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**Belmont College**  
Belmont County, Ohio

*Audited Financial Statements*

For the Fiscal Year Ended  
June 30, 2018



# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



January 15, 2019

The attached audit report was completed and prepared for release prior to the commencement of my term of office on January 14, 2019. Reports completed prior to that date contain the signature of my predecessor.

Ohio Auditor of State

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# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Belmont College, Belmont County, prepared by Rea & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. Belmont College is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

January 3, 2019

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**BELMONT COLLEGE  
BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO  
JUNE 30, 2018**

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December 17, 2018

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and the discretely presented component unit of Belmont College, Belmont County, Ohio (the College), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the College's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

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

#### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and the discretely presented component unit of the College, as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Emphasis of a Matter***

As described in Note 2, the College restated the net position balances to account for the implementation of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

***Other Matters***

***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the *Management's Discussion and Analysis*, the *Schedule of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability*, the *Schedule of the College's Contributions-Pension*, the *Schedule of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability* and the *Schedule of the College's Contributions-OPEB* on pages 4-14, 50, 51-52, 53, 54-55, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

***Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the College's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic 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 December 17, 2018 on our consideration of the College's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the College'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 College's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Rea & Associates, Inc.*

New Philadelphia, Ohio

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The discussion and analysis of Belmont College's financial statements provides an overview of the College's financial activities for the year ending June 30, 2018, with comparative information from fiscal year 2017. Management has prepared the financial statements and the related footnote disclosures along with the discussion and analysis. Responsibility for the completeness and fairness of this information rests with the preparers. The discussion and analysis contains financial activities of Belmont College.

**About Belmont College**

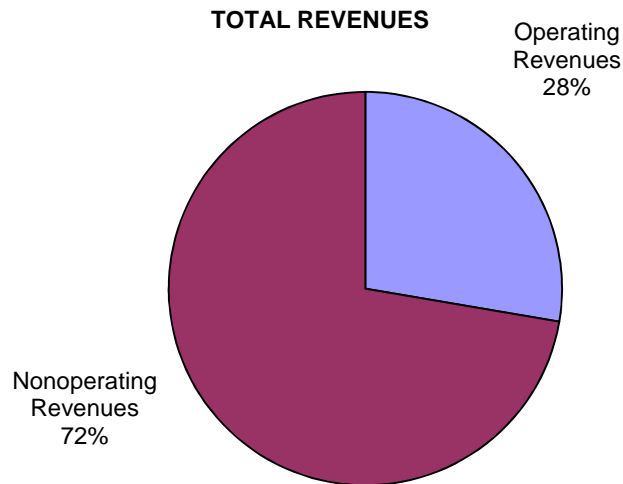
Belmont College is a two year college offering programs in business, engineering, allied health, and public service technologies. The College was chartered in 1971, allowing it to serve the three county areas of Belmont, Harrison, and Monroe Counties.

Belmont College is governed by a board of nine trustees. The Governor of Ohio appoints three members, and six members are elected by a caucus of the boards of education of the Colleges in the three counties served by the College.

**Financial Highlights**

Belmont College's financial position, as a whole, improved during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. Its combined net position increased \$6,524,084 from 2017 restated net position.

The following chart provides a graphic breakdown of revenues by category for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018:



In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, revenues and other support exceeded expenses, creating the increase in net position of \$6,524,084 (compared to a \$747,182 increase last year).

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### **Using the Annual Report**

This annual report consists of three basic financial statements, prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for Public Colleges and Universities* (GASB 35). The Statement of Net Assets; the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets; and the Statement of Cash Flows, in a format similar to that used by corporations, provide information on the College as a whole and present a long-term view of the College’s finances. The following activities are included in the College’s basic financial statements:

- **Primary Institution (College):** Most of the programs and services generally associated with a university fall into this category, including instruction, research, public service, and support services.
- **Component Unit (Foundation):** The Foundation is a legally separate, tax-exempt organization supporting the College, is considered a component unit of the College, and is discretely presented in the College’s financial statements.

### **The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position**

One of the most important questions asked about the College’s finances is, “Is Belmont College as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year’s activities?” One key to answering this question is the financial statements of the College. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position report information on the College as a whole and on its activities in a way that helps answer this question. When revenues and other support exceed expenses, the result is an increase in net position. When the reverse occurs, the result is a decrease in net position. The relationship between revenues and expenses may be thought of as Belmont College’s operating results.

These two statements report Belmont College’s net position and changes in them. Belmont College’s net position amount (the difference between assets and liabilities) is one way to measure the College’s financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the College’s net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving. However, several non-financial factors are relevant as well, such as the trend and quality of applicants, freshman class size, student retention, building condition, and campus safety, to assess the overall health of the College.

The Statement of Net Position includes all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. It is prepared under the accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenues and assets are recognized when the service is provided and expenses and liabilities are recognized when others provide the service, regardless of when cash is exchanged.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position presents the revenues earned and expenses incurred during the year. Activities are reported as either operating or nonoperating. GASB 35 requires state appropriations to be classified as nonoperating revenues. Accordingly, the College will generate a net operating loss prior to the addition of nonoperating revenues. The utilization of long-lived assets, referred to as capital assets, is reflected in the financial statements as depreciation, which amortizes the cost of an asset over its expected useful life.

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Another important factor to consider when evaluating financial viability is the College's ability to meet financial obligations as they become due. The Statement of Cash Flows presents information related to cash inflows and outflows, summarized by operating, capital, financing and investing activities.

These statements include all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector institutions. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The Notes to the Financial Statements provide additional details on the numbers in the financial statements. In addition to the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, the report includes notes on capital assets, long-term debt, and operating expenses by natural classification.

**Condensed Financial Information**  
**Statement of Net Position**

	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>Restated</u></b> <b><u>2017</u></b>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Current Assets	\$ 8,162,773	\$ 13,410,457
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	20,772,899	14,625,065
Other noncurrent assets	138,191	145,263
Total assets	29,073,863	28,180,785
<b><u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u></b>		
Total deferred outflows of resources	2,926,574	2,560,964
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Current Liabilities	927,891	1,340,618
Noncurrent Liabilities	12,171,273	17,419,869
Total liabilities	13,099,164	18,760,487
<b><u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u></b>		
Total deferred inflows of resources	3,285,252	2,889,325
<b><u>Net Position</u></b>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	20,605,604	14,100,902
Restricted		
Nonexpendable	56,510	56,510
Expendable	1,532,345	5,684,781
Unrestricted	(6,578,438)	(10,750,256)
Total Net Position	\$ 15,616,021	\$ 9,091,937

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The net pension liability (NPL) is the largest single liability reported by the College at June 30, 2018 and is reported pursuant to GASB Statement 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement 27*. For fiscal year 2018, the College adopted GASB Statement 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, which significantly revises accounting for costs and liabilities related to other postemployment benefits (OPEB). For reasons discussed below, many end users of this financial statement will gain a clearer understanding of the College’s actual financial condition by adding deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB, the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability to the reported net position and subtracting deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board standards are national and apply to all government financial reports prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Prior accounting for pensions (GASB 27) and postemployment benefits (GASB 45) focused on a funding approach. This approach limited pension and OPEB costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each plan’s *net pension liability* or *net OPEB liability*. GASB 68 and GASB 75 take an earnings approach to pension and OPEB accounting; however, the nature of Ohio’s statewide pension/OPEB plans and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements.

GASB 68 and GASB 75 require the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability to equal the College’s proportionate share of each plan’s collective:

1. Present value of estimated future pension/OPEB benefits attributable to active and inactive employees’ past service
- 2 Minus plan assets available to pay these benefits

GASB notes that pension and OPEB obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the “employment exchange” – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension and other postemployment benefits. GASB noted that the unfunded portion of this promise is a present obligation of the government, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and should accordingly be reported by the government as a liability since they received the benefit of the exchange. However, the College is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these liabilities. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by State statute. A change in these caps requires action of both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer’s promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the retirement system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension/OPEB plan *as against the public employer*. State law operates to mitigate/lessen the moral obligation of the public employer to the employee, because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The retirement system is responsible for the administration of the pension and OPEB plans.

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Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension liability or the net OPEB liability. As explained above, changes in benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balance of these liabilities, but are outside the control of the local government. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension liability and the net OPEB liability are satisfied, these liabilities are separately identified within the long-term liability section of the statement of net position.

In accordance with GASB 68 and GASB 75, the College's statements prepared on an accrual basis of accounting include an annual pension expense and an annual OPEB expense for their proportionate share of each plan's *change* in net pension liability and net OPEB liability, respectively, not accounted for as deferred inflows/outflows.

As a result of implementing GASB 75, the College is reporting a net OPEB liability and deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to OPEB on the accrual basis of accounting. This implementation also had the effect of restating net position at June 30, 2017, from \$12,028,852 to \$9,091,937.

The significant decrease in net pension liability is largely the result of a change in benefit terms in which STRS reduced their COLA to zero coupled by a slight reduction in COLA benefits by SERS. The significant increase in deferred outflows and inflows related to pension/OPEB are primarily from the change of assumptions and the difference in projected and actual investments earnings, respectively. All components of pension and OPEB accruals contribute to the fluctuations in deferred outflows/inflows and NPL/NOL and are described in more detail in their respective notes.

A review of the College's statement of net position at June 30, 2018 shows that the College continues to build a strong financial foundation.

**Assets:** As of June 30, 2018, the College's total assets amount to \$29,073,863. Investment in capital assets totaled \$20,772,899, or 71 percent, of total assets. Cash and cash equivalents represented \$493,888, or 2 percent, of total assets. Investments represented \$6,493,957, or 22 percent of total assets. The decrease in current assets is primarily due to the use of cash and investments to fund the local share of the renovation project, which resulted in the increase in capital assets.

**Liabilities and deferred inflows of resources:** At June 30, 2018, the College's liabilities and deferred inflows of resources totaled \$16,384,416. Current liabilities represented \$927,891 or 6 percent, net pension and OPEB liabilities totaled \$12,117,535 or 74 percent. Other long-term liabilities totaled \$53,738 or .3% and deferred inflows of resources totaled \$3,285,252 or 20% of total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources.

**Net Position:** Net position at June 30, 2018 totaled \$15,616,021. Net investment in capital assets totaled \$20,605,604, restricted net position totaled \$1,588,855 and unrestricted net position totaled (\$6,578,438).



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**Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>			
Tuition and fees	\$ 2,609,299	\$ 3,268,156	\$ (658,857)
Grants and contracts	245,862	254,222	(8,360)
Auxiliary services	476,590	570,590	(94,000)
Other	<u>144,728</u>	<u>57,257</u>	<u>87,471</u>
Total operating revenues	3,476,479	4,150,225	(673,746)
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>			
Education and General	4,646,394	9,279,156	(4,632,762)
Depreciation	919,176	957,225	(38,049)
Auxiliary enterprises	<u>463,237</u>	<u>566,173</u>	<u>(102,936)</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>6,028,807</u>	<u>10,802,554</u>	<u>(4,773,747)</u>
Net operating revenues (expenses)	(2,552,328)	(6,652,329)	4,100,001
<b>Nonoperating Revenues:</b>			
State appropriations	4,496,526	4,868,018	(371,492)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(23,137)	(50,703)	27,566
Other nonoperating revenues	<u>1,957,180</u>	<u>2,120,330</u>	<u>(163,150)</u>
Net nonoperating revenues	<u>6,430,569</u>	<u>6,937,645</u>	<u>(507,076)</u>
Income before other revenues	3,878,241	285,316	3,592,925
Capital appropriations	243,891	243,891	0
Capital grants and gifts	<u>2,401,952</u>	<u>217,975</u>	<u>2,183,977</u>
Total other revenues	2,645,843	461,866	2,183,977
Increase in net position	<u>\$ 6,524,084</u>	<u>\$ 747,182</u>	<u>\$ 5,776,902</u>

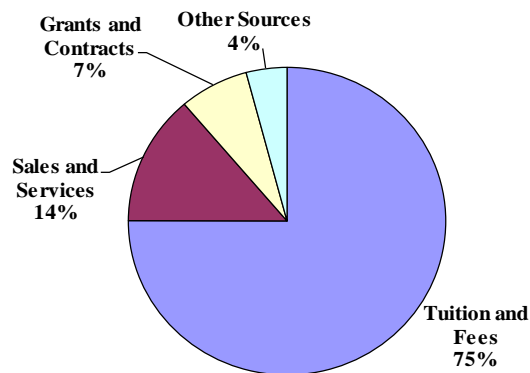
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The information necessary to restate the 2017 beginning balances and the 2017 OPEB expense amounts for the effects of the initial implementation of GASB 75 is not available. Therefore, 2017 functional expenses still include OPEB expense of \$15,549 computed under GASB 45. GASB 45 required recognizing pension expense equal to the contractually required contributions to the plan. Under GASB 75, OPEB expense represents additional amounts earned, adjusted by deferred inflows/outflows. The contractually required contribution is no longer a component of OPEB expense. Under GASB 75, the 2018 statements report negative OPEB expense of \$378,200. Consequently, in order to compare 2018 total program expenses to 2017, the following adjustments are needed:

Total 2018 Program Expenses under GASB 75	\$	6,051,944
Negative OPEB Expense under GASB 75		378,200
2018 Contractually Required Contribution		21,160
Adjusted 2018 Program Expenses		6,451,304
Total 2017 Program Expenses under GASB 45		10,853,257
Decrease in Program Expenses not Related to OPEB	\$	(4,401,953)

The previously discussed decrease in NPL and NOL, substantially decreased all education and general expenses compared to fiscal year 2017.

**OPERATING REVENUES - FISCAL YEAR 2018**

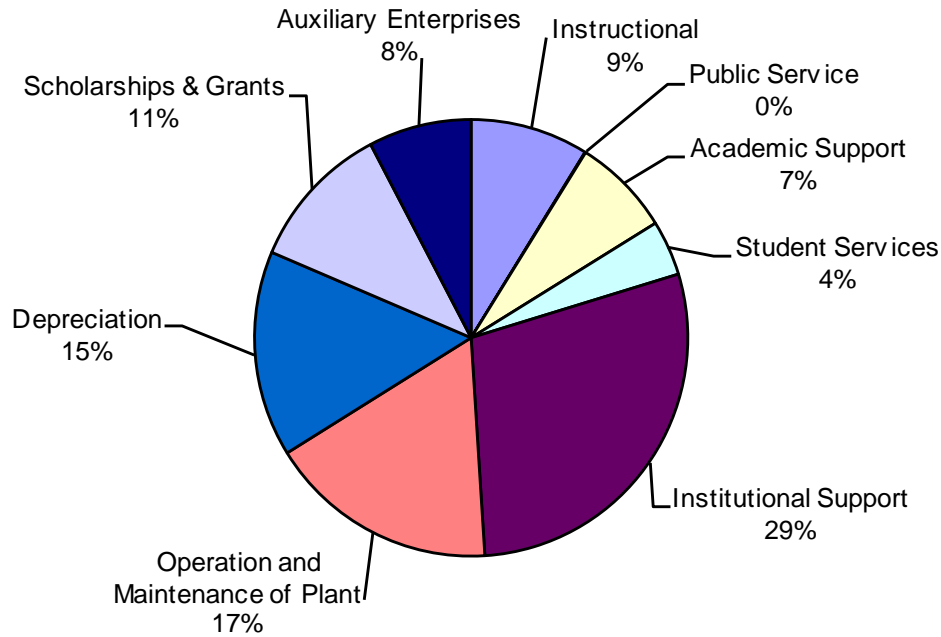


Total operating revenues were \$3,476,479 for the year ended June 30, 2018. The most significant sources of operating revenue for the College are net tuition and fees which comprise 75 percent of total operating revenues and auxiliary enterprises, which is the bookstore and comprises 14 percent of total operating revenues. The decrease in 2018 is primarily due to decreased enrollment.

There are other significant recurring sources of revenues essential to the operation of the College, including state appropriations, federal Pell grants, and investment income, which are considered nonoperating revenues as defined by GASB 35. The College's state appropriations for the year ended June 30, 2018, amounted to \$4,496,526 and Pell grant awards amounted to \$1,845,437, respectively.

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**OPERATING EXPENSES - FISCAL YEAR 2018**



Operating expenses, including \$919,176 of depreciation, totaled \$6,028,807. As depicted in the chart above, the majority of the College's operating funds are expended for institutional support (29 percent), scholarships and grants (11 percent), instructional (9 percent), and academic support (7 percent). One of the College's core values is to provide students' access to the College with the opportunity to succeed. The College's continued investment in student financial aid programs and student support services reflects this commitment.

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**The Statement of Cash Flows**

Another way to assess the financial health of an institution is to look at the Statement of Cash Flows. Its primary purpose is to provide relevant information about the cash receipts and cash payments of an entity during a period. The Statement of Cash Flows also helps user access:

- an entity's ability to generate future net cash flows
- its ability to meet its obligations as they come due
- its need for external financing

**Statement of Cash Flows**

	2018	2017	Change
Cash provided by (used by):			
Operating activities	\$ (6,665,843)	\$ (6,437,744)	\$ (228,099)
Noncapital financing activities	6,359,671	6,914,012	(554,341)
Capital and related financing activities	(4,830,284)	(571,299)	(4,258,985)
Investing activities	4,743,975	3,696	4,740,279
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(392,481)	(91,335)	(301,146)
Cash, beginning of year	886,369	977,704	(91,335)
Cash, end of year	\$ 493,888	\$ 886,369	\$ (392,481)

Major cash sources of funds included in operating activities are student tuition and fees of \$2,826,101, grants and contracts of \$242,897 and auxiliary services of \$487,216. The largest cash payments for operating activities were to employees for wages and benefits.

The largest cash receipts in the noncapital financing activities group are federal grants and the operating appropriation from the State of Ohio.

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**Capital and Debt Administration**

*Capital Assets*

At June 30, 2018, the College had \$20,772,889 invested in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation of \$9,403,091. Depreciation charges totaled \$919,176 for the current fiscal year. Details of these assets for the two years are shown below:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>Change</u>
<b><u>Capital Assets</u></b>			
Land and land improvements	\$ 326,543	\$ 365,619	\$ (39,076)
Construction in Progress	0	678,102	(678,102)
Buildings and improvements	19,170,884	12,247,817	6,923,067
Machinery and equipment	1,213,369	1,265,125	(51,756)
Vehicles	42,970	48,915	(5,945)
Library books and materials	19,133	19,487	(354)
	<u>\$ 20,772,899</u>	<u>\$ 14,625,065</u>	<u>\$ 6,147,834</u>

More detailed information about the College's capital assets is presented in Note 7 to the financial statements.

*Debt*

The College had no debt outstanding at June 30, 2018.

**Economic Factors that will Affect the Future**

Belmont College is committed to providing the highest quality academic opportunities possible, while simultaneously ensuring students have access to affordable higher education. As a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, Belmont receives a portion of its revenue through state support for higher education, also referred to as "state share of instruction." State funds significantly help to keep tuition rates low.

The college began a renovation of the Main Campus building in July of 2017. This renovation of the 93,928-square foot building will include a complete roof replacement, with the exception of one section that was recently updated, as well as continued replacement and updating of the college's HVAC and lighting systems. More than 620 lights on the interior will be converted to LED lighting, exterior lighting will also be upgraded. These updates will make the building more energy efficient, as the current systems are original to the building and have been in place since 1971.

This renovation project represents a milestone in the development of the Belmont College campus. The impact of having updated facilities will be felt, not only by those students who will receive their education here in the future, but the community as well.

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Additionally, the building renovation will also include adding a centralized student services area for students. This update will involve creating one location for students to register and enroll for classes. The following offices will be in one location after the completed renovation for maximum efficiency and better service to students: advising, business, financial aid, recruiting, records, career services, and workforce development.

Belmont College is continuing to implement a ‘BeConnected’ initiative which provides an iPad to every student, faculty member and the majority of staff members. The purpose of BeConnected is to encourage completion and retention, as well as to enhance the way Belmont College teaches and prepares students for the technology-driven careers that await them. An important benefit of iPad is the mobility and versatility of the device; students have the ability to use their iPad anywhere on campus, in the classroom, during internships, and in the field, providing them endless ways to learn new concepts and express their creativity. The initiative also supports the Belmont’s Sustainability Program, as it greatly reduces the need/cost for books, printing and paper supplies.

In the Fall of 2015, Belmont College opened the new Health Sciences Center (HSC), accommodating all Allied Health programs including: Associate Degree Nursing (ADN), Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN), and Medical Assisting Technologies. The HSC houses state-of-the-art classroom and science labs for biology, anatomy, and chemistry that enhances the learning environment and provides opportunities for students to nurture collaboration and creativity. With the addition of this facility, Belmont College hopes to continue to strengthen enrollment in the health sciences sector.

Belmont College is conscientious of the financial implications regarding enrollment decline. While a recent climb in enrollment has occurred, the college is prepared in case enrollment falls again. As a result, Belmont has implemented a strategy combining calculated risk and budget adjustments to stabilize and enhance revenue where possible, and to compensate for revenue reduction where necessary.

The overall financial health of Belmont College is strong, having more than adequate cash flow and reserves. Though the business of higher education is rapidly changing, Belmont College is strategically positioned to adapt to the emerging paradigms.

### **Contacting the College’s Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide the Ohio Department of Education, our citizens, taxpayers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the College’s finances and to show the College’s accountability for the money it received. If you have questions about this report, or need additional financial information, contact John S. Koucoumaris, Vice President Administrative Affairs, at Belmont College, 68094 Hammond Road, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950.

**BELMONT COLLEGE**  
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**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018**

	<u>Belmont College</u>	<u>Component Unit Belmont College Foundation</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
<i>Current Assets:</i>		
Cash equivalents	\$ 464,341	\$ 121,226
Investments	6,385,313	460,581
Interest receivable	44,858	0
Accounts receivable, net	1,183,775	0
Supplies inventory, at cost	84,486	0
<b>Total current assets</b>	<u>8,162,773</u>	<u>581,807</u>
<i>Noncurrent Assets:</i>		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	29,547	0
Restricted investments	108,644	340,742
Capital assets, non-depreciable	276,000	0
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	20,496,899	0
<b>Total noncurrent assets</b>	<u>20,911,090</u>	<u>340,742</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>29,073,863</u></u>	<u><u>922,549</u></u>
<b><u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u></b>		
<i>Pension:</i>		
STRS	2,477,577	0
SERS	354,362	0
<i>OPEB:</i>		
STRS	73,475	0
SERS	21,160	0
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u><u>2,926,574</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>		
<i>Current Liabilities:</i>		
Retainage payable	167,295	0
Accrued liabilities	304,697	12,620
Accrued vacation/sick leave	217,668	0
Deferred fees income	238,231	0
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<u>927,891</u>	<u>12,620</u>
<i>Noncurrent Liabilities:</i>		
Accrued vacation/sick leave	53,738	0
Net Pension Liabilities (see notes)	9,890,874	0
Net OPEB Liabilities (see notes)	2,226,661	0
<b>Total noncurrent liabilities</b>	<u>12,171,273</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u><u>13,099,164</u></u>	<u><u>12,620</u></u>
<b><u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u></b>		
<i>Pension:</i>		
STRS	2,276,647	0
SERS	603,076	0
<i>OPEB:</i>		
STRS	237,715	0
SERS	167,814	0
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<u>3,285,252</u>	<u>0</u>
<b><u>NET POSITION</u></b>		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	20,605,604	0
<i>Restricted:</i>		
<i>Nonexpendable:</i>		
Scholarships	56,510	320,755
<i>Expendable:</i>		
Scholarships	100,814	168,086
Instructional Department uses	278,895	0
Capital projects	1,152,636	0
Unrestricted	(6,578,438)	421,088
<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<u><u>\$ 15,616,021</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 909,929</u></u>

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

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	<u>Belmont College</u>	<u>Component Unit Belmont College Foundation</u>
<b><u>REVENUE:</u></b>		
<i>Operating Revenues:</i>		
Student tuition and fees (net of scholarship allowances of \$434,439 & \$1,284,261)	\$ 2,609,299	\$ 0
State grants and contracts	101,787	0
Federal grants and contracts	144,075	0
Private gifts and contracts	0	125,280
Auxiliary Enterprises:		
Sales and services	476,590	0
Other sources	144,728	0
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>3,476,479</u>	<u>125,280</u>
<b><u>EXPENSES:</u></b>		
<i>Operating Expenses:</i>		
Educational and General:		
Instructional	532,042	0
Public service	3,158	0
Academic support	441,810	0
Student services	246,448	0
Institutional support	1,730,154	33,759
Operation and maintenance of plant	1,034,050	0
Depreciation	919,176	0
Scholarships and grants	658,732	48,500
<b>Total Educational and General</b>	<u>5,565,570</u>	<u>82,259</u>
Auxiliary Enterprises	463,237	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>6,028,807</u>	<u>82,259</u>
<b>Operating Income/Loss</b>	(2,552,328)	43,021
<b><u>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):</u></b>		
State appropriations	4,496,526	0
Federal Grants & Contracts	1,845,437	0
Gifts	17,708	0
Investment income	94,035	49,851
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(23,137)	0
Net nonoperating revenues	<u>6,430,569</u>	<u>49,851</u>
<b>Income before other revenues, expenses, gains or losses</b>	3,878,241	92,872
Capital appropriations	243,891	0
Capital grants and gifts	2,401,952	0
<b>Total other revenues</b>	<u>2,645,843</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Increase in Net Position</b>	<u>6,524,084</u>	<u>92,872</u>
<b>Net Position, Beginning of Year, Restated (See Note 2)</b>	<u>9,091,937</u>	<u>817,057</u>
<b>Net Position, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 15,616,021</u>	<u>\$ 909,929</u>

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



**BELMONT COLLEGE**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018**

	<u>Belmont College</u>	<u>Component Unit Belmont College Foundation</u>
<b><u>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</u></b>		
<i>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</i>		
Tuition and fees	\$ 2,826,101	\$ 0
Grants and contracts	242,897	125,280
Payments to suppliers	(2,538,382)	(29,680)
Payments for utilities	(306,872)	0
Payments to employees	(5,385,747)	0
Payments for benefits	(1,477,052)	0
Payments for scholarships and grants	(658,732)	(48,500)
Auxiliary Enterprises:		
Book Store	487,216	0
Other receipts	<u>144,728</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities</b>	<b>(6,665,843)</b>	<b>47,100</b>
<i>Cash Flows from Non-Capital and Related Financing Activities:</i>		
State appropriations	4,496,526	0
Federal Grants (Pell Grant - Non Operating)	1,845,437	0
Gifts and grants	<u>17,708</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net cash provided by non-capital and related financing activities</b>	<b>6,359,671</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:</i>		
Purchase of capital assets	(7,458,295)	0
Principal Paid on Leases	(211,670)	0
Interest paid on leases	(23,137)	0
Capital Grants	2,618,927	0
Capital Appropriations	<u>243,891</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net cash used by capital and related financing activities</b>	<b>(4,830,284)</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</i>		
Interest on investments	111,169	49,851
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	4,632,806	0
Purchase of investments	<u>0</u>	<u>(39,605)</u>
<b>Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities</b>	<b>4,743,975</b>	<b>10,246</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(392,481)</b>	<b>57,345</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning of year</b>	<b><u>886,369</u></b>	<b><u>63,881</u></b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of year</b>	<b><u><u>493,888</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>121,226</u></u></b>
<b><u>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</u></b>		
Operating Income (Loss)	(2,552,328)	43,021
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	919,176	0
(Increase)/Decrease in Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources:		
Receivables, net	232,999	0
Inventories	8,448	0
Deferred Outflows Pension: STRS	(570,387)	0
Deferred Outflows Pension: SERS	283,863	0
Deferred Outflows OPEB: STRS	(73,475)	0
Deferred Outflows OPEB: SERS	(5,611)	0
Increase/(Decrease) in Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources:		
Accrued liabilities	(23,012)	4,079
Net Pension Liabilities	(4,523,922)	0
Net OPEB	(725,803)	0
Deferred Inflows Pension - STRS	99,371	0
Deferred Inflows Pension - SERS	(108,973)	0
Deferred Inflows OPEB - STRS	237,715	0
Deferred Inflows OPEB - SERS	167,814	0
Compensated absences	(23,182)	0
Deferred revenue	<u>(8,536)</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net cash used by operating activities</b>	<b><u><u>\$ (6,665,843)</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$ 47,100</u></u></b>

**NONCASH TRANSACTIONS:**

Contribution of capital assets from Ohio Board of Regents  
At June 30, 2018, the College purchased \$167,295 in capital assets on account.  
At June 30, 2017, the College purchased \$312,493 in capital assets on account.

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

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**NOTE 1 - DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORTING ENTITY**

Belmont College is a body politic and corporate established for the purpose of exercising the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and the laws of the State of Ohio. Belmont College is a technical college as defined by Section 3357.01 of the Ohio Revised Code. The College operates under an appointed Board of Trustees.

Management believes the financial statements included in this report represent all of the funds of the College over which the College has the ability to exercise direct operating control.

Belmont College Foundation (Foundation) is a legally separate, tax-exempt organization supporting the College. The Foundation acts primarily as a fundraising organization to supplement the resources that are available to the College in support of its programs. Although the College does not control the timing or amount of receipts from the Foundation, the majority of resources, or incomes thereon, that the Foundation holds and invests, are restricted to the activities of the College by donors. Based upon the provisions in *Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 – Reporting Entity* and subsequent amendments in GASB Statement No. 39, the Foundation is considered a component unit of the College and is discretely presented in the College's financial statements.

**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying financial statements are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

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

**B. Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the College have been prepared using the economic resource measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when an obligation has been incurred. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 20, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting*, the College is required to follow all applicable GASB pronouncements.

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**C. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

This classification appears on the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Cash Flows and includes petty cash, cash on deposit with private bank accounts and savings accounts.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows and for presentation of the statement of net position, investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the College are considered to be cash and cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

**D. Investments**

During the year 2018, the College invested in STAR Ohio. STAR Ohio (the State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio), is an investment pool managed by the State Treasurer's Office which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but has adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. The College measures their investment in STAR Ohio at the net asset value (NAV) per share provided by STAR Ohio. The NAV per share is calculated on an amortized cost basis that provides an NAV per share that approximates fair value.

For the fiscal year 2018, there were no limitations or restrictions on any participant withdrawals due to redemption notice periods, liquidity fees, or redemption gates. However, notice must be given 24 hours in advance of all deposits and withdrawals exceeding \$25 million. STAR Ohio reserves the right to limit the transaction to \$100 million, requiring the excess amount to be transacted the following business day(s), but only to the \$100 million limit. All accounts of the participant will be combined for these purposes.

Investments, when purchased, are stated at cost and, if received through gift, at market value at the date of gift if a market value is available; otherwise, they are stated at an appraisal or nominal value. The College also invested in certificates of deposit during the fiscal year.

**E. Receivables**

Receivables consist of tuition and fees and charges to students and charges for auxiliary enterprises' sales and services. Receivables also include amounts due from the Federal government, state and local governments, and private sources in connections with reimbursements of allowable expenditures made pursuant to contracts and grants, and pledges that are verifiable, measurable, and expected to be collected and available for expenditures for which the resource provider's conditions have been satisfied. Receivables are recorded net of estimated uncollectible amounts.

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**F. Allowance for Doubtful Accounts**

The allowance for doubtful accounts is determined by management based on the College's historical losses, specific student circumstances and general economic conditions. Periodically, management reviews accounts receivable and records an allowance for specific students based on current circumstances and charges off the receivable against the allowance when all attempts to collect the receivable have failed.

**G. Inventories**

Inventories, consisting of expendable supplies and merchandise for resale, are stated at the lower of cost or market value using the first-in, first-out method.

**H. Capital Assets**

Capital assets are stated at cost at date of acquisition or acquisition value at date of donation in the case of gifts. The College capitalizes assets that have a value or cost in excess of \$5,000 at the date of acquisition and an expected useful life of one or more years. Library books are significant in the aggregate and are therefore also capitalized.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally 10 to 50 years for buildings, 3 to 15 years for equipment, 10 years for vehicles and 5 years for library books and materials.

**I. Restricted Assets**

Restricted assets represent assets whose use is restricted by external parties or by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**J. Noncurrent Long-Term Liabilities**

Noncurrent long-term liabilities include compensated absences that will not be paid within the next fiscal year as well as the net pension and net OPEB liabilities (see Notes 11 and 12).

**K. Compensated Absences**

The College has adopted GASB No. 16.

Vacation leave and other compensated absences with similar characteristics should be accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned by the employees if both of these conditions are met:

- a. The employee's right to receive compensation is attributable to services already rendered.
- b. It is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means, such as cash payments at termination or retirement.

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**K. Compensated Absences (Continued)**

A liability sick leave and other compensated absences with similar characteristics (hereinafter referred to as “sick leave”) should be accrued using one of the following termination approaches:

- a. The sick leave liability generally would be an estimate based on governmental entity’s past experience of making termination payments for sick leave, adjusted for the effects of changes in its termination payment policy and other current factors. This approach is known as the termination payment method.
- b. The sick leave liability would be an accrual for those employees expected to become eligible in the near future based on assumptions concerning the probability that individual employees or classes or groups of employees will become eligible to receive termination benefits. This accumulation should be reduced to the maximum amount allowed as a termination benefit. This approach is known as the vesting method.

For sick leave liability, the College uses the vesting method. The College posts a liability for any employee within five years of retirement. These accumulations are reduced to the maximum amount allowed as a termination payment.

**L. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. For the College, deferred outflows of resources are reported on the statement of net position for pension and OPEB. The deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are explained in Notes 11 and 12.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized until that time. For the College, deferred inflows of resources are for pension and OPEB related inflows. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB plans are reported on the statement of net position and are explained in Notes 11 and 12.

**M. Pensions and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension/OPEB, and pension/OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension/OPEB plans report investments at fair value.

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**N. Net Position**

The College's net position is classified as follows:

**Net Investment in Capital Assets** – This represents the College's total investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets.

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

**Restricted Net Position – Expendable** – Expendable restricted net position includes resources in which the College is legally or contractually obligated to spend the resources in accordance with restrictions imposed by external parties.

**Unrestricted Net Position** – Unrestricted net position includes resources derived from student tuition and fees, sales and services, unrestricted gifts, and interest income.

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

**O. Scholarship Allowances**

Student tuition and fees revenue and certain other revenues from College charges are reported net of scholarship allowances in the accompanying Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. The scholarship allowance is the difference between the actual charge for goods and services provided by the College and the amount that is paid by students or by third parties on the students' behalf. Student financial assistance grants, such as Pell grants, and other federal, state or nongovernmental programs, are recorded as either operating or non-operating revenues in the accompanying Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. To the extent that revenues from these programs are used to satisfy tuition, fees, and other charges, the College has recorded a scholarship allowance discount.

**P. Operating Activity**

The College defines operating activities, as reported on the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position, as those that generally results from exchange transactions, such as payments received for providing goods and services and payments made for services and goods received. Nearly all of the College's expenses are from exchange transactions. Certain significant revenues relied upon for operations, such as state appropriations, grants, contracts and investments income, are recorded as non-operating revenues, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 35.

In addition, the GASB Implementation Guide has indicated PELL grants should be considered non-operating revenues beginning in fiscal year 2009.

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**Q. Budgetary Process**

Annually, the Business Office develops a balanced budget for the College based on projected expenditures from department directors and anticipated revenue, including tuition and fees and the subsidy from the Ohio Board of Regents. The board of trustees approves the budget.

**R. Income Taxes**

Income taxes have not been provided on the general operations of the College because, as a state institution, its income is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**S. Use of Estimates**

Management of the College has made estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities to prepare these financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**T. Implementation of New Accounting Policies**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the College has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial reporting for Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions*, GASB Statement No. 81, *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements*, GASB Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017* and GASB Statement No. 86, *Certain Debt Extinguishments*.

GASB Statement No. 75 requires recognition of the entire net postemployment benefits other than pensions (other postemployment benefits or OPEB) liability and a more comprehensive measure of postemployment benefits expense for OPEB provided to the employees of state and local governmental employers through OPEB plans that are administered through trusts or equivalent arrangements. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 75 resulted in the inclusion of net OPEB liability and OPEB expense components on the accrual financial statements. See below for the effect on net position as previously reported.

GASB Statement No. 81 requires that a government that receives resources pursuant to an irrevocable split-interest agreement recognize assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources at the inception of the agreement. Furthermore, it requires that a government recognize assets representing its beneficial interests in irrevocable split-interest agreements that are administered by a third party, if the government controls the present service capacity of the beneficial interests. This Statement also requires that a government recognize revenue when the resources become applicable to the reporting period. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 81 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the College.

GASB Statement No. 85 addresses a variety of topics including issues related to blending component units, goodwill, fair value measurement and application, and postemployment benefits. These changes were incorporated in the College's fiscal year 2018 financial statements; however, there was no effect on beginning net position/fund balance.

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**NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**T. Implementation of New Accounting Policies (Continued)**

GASB Statement No. 86 addresses the reporting and disclosure requirements of certain debt extinguishments including in-substance defeasance transactions and prepaid insurance associated with debt that is extinguished. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 86 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the College.

Net Position, June 30, 2017	\$	12,028,852
Adjustments:		
Net OPEB Liability		(2,952,464)
Deferred Outflow-Payments Subsequent to Measurement Date		15,549
Restated Net Position, July 1, 2017	<u>\$</u>	<u>9,091,937</u>

Other than employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date, the College made no restatement for deferred inflows/outflows of resources as the information needed to generate these restatements was not available.

**NOTE 3 – STATE SUPPORT**

The College is a state-assisted institution of higher education which receives a student-based subsidy from the State of Ohio. This subsidy is determined annually based on a formula devised by the Ohio Board of Regents.

In addition to the student subsidies, the State of Ohio provides the funding for the construction of major plant facilities on the College’s campus. The funding is obtained from the issuance of special obligation bonds issued by the Ohio Public Facilities Commission (OPFC), which precedes in turn causes, the construction of subsequent lease of the facility to the Ohio Board of Regents. Upon completion of a facility, the Board of Regents turns over control to the College, which capitalizes the cost thereof.

Neither the obligation for special obligation bonds issued by OPFC, nor the annual debt service charges for principal and interest on the bonds are reflected in the College’s financial statements. These costs are currently being funded through appropriations to the Board of Regents by the General Assembly.

The facilities are not pledged as collateral for the special obligation bonds. Instead, the bonds are supported by a pledge of monies in the Higher Education Bond Service Fund established in the custody of the Treasurer of State. If sufficient monies are not available from this fund, a pledge exists to assess a special student fee uniformly applicable to students in the state-assisted institutions of higher education throughout the state.

- A. Construction in progress for any portion of the facilities being financed by state agencies for use by the College should be recorded on the College’s books of account until such time as the facility is completed.



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**NOTE 3 – STATE SUPPORT (Continued)**

- B. Outstanding debt issued by OPFC is not included on the College's balance sheet. In addition, the appropriations by the General Assembly to the Board of Regents for payment of debt service are not reflected as appropriation revenue received by the College, and the related debt service payments are not recorded in the College's accounts.

**NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

State statutes classify monies held by the College into three categories.

Active deposits are public deposits necessary to meet current demand on the treasury. Such monies must be maintained either as cash in the College treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits the Board of Trustees has identified as not required for use within the current two year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation or depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings accounts including passbook accounts.

Protection of the College's deposits is provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), by eligible securities pledged by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by the financial institutions participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

Interim monies may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury Notes, Bills, Bonds, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality, including but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above provided that the market value of the securities subject to the repurchase agreement must exceed the principal value of the agreement by at least two percent and be marked to market daily, and that the term of the agreement must not exceed thirty days;

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**NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

4. Bond and other obligations of the State of Ohio.
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, pass-book accounts;
6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2) and repurchase agreements secured by such obligations, provided that investments in securities described in this division are made only through eligible institutions;
7. The State Treasurer’s investment pool (STAROhio);
8. Certain bankers’ acceptances and commercial paper notes for a period not to exceed one hundred and eighty days in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the interim monies available for investment at any one time.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the College, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions. Payment for investments may be made only upon delivery of the securities representing the investments to the treasurer or qualified trustee or, if the securities are not represented by a certificate, upon receipt of confirmation of transfer from the custodian.

**Investments:**

As of June 30, 2018, the College had the following investments and maturities:

S & P Global Rating	Investment Type	Measurement Amount	Investment Maturities	
			12 Months or Less	Percent of Total
	Net Asset Value (NAV):			
AAAm	STAR Ohio	64,224	64,224	1.15%
	Fair Value:			
N/A	Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	5,519,076	5,519,076	98.85%
	Total	<u>\$ 5,583,300</u>	<u>\$ 5,583,300</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

The College categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs. Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The above table identifies the College’s recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2018. The College’s investments measured at fair value are valued using methodologies that incorporate market inputs such as benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, issuer spreads, two-sided markets, benchmark securities, bids, offers, and reference data including market research publications. Market indicators and industry and economic events are also monitored which could require the need to acquire further market data (Level 2 inputs).

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**NOTE 4 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

*Credit Risk* STAR Ohio is an investment pool operated by the Ohio State Treasurer. It is unclassified since it is not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. Ohio law requires STAR Ohio maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service. The weighted average of maturity of the portfolio held by STAR Ohio as of June 30, 2018, is 49 days and carries a rating of AAAM by S&P Global Ratings.

*Concentration of Credit Risk* The College places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. During the fiscal year, the College’s only investment was in STAR Ohio.

*Interest Rate Risk* The Ohio Revised Code generally limits security purchases to those that mature within five years of the settlement date. The College’s policy indicates that the investment must mature within five years, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the College.

**NOTE 5 - RECEIVABLES**

Receivables at June 30, 2018 were as follows:

	Gross Receivables	Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	Net Receivables
Current Receivables:			
Students	\$ 1,817,284	\$ (788,739)	\$ 1,028,545
Interest	44,858	0	44,858
Other	155,230	0	155,230
Total Current Receivables	\$ 2,017,372	\$ (788,739)	\$ 1,228,633

**NOTE 6 - DONOR RESTRICTED ENDOWMENTS**

If a donor has not provided specific instructions, state law permits the Board to authorize for expenditure the new appreciation (realized and unrealized) of the investments of endowment funds. When administering its power to spend net appreciation, the Board is required to consider the College’s “long- and short-term needs, present and anticipated financial requirements, expected total return on its investments, price-level trends, and general economic conditions.” Any net appreciation that is spent is required to be spent for the purposes for which the endowment was established. All expenditures must be approved by the Board.

At June 30, 2018, there was no net appreciation on donor restricted assets available to be spent.

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**NOTE 7 – CAPITAL ASSETS**

A summary of the changes in the capital assets is presented as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2017	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2018
Capital Assets, Non Depreciable:				
Land	\$ 276,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 276,000
Construction/Work in Progress	678,102	6,903,111	7,581,213	0
Total Non-depreciable	<u>954,102</u>	<u>6,903,111</u>	<u>7,581,213</u>	<u>276,000</u>
Capital Assets, Depreciable:				
Land Improvements	769,652	0	31,005	738,647
Buildings and improvements	18,710,991	7,589,757	612,294	25,688,454
Machinery and Equipment	3,172,061	386,539	650,936	2,907,664
Motor Vehicles	228,770	5,560	0	234,330
Library books and materials	338,967	9,343	17,415	330,895
Total Depreciable	<u>23,220,441</u>	<u>7,991,199</u>	<u>1,311,650</u>	<u>29,899,990</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Land Improvements	680,033	39,076	31,005	688,104
Buildings and improvements	6,463,174	621,053	566,657	6,517,570
Machinery and Equipment	1,906,936	237,845	450,486	1,694,295
Motor Vehicles	179,855	11,505	0	191,360
Library books and materials	319,480	9,697	17,415	311,762
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>9,549,478</u>	<u>919,176</u>	<u>1,065,563</u>	<u>9,403,091</u>
Total Capital Assets, Depreciable, net	<u>13,670,963</u>	<u>7,072,023</u>	<u>246,087</u>	<u>20,496,899</u>
Capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 14,625,065</u>	<u>\$ 13,975,134</u>	<u>\$ 7,827,300</u>	<u>\$ 20,772,899</u>

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**NOTE 8 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

A summary of changes in long-term liabilities is as follows:

	Restated Balance July 1, 2017	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2018	Current Portion
Net Pension Liability:					
SERS	\$ 2,905,103	\$ 0	\$ 763,826	\$ 2,141,277	\$ 0
STRS	11,509,693	0	3,760,096	7,749,597	0
Total Net Pension Liability	14,414,796	0	4,523,922	9,890,874	0
Net OPEB Liability:					
SERS	1,113,546	0	159,703	953,843	0
STRS	1,838,918	0	566,100	1,272,818	0
Total Net OPEB Liability	2,952,464	0	725,803	2,226,661	0
Capital Lease Payable	211,670	0	211,670	0	0
Compensated Absences	294,588	0	23,182	271,406	217,668
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 20,825,982</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 6,210,380</u>	<u>\$ 14,615,602</u>	<u>\$ 217,668</u>

**NOTE 9 – CAPITAL LEASES**

In fiscal year 2016 the College entered into two capital leases for IPAD's. These lease obligations meet the criteria of a capital lease and have been recorded as capital assets on the statement of net position. The assets acquired by the leases were capitalized in the amount of \$601,351, which was equal to the present value of the future minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition. A corresponding liability was recorded and is reduced for each required principal payment. As of June 30, 2018 the leases were paid in full. The IPAD's were disposed of in 2018 and removed from capital assets.

**NOTE 10 – OPERATING EXPENSES BY FUNCTION AND NATURAL CLASS**

	Salaries and Benefits	Scholarships and Fellowships	Utilities	Supplies and Other Services	Depreciation	Total
Instruction & departmental research	\$ 172,086	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 359,956	\$ 0	\$ 532,042
Public service	0	0	0	3,158	0	3,158
Academic support	205,140	0	0	236,670	0	441,810
Student services	201,296	0	0	45,152	0	246,448
Institutional support	635,656	0	0	1,094,498	0	1,730,154
Operations and maintenance	313,811	0	306,872	413,367	0	1,034,050
Scholarships & grants	0	658,732	0	0	0	658,732
Auxiliary enterprises	59,303	0	0	403,934	0	463,237
Depreciation	0	0	0	0	919,176	919,176
Totals	<u>\$ 1,587,292</u>	<u>\$ 658,732</u>	<u>\$ 306,872</u>	<u>\$ 2,556,735</u>	<u>\$ 919,176</u>	<u>\$ 6,028,807</u>

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**NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

***Net Pension Liability***

The net pension liability reported on the statement of net position represents a liability to employees for pensions. Pensions are a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for pensions is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

The net pension liability represents the College’s proportionate share of each pension plan’s collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan’s fiduciary net position. The net pension liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits the College’s obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The College cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions are financed; however, the College does receive the benefit of employees’ services in exchange for compensation including pension.

GASB 68 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because (1) they benefit from employee services; and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from these employers. All contributions to date have come solely from these employers (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within 30 years. If the amortization period exceeds 30 years, each pension plan’s board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

The proportionate share of each plan’s unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net pension liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required pension contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *accrued liabilities* on the accrual basis of accounting.

***Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)***

Plan Description – College non-teaching employees participate in SERS, a statewide, cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by SERS. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3309. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about SERS’ fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by visiting the SERS website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

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Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows:

	Eligible to Retire on or before August 1, 2017*	Eligible to Retire on or after August 1, 2017
Full Benefits	Any age with 30 years of service credit	Age 67 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 57 with 30 years of service credit
Actuarially Reduced Benefits	Age 60 with 5 years of service credit Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 62 with 10 years of service credit; or Age 60 with 25 years of service credit

\*Members with 25 years of service credit as of August 1, 2017, will be included in this plan.

Annual retirement benefits are calculated based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on year of service; 2.2 percent for the first 30 years of service and 2.5 percent for years of service credit over 30. Final average salary is the average of the highest three years of salary.

When a benefit recipient has received benefits for 12 months, an annual COLA is provided. This COLA is calculated on the base retirement benefit at the date of retirement and is not compounded. For those retiring prior to January 7, 2013, the COLA will continue to be a three percent simple annual COLA. For those retiring after January 7, 2013, beginning in calendar year 2019, the COLA will be based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at three percent.

Funding Policy – Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the College is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS’ Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System’s funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 14 percent. SERS allocated 0.5 percent of employer contributions to the Health Care Fund for fiscal year 2018.

The College’s contractually required contribution to SERS was \$151,484 for fiscal year 2018.

***Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)***

Plan Description – College licensed teachers and other faculty members participate in STRS Ohio, a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by STRS. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS issues a stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about STRS’ fiduciary net position. That report can be obtained by writing to STRS, 275 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Web site at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org).

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**NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – (Continued)**

New members have a choice of three retirement plans; a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation was 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. Members are eligible to retire at age 60 with five years of qualifying service credit, or at age 55 with 26 years of service, or 31 years of service regardless of age. Eligibility changes will be phased in until August 1, 2026, when retirement eligibility for unreduced benefits will be five years of service credit and age 65, or 35 years of service credit and at least age 60.

The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.5 percent of the 14 percent employer contributions into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.5 percent of the 14 percent employer rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan. In the Combined Plan, 12 percent of the 14 percent member rate goes to the DC Plan and the remaining 2 percent is applied to the DB Plan. Member contributions to the DC Plan are allocated among investment choices by the member, and contributions to the DB Plan from the employer and the member are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60 with five years of service. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity after termination of employment at age 50 or later.

New members who choose the DC plan or Combined Plan will have another opportunity to reselect a permanent plan during their fifth year of membership. Members may remain in the same plan or transfer to another STRS plan. The optional annuitization of a member's defined contribution account or the defined contribution portion of a member's Combined Plan account to a lifetime benefit results in STRS bearing the risk of investment gain or loss on the account. STRS has therefore included all three plan options as one defined benefit plan for GASB 68 reporting purposes.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years of credited service who is determined to be disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. New members on or after July 1, 2013, must have at least ten years of qualifying service credit to apply for disability benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DC Plan dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy – Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, plan members were required to contribute 14 percent of their annual covered salary. The College was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2018 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.



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The College’s contractually required contribution to STRS was \$483,403 for fiscal year 2018. Of this amount, \$26,906 is reported as an accrued liability.

***Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions***

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an independent actuarial valuation as of that date. The College's employer allocation percentage of the net pension liability was based on the employer’s share of employer contributions in the pension plan relative to the total employer contributions of all participating employers. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability:			
Current Measurement Date	0.03583860%	0.03262272%	
Prior Measurement Date	<u>0.03969220%</u>	<u>0.03438499%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>-0.00385360%</u>	<u>-0.00176227%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the Net			
Pension Liability	\$ 2,141,277	\$ 7,749,597	\$ 9,890,874
Pension Expense	\$ (437,455)	\$ (3,747,709)	\$ (4,185,164)

Deferred outflows/inflows of resources represent the effect of changes in the net pension liability due to the difference between projected and actual investment earnings, differences between expected and actual actuarial experience, changes in assumptions and changes in the College’s proportion of the collective net pension liability. The deferred outflows and deferred inflows are to be included in pension expense over current and future periods. The difference between projected and actual investment earnings is recognized in pension expense using a straight line method over a five year period beginning in the current year. Deferred outflows and deferred inflows resulting from changes in sources other than differences between projected and actual investment earnings are amortized over the average expected remaining service lives of all members (both active and inactive) using the straight line method. Employer contributions to the pension plan subsequent to the measurement date are also required to be reported as a deferred outflow of resources.

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**NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – (Continued)**

At June 30, 2018 the College reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 92,151	\$ 299,252	\$ 391,403
Changes of Assumptions	110,727	1,694,922	1,805,649
College Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	151,484	483,403	634,887
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b><u>\$ 354,362</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,477,577</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,831,939</u></b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 0	\$ 62,458	\$ 62,458
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	10,164	255,745	265,909
Changes in Proportion and Differences between College Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	592,912	1,958,444	2,551,356
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b><u>\$ 603,076</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,276,647</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,879,723</u></b>

\$634,887 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from College contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2019	\$ (274,636)	\$ (406,649)	\$ (681,285)
2020	(59,648)	(58,744)	(118,392)
2021	(15,998)	154,859	138,861
2022	(49,916)	28,061	(21,855)
	<b><u>\$ (400,198)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (282,473)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (682,671)</u></b>

**Actuarial Assumptions - SERS**

SERS' total pension liability was determined by their actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each defined benefit retirement plan. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts (e.g., salaries, credited service) and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future (e.g., mortality, disabilities, retirements, employment terminations). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

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**NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – (Continued)**

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases, actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation, prepared as of June 30, 2017, are presented below:

Wage Inflation	3.00 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	2.50 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investment expense, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal (Level Percent of Payroll)

Mortality rates among active members were based upon the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females. Mortality among service retired members and beneficiaries were based upon the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates and 110 percent of female rates. Mortality among disabled members were based upon the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period ending July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2015. The assumed rate of inflation, payroll growth assumption and assumed real wage growth were reduced in the most recent actuarial valuation. The rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability updated to reflect recent experience and mortality rates were also updated.

The long-term return expectation for the Pension Plan Investments has been determined by using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in SERS' *Statement of Investment Policy*. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating an arithmetic weighted average of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major assets class are summarized in the following table:

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**NOTE 11 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS – (Continued)**

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	1.00 %	0.50 %
US Stocks	22.50	4.75
Non-US Stocks	22.50	7.00
Fixed Income	19.00	1.50
Private Equity	10.00	8.00
Real Assets	15.00	5.00
Multi-Asset Strategies	<u>10.00</u>	3.00
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

**Discount Rate** The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.50 percent). Based on those assumptions, the plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefits to determine the total pension liability.

**Sensitivity of the College’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate, and to illustrate the potential impact the following table presents the College’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what each plan’s net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.50 percent), or one percentage point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate.

	<u>1% Decrease (6.50%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.50%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.50%)</u>
College’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,971,536	\$ 2,141,277	\$ 1,445,766

**Actuarial Assumptions - STRS**

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2017, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50 percent
Salary Increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Payroll Increases	3.00 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments	0.00 percent effective July 1, 2017

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Post-retirement mortality rates for healthy retirees are based on the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50 percent of rates through age 69, 70 percent of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90 percent of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100 percent of rates thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Post-retirement disabled mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent of rates for males and 100 percent of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

Actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2017, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

STRS' investment consultant develops an estimate range for the investment return assumption based on the target allocation adopted by the Retirement Board. The target allocation and long-term expected rate of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation*</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return**</u>
Domestic Equity	28.00 %	7.35 %
International Equity	23.00	7.55
Alternatives	17.00	7.09
Fixed Income	21.00	3.00
Real Estate	10.00	6.00
Liquidity Reserves	<u>1.00</u>	2.25
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

\*The target allocation percentage is effective as of July 1, 2017. Target weights will be phased in over a 24-month period concluding on July 1, 2019.

\*\*Ten year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25 percent and does not include investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS' investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actuarial rate of return, without net value added by management.

**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.45 percent as of June 30, 2017. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2017. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.45 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2017.

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*Sensitivity of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate* The following table presents the College's proportionate share of the net pension liability as of June 30, 2017, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.45 percent, as well as what the College's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (6.45 percent) or one-percentage-point higher (8.45 percent) than the current assumption:

	1% Decrease (6.45%)	Current Discount Rate (7.45%)	1% Increase (8.45%)
College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 11,108,784	\$ 7,749,597	\$ 4,919,986

***Assumption Changes since the Prior Measurement Date***

The Retirement Board approved several changes to the actuarial assumptions in 2017. The long term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.75 percent to 7.45 percent, the inflation assumption was lowered from 2.75 percent to 2.50 percent, the payroll growth assumption was lowered to 3.00 percent, and total salary increases rate was lowered by decreasing the merit component of the individual salary increases, in addition to a decrease of 0.25 percent due to lower inflation. The healthy and disabled mortality assumptions were updated to the RP-2014 mortality tables with generational improvement scale MP-2016. Rates of retirement, termination and disability were modified to better reflect anticipated future experience.

***Benefit Term Changes since the Prior Measurement Date***

Effective July 1, 2017, the COLA was reduced to zero.

**NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS**

***Net OPEB Liability***

The net OPEB liability reported on the statement of net position represents a liability to employees for OPEB. OPEB is a component of exchange transactions—between an employer and its employees—of salaries and benefits for employee services. OPEB are provided to an employee—on a deferred-payment basis—as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period. The obligation to sacrifice resources for OPEB is a present obligation because it was created as a result of employment exchanges that already have occurred.

The net OPEB liability represents the College's proportionate share of each OPEB plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each OPEB plan's fiduciary net position. The net OPEB liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables, including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting these estimates annually.

Ohio Revised Code limits the College's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The College cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which OPEB are financed; however, the College does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation including OPEB.

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GASB 75 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer, because they benefit from employee services. OPEB contributions come from these employers and health care plan enrollees which pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. The Ohio revised Code permits, but does not require the retirement systems to provide healthcare to eligible benefit recipients. Any change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net OPEB liability. Resulting adjustments to the net OPEB liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable. The retirement systems may allocate a portion of the employer contributions to provide for these OPEB benefits.

The proportionate share of each plan's unfunded benefits is presented as a long-term *net OPEB liability* on the accrual basis of accounting. Any liability for the contractually-required OPEB contribution outstanding at the end of the year is included in *accrued liabilities* on the accrual basis of accounting.

***Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)***

Health Care Plan Description - The College contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund, administered by SERS for non-certificated retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB 75 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. SERS' Health Care Plan provides healthcare benefits to eligible individuals receiving retirement, disability, and survivor benefits, and to their eligible dependents. Members who retire after June 1, 1986, need 10 years of service credit, exclusive of most types of purchased credit, to qualify to participate in SERS' health care coverage. In addition to age and service retirees, disability benefit recipients and beneficiaries who are receiving monthly benefits due to the death of a member or retiree, are eligible for SERS' health care coverage. Most retirees and dependents choosing SERS' health care coverage are over the age of 65 and therefore enrolled in a fully insured Medicare Advantage plan; however, SERS maintains a traditional, self-insured preferred provider organization for its non-Medicare retiree population. For both groups, SERS offers a self-insured prescription drug program. Health care is a benefit that is permitted, not mandated, by statute. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be obtained on SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

Access to health care for retirees and beneficiaries is permitted in accordance with Section 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. The SERS Retirement Board established the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or for their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

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Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required pensions and benefits, the Retirement Board may allocate the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund in accordance with the funding policy. For fiscal year 2018, .5 percent of covered payroll was made to health care. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated if less than a full year of service credit was earned. For fiscal year 2018, this amount was \$23,700. Statutes provide that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2018, the College's surcharge obligation was \$15,549.

The surcharge, added to the allocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The College's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$21,160 for fiscal year 2018.

***Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)***

Plan Description – The State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) administers a cost-sharing Health Plan administered for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer this plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums.

Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued effective January 1, 2020. The Plan is included in the report of STRS which can be obtained by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy – Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Nearly all health care plan enrollees, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to post-employment health care.

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***OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB***

The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The College's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the College's share of contributions to the respective retirement systems relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and OPEB expense:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability			
Current Measurement Date	0.03554160%	0.03262272%	
Prior Measurement Date	<u>0.03906673%</u>	<u>0.03438499%</u>	
Change in Proportionate Share	<u>-0.00352513%</u>	<u>-0.00176227%</u>	
Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 953,843	\$ 1,272,818	\$ 2,226,661
OPEB Expense	\$ 23,660	\$ (401,860)	\$ (378,200)

At June 30, 2018, the College reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 0	\$ 73,475	\$ 73,475
College Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	<u>21,160</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,160</u>
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<u>\$ 21,160</u>	<u>\$ 73,475</u>	<u>\$ 94,635</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on OPEB Plan Investments	\$ 2,519	\$ 54,403	\$ 56,922
Changes of Assumptions	90,515	102,530	193,045
Changes in Proportionate Share and Differences between College Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	<u>74,780</u>	<u>80,782</u>	<u>155,562</u>
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>\$ 167,814</u>	<u>\$ 237,715</u>	<u>\$ 405,529</u>

\$21,160 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from College contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

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	SERS	STRS	Total
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:			
2019	\$ (60,519)	\$ (31,907)	\$ (92,426)
2020	(60,519)	(31,907)	(92,426)
2021	(46,147)	(31,907)	(78,054)
2022	(629)	(31,906)	(32,535)
2023	0	(18,306)	(18,306)
Thereafter	0	(18,307)	(18,307)
	\$ (167,814)	\$ (164,240)	\$ (332,054)

***Actuarial Assumptions - SERS***

The total OPEB liability is determined by SERS' actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 74, as part of their annual actuarial valuation for each retirement plan. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts (e.g., salaries, credited service) and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future (e.g., mortality, disabilities, retirements, employment terminations). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations.

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases, actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

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Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability in the latest actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2017, are presented below:

Wage Inflation	3.00 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	3.50 percent to 18.20 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.50 percent net of investment expense, including inflation
Municipal Bond Index Rate	
Measurement Date	3.56 percent
Prior Measurement Date	2.92 percent
Single Equivalent Interest Rate	
Measurement Date	3.63 percent, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation
Prior Measurement Date	2.98 percent, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation
Medical Trend Assumption	
Medicare	5.50 percent - 5.00 percent
Pre-Medicare	7.50 percent - 5.00 percent

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates and 110 percent of female rates. RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates set back five years.

The most recent experience study was completed for the five year period ended June 30, 2015.

The long-term expected rate of return on plan assets is reviewed as part of the actuarial five-year experience study. The most recent study covers fiscal years 2010 through 2015, and was adopted by the Board on April 21, 2016. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return, 7.50 percent, by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The capital market assumptions developed by the investment consultant are intended for use over a 10-year horizon and may not be useful in setting the long-term rate of return for funding pension plans which covers a longer timeframe. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

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The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class, as used in the June 30, 2015 five-year experience study, are summarized as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	1.00 %	0.50 %
US Stocks	22.50	4.75
Non-US Stocks	22.50	7.00
Fixed Income	19.00	1.50
Private Equity	10.00	8.00
Real Assets	15.00	5.00
Multi-Asset Strategies	<u>10.00</u>	3.00
Total	<u><u>100.00</u></u> %	

***Discount Rate*** The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2017 was 3.63 percent. The discount rate used to measure total OPEB liability prior to June 30, 2017 was 2.98 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions will be made from members and the System at the state statute contribution rate of 2.00 percent of projected covered employee payroll each year, which includes a 1.50 percent payroll surcharge and 0.50 percent of contributions from the basic benefits plan. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to become insufficient to make future benefit payments during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan assets was used to present value the projected benefit payments through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and the Fidelity General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index rate of 3.56 percent, as of June 30, 2017 (i.e. municipal bond rate), was used to present value the projected benefit payments for the remaining years in the projection. The total present value of projected benefit payments from all years was then used to determine the single rate of return that was used as the discount rate. The projection of future benefit payments for all current plan members was until the benefit payments ran out.

***Sensitivity of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate and Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates*** The net OPEB liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate and the health care cost trend rate. The following table presents the net OPEB liability of SERS, what SERS' net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.63 percent) and higher (4.63 percent) than the current discount rate (3.63 percent). Also shown is what SERS' net OPEB liability would be based on health care cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (6.5 percent decreasing to 4.0 percent) and higher (8.5 percent decreasing to 6.0 percent) than the current rate.

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	1% Decrease (2.63%)	Current Discount Rate (3.63%)	1% Increase (4.63%)
College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 1,151,887	\$ 953,843	\$ 796,942
		Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 773,972	\$ 953,843	\$ 1,191,905

***Actuarial Assumptions – STRS***

Key methods and assumptions used in the latest actuarial valuation, reflecting experience study results used in the June 30, 2017, actuarial valuation are presented below:

Inflation	2.50 percent
Projected Salary Increases	12.50 percent at age 20 to 2.50 percent at age 65
Investment Rate of Return	7.45 percent, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Payroll Increases	3.00 percent
Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA)	0.00 percent effective July 1, 2017
Blended Discount Rate of Return	4.13 percent
Health Care Cost Trends	6.00 percent to 11.00 percent, initial, 4.50 percent ultimate

Projections of benefits include the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and retired plan members.

For healthy retirees the mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Annuitant Mortality Table with 50 percent of rates through age 69, 70 percent of rates between ages 70 and 79, 90 percent of rates between ages 80 and 84, and 100 percent of rates thereafter, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016. For disabled retirees, mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table with 90 percent of rates for males and 100 percent of rates for females, projected forward generationally using mortality improvement scale MP-2016.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2016.

Since the prior measurement date, the discount rate was increased from 3.26 percent to 4.13 percent based on the methodology defined under GASB *Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB)* and the long term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.75 percent to 7.45 percent. Valuation year per capita health care costs were updated, and the salary scale was modified. The percentage of future retirees electing each option was updated based on current data and the percentage of future disabled retirees and terminated vested participants electing health coverage were decreased. The assumed mortality, disability, retirement, withdrawal and future health care cost trend rates were modified along with the portion of rebated prescription drug costs.

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Also since the prior measurement date, the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was reduced from 2.1 percent to 1.9 percent per year of service. Medicare Part B premium reimbursements were discontinued for certain survivors and beneficiaries and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 2019. Subsequent to the current measurement date, the date for discontinuing remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements was extended to January 2020.

STRS' investment consultant develops an estimate range for the investment return assumption based on the target allocation adopted by the Retirement Board. The target allocation and long-term expected rate of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return*</u>
Domestic Equity	28.00 %	7.35 %
International Equity	23.00	7.55
Alternatives	17.00	7.09
Fixed Income	21.00	3.00
Real Estate	10.00	6.00
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	2.25
	<u>100.00 %</u>	

\*Ten year annualized geometric nominal returns, which include the real rate of return and inflation of 2.25 percent and does not include investment expenses. Over a 30-year period, STRS' investment consultant indicates that the above target allocations should generate a return above the actual rate of return, without net value added by management.

**Discount Rate** The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 4.13 percent as of June 30, 2017. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes STRS Ohio continues to allocate no employer contributions to the health care fund. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be sufficient to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. The OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to become insufficient to make future benefit payments during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2037. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan assets was used to determine the present value of the projected benefit payments through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2036 and the Bond Buyer 20-year municipal bond rate of 3.58 percent as of June 30, 2017 (i.e. municipal bond rate), was used to determine the present value of the projected benefit payments for the remaining years in the projection. The total present value of projected benefit payments from all years was then used to determine the single rate of return that was used as the discount rate. The blended discount rate of 4.13 percent, which represents the long-term expected rate of return of 7.45 percent for the funded benefit payments and the Bond Buyer 20-year municipal bond rate of 3.58 percent for the unfunded benefit payments, was used to measure the total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2017. A blended discount rate of 3.26 percent which represents the long term expected rate of return of 7.75 percent for the funded benefit payments and the Bond Buyer 20-year municipal bond rate of 2.85 percent for the unfunded benefit payments was used to measure the total OPEB liability at June 30, 2016.

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**NOTE 12 - DEFINED BENEFIT OPEB PLANS – (Continued)**

*Sensitivity of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount and Health Care Cost Trend Rate* The following table represents the net OPEB liability as of June 30, 2017, calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 4.13 percent, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (3.13 percent) or one percentage point higher (5.13 percent) than the current assumption. Also shown is the net OPEB liability as if it were calculated using health care cost trend rates that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current health care cost trend rates.

	1% Decrease (3.13%)	Current Discount Rate (4.13%)	1% Increase (5.13%)
College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 1,708,738	\$ 1,272,818	\$ 928,299
	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 884,300	\$ 1,272,818	\$ 1,784,154

**NOTE 13– RISK MANAGEMENT**

The College is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2018, the College contracted with Marsh USA Inc. as part of the OACC insurance consortium. Commercial property insurance is contracted with Lexington Insurance Company (AIG). The policy includes a \$10,000 deductible.

Professional and general liability is protected by Catlin Indemnity Company (Wright Specialty) with a \$1,000,000 single occurrence limit, \$3,000,000 annual aggregate limit and no deductible. Vehicles are also covered by Catlin Indemnity Company (Wright Specialty) and hold a \$500 deductible for comprehensive and collision. Automobile liability has a \$1,000,000 combined single limit of liability, with no annual aggregate. An excess liability policy contracted with United Educators provides an additional \$10,000,000 in excess of the \$1,000,000 limits over all other liability coverage.

Ancillary coverage for cyber liability breach response is provided by Illinois National Insurance Company with a \$1,000,000 single occurrence limit and a \$25,000 deductible.

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from last year.

The College pays the State Workers' Compensation System a premium based on a rate per \$100 of salaries. This rate is calculated based on accident history and administrative costs.

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**NOTE 14- CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS**

As of June 30, 2018, the College has commitments with the following companies for main building renovation project.

Contractor	Contract Amount	Amount Paid as of June 30, 2018	Amount Remaining on Contracts
<i>Main Building Renovation:</i>			
Perspectus Architecture, LLC - Architecture and Design	625,625	615,918	9,707
Jarvis, Downing & EMCH, Inc. - Construction Manager	6,277,762	6,025,168	252,594
Martin Public Seating - Furniture and Fixtures	134,295	134,295	0
Ohio Desk - Furniture and Fixtures	202,397	193,208	9,189
Mid Ohio Valley Integrated Systems - Furniture and Fixtures	119,260	90,010	29,250
Shaw Integrated Systems - Furniture and Fixtures	281,910	0	281,910
Total	<u>\$ 7,641,249</u>	<u>\$ 7,058,599</u>	<u>\$ 582,650</u>

**NOTE 15 – OIL AND GAS LEASE**

In December 2014, the College entered into an oil and gas lease with Rice Drilling D, LLC (Rice). The lease gives Rice the right to explore and drill for oil and gas on approximately 60 acres of land. Rice will pay the College lease royalty payments of 20% on any oil and gas that is recovered from the land. As of the date of the financial statements, the value of any potential royalties cannot be determined.

**NOTE 16- CONTINGENCIES**

The College received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and a condition specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the College. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the College at June 30, 2018.

**NOTE 17- COMPONENT UNIT DISCLOSURES**

The Belmont College Foundation (Foundation) is a legally separate, tax-exempt component unit of Belmont College (College).

The accompanying financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared in accordance with pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board. As such, certain revenue recognition criteria and presentation features are different from GASB revenue recognition criteria and presentation features. No modifications have been made to the Foundation's financial information in the College's financial reporting entity for these differences.

Contributions to the Foundation are recognized and reported as revenue at fair value upon the earlier of the period in which a pledge becomes unconditional or the period in which the contribution is received. Contributions with donor-imposed restrictions are reported as temporarily or permanently restricted support while contributions without donor-imposed restrictions are reported as unrestricted support.



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**NOTE 17- COMPONENT UNIT DISCLOSURES (Continued)**

Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments:

*Deposits* - Custodial credit risk is the risk of the inability to recover the value of deposits, investments, or collateral securities in the possession of an outside party in the event of a depository financial institution or counterparty failure to a transaction. The Foundation has not established a policy for deposits at this time.

As of June 30, 2018, the carrying amount of the Foundation's deposits was \$121,226 and this bank balance was covered by FDIC.

*Investments* – Foundation investments are stated at fair value with changes in market value being recognized as gains and losses during the period in which they occur. The following summarizes the fair value of investments of the Foundation as of June 30, 2018:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Cash and Money Market Funds	\$ 25,375
Equities	415,188
Fixed Income	360,760
Total	<u>\$ 801,323</u>

The Foundation categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. The above chart identifies the Foundation's recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2018. All of the Foundation's investments are valued using quoted market prices (Level 1 inputs).

Support Provided to the College:

During the year ended June 30, 2018 the Foundation provided \$48,500 to or on behalf of the College for scholarships and other purposes.

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*Schedule of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability*  
*Last Five Fiscal Years (1)*

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b><i>School Employees Retirement System (SERS)</i></b>					
College's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.03583860%	0.03969220%	0.04896900%	0.05953000%	0.05953000%
College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,141,277	\$ 2,905,103	\$ 2,794,219	\$ 3,012,779	\$ 3,540,058
College's Covered Payroll	\$ 1,181,993	\$ 1,229,171	\$ 1,565,941	\$ 1,839,646	\$ 1,997,637
College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	181.16%	236.35%	178.44%	163.77%	177.21%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	69.50%	62.98%	69.16%	71.70%	65.52%
<b><i>State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)</i></b>					
College's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.03262272%	0.03438499%	0.03860959%	0.04587075%	0.04587075%
College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 7,749,597	\$ 11,509,693	\$ 10,670,561	\$ 11,157,354	\$ 13,290,567
College's Covered Payroll	\$ 3,475,229	\$ 3,850,879	\$ 3,943,907	\$ 4,991,715	\$ 5,530,862
College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	223.00%	298.88%	270.56%	223.52%	240.30%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	75.30%	66.80%	72.10%	74.70%	69.30%

(1) Information prior to 2014 is not available.

Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date, which is the prior fiscal year.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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*Schedule of the College's Contributions - Pension*  
*Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b><i>School Employees Retirement System (SERS)</i></b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 151,484	\$ 165,479	\$ 172,084	\$ 206,391
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(151,484)</u>	<u>(165,479)</u>	<u>(172,084)</u>	<u>(206,391)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
College's Covered Payroll	\$ 1,122,104	\$ 1,181,993	\$ 1,229,171	\$ 1,565,941
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	13.50%	14.00%	14.00%	13.18%
<b><i>State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)</i></b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 483,403	\$ 486,532	\$ 539,123	\$ 552,147
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(483,403)</u>	<u>(486,532)</u>	<u>(539,123)</u>	<u>(552,147)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
College's Covered Payroll	\$ 3,452,879	\$ 3,475,229	\$ 3,850,879	\$ 3,943,907
Pension Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%

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<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
\$ 254,975	\$ 276,473	\$ 295,732	\$ 289,278	\$ 270,037	\$ 258,651
<u>(254,975)</u>	<u>(276,473)</u>	<u>(295,732)</u>	<u>(289,278)</u>	<u>(270,037)</u>	<u>(258,651)</u>
<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
\$ 1,839,646	\$ 1,997,637	\$ 2,198,751	\$ 2,301,337	\$ 1,994,365	\$ 2,628,567
13.86%	13.84%	13.45%	12.57%	13.54%	9.84%
\$ 648,923	\$ 719,012	\$ 808,600	\$ 794,090	\$ 750,460	\$ 679,869
<u>(648,923)</u>	<u>(719,012)</u>	<u>(808,600)</u>	<u>(794,090)</u>	<u>(750,460)</u>	<u>(679,869)</u>
<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
\$ 4,991,715	\$ 5,530,862	\$ 6,220,000	\$ 6,108,385	\$ 5,772,769	\$ 5,229,762
13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%	13.00%

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*Required Supplementary Information*  
*Schedule of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability*  
*Last Two Fiscal Years (1)*

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b><i>School Employees Retirement System (SERS)</i></b>		
College's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.03554160%	0.03906673%
College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 953,843	\$ 1,113,546
College's Covered Payroll	\$ 1,181,993	\$ 1,229,171
College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	80.70%	90.59%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	12.46%	11.49%
<b><i>State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)</i></b>		
College's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.03262272%	0.03438499%
College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 1,272,818	\$ 1,838,918
College's Covered Payroll	\$ 3,475,229	\$ 3,850,879
College's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	36.63%	47.75%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	47.10%	37.30%

(1) Information prior to 2017 is not available.

Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date, which is the prior fiscal year.

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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*Last Ten Fiscal Years*

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b><i>School Employees Retirement System (SERS)</i></b>				
Contractually Required Contribution (1)	\$ 21,160	\$ 15,549	\$ 14,804	\$ 35,297
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(21,160)</u>	<u>(15,549)</u>	<u>(14,804)</u>	<u>(35,297)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
College's Covered Payroll	\$ 1,122,104	\$ 1,181,993	\$ 1,229,171	\$ 1,565,941
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (1)	1.89%	1.32%	1.20%	2.25%
<b><i>State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)</i></b>				
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
College's Covered Payroll	\$ 3,452,879	\$ 3,475,229	\$ 3,850,879	\$ 3,943,907
OPEB Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

(1) Includes surcharge

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.



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*Last Ten Fiscal Years*

<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
\$ 30,069	\$ 32,842	\$ 38,496	\$ 36,771	\$ 34,875	\$ 35,800
<u>(30,069)</u>	<u>(32,842)</u>	<u>(38,496)</u>	<u>(36,771)</u>	<u>(34,875)</u>	<u>(35,800)</u>
<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
\$ 1,839,646	\$ 1,997,637	\$ 2,198,751	\$ 2,301,337	\$ 1,994,365	\$ 2,628,567
1.63%	1.64%	1.75%	1.60%	1.75%	1.36%
\$ 49,917	\$ 55,309	\$ 62,200	\$ 61,084	\$ 57,728	\$ 52,298
<u>(49,917)</u>	<u>(55,309)</u>	<u>(62,200)</u>	<u>(61,084)</u>	<u>(57,728)</u>	<u>(52,298)</u>
<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
\$ 4,991,715	\$ 5,530,862	\$ 6,220,000	\$ 6,108,385	\$ 5,772,769	\$ 5,229,762
1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%

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**Note 1 - Net Pension Liability**

***Changes in Assumptions - SERS***

For fiscal year 2017, the SERS Board adopted the following assumption changes:

- Assumed rate of inflation was reduced from 3.25 percent to 3.00 percent
- Payroll Growth Assumption was reduced from 4.00 percent to 3.50 percent
- Assumed real wage growth was reduced from 0.75 percent to 0.50 percent
- Rates of withdrawal, retirement and disability were updated to reflect recent experience.
- Mortality among active members was updated to the following:
  - RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection and a five year age set-back for both males and females.
- Mortality among service retired members, and beneficiaries was updated to the following:
  - RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with fully generational projection with Scale BB, 120 percent of male rates, and 110 percent of female rates.
- Mortality among disable member was updated to the following:
  - RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, 90 percent for male rates and 100 percent for female rates, set back five years is used for the period after disability retirement.

***Changes in Benefit Terms - SERS***

For fiscal year 2018, the cost-of-living adjustment was changed from a fixed 3.00 percent to a cost-of-living adjustment that is indexed to CPI-W not greater than 2.50 percent with a floor of zero percent beginning January 1, 2018. In addition, with the authority granted the Board under HB 49, the Board has enacted a three-year COLA suspension for benefit recipients in calendar years 2018, 2019 and 2020.

***Changes in Assumptions – STRS***

For fiscal year 2018, the Retirement Board approved several changes to the actuarial assumptions in 2017. The long term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.75 percent to 7.45 percent, the inflation assumption was lowered from 2.75 percent to 2.50 percent, the payroll growth assumption was lowered to 3.00 percent, and total salary increases rate was lowered by decreasing the merit component of the individual salary increases, in addition to a decrease of 0.25 percent due to lower inflation. The healthy and disabled mortality assumptions were updated to the RP-2014 mortality tables with generational improvement scale MP-2016. Rates of retirement, termination and disability were modified to better reflect anticipated future experience.

***Changes in Benefit Terms - STRS***

Effective for fiscal year 2018, the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) was reduced to zero.

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**Note 2 - Net OPEB Liability**

***Changes in Assumptions – SERS***

Amounts reported for fiscal year 2018 incorporate changes in key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total OPEB liability as presented below:

Municipal Bond Index Rate:

Fiscal year 2018	3.56 percent
Fiscal year 2017	2.92 percent

Single Equivalent Interest Rate, net of plan investment expense, including price inflation

Fiscal year 2018	3.63 percent
Fiscal year 2017	2.98 percent

***Changes in Assumptions – STRS***

For fiscal year 2018, the discount rate was increased from 3.26 percent to 4.13 percent based on the methodology defined under GASB *Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans (OPEB)* and the long term expected rate of return was reduced from 7.75 percent to 7.45 percent. Valuation year per capita health care costs were updated, and the salary scale was modified. The percentage of future retirees electing each option was updated based on current data and the percentage of future disabled retirees and terminated vested participants electing health coverage were decreased. The assumed mortality, disability, retirement, withdrawal and future health care cost trend rates were modified along with the portion of rebated prescription drug costs.

Also for fiscal year 2018, the subsidy multiplier for non-Medicare benefit recipients was reduced from 2.1 percent to 1.9 percent per year of service. Medicare Part B premium reimbursements were discontinued for certain survivors and beneficiaries and all remaining Medicare Part B premium reimbursements will be discontinued beginning January 2019.

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December 17, 2018

Board of Trustees  
Belmont College  
68094 Hammond Road  
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**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities and the discretely presented component unit of Belmont College, Belmont County, Ohio (the "College"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the College's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 17, 2018, in which we noted the College restated net position balances to account for the implementation of GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial reporting for Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions*.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's 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 may exist that have not been identified.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

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

*Hea & Associates, Inc.*

New Philadelphia, Ohio

December 17, 2018

Board of Trustees  
Belmont College  
Belmont County, Ohio  
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**Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and  
Report on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance**

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited Belmont College's, Belmont County, Ohio (the "College") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the College's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2018. The College's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*.

***Management's Responsibility***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the College's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; 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). Those standards and Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the College's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the College's compliance.

***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

In our opinion, the College complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2018.

***Other Matters***

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 2018-001. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to this matter.

The College's response to the noncompliance finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying corrective action plan. The College's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

***Report on Internal Control over Compliance***

Management of the College is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the College's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the College's 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 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 first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance, as described in the accompanying *Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs* as item 2018-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

The College's response to the internal control over compliance finding in our audit is described in the accompanying *Corrective Action Plan*. The College's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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.

*Hea & Associates, Inc.*

New Philadelphia, Ohio

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Federal CFDA Number	Federal Disbursements	Passed Through to Subrecipients
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>			
<i>Direct Awards</i>			
Student Financial Aid Cluster			
Federal Pell Grant	84.063	\$ 1,845,437	\$ 0
Federal Work Study	84.033	17,123	0
Federal Direct Student Loans	84.268	1,378,476	0
Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant	84.007	64,066	0
Total Student Financial Aid Cluster		3,305,102	0
 <i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>			
Vocational Education - Basic Grants to States	84.048	50,483	0
Total U.S. Department of Education		3,355,585	0
 Total Federal Awards		\$ 3,355,585	\$ 0

See accompanying notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards

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NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
2 CFR 200.510(B)(6)  
For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018

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**NOTE 1: BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes federal grant activity of Belmont College (the College) includes the federal award activity of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2018. The information on this Schedule is prepared 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 the College, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the College.

**NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, wherein certain types of expenditures may or may not be allowable or may be limited as to reimbursement. The College has elected not to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**NOTE 3: FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM**

The College participates in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program. The College originates the loans which are then funded through the U.S. Department of Education.

Federal Subsidized Loans	\$ 492,266
Federal Unsubsidized Loans	<u>886,210</u>
Total Federal Direct Student Loans	<u>\$1,378,476</u>

**Belmont College**  
**Belmont County, Ohio**  
*Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs*  
*2 CFR Section 200.515*  
*June 30, 2018*

**1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material non-compliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	Yes
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR § 200.516(a)?	Yes
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list): Student Financial Assistance Cluster: Federal Pell Grant Federal Work Study Federal Direct Student Loans Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant	CFDA #'s: 84.063 84.033 84.268 84.007
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: >\$750,000 Type B: All others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee under 2 CFR §200.520?	Yes

**2. FINDINGS RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

**None noted.**

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*Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Continued)*  
*2 CFR Section 200.515*  
*June 30, 2018*

<b>3. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS</b>
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**Finding Number:** 2018-001

**Federal Program:** Student Financial Aid Cluster: Federal Pell Grant

**CFDA Number:** 84.063

**Federal Agency:** U.S. Department of Education

**Significant Deficiency/Non-compliance**

**Criteria:** Federal regulation 34 CFR 690.62 (a) states the amount of a student's Pell Grant for an academic year is based upon the payment and disbursement schedules published by the Secretary for each award year.

**Condition:** For one student in a sample of forty, the College incorrectly calculated and awarded a Pell Grant.

**Cause/Effect:** Pell grants are awarded based upon the schedule established by the Department of Education. The amount of Pell award is calculated based upon the student's financial need as well as their enrollment status. The College failed to identify an enrollment change for one student which resulted in an over-award of Pell grants.

**Recommendation:** We recommend implementing procedures to ensure all student enrollment changes are properly identified and aid award packages are adjusted if necessary.

**Management Response:** See Corrective Action Plan.



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*Corrective Action Plan*  
*2 CFR Section 200.511(c)*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018*

<b>Finding Number</b>	<b>Planned Corrective Action</b>	<b>Anticipated Completion Date</b>	<b>Responsible Contact Person</b>
<b>2018-001</b>	The College will review its procedures for updating enrollment for students that receive financial aid. The College will implement procedures to ensure all financial aid disbursements are made for the appropriate amount.	June 30, 2019	Sheila Nelson-Hensley

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# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**BELMONT COLLEGE**

**BELMONT COUNTY**

### **CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
JANUARY 15, 2019**