketable, are carried at estimated fair values as provided by the investment managers. The University is permitted under GAAP to estimate the fair value of an investment at the measurement date using the reported net asset value (NAV) as a practical expedient of fair value without further adjustment unless the entity expects to sell the investment at a value other than NAV or if the NAV is not calculated in accordance with GAAP.

The net realized and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of such investments has been included in net investment return (loss) in the statements of activities and changes in net assets in the applicable net asset category.

The University performs additional procedures including due diligence reviews on its investments in investment companies and other procedures with respect to the capital account or NAV provided by investment companies to ensure conformity with GAAP. The University has assessed factors including, but not limited to, the funds' financial statements being prepared consistent with the measurement principles of an investment company, price transparency and valuation procedures in place, the ability to redeem at NAV at the measurement date, and existence of certain redemption restrictions at the measurement date.

Beneficial Interest in Trust

The University is the remainder beneficiary of an irrevocable trust for which a bank serves as trustee. The University will receive the fair market value of the trust assets upon the death of other certain beneficiaries, at which time the funds will be used to establish an endowed scholarship in accordance with the donor's wishes. Due to the permanent nature of the trust, the University recognizes its interest in the estimated fair value of the trust as an asset on the statements of financial position and as a net asset with donor restrictions. Changes in the fair value of the trust assets are recorded in the net assets with donor restrictions category on the statements of activities and changes in net assets.

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Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost at the date of acquisition or, in the case of gifts, at estimated fair value at the date of the gift. The University depreciates its fixed assets using the straight-line depreciation method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets, as follows:

Land improvements	15-20 years
Buildings and improvements	25-50 years
Equipment and automobiles	3-20 years

Projects are accumulated in construction-in-progress until the project is complete and placed in service, at which time the cost is transferred to the appropriate asset account and depreciation begins.

Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred; betterments are capitalized. For assets sold or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in the statement of activities and changes in net assets for the period.

Fine arts consist of items that include sculptures and other works of art that were donated to or purchased by the University. These items are capitalized at cost, if the items were purchased, or at their fair value on the accession date, if the items were contributed. Gains or losses from deaccessions of these items are reflected on the statements of activities and changes in net assets as changes in the appropriate net asset classes, depending on the existence and type of donor-imposed restrictions. Collection items are depreciated over their estimated useful lives unless they have cultural, aesthetic, or historical value that is worth preserving perpetually, and the University is protecting and preserving essentially the undiminished service potential of the item. As of May 31, 2023 and 2022, the University has not recorded any depreciation on its sculptures or other works of art.

Impairment of Long-lived Assets

Long-lived assets, which consist primarily of property and equipment, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable. When such events occur, the University compares the carrying amounts of the assets to the undiscounted expected future cash flows over the remaining life of the asset. If this comparison indicates that there may be impairment, the amount of impairment is calculated as the difference between the carrying value and fair value. During the fiscal years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, no impairment indicators were identified.

Asset Retirement Obligations

An asset retirement obligation (ARO) is a legal obligation associated with the retirement of long-lived assets. These liabilities are initially recorded at fair value and the related asset retirement costs are capitalized by increasing the carrying amount of the related assets by the same amount. Asset retirement costs are subsequently depreciated over the useful lives of the related assets. Subsequent to initial recognition, the University records period-to-period changes in the ARO liability resulting from the passage of time and revisions to either the timing or the amount of the original estimate of undiscounted cash flows.

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Annuity Obligations

The University is a beneficiary of certain charitable remainder trusts and gift annuities for which the principal reverts to the University upon the death of the donors or other beneficiaries. The gifts are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of the receipt of such gifts and a liability is recognized equal to the estimated present value of the annuity payments. The liability is adjusted during the term of the obligation for actuarial value, accretion of discount rate, and other changes affecting the estimate of future obligations. The University is trustee for the annuity agreements and the assets are held in trust, generally as investments. These assets are recorded at fair value and are included in long-term investments in the accompanying statements of financial position.

Refundable Government Student Loans

Refundable government student loans represent funds held by the University under the Perkins revolving loan program that are provided by the U.S. Department of Education (DOE). The program expired on September 30, 2017, and the DOE has begun the wind-down of the Perkins loan program and will continue to collect the federal share of the Perkins funds over the upcoming fiscal years.

Bond Discount and Issuance Costs

Unamortized bond discount and issuance costs are being amortized on a straight-line basis (which approximates the calculation if the effective interest method was used) through the maturity dates of the bonds payable, and are presented in the statements of financial position as a direct reduction from debt.

Revenue Recognition

The University accounts for revenue recognition based on the guidance provided in Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC), *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*. This guidance requires the University to (1) identify the contract with the customer, (2) identify the performance obligations in the contract, (3) determine the transaction price, (4) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract, and (5) recognize revenue when each performance obligation is satisfied. Revenue is recognized when promised goods or services are transferred to the customer in an amount that reflects the consideration expected in exchange for those goods or services.

Tuition and Fee Revenue

Tuition and fee revenue is recorded at the University's established rates, net of institutional, state and federal financial aid administered directly by the University. Payments for tuition and fees are due prior to the start of the academic semester in accordance with the University's due dates. Payments received in advance of performance obligations being satisfied are categorized as student deposits and deferred revenue in the statements of financial position and then recorded over time as the performance obligation is satisfied. The performance obligation relating to tuition and fee revenue is the delivery of educational services. Students are typically entitled to a partial refund through a specific point in the academic term, after which no refunds are due upon withdrawal. Refunds issued reduce the amount of revenue recognized. Discounts provided to employees are considered part of fringe benefits within operating expenses and are recorded over time.

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Auxiliary Enterprises

Revenue for auxiliary enterprises primarily consists of fees for student housing and dining services. Fees charged for auxiliary enterprises are priced to offset the cost of the services. The distinguishing characteristic of auxiliary enterprises is that they are managed as an essentially self-supporting activity. Payments for these services are due prior to the start of the academic semester in accordance with the University's due dates, and payments received in advance of performance obligations being satisfied are categorized as student deposits and deferred revenue in the statements of financial position. The performance obligation for auxiliary enterprises is the delivery of student housing and dining services and revenue is recognized over time as the performance obligation is satisfied.

Contributions

Contributions received, including unconditional promises to give, are initially recorded at fair value in the period the donor's commitments are received. Unconditional promises to give which are to be received in future periods are included in the financial statements as contributions receivable. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at their net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the present value of estimated future cash flows. The discounts on those amounts are computed using a rate commensurate with the risk involved. Amortization of the discount is included in contribution revenue. Contributions receivable are also recorded net of an allowance for doubtful accounts based on management's assessment as to collectability. Conditional promises to give, that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier and a right of return, are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. The University has one conditional promise to give as of May 31, 2023 regarding the conveyance of real estate, as further described in note 10.

Bequests are recognized as revenue when the right to receive the bequest is unconditional and irrevocable, and the amount to be received is estimable. Such conditions generally occur after a will has cleared probate.

Grants

Individual grant arrangements have been evaluated and most have been determined to be nonreciprocal, meaning the granting entity has not received a direct benefit in exchange for the resources provided. Instead, revenue is recognized like a conditional contribution, i.e., when the barrier to entitlement is overcome. The barrier to entitlement is considered overcome when expenditures associated with each grant are determined to be allowable and all other significant conditions of the grant are met. Grants that have been determined to be reciprocal fall under the scope of Topic 606 and are recognized as the performance obligations are satisfied.

The University received funding from the Federal government through three grants as part of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). The first and second rounds of HEERF funding totaled \$3,688,062, and the barriers to entitlement were met and the grant revenue was recognized during the year ended May 31, 2021. The total amount of the third round of HEERF funding was \$3,944,408. The barriers to entitlement for the third round of HEERF funding were met during the year ended May 31, 2022 and the amount is included in grant revenue for the year ended May 31, 2022.

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Payroll Protection Program

In April 2020, the University received a Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan of \$7,500,000 under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The University used the proceeds from the loan for qualifying expenses, submitted its forgiveness application in May 2021 to the Small Business Administration (SBA), and was awarded forgiveness of the entire amount in January 2022.

Income Taxes

The Internal Revenue Service has determined that the University qualifies as a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, there is no provision for federal or state income taxes.

The University recognizes a tax benefit from an uncertain tax position only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by taxing authorities. Management evaluated the University's tax positions and concluded that the University has no material uncertainties in income taxes.

The University is no longer subject to income tax examinations by the U.S. federal, state, or local tax authorities for three years from the filing date.

The University will account for interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions, if any, as part of tax expense.

Advertising

The University expenses advertising costs as incurred.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In June 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-13, *Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*, which creates a new credit impairment standard for financial assets measured at amortized cost and available-for-sale debt securities. The ASU requires financial assets measured at amortized cost (including loans, trade receivables and held-to-maturity debt securities) to be presented at the net amount expected to be collected, through an allowance for credit losses that are expected to occur over the remaining life of the asset, rather than incurred losses. The ASU requires that credit losses on available-for-sale debt securities be presented as an allowance rather than as a direct write-down. The measurement of credit losses for newly recognized financial assets (other than certain purchased assets) and subsequent changes in the allowance for credit losses are recorded in the statement of income as the amounts expected to be collected change. On November 15, 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-10, *Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326), Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815), and Leases (Topic 842): Effective Dates*, which defer the effective dates for certain entities. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The University is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this new guidance on its financial statements.

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Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*. The standard requires lessees to recognize the assets and liabilities that arise from leases in the statement of financial position for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Additionally, in July 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-11, *Leases (Topic 842): Targeted Improvements*, which among other things, provides an additional transition method that would allow entities to not apply the guidance in ASU 2016-02 in the comparative periods presented in the financial statements and instead recognize a cumulative-effect adjustment to the opening balance of net assets in the period of adoption. The University adopted the provisions of ASU 2016-02 and its related amendments as of June 1, 2022, and it elected to adopt the transition relief provisions from ASU 2018-11, recording the impact of adoption as of June 1, 2022 without restating any prior year amounts. There was no cumulative effect adjustment to the opening balance of net assets required.

To reduce the burden of adoption and ongoing compliance with Topic 842, a number of practical expedients and policy elections are available under the new guidance. The University elected the "package of practical expedients" permitted under the transition guidance, which among other things, did not require reassessment of whether contracts entered into prior to adoption are or contain leases, and allowed carryforward of the historical lease classification for existing leases. The University has not elected the "hindsight" practical expedient, and therefore will measure the right-of-use (ROU) asset and lease liability using the remaining portion of the lease term at adoption on June 1, 2022.

The University made an accounting policy election under Topic 842 not to recognize ROU assets and lease liabilities for leases with a term of twelve months or less. For all other leases, the University recognizes ROU assets and lease liabilities based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term at the commencement date of the lease (or June 1, 2022 for existing leases upon the adoption of Topic 842). To determine the present value of lease payments, the University made an accounting policy election available to non-public companies to utilize a risk-free borrowing rate for all leases, which is aligned with the lease term at the lease commencement date (or remaining term for leases existing upon the adoption of Topic 842). The ROU assets also include any initial direct costs incurred and lease payments made at or before the commencement date and are reduced by any lease incentives.

Future lease payments may include fixed rent escalation clauses or payments that depend on an index (such as the consumer price index). Subsequent changes to an index and other periodic market-rate adjustments to base rent are recorded in variable lease expense in the period incurred. Payments for terminating the lease and residual value guarantees are included in the lease payments only when it is probable they will be incurred.

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2. Contributions Receivable

Contributions receivable consist of the following at May 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Amounts due in:		
Less than one year	\$ 1,514,284	\$ 2,422,297
One to five years	1,235,437	2,048,506
More than five years	<u>30,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>
Total contributions receivable	2,779,721	4,510,803
Less:		
Discount to present value	(60,319)	(80,029)
Reserve for doubtful accounts	<u>(140,000)</u>	<u>(185,000)</u>
Contributions receivable, net	<u>\$ 2,579,402</u>	<u>\$ 4,245,774</u>

As of May 31, 2023, approximately 80% of total contributions receivable were from three donors, and as of May 31, 2022, approximately 77% of total contributions receivable were also from three donors.

The discount rates used to calculate the discounted value of contributions receivable as of May 31, 2023 and 2022 ranged from 0.30% to 3.74%.

3. Long-term Investments

The University's long-term investments as of May 31 are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Mutual funds:		
Domestic	\$ 33,773,552	\$ 31,885,132
International	22,581,940	20,915,311
Real estate	2,543,275	-
Balanced	-	6,810,061
Fixed income	32,450,380	33,530,892
Equities - domestic	215,548	127,217
Limited partnerships	<u>15,831,439</u>	<u>16,605,001</u>
Total long-term investments	<u>\$ 107,396,134</u>	<u>\$ 109,873,614</u>

The University made budgeted appropriations under its spending policy of \$2,559,388 and \$2,468,162 for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. In addition, the Board voted to appropriate an additional \$5,950,835 and \$1,000,000 from board-designated endowment to fund operations during the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Therefore, a total of \$8,510,223 and \$3,468,162 was appropriated for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Such amounts are included in investment income – nonoperating assets within the University's operating revenues.

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4. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment as of May 31 are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Land	\$ 2,250,548	\$ 2,250,548
Land improvements	15,480,832	12,414,538
Buildings and improvements	149,862,748	149,638,426
Fine arts	1,207,696	1,207,696
Equipment	<u>22,040,709</u>	<u>21,060,782</u>
Property, plant and equipment, gross	190,842,533	186,571,990
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(85,889,176)</u>	<u>(82,257,436)</u>
	104,953,357	104,314,554
Construction-in-progress	<u>1,635,200</u>	<u>1,779,788</u>
Property, plant and equipment, net	<u>\$ 106,588,557</u>	<u>\$ 106,094,342</u>

Depreciation expense for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022 amounted to \$4,924,829 and \$4,974,023, respectively.

As of May 31, 2023, the University has approximately \$1.1 million of additional spending required in order to complete the projects included in construction-in-progress. The University incurred additional expenditures of approximately \$1.7 million to complete the projects included in construction-in-progress at May 31, 2022 that were placed in service during the year ended May 31, 2023.

5. Leases

The University determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception. Operating leases are included in operating lease ROU assets and operating lease liabilities. The University does not have any finance leases. ROU assets represent the University's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent the University's obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. ROU assets and liabilities are recognized at commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. Lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the University will exercise that option. For individual lease contracts that do not provide information about the discount rate, the University has elected to use a risk-free discount rate determined using a period comparable with that of the lease term for computing the present value of the lease liability. Lease expense for operating lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The University's policy is to not record a ROU asset or lease liability for leases less than one year.

The University has an operating lease agreement for a building at its satellite campus in Rome, Italy. The lease commenced on February 15, 2013 and expires on May 31, 2033. The lease is accounted for as an operating lease under ASC Topic 842. As of May 31, 2023, the statement of financial position includes an operating lease ROU asset and a corresponding operating lease liability of \$389,062, which represents the present value of the lease payments over the remaining lease term using a discount rate of 6%.

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Future undiscounted cash flows for each of the next five years and thereafter and a reconciliation to the operating lease liability recognized on the statement of financial position as of May 31, 2023 is as follows:

Year Ended May 31,	
2024	\$ 53,963
2025	53,963
2026	53,963
2027	53,963
2028	53,963
Thereafter	<u>215,852</u>
Total lease payments	485,667
Less imputed interest	<u>(96,605)</u>
Total present value of lease liability	<u>\$ 389,062</u>

The future minimum lease commitments, as determined under Topic 840, for all non-cancellable leases consisted of the following at May 31, 2023:

Year Ended May 31,	
2024	\$ 57,105
2025	60,023
2026	63,090
2027	66,314
2028	69,702
Thereafter	<u>405,721</u>
	<u>\$ 721,955</u>

Rent expense related to this lease was approximately \$54,000 and \$49,000 for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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6. Debt, net

Series 2013 Bonds

In June 2013, the University borrowed \$9,720,000 of Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MDFA) Revenue Bonds, Assumption College Issue, Series 2013 (the "Series 2013 Bonds"). Proceeds were used to refinance the balance of MDFA Revenue Bonds, Assumption College Issue, Series 2000A debt outstanding. The Series 2013 Bonds bear interest at various fixed rates ranging from 2.0% to 4.0% per year and mature on March 1, 2030. The total amount outstanding as of May 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$4,545,000 and \$5,120,000, respectively.

Series 2016 Bonds

In September 2016, the University borrowed an aggregate of \$32,000,000 of MDFA Revenue Bonds, Assumption College Issue, Series 2016 (the "Series 2016 Bonds") in two series, consisting of \$15,000,000 Series 2016A Bonds and \$17,000,000 Series 2016B Bonds. The proceeds from the Series 2016A Bonds were used to fund the construction of a new academic building, while the proceeds from the Series 2016B Bonds were used to redeem a portion of the MDFA Revenue Bonds, Assumption College Issue, Series 2012 debt outstanding and to pay the bond issuance costs. The Series 2016A Bonds bear interest at a fixed rate of 1.69% and mature on March 1, 2046. The Series 2016B Bonds bear interest at a fixed rate of 1.60% and mature on March 1, 2032. Debt covenants include the maintenance of a debt service coverage ratio and a liquidity ratio. The University was in compliance with the debt covenants as of May 31, 2023. The total amount of Series 2016A Bonds outstanding as of May 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$13,425,000 and \$13,725,000, respectively. The total amount of Series 2016B Bonds outstanding as of May 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$15,570,000 and \$17,000,000, respectively.

Payroll Protection Program Loan

In April 2020, the University was granted a loan of \$7,500,000 from TD Bank pursuant to the PPP under the CARES Act in the form of a promissory note with a fixed rate of 1.0%. The University used the proceeds from the loan for qualifying expenses, submitted its forgiveness application in May 2021 to the SBA, and was awarded forgiveness of the entire amount in January 2022. The loan remains subject to audit by the SBA for six years subsequent to the forgiveness date. The total amount outstanding as of May 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$0.

Aggregate principal payments due in each of the next five years ending May 31 and thereafter on the Series 2013 Bonds and the Series 2016 Bonds are as follows:

2024	\$ 2,385,000
2025	2,480,000
2026	2,580,000
2027	2,685,000
2028	2,780,000
Thereafter	<u>20,630,000</u>
	33,540,000
Less:	
Unamortized bond issuance costs	(136,022)
Unamortized bond discount	<u>(27,271)</u>
Total long-term debt	<u>\$ 33,376,707</u>

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Principal payments are made annually and on various dates throughout the year, in accordance with the respective bond agreements which include provisions for prepayments. The bonds are secured by the University's general obligation pledge.

Total interest expense incurred on indebtedness was \$682,522 and \$908,638 in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Interest Rate Swap Agreement

In April 2002, the University entered into a variable to fixed interest rate swap agreement to manage interest costs. Under this swap agreement, the University paid a fixed rate of 4.1% and received various London Interbank Offered Rates and municipal rates on the notional principal amount. The swap agreement matured on February 28, 2022. The change in fair value of \$196,094 for the year ended May 31, 2022 is recognized as a nonoperating, noncash expense in the statement of activities and changes in net assets.

7. Planned Giving

Planned giving net assets consisted of the following as of May 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Planned giving assets:		
Charitable remainder unitrust	\$ 752,185	\$ 802,713
Charitable remainder annuity trusts	554,580	554,413
Charitable gift annuities	<u>166,450</u>	<u>200,383</u>
Total planned giving assets	1,473,215	1,557,509
Planned giving liabilities:		
Amounts due to beneficiaries	<u>(513,027)</u>	<u>(588,675)</u>
Total planned giving assets, net	<u>\$ 960,188</u>	<u>\$ 968,834</u>

Planned giving assets are included in long-term investments and planned giving liabilities are presented as annuity obligations in the accompanying statements of financial position. Planned giving assets represent a combination of amounts both with and without donor restrictions. Amounts due to beneficiaries are calculated based on the present value of the estimated future payments to be made to the beneficiaries. The University calculates the present value of these payments using discount rates and mortality tables. The liability is adjusted annually for changes in the value of assets, accretion of the discount, and other changes in the estimates of future benefits. Discount rates ranged from 0.83% to 5.8% at May 31, 2023 and 2022.

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8. Student Tuition and Loans Receivable

Student tuition receivables consisted of the following as of May 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Student tuition receivables	\$ 1,090,118	\$ 1,179,398
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(121,523)	(185,000)
Student tuition receivables, net	<u>\$ 968,595</u>	<u>\$ 994,398</u>

The University makes uncollateralized loans to students based on financial need. Student loans are funded primarily through Federal government loan programs.

At May 31, student loans consisted of the following:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Federal government program	\$ 731,596	\$ 1,048,450
Institutional loans	44,947	50,655
Other loans	12,488	18,283
Total student loans	<u>789,031</u>	<u>1,117,388</u>
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(569,505)	(603,548)
Student loans receivable, net	<u>\$ 219,526</u>	<u>\$ 513,840</u>

The University participates in the Perkins federal revolving loan program. The program expired on September 30, 2017 and the University did not disburse Perkins loans to any new student on or after October 1, 2017, except for subsequent disbursements of loans first disbursed between June 30, 2017 and September 30, 2017. The Federal government has begun the wind-down of the Perkins loan program and will continue to collect the federal share of the Perkins funds over the upcoming fiscal years. The University, accordingly, has a liability to the Federal government at May 31, 2023 and 2022 in the amount of \$994,613 and \$1,244,666, respectively.

At May 31, the following amounts were past due under student loan programs:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
1-60 Days past due	\$ 64,659	\$ 48,909
61-90 Days past due	7,942	19,168
91-120 Days past due	22,875	9,034
121+ Days past due	190,020	311,511
Total past due	<u>\$ 285,496</u>	<u>\$ 388,622</u>

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Performing loans are those which are less than or equal to 120 days past due. Nonperforming loans are those which are greater than 120 days past due. Allowances for doubtful accounts are established based on prior collection experience and current economic factors which, in management's judgment, could influence the ability of loan recipients to repay the amounts per the loan terms. These allowances are based on historical loan defaults and write-offs. Loan balances are written off only when they are deemed to be permanently uncollectible, which generally results in their being assigned to the Federal government.

9. Retirement Plans and Voluntary Retirement Programs

Most of the University's full-time faculty and administrative staff are eligible to participate in defined contribution plans the University offers. The University contributes to these plans for the benefit of all participating employees. Contributions to the retirement plans amounted to \$1,739,288 and \$1,693,811 in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The University incurred nonoperating expenses of \$0 and \$324,893 related to voluntary early retirement programs for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

10. Related Party Transactions

The Augustinians of the Assumption (the "Order") is the founding order of the University. In 1972, with the support of the Order, the University's Board elected its first lay president. Since that time, all of the University's presidents have been lay presidents; however, the Assumptionist presence remains an important, if not essential, part of the University's educational endeavors. To encourage the continued presence of the Assumptionists on campus as professors, administrators and clergy, the University provides financial support to the Order. During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, payments totaling \$508,475 and \$538,427, respectively, were made to the Order. In 2013, the University opened an additional campus in Rome, Italy. The campus is located on land owned by the Order. Lease-related payments for the Rome campus during the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022 totaling approximately \$54,000 and \$49,000, respectively, were made to the Order.

In March 2022, the University entered into an agreement with the Order whereby the Order would convey to the University real estate that the Order owns adjacent to the University's campus. In exchange, the University agrees to complete renovations and expansion on campus to accommodate the residential needs of the active and retired Assumptionists in the community. The cost of the renovations is expected to approximate the value of the real estate, which had a market value of \$1.7 million at the time of the agreement. During the year ended May 31, 2023, the University incurred approximately \$1.5 million of expenditures related to the project. As of May 31, 2023, the University has approximately \$200,000 of additional spending in order to complete the project. The project is expected to be completed by late summer 2023. Conveyance of the real estate is conditional upon completion of the renovations by the University.

The health insurance provider that the University used through August 2021 employs an individual who is also a member of the University's Board. During the year ended May 31, 2022, the University paid \$582,478 to this provider for health insurance costs. The University switched to a different health insurance provider effective September 1, 2021; therefore, there were no costs paid to this provider during the year ended May 31, 2023. The procurement of health insurance is performed in accordance with the University's established policies and procedures, and management and the Board report and monitor related party transactions in accordance with a formally adopted Conflict of Interest Policy.

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11. Fair Value Measurements

The University records its investments, including alternative investments, at fair value. Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date.

The University reviews and evaluates values provided by the investment managers and assesses the valuation methods and assumptions used in determining their fair value. Those estimated fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for these investments existed and the differences could be material. The University has the ability to liquidate its investments periodically in accordance with the provisions of the respective fund managers.

There is a hierarchy of valuation inputs for assets and liabilities based on the extent to which the inputs are observable in the marketplace.

The following describes the hierarchy of inputs used to measure fair value and the primary valuation methodologies used by the University for financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

The three levels of inputs are as follows:

- Level 1 Observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets.
- Level 2 Inputs other than the quoted prices in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market data, which require the reporting entity to develop its own assumptions. Level 3 also includes beneficial interests in trusts managed by third party trustees.

A financial instrument's categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

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The following tables present the financial instruments carried at fair value as of May 31:

2023					
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Investments Measured at NAV (a)	Total
Assets at fair value:					
Mutual funds:					
Domestic	\$ 33,773,552	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,773,552
International	22,581,940	-	-	-	22,581,940
Real estate	2,543,275	-	-	-	2,543,275
Fixed income	21,751,970	-	-	10,698,410	32,450,380
Equities - domestic	215,548	-	-	-	215,548
Limited partnerships	-	-	-	15,831,439	15,831,439
Total investments	80,866,285	-	-	26,529,849	107,396,134
Beneficial interest in trust	-	-	1,679,713	-	1,679,713
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 80,866,285</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,679,713</u>	<u>\$ 26,529,849</u>	<u>\$ 109,075,847</u>
Liabilities at fair value:					
Annuity obligations	\$ -	\$ 513,027	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 513,027
2022					
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Investments Measured at NAV (a)	Total
Assets at fair value:					
Mutual funds:					
Domestic	\$ 31,885,132	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,885,132
International	20,915,311	-	-	-	20,915,311
Balanced	6,810,061	-	-	-	6,810,061
Fixed income	23,672,328	-	-	9,858,564	33,530,892
Equities - domestic	127,217	-	-	-	127,217
Limited partnerships	-	-	-	16,605,001	16,605,001
Total investments	83,410,049	-	-	26,463,565	109,873,614
Beneficial interest in trust	-	-	1,718,621	-	1,718,621
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 83,410,049</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,718,621</u>	<u>\$ 26,463,565</u>	<u>\$ 111,592,235</u>
Liabilities at fair value:					
Annuity obligations	\$ -	\$ 588,675	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 588,675

(a) Certain investments that are measured at fair value using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified within the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in the above table are reported for the purpose of reconciling the fair value hierarchy to the investment amounts presented in the statements of financial position.

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The following table presents quantitative information about Level 3 fair value measurements as of May 31:

	2023 Fair Value	2022 Fair Value	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Range of Inputs
Beneficial interest in trust	\$ 1,679,713	\$ 1,718,621	Market approach based on underlying securities	None	Not applicable

The assets held in trust are managed by an independent third party trustee, and the University has no authority over investment decisions. Thus, the trust assets are classified as Level 3 within the fair value hierarchy levels.

There were no transfers between fair value hierarchy levels during the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022.

The redemption terms for those investments valued at NAV consisted of the following as of May 31:

2023				
Asset Class	Fair Value	Number of Funds	Redemption Terms	Redemption Notice Period
Fixed income (a)	\$ 10,698,410	1	daily	2 days
Limited partnerships (b)	15,831,439	4	monthly, quarterly, 5 years	1 day
	<u>\$ 26,529,849</u>			
2022				
Asset Class	Fair Value	Number of Funds	Redemption Terms	Redemption Notice Period
Fixed income (a)	\$ 9,858,564	1	daily	2 days
Limited partnerships (b)	16,605,001	4	monthly, quarterly, 5 years	1 day
	<u>\$ 26,463,565</u>			

(a) Earn long-term capital from a broadly diversified portfolio of U.S. centric fixed income holdings, while keeping capital preservation in mind

(b) Identify quality companies with potential for above-average rates of profitability that sell at a discount relative to their underlying value

In January 2014, the University entered into a limited partnership with a commitment to invest \$4,500,000. The University had unfunded commitments of \$578,250 to this limited partnership at May 31, 2023 and 2022. In January 2016, the University entered into a second limited partnership with a commitment to invest \$1,282,139. The University had unfunded commitments of \$208,297 to this limited partnership at May 31, 2023 and 2022.

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The methods used to measure fair value may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realized value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the University believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different estimate of fair value at the reporting date.

12. Endowment Disclosures

The University endowment funds consist of approximately 220 individual accounts established for a variety of purposes. The endowment consists of donor-restricted endowment funds and funds designated by the Board to function as endowments. Net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Board to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

Massachusetts adopted a version of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA). UPMIFA is a model act that provides rules of construction concerning the investment, use and modification of funds held by operating charitable organizations, including endowment funds. The standard does provide guidance on the net asset classification of donor-restricted endowment funds for a not-for-profit organization that is subject to UPMIFA and also requires additional disclosures about an organization's endowment funds related to net asset classifications, net asset composition, changes in net asset composition, and spending and investment policies.

The Board has interpreted UPMIFA as requiring the preservation of the purchasing power of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the University classifies as donor-restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the endowment, and (c) accumulations to the endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund.

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or UPMIFA requires the University to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. At May 31, 2023 and 2022, there were no material underwater funds of this nature. Although UPMIFA authorizes the expenditure of underwater endowments where such expenditure is prudent, the University has adopted a policy to not spend from underwater endowments.

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

1. The duration and preservation of the fund
2. The purpose of the University and the donor-restricted endowment fund
3. General economic conditions
4. The possible effect of inflation and deflation
5. The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
6. Other resources of the University
7. Investment policies of the University

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Investment Objective

The endowment's assets shall be invested in accordance with sound investment practices that emphasize long-term investment fundamentals. In establishing the investment objectives of the endowment, the Investment Committee has taken into account the financial needs and circumstances of the University and the endowment, the time horizon available for investment, the nature of the endowment's cash flows and liabilities, and other factors that affect their risk tolerance. Consistent with this, the Investment Committee has determined that the investment of these assets shall be guided by the following underlying goals:

- To preserve the spending power of the endowment;
- To maintain sufficient liquidity to meet the obligations of the endowment;
- To diversify the assets of the endowment in order to reduce the risk;
- To achieve investment results over the long term that compare favorably with those of other endowments, professionally managed portfolios, and of appropriate market indexes.

Spending Policy

The spending policy is the implementation of an approach that assists the Board in determining future distributions from the endowment to provide funding support, and maintain the educational programs and infrastructure of the University. The spending decision is important because of its impact on income and future asset value. The spending policy is controlled by the Board, which has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure that the University's funds are prudently managed.

The specific spending policy of the University's donor-restricted endowment starts with the prior year's spending and adjusts for the change in the consumer price index subject to a band with the floor at 3.75% of the trailing 20-quarter average value of the endowment and a ceiling of 5.25%. The purpose is to ensure a stable and predictable level of endowment support to the operating budget.

The University has interpreted relevant state law as generally permitting the spending of income and gains on endowment funds restricted in perpetuity over a stipulated period of time. State law allows the Board to appropriate a specified percentage of the income and appreciation earned on the endowment as is prudent considering the University's long and short-term needs, present and anticipated financial requirements, expected total return on its investments, price level trends and general economic conditions. Under the University's spending policy, cumulative appreciation (including interest and dividends) in an amount up to 5.25% of the average market value of qualifying endowment funds restricted in perpetuity at the end of the previous 20 quarters may be appropriated.

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The endowment net asset composition by type of fund consisted of the following at May 31:

	2023		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ -	\$ 42,091,264	\$ 42,091,264
Board-designated endowment funds	60,702,711	-	60,702,711
Total endowment funds	<u>\$ 60,702,711</u>	<u>\$ 42,091,264</u>	<u>\$ 102,793,975</u>
	2022		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ -	\$ 42,824,461	\$ 42,824,461
Board-designated endowment funds	65,402,573	-	65,402,573
Total endowment funds	<u>\$ 65,402,573</u>	<u>\$ 42,824,461</u>	<u>\$ 108,227,034</u>

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Changes in endowment net assets for the fiscal years ended May 31 consisted of the following:

	2023		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 65,402,573	\$ 42,824,461	\$ 108,227,034
Investment return, net	97,301	146,271	243,572
Contributions/designations	15,291	496,308	511,599
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	(7,113,454)	(1,396,769)	(8,510,223)
Reclassification to endowment net assets to conform to donor's intent	-	20,993	20,993
Transfer from general funds without donor restrictions to board-designated endowment	2,301,000	-	2,301,000
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 60,702,711</u>	<u>\$ 42,091,264</u>	<u>\$ 102,793,975</u>
	2022		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 54,767,645	\$ 47,023,546	\$ 101,791,191
Investment loss, net	(5,408,049)	(4,304,506)	(9,712,555)
Contributions/designations	3,280	674,252	677,532
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	(2,156,727)	(1,311,435)	(3,468,162)
Reclassification to endowment net assets to conform to donor's intent	(242,604)	242,604	-
Transfer from general funds with donor restrictions to donor-restricted endowment	-	500,000	500,000
Transfer from general funds without donor restrictions to board-designated endowment	18,439,028	-	18,439,028
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 65,402,573</u>	<u>\$ 42,824,461</u>	<u>\$ 108,227,034</u>

During the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, the Investment Committee transferred \$2,301,000 and \$18,439,028, respectively, of general funds to board-designated endowment.

Endowment net assets include \$84,860 and \$65,360 of contributions receivable as of May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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13. Composition of Net Assets

Net assets consisted of the following at May 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net assets without donor restrictions		
Board-designated endowments:		
Designated for repair and replacement	\$ 39,622,377	\$ 43,121,809
Designated for financial aid	6,331,276	6,699,476
Designated for faculty support	4,515,388	4,754,311
Designated for general budget relief	3,822,556	4,118,903
Designated for technology	4,088,076	4,300,217
Designated for other purposes	2,323,038	2,407,857
Total board-designated endowments	<u>\$ 60,702,711</u>	<u>\$ 65,402,573</u>
Net assets with donor restrictions		
Subject to expenditure for specified purpose:		
Academic initiatives	\$ 2,137,996	\$ 2,115,907
Capital construction	251,027	2,267,781
	<u>2,389,023</u>	<u>4,383,688</u>
Subject to the passage of time:		
Planned giving assets	<u>483,690</u>	<u>493,053</u>
Subject to restriction in perpetuity:		
Beneficial interest in trust	1,679,713	1,718,621
Planned giving assets	390,309	384,776
	<u>2,070,022</u>	<u>2,103,397</u>
Subject to the University's spending policy and appropriations:		
Endowment returns subject to future appropriation:		
Restricted for scholarship support	13,137,416	14,136,768
Restricted for faculty support	513,392	592,100
Restricted for program support	2,700,210	2,872,648
	<u>16,351,018</u>	<u>17,601,516</u>
Endowment funds restricted in perpetuity:		
Restricted for scholarship support	17,772,723	17,255,422
Restricted for faculty support	1,272,625	1,272,625
Restricted for program support	6,694,898	6,694,898
	<u>25,740,246</u>	<u>25,222,945</u>
Total net assets with donor restrictions	<u>\$ 47,033,999</u>	<u>\$ 49,804,599</u>

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Net Assets Released From Restrictions

Net assets released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of events specified by the donors were as follows:

	2023	2022
Purpose restrictions		
Scholarship support	\$ 1,105,638	\$ 1,042,537
Faculty support	84,906	81,729
Program support	209,225	187,169
Transition to university status	-	428,809
Capital construction	2,042,754	-
	\$ 3,442,523	\$ 1,740,244

Board Appropriations

Board-designated endowment funds were appropriated as follows:

	2023	2022
Repair and replacement	\$ 5,950,835	\$ 1,000,000
Financial aid	351,608	341,489
Faculty support	227,630	219,994
General budget relief	284,640	307,421
Technology	202,012	193,128
Other purposes	96,729	94,695
	\$ 7,113,454	\$ 2,156,727

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14. Liquidity and Availability

The University's financial assets available within one year of the balance sheet date for general expenditures, such as operating expenses, scheduled principal payments on debt, and capitalized construction costs not financed with debt, were as follows:

	2023	2022
Financial assets at year end:		
Cash	\$ 7,095,671	\$ 24,061,817
Short-term investments	8,827,719	-
Student tuition receivables, net	968,595	994,398
Grants and other receivables	624,478	142,659
Student loans, net	219,526	513,840
Contributions receivable, net	2,579,402	4,245,774
Long-term investments	107,396,134	109,873,614
Beneficial interest in trust	<u>1,679,713</u>	<u>1,718,621</u>
Total financial assets at year end	<u>129,391,238</u>	<u>141,550,723</u>
Adjusted for amounts not available to meet general expenditures within one year:		
Student loans, net	(219,526)	(513,840)
Contributions receivable due in more than one year	(1,141,384)	(1,922,822)
Donor-restricted endowment funds (net of receivables)	(42,006,404)	(42,759,101)
Add: board-approved spending from donor-restricted endowment funds	644,592	621,097
Board-designated endowment funds	(60,702,711)	(65,402,573)
Add: board-approved spending from board-designated endowment funds	13,642,593	9,080,435
Non-endowment net assets with restrictions	(2,389,023)	(4,383,688)
Planned giving assets	(1,473,215)	(1,557,509)
Beneficial interest in trust held by others	<u>(1,679,713)</u>	<u>(1,718,621)</u>
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures within one year	<u>\$ 34,066,447</u>	<u>\$ 32,994,101</u>

The University's cash flows have seasonal variations attributable to the timing of tuition billing and contributions received. The University has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due.

The University's Board has designated a portion of its resources without donor restrictions to function as endowments. Those amounts are identified as board-designated endowment funds in the table above. These funds are invested for long-term appreciation and current income, but remain available and may be spent at the discretion of the Board. For the years ended May 31, 2024 and 2023, the Board approved budgeted spending of \$644,592 and \$621,097, respectively, from the donor-restricted endowment funds for general expenditures, as well as \$13,642,593 and \$9,080,435, respectively, from the board-designated endowment funds.

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15. Expenses by Nature and Function

Direct costs are charged to the applicable natural and functional classifications whenever possible. However, the financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributable to more than one program or supporting function of the University. These expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. Depreciation, interest, occupancy, and other overhead costs are allocated based on square footage used by each function. Other expenses, including information technology costs, are allocated based on estimates of time and effort.

The following tables presents functional expenses by natural classification as of May 31:

	2023					
	Program Activities				Institutional Support	Total Expenses
	Instruction	Academic Support	Student Services	Auxiliary Enterprises		
Salaries	\$ 16,559,673	\$ 2,058,211	\$ 5,523,618	\$ 3,068,516	\$ 3,053,752	\$ 30,263,770
Employee benefits	4,579,776	797,879	1,892,453	729,614	1,095,909	9,095,631
Contracted services	1,678,506	1,181,413	1,137,651	7,210,826	414,100	11,622,496
Professional services	358,570	46,205	234,758	132,950	551,008	1,323,491
Events	571,126	78,238	632,910	410,245	185,570	1,878,089
Advertising and marketing	213,547	11,543	660,225	40,810	130,994	1,057,119
Travel and conferences	181,111	76,119	643,703	43,056	23,499	967,488
Depreciation	1,120,959	445,205	1,058,420	2,009,793	290,452	4,924,829
Interest	155,351	61,700	146,685	278,533	40,253	682,522
Utilities	442,585	175,789	417,888	793,579	114,730	1,944,571
Other expenses	1,471,209	1,624,282	1,654,229	1,798,083	866,903	7,414,706
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 27,332,413</u>	<u>\$ 6,556,584</u>	<u>\$ 14,002,540</u>	<u>\$ 16,516,005</u>	<u>\$ 6,767,170</u>	<u>\$ 71,174,712</u>
	2022					
	Program Activities				Institutional Support	Total Expenses
	Instruction	Academic Support	Student Services	Auxiliary Enterprises		
Salaries	\$ 15,121,721	\$ 1,939,661	\$ 4,760,767	\$ 3,119,302	\$ 3,818,869	\$ 28,760,320
Employee benefits	4,745,519	709,216	1,815,369	696,777	1,257,039	9,223,920
Contracted services	1,512,562	1,165,291	1,097,798	6,477,535	432,234	10,685,420
Professional services	285,541	314,620	868,989	117,393	914,352	2,500,895
Events	520,143	55,416	549,506	171,178	38,361	1,334,604
Advertising and marketing	233,526	10,609	1,120,345	42,503	106,579	1,513,562
Travel and conferences	113,362	51,540	540,483	122,238	27,637	855,260
COVID testing and supplies	-	-	1,003,633	-	-	1,003,633
Student aid emergency relief	-	-	1,979,751	-	-	1,979,751
Depreciation	1,123,293	446,014	1,100,280	2,013,189	291,247	4,974,023
Interest	205,199	81,477	200,995	367,763	53,204	908,638
Utilities	413,370	164,213	404,950	741,063	107,095	1,830,691
Other expenses	1,194,024	1,517,289	1,294,525	1,803,912	853,870	6,663,620
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 25,468,260</u>	<u>\$ 6,455,346</u>	<u>\$ 16,737,391</u>	<u>\$ 15,672,853</u>	<u>\$ 7,900,487</u>	<u>\$ 72,234,337</u>

Total fundraising costs, which are included in institutional support expenses, were \$1,260,376 and \$1,435,643 for the years ended May 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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16. Subsequent Events

The University has assessed the impact of subsequent events through November 21, 2023, the date the audited financial statements were available to be issued, and has concluded that there were no additional events that require adjustment to the audited financial statements or disclosure in the notes to the audited financial statements.