

# Cornell College

Financial Report

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## Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements

To the Board of Trustees  
Cornell College  
Mount Vernon, Iowa

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Cornell College as of June 30, 2009 and 2008, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the College's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cornell College as of June 30, 2009 and 2008, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 11 of the financial statements, the College has adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standard 117-1, *Endowments of Not-for-Profit Organizations: Net Asset Classification of Funds Subject to an Enacted Version of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA)*, and *Enhanced Disclosures for All Endowment Funds*.

*McGladrey & Pullen, LLP*

Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
January 26, 2010

Cornell College

Balance Sheets  
June 30, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,885,504	\$ 4,720,153
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts 2009 \$260,491; 2008 \$241,936	545,583	515,672
Contributions receivable, net (Note 2)	19,736,760	21,566,492
Student loans receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts 2009 and 2008 \$129,000	2,266,471	2,249,765
Inventories and prepaid expenses	287,056	557,011
Investments, at fair value (Note 3)	55,546,048	69,963,933
Cash restricted for investment in property, plant and equipment	156,338	5,788,548
Property, plant and equipment, net (Notes 4 and 6)	63,092,908	58,606,856
Total assets	<u>\$ 147,516,668</u>	<u>\$ 163,968,430</u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and deposits	\$ 2,954,180	\$ 2,783,047
Accounts payable for construction in progress	47,633	631,248
Funds held on behalf of others	122,496	96,698
Student tuition paid in advance	151,953	140,616
Accrued early retirement liability (Note 5)	2,916,624	2,896,427
Asset retirement obligation (Note 10)	894,127	1,072,472
Long-term debt (Note 6)	18,888,496	18,956,211
Life-income payable (Note 8)	2,739,435	3,149,404
Due to U.S. Government, refundable loan program	1,080,444	1,086,974
Total liabilities	<u>29,795,388</u>	<u>30,813,097</u>
Commitments (Note 3)		
<b>Net Assets (Notes 7 and 11):</b>		
Unrestricted, including Board designated endowment 2009 \$2,047,897; 2008 \$3,128,333	36,422,759	60,825,052
Temporarily restricted	19,966,225	14,278,849
Permanently restricted	61,332,296	58,051,432
Total net assets	<u>117,721,280</u>	<u>133,155,333</u>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<u>\$ 147,516,668</u>	<u>\$ 163,968,430</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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Statements of Activities  
Years Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

	2009			Total
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>				
Tuition and fees	\$ 29,898,114	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,898,114
Less scholarships and grants	(17,014,304)	-	-	(17,014,304)
Net tuition and fees	12,883,810	-	-	12,883,810
Contributions and grants	2,599,425	2,996,112	3,302,899	8,898,436
Investment income, net of investment expense				
2009 \$140,364; 2008 \$159,473	512,788	1,225,888	10,295	1,748,971
Investment gains appropriated for current operations under the total return concept (Note 3)	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous revenues	147,626	50,493	-	198,119
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises	7,473,866	-	-	7,473,866
Total operating revenues	23,617,515	4,272,493	3,313,194	31,203,202
Net assets released from restrictions (Note 7)	7,057,270	(7,057,270)	-	-
Total operating revenues and other support	30,674,785	(2,784,777)	3,313,194	31,203,202
<b>Operating Expenses (Note 9):</b>				
Instruction	12,477,208	-	-	12,477,208
Academic support and research	658,098	-	-	658,098
Library and audiovisual	1,666,787	-	-	1,666,787
Student services	6,200,234	-	-	6,200,234
General administration	1,799,423	-	-	1,799,423
Institutional advancement	1,881,451	-	-	1,881,451
Institutional support	1,029,786	-	-	1,029,786
Auxiliary enterprises	6,419,923	-	-	6,419,923
Total operating expenses	32,132,910	-	-	32,132,910
Change in net assets from operating activities	(1,458,125)	(2,784,777)	3,313,194	(929,708)
<b>Nonoperating Activities:</b>				
Investment returns, less amount designated for operations (Note 3)	(6,808,224)	(7,785,574)	-	(14,593,798)
Actuarial adjustment on life income and annuity agreements	(106,272)	228,055	(32,330)	89,453
Change in net assets before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle	(8,372,621)	(10,342,296)	3,280,864	(15,434,053)
Cumulative effect of change in accounting principles (Note 11)	(16,029,672)	16,029,672	-	-
Change in net assets	(24,402,293)	5,687,376	3,280,864	(15,434,053)
Net assets, at beginning of year	60,825,052	14,278,849	58,051,432	133,155,333
Net assets, at ending of year	\$ 36,422,759	\$ 19,966,225	\$ 61,332,296	\$ 117,721,280

See Notes to Financial Statements.

2008

Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
\$ 27,442,682	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,442,682
(15,106,587)	-	-	(15,106,587)
12,336,095	-	-	12,336,095
3,360,274	9,800,453	6,254,999	19,415,726
499,066	1,334,574	42,756	1,876,396
2,294,760	-	-	2,294,760
268,428	52,778	-	321,206
7,035,484	-	-	7,035,484
25,794,107	11,187,805	6,297,755	43,279,667
6,013,264	(6,013,264)	-	-
31,807,371	5,174,541	6,297,755	43,279,667
12,392,378	-	-	12,392,378
795,092	-	-	795,092
1,583,123	-	-	1,583,123
6,127,092	-	-	6,127,092
1,312,026	-	-	1,312,026
2,142,646	-	-	2,142,646
755,066	-	-	755,066
6,224,891	-	-	6,224,891
31,332,314	-	-	31,332,314
475,057	5,174,541	6,297,755	11,947,353
(7,393,630)	-	-	(7,393,630)
(102,657)	5,539	48,096	(49,022)
(7,021,230)	5,180,080	6,345,851	4,504,701
-	-	-	-
(7,021,230)	5,180,080	6,345,851	4,504,701
67,846,282	9,098,769	51,705,581	128,650,632
\$ 60,825,052	\$ 14,278,849	\$ 58,051,432	\$ 133,155,333

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Statements of Cash Flows  
Years Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>		
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ (15,434,053)	\$ 4,504,701
Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in net assets to net cash (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation	3,093,147	2,895,806
Actuarial adjustment of annuities and life income payable	(89,453)	49,022
Net depreciation on investments	14,593,798	5,098,870
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	49,268	-
Donations of investments and equipment	(906,626)	(1,573,195)
Contributions restricted for long-term investment	(3,302,899)	(4,074,249)
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) in accounts receivable	(29,911)	(220,995)
(Increase) decrease in contributions receivable	1,537,445	(9,926,453)
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	171,133	531,285
Increase (decrease) in asset retirement obligation	(178,345)	46,629
Increase in pension liability	20,197	191,758
Other, net	307,090	(212,843)
<b>Net cash (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>(169,209)</b>	<b>(2,689,664)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</b>		
Purchases of investments	(12,993,522)	(7,795,186)
Sales of investments	13,724,235	11,569,478
Disbursements of student loans	(259,791)	(467,477)
Repayments of student loans	243,085	295,818
Purchases of property and equipment	(8,212,082)	(5,946,477)
Change in cash restricted for property, plant and equipment	5,632,210	(5,788,548)
<b>Net cash (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>(1,865,865)</b>	<b>(8,132,392)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities:</b>		
Proceeds from issuance of indebtedness	-	11,648,220
Repayments of principal on indebtedness	(67,715)	(6,105,600)
Contributions restricted for long-term investment	3,595,186	4,074,249
(Decrease) in U.S. Government grants refundable, net	(6,530)	(40,816)
Increase in annuities payable resulting from new annuities	-	135,580
Investment income restricted for life income agreements	83,972	66,607
Payments to annuitants and life income recipients	(404,488)	(499,681)
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>	<b>3,200,425</b>	<b>9,278,559</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>1,165,351</b>	<b>(1,543,497)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents:</b>		
Beginning	4,720,153	6,263,650
Ending	<b>\$ 5,885,504</b>	<b>\$ 4,720,153</b>

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Statements of Cash Flows (Continued)  
Years Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008

	2009	2008
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information, interest paid (net of capitalized interest 2009 none; 2008 \$59,274)	\$ 590,231	\$ 410,197
Supplemental Disclosure of Noncash Investing Activities, accounts payable incurred for purchase of property and equipment	\$ 47,633	\$ 631,248

See Notes to Financial Statements.



## Cornell College

### Notes to Financial Statements

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#### Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies

Operations: Cornell College (the "College") is a liberal arts institution located in Mount Vernon, Iowa. The College is accredited as a baccalaureate degree granting institution by the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities.

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

Basis of presentation: The College presents its financial statements in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 117, *Financial Statements for Not-for-Profit Organizations* (SFAS No. 117).

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

- Unrestricted net assets - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.
- Temporarily restricted net assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met either by actions of the College and/or the passage of time and accumulated earnings for restricted endowment fund assets. Contributions received with donor-imposed restrictions that are met in the same year as received are reported as revenues of the temporarily restricted net asset class, and a reclassification to unrestricted net assets is made to reflect the expiration of such restrictions.
- Permanently restricted net assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be retained permanently by the College. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the College to use all of, or part of, the income earned on related investments for general or specific purposes.

Revenues are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets, unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in unrestricted net assets. Gains and losses on investments and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation. Expirations of temporary restrictions on net assets (i.e., the donor-stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed) are reported as reclassifications between the applicable classes of net assets.

**Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recognized as revenues in the period received. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is, when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Contributions of property, plant and equipment without donor restrictions concerning the use of such long-lived assets are reported as revenue of the unrestricted net asset class. Contributions of cash or other assets to be used to acquire property, plant and equipment are reported as revenue of the temporarily restricted net asset class; the restrictions are considered to be released at the time of acquisition of such long-lived assets. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value. Contributions to be received after one year are discounted at an appropriate discount rate commensurate with the risks involved. Amortization of discounts is recorded as additional contribution revenue in accordance with donor-imposed restrictions, if any, on the contributions. An allowance for uncollectible contributions receivable is provided based upon management's judgment including such factors as prior collection history, type of contribution and nature of fundraising activity.

Income and realized net gains on investments of endowment and similar funds are reported as follows:

- As increases in permanently restricted net assets if the terms of the gift or the College's interpretation of relevant state law require that they be added to the principal of a permanent endowment fund;
- As increases in temporarily restricted net assets in all other cases unless the individual endowment is underwater; and
- As increases in unrestricted net assets if the individual endowment is underwater.

The Board of Trustees designates a portion of the College's cumulative unrestricted investment return for support of current operations; the remainder is retained to support operations of future years and to offset potential market declines and is reported in the statement of activities as nonoperating income.

Cash and cash equivalents: The College considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity date of less than three months to be cash equivalents except for money market funds held for long-term investment and deposits with bond trustees.

Cash in excess of daily requirements is invested in interest bearing accounts and money market funds of qualified financial institutions in amounts that frequently exceed insured limits. The College believes the credit risk related to these deposits is minimal.

The trustee of a short-term money market fund in which the College has invested in decided to terminate the fund and liquidate and distribute the assets to the shareholders. As a result, the assets of the fund were frozen and limitations on withdrawals were established. The College will be able to make periodic withdrawals over time as the fund's underlying assets mature, but the final liquidation is not expected until after 2010. The College has approximately \$931,000 remaining in this fund at June 30, 2009.

**Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

Student accounts receivable and student loans receivable: Student accounts receivable are carried at the unpaid balance of the original amount billed to students and student loans receivable are carried at the amount of unpaid principal. Both receivables are less an estimate made for doubtful accounts based on a review of all outstanding amounts. Management determines the allowance for doubtful accounts by identifying troubled accounts and by using historical experience. Student accounts and loans receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible and student loans receivable may be assigned to the U.S. Department of Education. Recoveries of student accounts and loans receivable previously written off are recorded when received. The provision for bad debts charged to expense, net of recoveries, was a net expense of \$4,349 and \$18,356 for the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Interest is charged on student accounts receivable that are past due and is recognized as it is charged. A student account receivable is considered to be past due if any portion of the receivable balance is outstanding at the beginning of the term to which the charges relate. Once a student is no longer enrolled, accrual of interest is suspended.

Interest is charged and recognized on student loans receivable after a student is no longer enrolled in an institution of higher education and after a grace period. Interest is recognized as charged. Late charges are charged if payments are not paid by the payment due date and are recognized as they are received. Students may be granted a deferment, forbearance or cancellation of their student loan receivable based on eligibility requirements defined by the U.S. Department of Education or in the case of loan funds of the College, based on the respective loan program.

Inventories: Inventories are valued at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out method) or market.

Investments: Investments in equity securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are reported at fair value with unrealized gains and losses included in the statement of activities. Donated investments are recorded at fair value on the date received.

Alternative investments, such as private equity, absolute return hedge funds, and real estate investment trusts, and nature resource funds consist primarily of investments that are not readily marketable. Investments in these categories are valued utilizing the most current information provided by the general partner or manager of the fund. Because these alternative investments are not readily marketable, their estimated fair value is subject to uncertainty and therefore may differ from the value that would have been used had a ready market for such investments existed. Such difference could be material.

Farms and city real estate are carried at cost or, if received as a donation, at the fair market value at the date received less applicable accumulated depreciation.

Realized gains are calculated using the average cost method.

**Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

Property, plant and equipment: Land and campus improvements, buildings, rental properties, equipment and library books are stated at cost at date of acquisition or fair value at date of gift, less accumulated depreciation computed on a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives. Interest cost incurred on borrowed funds during the period of construction of capital assets is capitalized as a component of the cost of acquiring those assets. Amortization expense on assets acquired under capital leases is included with depreciation expense on owned assets.

Campus land improvements	20 Years
Buildings and rental properties	50 Years
Equipment	5 – 10 Years
Library books	10 Years

Pension plan: The College has a pension plan covering substantially all of its employees. The total pension expense for the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 was \$931,612 and \$864,335, respectively. The Plan is of the defined-contribution type whereby the College contributes a specified percentage of the employee's salary and the employee's benefit is whatever amount the accumulated contributions will buy. There is no unfunded prior service cost.

Self insurance: The College is self-insured with respect to its health insurance coverage. The College maintains reinsurance that carries a specific stop-loss of \$50,000 per participant covered for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 and an aggregate stop-loss of 125% of total expected claims, which is estimated to be approximately \$2,116,000. For the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, the amount of health insurance expense, net of stop loss recoveries received or receivable was approximately \$1,210,000 and \$1,218,000, respectively.

Postretirement benefits: The College provides certain retirement, health care and life insurance benefits for all employees who meet eligibility requirements. The College's estimated costs of benefits that will be paid after retirement is generally being accrued by charges to expenses over the employees' service periods to the dates they are fully eligible for benefits.

Asset retirement obligations: The College recognizes the fair value of a liability for legal obligations associated with asset retirements in the period in which it is incurred, in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 143 *Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligation* (FASB 143) and Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 47 *Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations, an interpretation of FASB 143* (FIN 47), if a reasonable estimate of the fair value of the obligation can be made. When the liability is initially recorded, the cost of the retirement obligation is capitalized by increasing the carrying value of the related asset. Over time, the liability is accreted to its present value each year and the capitalized cost associated with the retirement obligation is depreciated over the useful life of the related asset. Upon settlement of the obligation, any difference between the cost to settle the asset retirement obligation and the liability recorded is recognized as a gain or loss in the statement of activities. The College reviews its estimates annually and adjusts the recorded liability as needed. (Note 10)

Due to U.S. Government: Amounts due to the U.S. Government include advances under the Perkins Loan Program and the program's cumulative net income as these funds are ultimately refundable to the U.S. Government.

Funds held on behalf of others: The College maintains a bank account for the funds of various student activities connected with the College; however, the College's function is limited to bookkeeping only.

**Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

Revenue recognition: Tuition, fees and room and board revenue is recognized in the year the services are performed. Net tuition and fees are computed after deducting financial aid awarded to students. In order to assist students in meeting tuition and other costs of attendance, the College administers a variety of federal, state, institutional and private programs. Financial aid packages to students may include direct grants, loans and employment during the academic year.

Investment income is recognized as it is earned.

Income tax status: The Internal Revenue Service has recognized the College as exempt from federal income taxes under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The College files a Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax) annually. When these returns are filed, it is highly certain that some positions taken would be sustained upon examination by the taxing authorities, while others are subject to uncertainty about the merits of the tax position taken or the amount of the position that would ultimately be sustained. Examples of tax positions common to Colleges include such matters as the following: the tax exempt status of each entity and various positions relative to potential sources of unrelated business taxable income (UBIT). UBIT is reported on Form 990-T, as appropriate. The benefit of tax position is recognized in the financial statements in the period during which, based on all available evidence, management believes that it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained upon examination, including the resolution of appeals or litigation processes, if any.

Tax positions are not offset or aggregated with other positions. Tax positions that meet the “more likely than not” recognition threshold are measured as the largest amount of tax benefit that is more than 50% likely to be realized on settlement with the applicable taxing authority. The portion of the benefits associated with tax positions taken that exceeds the amount measured as described above is reflected as a liability for uncertain tax benefits in the accompanying balance sheets along with any associated interest and penalties that would be payable to the taxing authorities upon examination. Upon the adoption of FIN 48 and as of June 30, 2009 and 2008, there were no uncertain tax benefits identified and recorded as a liability.

Forms 990 and 990-T filed by the College are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) up to three years from the extended due date of each return. Forms 990 and 990-T filed by the College are no longer subject to examination for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2005 and prior.

Advertising: The College follows the policy of charging advertising costs to expense as incurred. Total advertising expense was not material.

Fundraising: The College incurred fundraising costs of approximately \$1,350,000 and \$1,650,000 for the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

**Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

Financial instruments: The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate fair value:

Cash and cash equivalents: The carrying amount approximates fair value because of the short maturity of those instruments.

Contributions receivable: The carrying amount approximates fair value as they are discounted to present value based on rates commensurate with the risks involved.

Student loans receivable: The fair value of the student loans receivable and liability for U.S. Government loans refundable, in which the College acts as an agent for the U.S. Government Perkins Loan Program, are not practical to determine. These loans are subject to restrictions on interest rates and transferability.

Investments: Debt and equity securities are carried at fair values which are based on quoted market prices on the last day of the year for those or similar investments. Alternative investments are based on fair value as determined by management based on information provided by the general partner or manager of the fund.

Long-term debt and life-income payable: The carrying amount of notes, bonds and annuities payable approximates fair value, as borrowing rates currently available to the College for similar instruments are consistent with existing terms.

Subsequent events: In May 2009, the FASB issued SFAS 165 (ASC 855), *Subsequent Events*, which establishes general standards of accounting for, and disclosure of, events that occur after the date of the financial statements but before the financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. SFAS 165 requires the disclosure of the date through which an entity has evaluated subsequent events and the basis for that date. The College adopted SFAS 165 on June 30, 2009. The adoption of this guidance did not have any impact on the financial statements. The College has considered subsequent events through January 26, 2010, date that the financial statements were available to be issued, in preparing the financial statements and notes thereto.

Adopted accounting pronouncement: The College adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 157, *Fair Value Measurements* (SFAS 157) effective July 1, 2008. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosure of fair value measurements. SFAS 157 also emphasizes that fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement, and sets out a fair value hierarchy with the highest priority being quoted prices in active markets. Under SFAS 157, fair value measurements are disclosed by level within that hierarchy. In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Staff Position (FSP) No. 157-2, *Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 157*, the College has delayed application of SFAS 157 for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value on a nonrecurring basis until July 1, 2009. See Note 12 for additional information.

Pending accounting pronouncements: In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities – an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 133* (SFAS 161). SFAS 161 requires enhanced disclosures about an entity's derivative and hedging activities and thereby improves the transparency of financial reporting. This Statement is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008, with early adoption encouraged. This Statement encourages, but does not require, comparative disclosures for earlier periods at initial adoption. The College is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of this Statement will have on its financial position, results of operations, and cash flows.

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Notes to Financial Statements

**Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

In April 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 164, *Not-for-Profit Entities: Mergers and Acquisitions, Including an amendment of FASB Statement No. 142*. This Statement establishes guidance on how a not-for-profit entity determines whether a combination is a merger or an acquisition, how to apply the carryover method in accounting for a merger, how to apply the acquisition method in accounting for an acquisition, and what information to disclose to enable users of financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the merger or acquisition. This Statement also amends FASB Statement No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*, to make it fully applicable to not-for-profit entities. This Statement is effective for mergers occurring on or after December 15, 2009, and acquisitions for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2009. It may not be applied to mergers or acquisitions before those dates because certain other items were not effective for not-for-profit entities. The College is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of this Statement will have on its financial position, results of operations, and cash flows.

**Note 2. Contributions Receivable**

Contributions receivable are summarized as follows as of June 30, 2009 and 2008:

	2009	2008
Contributions receivable expected to be collected in:		
Less than one year	\$ 4,951,889	\$ 5,054,787
One year to five years	16,840,130	11,532,983
Over five years	967,365	8,021,620
Gross contributions receivable	<u>22,759,384</u>	<u>24,609,390</u>
Less:		
Allowance for uncollectibles	(200,000)	(200,000)
Unamortized discount for time value of money *	(2,822,624)	(2,842,898)
Net contributions receivable	<u>\$ 19,736,760</u>	<u>\$ 21,566,492</u>

\* The discount rate used ranged from 3% to 6%.

The above contributions receivable have been included in the following net asset categories as of June 30, 2009 and 2008:

	2009	2008
Unrestricted	\$ -	\$ 868,369
Temporarily restricted	14,066,545	12,973,072
Permanently restricted	5,670,215	7,725,051
	<u>\$ 19,736,760</u>	<u>\$ 21,566,492</u>

Of total gross contributions receivable as of June 30, 2009 and 2008, approximately \$17 million and \$16 million, respectively, are due from current and life members of the Board of Trustees of the College.

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Note 3. Long-Term Investments

The long-term investments include funds traditionally considered the endowment of the College (including quasi-endowment) as well as other assets. As of June 30, 2009 and 2008, the carrying value of long-term investments are as follows:

	2009	2008
Endowment:		
Money market funds	\$ 52,495	\$ 45,522
U.S. Government securities	310,182	289,444
Bond funds	9,931,834	9,078,283
Cash value of life insurance	3,313,945	3,263,495
Equity securities	25,525,736	34,677,967
Alternative Investments: **		
Real estate investment trusts	837,175	1,540,939
Private equity	3,294,824	5,969,203
Hedge funds	5,295,043	6,843,994
Natural resource funds	750,009	803,545
Contracts and miscellaneous	30,543	33,043
Trusts held by others *	2,784,973	3,479,535
Unitrusts ***	2,179,892	2,700,434
	<u>54,306,651</u>	<u>68,725,404</u>
Other:		
Stocks	9,564	27,135
Land held for resale, farms and city real estate	100,000	100,000
Cash value of life insurance	674,860	657,085
Money market funds	448,490	447,826
Other	6,483	6,483
	<u>1,239,397</u>	<u>1,238,529</u>
	<u>\$ 55,546,048</u>	<u>\$ 69,963,933</u>

\* Assets held in trust by others are assets neither in the possession of nor under control of the College, but held and administered by outside fiscal agents, with the College deriving income from such funds. The value of such assets is supported by annual trust statements, and consists of publicly traded stocks and bonds.

\*\* The College has the ability to liquidate its alternative investments periodically in accordance with the provisions of the respective investment fund agreements. Under terms of certain limited partnership agreements, the College is obligated periodically to advance additional funding for private equity and real estate investments. As of June 30, 2009, the College had commitments of approximately \$3,682,000 for which capital calls had not been exercised. Such commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses. The College anticipates that it will maintain sufficient liquidity in its investment portfolio to cover such calls.

\*\*\* Assets held under charitable remainder trusts primarily consist of equity securities and bonds.



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**Note 3. Long-Term Investments (Continued)**

The investments of the College are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with such investments and the level of uncertainty related to the changes in the value of such investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near-term would materially affect investment balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Investment return consists of the following for the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008:

	2009	2008
Net realized gains (losses) on investments	\$ (1,388,953)	\$ 3,363,763
Net unrealized (losses) on investments	(13,204,845)	(8,462,633)
Total investment (losses)	(14,593,798)	(5,098,870)
Gains appropriated for current operations under the total return concept	-	(2,294,760)
Nonoperating activities, investment returns	\$ (14,593,798)	\$ (7,393,630)

**Note 4. Property, Plant and Equipment and Commitments**

Property, plant and equipment as of June 30, 2009 and 2008 is as follows:

	2009	2008
Land and real estate improvements	\$ 3,066,772	\$ 2,918,093
Buildings	77,874,999	70,422,994
Equipment and library books	15,603,091	14,295,626
Rental properties	1,285,085	1,302,330
Construction in progress	1,321,938	2,957,162
	99,151,885	91,896,205
Less accumulated depreciation	36,058,977	33,289,349
	\$ 63,092,908	\$ 58,606,856

**Note 5. Accrued Early Retirement Liability**

The College has an unfunded retirement arrangement that covers full-time faculty and salaried administrative personnel who began service prior to April 14, 1991. Prior to revision in May 1999, to be eligible, the employee must have completed 15 years of service and retire between the ages of 60 and 65. The arrangement provided a benefit equal to the participant's final year's compensation. After revision, to be eligible, the employee must complete at least 15 years of service and have accumulated at least 75 "points" (a combination of age and years of service). The revised arrangement provides a benefit equal to 110% of the participant's final year's compensation in a lump-sum payment. The revision also added health care benefits, which will be provided for the lesser of five years or Medicare eligibility and life insurance, which will be provided for up to five years.

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Note 5. Accrued Early Retirement Liability (Continued)

The following table sets forth information related to the plan as of June 30, 2009 and 2008:

	2009	2008
Benefit obligation at beginning of period	\$ 2,896,427	\$ 2,704,669
Service cost	54,485	58,000
Interest cost	181,590	167,765
Actuarial loss (gain)	(109,774)	171,456
Benefits paid	(106,104)	(205,463)
Benefit obligation at end of period	2,916,624	2,896,427
Plan assets in deficit of projected benefit obligation	\$ (2,916,624)	\$ (2,896,427)
Rollforward of accrued benefit:		
Accrued benefit on balance sheet, beginning of year	\$ 2,896,427	\$ 2,704,669
Change in plan liability	20,197	191,758
Accrued benefit on balance sheet, end of year	\$ 2,916,624	\$ 2,896,427
	2009	2008
Benefits cost	\$ 313,972	\$ 297,942
Benefits paid	106,104	205,463

Weighted-average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations for each of the years ending June 30, 2009 and 2008 were as follows: discount rate was 6.5% and the rate of compensation increase was 3.0%.

Weighted average assumptions used to determine net cost for each of the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 were as follows: discount rate was 6.5% and rate of compensation increase was 3.0%.

Cash flows: The benefits expected to be paid in each year 2010 – 2019 are as follows:

Year ending June 30:	
2010	\$ 1,239,707
2011	150,199
2012	277,021
2013	133,894
2014	323,259
2015 - 2019	1,583,971

The expected benefits are based on the same assumptions used to measure the College's benefit obligation as of June 30 and include estimated future employee service.

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Note 6. Pledged Assets and Related Debt

Long-term debt as of June 30, 2009 and 2008 is summarized as follows:

	2009	2008
Iowa Higher Education Loan Authority (IHELA) - Series 2006. Interest is payable semi-annually on April 1 and October 1 through maturity on October 1, 2036, at fixed rates ranging from 4.1% to 4.875% (current effective rate is 4.67% as of June 30, 2009). Annual principal payments are due beginning in 2011. The remaining bond discount of \$61,680 is being amortized over the bond term using the interest method. The College is required to maintain certain financial ratios including a liquidity ratio and a debt service ratio. The bonds are collateralized by a building with a net book value of approximately \$5,716,000. The College is also required to maintain a bond reserve fund to handle the repayment of bond principal and interest and has agreed to certain limitations on additional borrowings.	\$ 6,878,820	\$ 6,878,820
Iowa Higher Education Loan Authority (IHELA) - Series 2008. Interest is payable monthly through maturity on October 1, 2038, at a variable rate determined by the remarketing agent not to exceed 10% (current effective rate is 0.30% as of June 30, 2009). The entire principal balance is due at maturity in 2038. This is a multiple advance bond under which the College can borrow a total of \$45,000,000. The remaining bond discount of \$46,780 is being amortized over the bond term using the interest method. The bonds are collateralized by an irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$11,803,940. The letter of credit expires on June 20, 2011, but shall be automatically renewed through October 1, 2038 unless notice is received. The letter of credit agreement requires the College to maintain certain financial ratios including a cash, investments and pledges to debt ratio and a debt service ratio. The College was in violation of a ratio at December 31, 2008, and this violation was waived by the bank. The letter of credit is collateralized by buildings with a net book value of approximately \$6,500,000 and the College is required to maintain \$800,000 in a debt service reserve fund. The letter of credit agreement contains a covenant requiring the College to supply audited financial statements within a certain time period after the College's fiscal year-end. The College was not in compliance with this requirement and this violation was waived by the bank.	11,648,220	11,648,220
Other	361,456	429,171
	<u>\$ 18,888,496</u>	<u>\$ 18,956,211</u>

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Note 6. Pledged Assets and Related Debt (Continued)

The following is a schedule of maturities for the above debt:

	IHELA Series 2006	IHELA Series 2008	Other	Total
Year ending June 30:				
2010	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,456	\$ 61,456
2011	-	-	50,000	50,000
2012	132,114	-	50,000	182,114
2013	137,164	-	50,000	187,164
2014	142,217	-	50,000	192,217
2015-2019	821,990	-	50,000	871,990
2020-2024	1,038,844	-	50,000	1,088,844
2025-2029	1,306,294	-	-	1,306,294
2030-2034	1,659,485	-	-	1,659,485
2035-2039	1,640,712	11,648,220	-	13,288,932
	\$ 6,878,820	\$ 11,648,220	\$ 361,456	\$ 18,888,496

Note 7. Restrictions and Limitations on Net Asset Balances

As of June 30, 2009 and 2008, the College's restricted net assets were allocated as follows:

	2009	2008
Temporarily restricted net assets:		
Instruction and other departmental support	\$ 1,080,184	\$ 764,540
Accumulated earnings on endowment funds	4,587,137	-
Acquisition of buildings and equipment	13,874,528	12,973,072
Life income, annuities and cash surrender value of life insurance policies	424,376	541,237
	\$ 19,966,225	\$ 14,278,849
Permanently restricted net assets:		
Invested in perpetuity, the income from which is expendable for:		
Scholarships	\$ 24,334,819	\$ 19,561,767
Unrestricted	10,513,353	10,506,324
Professorships	8,023,749	7,439,972
Library	1,013,784	1,004,784
Other instructional support	9,966,625	10,079,113
Student loan funds	1,102,500	1,074,484
Annuity, life income and cash surrender value of life insurance policies and restricted pledges	6,377,466	8,384,988
	\$ 61,332,296	\$ 58,051,432

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**Note 7. Restrictions and Limitations on Net Asset Balances (Continued)**

Net assets during the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 were released from donor restrictions for the following purposes:

	2009		2008
Scholarships and other endowment funds	\$ 4,195,433	\$	654,608
Instruction and other departmental support	1,347,936		1,775,716
Capital projects	1,513,901		3,582,940
	<u>\$ 7,057,270</u>	\$	<u>6,013,264</u>

The increase in scholarships and other endowment funds released from restriction in the above table is a result of the changes required by UPMIFA as described in Note 11.

**Note 8. Liability to Life Tenants Under Charitable Remainder Trusts and Annuities Payable**

The College has several charitable remainder trust agreements whereby the College is required to pay certain amounts to the income beneficiary during their lifetime. The present value of these payments discounted using a rate of 6% is \$1,157,879 and \$1,379,282 as of June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively. In addition, the College has received amounts from various individuals under annuity agreements that require the College to pay to the donors varying amounts during their lifetime. The present value of these payments using specified discount rate ranging from 4.7% to 14.0%, totaled \$1,581,556 and \$1,770,122 as of June 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

**Note 9. Allocation of Functional Expenses**

The College is required to allocate the operations and maintenance of the physical plant, depreciation expense and interest to the various programs of the College. The allocations for the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 are as follows:

	Year Ended June 30, 2009		
	Expenses as Reported on The Statement of Activities	Allocations to Programs	Program Expenses Prior to Allocations
Operating expenses:			
Instruction	\$ 12,477,208	\$ (2,407,655)	\$ 10,069,553
Academic support and research	658,098	(81,053)	577,045
Library and audiovisual	1,666,787	(547,177)	1,119,610
Student services	6,200,234	(511,654)	5,688,580
General administration	1,799,423	(99,470)	1,699,953
Institutional advancement	1,881,451	(877)	1,880,574
Institutional support	1,029,786	(264,800)	764,986
Auxiliary enterprises	6,419,923	(1,786,842)	4,633,081
Operation and maintenance of plant	-	1,932,613	1,932,613
Depreciation	-	3,093,147	3,093,147
Interest	-	673,768	673,768
	<u>\$ 32,132,910</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 32,132,910</u>

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Note 9. Allocation of Functional Expenses (Continued)

	Year Ended June 30, 2008		
	Expenses as Reported on The Statement of Activities	Allocations to Programs	Program Expenses Prior to Allocations
Operating expenses:			
Instruction	\$ 12,392,378	\$ (2,500,909)	\$ 9,891,469
Academic support and research	795,092	(102,907)	692,185
Library and audiovisual	1,583,123	(489,764)	1,093,359
Student services	6,127,092	(667,229)	5,459,863
General administration	1,312,026	(81,652)	1,230,374
Institutional advancement	2,142,646	(1,240)	2,141,406
Institutional support	755,066	(625)	754,441
Auxiliary enterprises	6,224,891	(1,109,204)	5,115,687
Operation and maintenance of plant	-	1,838,721	1,838,721
Depreciation	-	2,895,806	2,895,806
Interest	-	219,003	219,003
	<u>\$ 31,332,314</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 31,332,314</u>

Note 10. Asset Retirement Obligation

Under FIN 47 and FASB 143, the College must accrue for costs related to legal obligations to perform certain activities in connection with the retirement, disposal or abandonment of assets. The obligation to perform the asset retirement activity is not conditional even though the timing or method may be conditional. FASB No. 143 requires the fair value of a liability for a legal obligation associated with an asset retirement be recorded in the period in which the obligation is incurred. When the liability is initially recorded, the cost of the asset retirement is capitalized.

Substantially all of the impact of adopting FIN 47 relates to the estimated cost to remove certain materials from campus facilities. The future value of the asset retirement obligation as of June 30, 2009 is estimated to be approximately \$1,354,000. The liability was estimated using an inflation rate of 4%. Because SFAS No. 143 requires retrospective application to the inception of the liability, the initial asset retirement obligation was calculated using a discount rate of 5.0%.

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**Note 10. Asset Retirement Obligation (Continued)**

Changes in the accrual for asset retirement obligation during the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 are as follows:

Balance, June 30, 2007	\$ 1,025,843
Accretion of asset retirement liability	46,629
Balance, June 30, 2008	<u>1,072,472</u>
Accretion of asset retirement liability	42,578
Abatement	(220,923)
Balance, June 30, 2009	<u><u>\$ 894,127</u></u>

**Note 11. Endowment Fund and Net Asset Classifications**

The College's Endowment Fund consists of various donor restricted endowment funds and funds designated as endowment, quasi-endowment, by the Board of Trustees. Net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated to function as endowment funds, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

In August 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position No. FAS 117-1, *Endowments of Not-for-Profit Organizations: Net Asset Classification of Funds Subject to an Enacted Version of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act, and Enhanced Disclosures for All Endowment Funds*. This staff position provides guidance on the net asset classification of donor-restricted endowment funds for not-for-profit organizations that are subject to an enacted version of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) and improves disclosures for endowment funds, both donor-restricted and board designated (quasi-endowment).

The College has interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) adopted by the 2008 Iowa legislature as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, College classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund, (d) the original net present value of permanently restricted annuities, and (e) subsequent changes in amounts due under permanently restricted annuities. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the College in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by the State of Iowa in its enacted version of UPMIFA. In accordance with UPMIFA, the College considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds: (1) the duration and preservation of the Endowment Fund; (2) the purposes of the College and the donor-restricted Endowment Fund; (3) general economic conditions; (4) the possible effect of inflation and deflation; (5) the expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments; (6) other resources of the College; and (7) the investment policies of the College.

**Note 11. Endowment Fund and Net Asset Classifications (Continued)**

The College has adopted investment and spending policies for its Endowment Fund. The objective of these policies is to provide the College a predictable funding stream for its programs while achieving an investment return greater than the combination of the current spending formula and the current rate of inflation in order to protect the purchasing power of the Endowment Fund. The College, through its investment policy, has established a target (inflation-adjusted) annualized rate of return over the long-term of at least 8%; the total return during any single measurement period may deviate from the long-term return objective. To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objective, the College expects to maintain appropriate diversification among equity, fixed income and alternative investment allocations. The purpose is to moderate the overall investment risk of the Endowment Fund.

The Board of Trustees of the College may appropriate for expenditure or accumulate so much of the Endowment Fund as the College determines is prudent for the uses, benefits, purposes and duration for which the Endowment Fund is established. The amount appropriated, the spending policy, is a Board approved percentage applied to the average fair value of the endowment fund assets during the eight quarters ending December 31st of the prior calendar year. The Board approved spending percentage was 7.16% and 10.27% for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008 respectively.

Endowment net assets as of June 30, 2009 and 2008 were as follows:

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>2009</b>				
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ (9,311,297)	\$ 5,011,512	\$ 60,229,796	\$ 55,930,011
Board-designated (quasi) endowment funds	2,047,897	-	-	2,047,897
<b>Total endowment funds</b>	<b>\$ (7,263,400)</b>	<b>\$ 5,011,512</b>	<b>\$ 60,229,796</b>	<b>\$ 57,977,908</b>
<b>2008</b>				
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ 12,321,169	\$ 541,237	\$ 56,976,948	\$ 69,839,354
Board-designated (quasi) endowment funds	3,128,333	-	-	3,128,333
<b>Total endowment funds</b>	<b>\$ 15,449,502</b>	<b>\$ 541,237</b>	<b>\$ 56,976,948</b>	<b>\$ 72,967,687</b>



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Note 11. Endowment Fund and Net Asset Classifications (Continued)

The changes in endowment net assets for the years ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 were as follows:

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
	2009			
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 15,449,502	\$ 541,237	\$ 56,976,948	\$ 72,967,687
Net asset reclassification based on change in accounting principle	(16,029,672)	16,029,672	-	-
Endowment net assets after reclassification	(580,170)	16,570,909	56,976,948	72,967,687
Investment return:				
Investment income	488,798	-	10,295	499,093
Net appreciation/(depreciation) (realized and unrealized)	(6,808,224)	(7,785,574)	-	(14,593,798)
Total investment return	(6,319,426)	(7,785,574)	10,295	(14,094,705)
Contributions	356,733	-	3,274,883	3,631,616
Appropriation of endowment funds for expenditure	(720,537)	(3,771,170)	-	(4,491,707)
Other changes	-	(2,653)	(32,330)	(34,983)
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$ (7,263,400)	\$ 5,011,512	\$ 60,229,796	\$ 57,977,908
	2008			
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 25,778,377	\$ 517,115	\$ 50,839,680	\$ 77,135,172
Investment return:				
Investment income	1,090,562	-	42,756	1,133,318
Net appreciation/(depreciation) (realized and unrealized)	(5,098,870)	-	-	(5,098,870)
Total investment return	(4,008,308)	-	42,756	(3,965,552)
Contributions	68,560	-	6,094,512	6,163,072
Appropriation of endowment funds for expenditure	(4,661,139)	-	-	(4,661,139)
Other changes (primarily transfers)	(1,727,988)	24,122	-	(1,703,866)
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$ 15,449,502	\$ 541,237	\$ 56,976,948	\$ 72,967,687

**Note 11. Endowment Fund and Net Asset Classifications (Continued)**

From time to time, the fair value of endowment funds associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or UPMIFA requires the College to retain as a fund of perpetual duration, underwater endowments. As of June 30, 2009 donor restricted endowment funds were underwater by \$9,311,297. This amount is reported in unrestricted net assets. These deficiencies, which the College believes are temporary, resulted from unfavorable market fluctuations. The Board determined that continued appropriation during fiscal year ended June 30, 2009 for certain programs was prudent. As of June 30, 2008, donor restricted endowment funds were underwater by \$3,609,721.

**Note 12. Fair Value Measurements**

As discussed in Note 1, on July 1, 2008, the College adopted the provisions of SFAS 157. SFAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements.

SFAS 157 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. SFAS 157 requires the use of valuation techniques that are consistent with the market approach, the income approach and/or the cost approach. Inputs to valuation techniques refer to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Inputs may be observable, meaning those that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from independent sources, or unobservable, meaning those that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. In that regard, SFAS 157 establishes a fair value hierarchy for valuation inputs that gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The fair value hierarchy is as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.
- Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect a reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

**Note 12. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)**

A description of the valuation methodologies used for assets and liabilities measured at fair value, as well as the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy, is set forth below.

Investments: Where quoted prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. Level 1 securities would include highly liquid government bonds and exchange traded equities. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated by using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, or discounted cash flow. Level 2 securities would include U.S. agency securities, mortgage-backed agency securities, obligations of states and political subdivisions and certain corporate, asset backed and other securities. In certain cases where there is limited activity or less transparency around inputs to the valuation including alternative investments, securities are classified within level 3 of the valuation hierarchy. Level 3 securities include investments in limited partnerships, life insurance policies, real estate, land and mineral rights. Investments in limited partnerships are fund-of-funds that take custody of the assets and use partnership accounting to determine the unit value of each member's interest in the partnership. Annual audits are performed each year on the partnerships. The College obtains the fair value from the fund managers. The fund managers use various models, comparisons and assumptions to estimate fair value. Consideration is given to the type of investment, risks, marketability, restrictions on dispositions and quotations from other market participants. Life insurance policies are valued at cash surrender values determined by the life insurance companies. The value of real estate, land and mineral rights is determined through third party appraisals.

Charitable lead/remainder unitrusts: The value of charitable lead/remainder unitrusts is derived from the underlying investments of the unitrusts. The value of those investments is determined in the same manner as investments described above. Future expected cash flows are discounted using a risk adjusted discount rate.

The following table summarizes assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2009, segregated by the level of the valuation inputs within the fair value hierarchy utilized to measure fair value.

	Fair Value Measurements as of June 30, 2009 Using			
	Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments:				
U.S. Government securities	\$ 310,182	\$ -	\$ 310,182	\$ -
Bond funds	9,931,834	4,244,228	2,692,997	2,994,609
Cash value of life insurance	3,988,805	-	-	3,988,805
Equity securities	25,525,736	22,038,443	2,276,976	1,210,317
Alternative Investments	10,177,051	-	-	10,177,051
Contracts and miscellaneous	30,543	-	-	30,543
Trusts held by others	2,784,973	2,702,285	82,688	-
Unitrusts	2,179,892	2,179,892	-	-
Other	116,047	-	-	116,047
	<u>\$ 55,045,063</u>	<u>\$ 31,164,848</u>	<u>\$ 5,362,843</u>	<u>\$ 18,517,372</u>

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Note 12. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following table presents additional information about assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis for which the College has utilized Level 3 inputs to determine fair value.

	<u>Investments</u>
Beginning balance, June 30, 2008	\$ 23,717,512
Total gains or losses (realized/unrealized) included in change in net assets	(3,454,106)
Purchases and issuances	4,414,166
Transfers in and/or out of Level 3	<u>(6,160,200)</u>
Ending balance, June 30, 2009	<u>\$ 18,517,372</u>

Gains and losses included in change in net assets for the period above are reported as realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments.