

*In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing law and assuming compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Series 2020 Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that the Series 2020 Bonds are "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In Bond Counsel's further opinion, under existing law, the Series 2020 Bonds and interest thereon are exempt from all Arkansas state, county and municipal taxes. See the caption **TAX EXEMPTION** herein.*

**\$9,840,000**  
**CITY OF SEARCY, ARKANSAS**  
**(HARDING UNIVERSITY AND HARDING PLACE)**  
**PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL AND RESIDENTIAL HOUSING FACILITIES BOARD**  
**REFUNDING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS**  
**SERIES 2020**

**Dated: Date of Delivery**

**Due: October 1, as shown on the inside front cover**

The Series 2020 Bonds are special and limited obligations of the City of Searcy, Arkansas (Harding University and Harding Place) Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board (the "Issuer"). Neither the general credit of the Issuer nor the general credit or the taxing power of the City of Searcy, Arkansas or the State of Arkansas or any other political subdivision thereof is pledged for the payment of the Series 2020 Bonds. The Series 2020 Bonds are payable from and secured by a pledge of certain revenues and other amounts to be received by the Issuer pursuant to a Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of August 1, 1993, as amended and supplemented (the "Loan Agreement"), between the Issuer and Harding University, Inc., an Arkansas nonprofit corporation (the "Corporation").

The Series 2020 Bonds are issued and secured on a parity basis with the Issuer's \$4,675,000 outstanding principal amount of Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2017, having a final maturity date of October 1, 2029 and the Issuer's \$7,140,000 outstanding principal amount of Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2019, having a final maturity date of October 1, 2032.

The Series 2020 Bonds are issuable as fully registered bonds and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, to which principal and interest payments on the Series 2020 Bonds will be made so long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Series 2020 Bonds. Individual purchases of the Series 2020 Bonds will be made only in book-entry form, in the denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Individual purchasers of the Series 2020 Bonds ("Beneficial Owners") will not receive physical delivery of bond certificates.

Interest on the Series 2020 Bonds is payable semiannually on April 1 and October 1, commencing April 1, 2021. All such interest payments shall be payable to the person in whose name such Series 2020 Bonds are registered on the bond registration books maintained by BancorpSouth Bank, Stuttgart, Arkansas, as trustee, paying agent and bond registrar pursuant to an Indenture of Trust dated as of August 1, 1993, as amended and supplemented. Disbursement of such payments to DTC participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to Beneficial Owners is the responsibility of DTC participants or indirect participants, as more fully described herein.

The Series 2020 Bonds will be subject to optional, extraordinary and mandatory sinking fund redemption prior to maturity, as more fully described herein.

**(FOR THE MATURITY SCHEDULE, SEE THE INSIDE FRONT COVER)**

The Series 2020 Bonds are offered when, as, and if issued and received by the Underwriter, subject to the approval of validity by Friday, Eldredge & Clark, LLP, Bond Counsel, and certain other conditions. Certain matters will be passed upon for the Corporation by Brett D. Watson, Attorney at Law, PLLC. It is expected that the Series 2020 Bonds will be available for delivery on or about December 22, 2020.

**Stephens Inc.**

The date of this Official Statement is November 26, 2020.

## MATURITY SCHEDULE

\$8,085,000 Serial Bonds

<u>Year</u> <u>(October 1)</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>
2021	\$405,000	3.000%	0.800%
2022	500,000	3.000	0.900
2023	520,000	3.000	1.000
2024	535,000	3.000	1.150
2025	555,000	3.000	1.300
2026	570,000	2.000	1.450*
2027	580,000	2.000	1.600*
2028	590,000	2.000	1.750*
2029	605,000	2.000	1.900*
2030	620,000	2.000	2.050
2031	630,000	2.000	2.150
2032	645,000	2.125	2.250
2033	660,000	2.250	2.400
2034	670,000	3.000	2.500*

\$840,000 2.625% Term Bonds due October 1, 2037 to Yield 2.700%

\$915,000 3.000% Term Bonds due October 1, 2040 to Yield 2.750%\*

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\* Priced to first optional redemption date, April 1, 2026

No person is authorized to give any information or to make any representation not contained in this Official Statement, and any information not contained herein must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the City of Searcy, Arkansas (Harding University and Harding Place) Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board, Harding University, Inc., or the Underwriter. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Series 2020 Bonds by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale. Neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale hereunder shall under any circumstances create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the City of Searcy, Arkansas (Harding University and Harding Place) Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board or Harding University, Inc. since the date hereof.

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THE SERIES 2020 BONDS HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, NOR HAS THE INDENTURE BEEN QUALIFIED UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939, AS AMENDED, IN RELIANCE UPON EXEMPTIONS CONTAINED IN SUCH ACTS.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITER MAY OVERALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE SERIES 2020 BONDS AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

## **OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

**\$9,840,000**

**CITY OF SEARCY, ARKANSAS**

**(HARDING UNIVERSITY AND HARDING PLACE)**

**PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL AND RESIDENTIAL HOUSING FACILITIES BOARD**

**REFUNDING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS**

**SERIES 2020**

### **INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

The following Introductory Statement is subject in all respects to the more complete information set forth in this Official Statement. All descriptions and summaries of documents hereinafter set forth are qualified in their entirety by reference to each document.

This Official Statement, including the cover page and Appendices hereto, is furnished in connection with the issuance and sale of \$9,840,000 principal amount of Refunding and Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 (the "Series 2020 Bonds"), by the City of Searcy, Arkansas (Harding University and Harding Place) Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board (the "Issuer").

The Issuer is a body politic and corporate and a public instrumentality of the City of Searcy, Arkansas (the "City"), organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arkansas (the "State") to finance, acquire, own, lease, contract concerning and dispose of educational facilities and residential housing and related facilities for elderly persons. The Series 2020 Bonds are being issued pursuant to the laws of the State, including particularly the Public Facilities Boards Act, Arkansas Code Annotated Sections 14-137-101 to -123 (Repl. 1998; Supp. 2019) (the "Act"), a resolution and ordinances of the City Council of the City, a resolution duly adopted by the Issuer, and an Indenture of Trust dated as of August 1, 1993 (the "Indenture"), between the Issuer and BancorpSouth Bank, in the City of Stuttgart, Arkansas, as trustee, paying agent and bond registrar (the "Trustee"), as supplemented by a First Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of February 1, 1995, a Second Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of June 1, 1995, a Third Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of January 1, 1996, a Fourth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of September 1, 1998, a Fifth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of December 1, 1998, a Sixth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of September 1, 1999, a Seventh Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of June 1, 2001, an Eighth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of December 1, 2002, a Ninth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of December 1, 2003, a Tenth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of April 1, 2005, an Eleventh Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of February 1, 2010, a Twelfth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of December 1, 2010, a Thirteenth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of October 1, 2011, a Fourteenth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of April 1, 2012, a Fifteenth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of March 1, 2013, a Sixteenth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of December 1, 2014, a Seventeenth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of May 1, 2015, an Eighteenth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of August 30, 2017, a Nineteenth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of December 26, 2019 and a Twentieth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of December 22, 2020 (collectively, the "Indenture"). The Series 2020 Bonds are being issued and secured on a parity basis with the Issuer's \$4,675,000 outstanding principal amount of Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2017 (the "Series 2017 Bonds") and the Issuer's \$7,140,000 outstanding principal amount of Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2019 (the "Series 2019 Bonds"). The Series 2017 Bonds and the Series 2019 Bonds are collectively referred to herein as the "Parity Bonds".

The proceeds of the Series 2020 Bonds, along with available funds, will be used (1) to refund the Issuer's \$4,985,000 outstanding principal amount of Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2014 (the "Bonds Refunded"), (2) to finance all or a portion of the costs of student housing improvements (the "Project") at Harding University, an independent four-year university located in Searcy, Arkansas (the

"University"), which is owned and operated by Harding University, Inc., an Arkansas nonprofit corporation (the "Corporation"), (3) to pay costs of issuance and (4) to fund a debt service reserve. See **REFUNDING PROGRAM** and **THE PROJECT** herein.

Pursuant to a Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of August 1, 1993, as supplemented by a First Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of February 1, 1995, a Second Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of June 1, 1995, a Third Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of January 1, 1996, a Fourth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of September 1, 1998, a Fifth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of December 1, 1998, a Sixth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of September 1, 1999, a Seventh Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of June 1, 2001, an Eighth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of December 1, 2002, a Ninth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of December 1, 2003, a Tenth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of April 1, 2005, an Eleventh Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of February 1, 2010, a Twelfth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of December 1, 2010, a Thirteenth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of October 1, 2011, a Fourteenth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of April 1, 2012, a Fifteenth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of March 1, 2013, a Sixteenth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of December 1, 2014, a Seventeenth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of May 1, 2015, an Eighteenth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of August 30, 2017, a Nineteenth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of December 26, 2019 and a Twentieth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security agreement dated as of December 22, 2020 (collectively, the "Loan Agreement"), between the Issuer and the Corporation, the Issuer is lending the proceeds of the Series 2020 Bonds to the Corporation in return for payments sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Series 2020 Bonds as and when the same become due and payable, to make any required deposits into the Debt Service Reserve Fund (hereinafter defined), and to pay the fees, charges and expenses of the Issuer and the Trustee. The obligations of the Corporation under the Loan Agreement are secured by a pledge of and lien on all student tuition and dormitory rentals received by the Corporation (the "Pledged Revenues"). Such Pledged Revenues are not presently the subject of any other pledge or lien. **The Series 2020 Bonds are not secured by a mortgage on or a security interest in any real and tangible personal property.**

The lien on Pledged Revenues securing the obligations of the Corporation with respect to the Series 2020 Bonds is on a parity with the lien securing the Parity Bonds. The final maturity date of the Series 2017 Bonds is October 1, 2029 and the final maturity date of the Series 2019 Bonds is October 1, 2032. See the caption **SECURITY FOR THE BONDS** herein.

The Indenture permits, under certain conditions, the issuance of additional bonds (the "Additional Bonds") by the Issuer which will rank on a parity with the Parity Bonds. The Parity Bonds, the Series 2020 Bonds and any subsequently issued Additional Bonds are collectively referred to herein as the "Bonds." See **THE SERIES 2020 BONDS, Additional Bonds**, herein.

Pursuant to the Indenture, all right, title and interest of the Issuer in and to the Loan Agreement (except for certain rights to indemnification and payment of expenses), including the Issuer's right to receive payments and the pledge of the Pledged Revenues, are assigned to the Trustee to secure the payment of the Bonds.

The Bonds are limited obligations of the Issuer. Neither the City, the State nor any political subdivision thereof shall in any event be liable for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds or for the performance of any pledge, obligation or agreement of any kind whatsoever which may be undertaken by the Corporation. None of the Bonds or any of the agreements or obligations of the Corporation shall be construed to constitute an indebtedness, liability, general or moral obligation, pledge of the faith, loan of

credit, or charge against the taxing power of the City, the State or any political subdivision thereof within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision. The Issuer has no taxing power.

This Official Statement contains descriptions of, among other matters, the Series 2020 Bonds, the Project, the Corporation, the University, the Indenture, the Loan Agreement and the Continuing Disclosure Agreement (as hereinafter defined). Such descriptions and information do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive. Definitions of certain words and terms used in this Official Statement are set forth in Appendix A hereto. All references herein to the Indenture, the Loan Agreement and the Continuing Disclosure Agreement are qualified in their entirety by reference to such documents, and references herein to the Series 2020 Bonds are qualified in their entirety by reference to the form thereof included in the Indenture. Copies of such documents may be obtained from Bond Counsel.

## **THE SERIES 2020 BONDS**

### **General Description**

The Series 2020 Bonds are issuable only as fully registered bonds in denominations of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof. Each Series 2020 Bond shall be dated the date of its delivery to the Underwriter, and shall bear interest from such date or, if authenticated on an interest payment date, from such date, payable semiannually on April 1 and October 1 of each year, commencing April 1, 2021.

BancorpSouth Bank, in the City of Stuttgart, Arkansas, is trustee, bond registrar and paying agent for the Series 2020 Bonds (the "Trustee"). Co-Trustees may be appointed, and the Trustee may resign or be removed or replaced in accordance with the Indenture.

### **Extraordinary Redemption**

*Partial Redemption.* (a) The Series 2020 Bonds will be redeemable in part, in inverse order of maturity, less than all of the Series 2020 Bonds in any maturity to be selected by lot in such manner as the Trustee shall determine, at one hundred percent (100%) of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the redemption date, on any interest payment date from the proceeds of any insurance or condemnation award resulting from the damage or destruction of the University or any portion thereof by fire or other casualty, or from the taking by condemnation by any governmental body or by any person, firm or corporation acting under governmental authority, of title to or any interest in, or the temporary use of, the University or any portion thereof; provided, however, that the Corporation shall furnish to the Issuer and the Trustee a certificate stating that the portion of the University so damaged or destroyed or taken is not essential to the use or possession of the University by the Corporation or that the University has been repaired, restored, modified or improved to enable the University to operate as designed.

(b) The Series 2020 Bonds will be redeemable in part, in inverse order of maturity, less than all of the Series 2020 Bonds in any maturity to be selected by lot in such manner as the Trustee shall determine, at one hundred percent (100%) of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the redemption date, on any interest payment date from unexpended proceeds of the Series 2020 Bonds not needed for the intended purposes.

*Redemption in Whole.* The Series 2020 Bonds will be redeemable in whole on any interest payment date, at one hundred percent (100%) of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the redemption date, upon the exercise by the Corporation of its option to prepay the amounts payable under the Loan Agreement prior to the full payment of the Series 2020 Bonds (or provision for payment thereof having been made in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture) if any of the following events shall have occurred:

(a) The University shall have been damaged or destroyed (i) to such extent that it cannot be reasonably restored within a period of six (6) months to the condition thereof immediately preceding such damage or destruction, or (ii) to such extent that the

Corporation is thereby prevented, in the Corporation's judgment, from carrying on its normal operations at the University for a period of six (6) months or more, or (iii) to such extent that the cost of restoration thereof would exceed the Net Proceeds of the insurance required to be carried with respect to the University under the Loan Agreement;

(b) Title to, or the temporary use for a period of six (6) months or more of all or substantially all of the University, or such part thereof as shall, materially interfere, in the Corporation's judgment, with the operation of the University for the purpose for which the University is designed, shall have been taken under the exercise of the power of eminent domain by any governmental body or by any person, firm or corporation acting under governmental authority (including such a taking or takings as results in the Corporation being thereby prevented from carrying on its normal operations at the University for a period of six (6) months or more); or

(c) As a result of any changes in the Constitution of the State or the Constitution of the United States of America or of legislative or administrative action (whether state or federal) or by final decree, judgment or order of any court or administrative body (whether state or federal) entered after the contest thereof by the Corporation in good faith, the Loan Agreement shall have become void or unenforceable or impossible of performance in accordance with the intent and purposes of the parties as expressed in the Loan Agreement, or unreasonable burdens or excessive liabilities shall have been imposed on the Corporation in respect to the University, including, without limitation, federal, state or other ad valorem, property, income or other taxes not being imposed on the date of the Loan Agreement.

### **Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption**

The Series 2020 Bonds maturing on October 1, 2037 and October 1, 2040 are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption to satisfy the sinking fund installments required by the Indenture, such redemption to be by lot in such manner as the Trustee shall determine, on each October 1 in the years and amounts set forth in the following table, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, as follows:

#### Series 2020 Bonds Maturing October 1, 2037

<u>Years</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2035	\$275,000
2036	280,000
2037 (maturity)	285,000

#### Series 2020 Bonds Maturing October 1, 2040

<u>Years</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>
2038	\$295,000
2039	305,000
2040 (maturity)	315,000

The principal amount of the Series 2020 Bonds to be retired pursuant to the sinking fund provisions may, at the option of the Corporation, be reduced by the principal amount of any such Series 2020 Bonds which at least forty-five (45) days prior to such redemption:

- (1) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, or

(2) have been purchased or redeemed (other than through operation of the sinking fund) and canceled by the Trustee and not theretofore applied as a credit against such mandatory redemption requirement.

### **Optional Redemption**

The Series 2020 Bonds are subject to redemption at the option of the Issuer (which option shall be exercised only as directed by the Corporation) on and after April 1, 2026 in whole or in part at any time, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount being redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. If fewer than all of the Series 2020 Bonds shall be called for redemption, the particular maturities of the Series 2020 Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Issuer in its discretion. If fewer than all of the Series 2020 Bonds of any one maturity shall be called for redemption, the particular Series 2020 Bonds or portion thereof to be redeemed from such maturity shall be selected by lot by the Trustee.

### **Notice and Effect of Redemption**

Any notice of call for redemption will be given by the Trustee by first class mail, postage prepaid, to each registered owner of the Series 2020 Bonds to be redeemed, at least thirty (30) days but not more than sixty (60) days before the redemption date. In no case will the failure to give such notice, or any defect therein, affect the validity of any proceeding for the redemption of any Series 2020 Bond or portion thereof with respect to which no such failure has occurred.

No further interest shall accrue on the principal of any Series 2020 Bond called for redemption after the redemption date if funds sufficient for such redemption have been deposited with the Trustee.

While the Series 2020 Bonds are being held by DTC under the book-entry system, notice of redemption will be sent only to DTC. See **BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM** herein.

### **Additional Bonds**

So long as the Loan Agreement is in effect and there is no event of default existing under the Loan Agreement or the Indenture, one or more series of Additional Bonds may be issued to pay (i) the costs of completing the acquisition, improving and equipping of the University, (ii) the costs of making certain substitutions, additions, modifications and improvements in, on or to the University, (iii) the costs of refunding, to the extent permitted by law, any Outstanding Bonds, and (iv) the costs of the issuance and sale of the Additional Bonds and capitalized interest and certain other costs. Any such Additional Bonds shall be payable solely from the amounts derived from the Loan Agreement.

The Additional Bonds shall be delivered to the Trustee only upon the filing of certain documents with the Trustee, including (i) a supplemental indenture and an amendment to the Loan Agreement, (ii) a written opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel to the effect that the issuance of Additional Bonds and the execution thereof have been duly authorized, all conditions precedent to the delivery thereof have been fulfilled, and the exemption from federal income tax of the interest on the Parity Bonds, the Series 2020 Bonds and any Additional Bonds theretofore issued will not be affected by the issuance of any such Additional Bonds, (iii) a written order to the Trustee from the Issuer to authenticate and deliver the Additional Bonds, and (iv) (a) if the Additional Bonds are to be issued to construct additional capital improvements to the University, a written opinion of an Accountant that the Pledged Revenues collected by the Corporation in the Fiscal Year immediately prior to the Fiscal Year in which the Additional Bonds are proposed to be issued were at least 125% of the maximum Annual Debt Service on Outstanding Bonds plus the Additional Bonds proposed to be issued, or that Adjusted Pledged Revenues (being Pledged Revenues adjusted for student tuition and dormitory rental increases adopted prior to issuance of such Additional Bonds) collected by the Corporation in the Fiscal Year immediately prior to the Fiscal Year in which the Additional Bonds are proposed to be issued would have been at least 125% of the maximum



Annual Debt Service on Outstanding Bonds, plus the Additional Bonds proposed to be issued, and (b) if the Additional Bonds are to be issued to refund any series of Bonds Outstanding, a written opinion of an Accountant that the tests set forth in (a) above have been satisfied or that Annual Debt Service on the Additional Bonds proposed to be issued does not exceed Annual Debt Service on Bonds which would have been Outstanding had the same not been refunded. Each series of Additional Bonds shall be equally and ratably secured under the Indenture with the Parity Bonds, the Series 2020 Bonds and all other series of Additional Bonds, without preference, priority or distinction of any Bonds over any other thereof. The Corporation may issue junior lien debt so long as any lien on Pledged Revenues is expressly subordinate to that lien securing the Bonds.

## **SECURITY FOR THE BONDS**

### **General**

The Series 2020 Bonds will be special and limited obligations of the Issuer and will be payable from certain amounts payable by the Corporation to the Issuer under the Loan Agreement and certain other available moneys specified in the Indenture (except to the extent paid out of moneys attributable to the proceeds derived from the sale of the Series 2020 Bonds and income from the investment thereof). Under the Indenture, the Issuer will pledge and assign all of its right, title and interest in and to the Loan Agreement and all revenues and receipts payable thereunder (other than certain indemnification rights and rights to receive certain fees and expenses by the Issuer) to the Trustee for the benefit of the owners of the Series 2020 Bonds. The Series 2020 Bonds are not secured by a mortgage on or a security interest in any real and tangible personal property.

The Series 2020 Bonds are not an obligation, general or special debt, liability or moral obligation of the City, the State or any political subdivision thereof, and neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the City, the State or any political subdivision thereof is pledged to the payment of the principal of or the interest on the Series 2020 Bonds. The Series 2020 Bonds are not a general obligation of the Issuer (which has no taxing power and receives no funds from any governmental body), but are limited and special revenue obligations of the Issuer payable solely from the revenues and properties pledged therefor in the Indenture. No covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement contained in the Indenture or in the Series 2020 Bonds shall be deemed to be a covenant, stipulation, obligation or agreement of any present or future trustee, officer, agent or employee of the Issuer in his or her individual capacity. Neither the City, the State nor any political subdivision thereof shall be liable for the performance of any agreement or covenant of any kind which may be undertaken by the Issuer, and no breach by the Issuer of any agreement or covenant shall create any obligation upon the City, the State or any political subdivision thereof.

### **Pledged Revenues**

The Corporation, pursuant to the Loan Agreement, has pledged all student tuition and dormitory rentals received by the Corporation to the repayment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, the maintenance of the Debt Service Reserve Fund at the required level, and the payment of fees and expenses of the Trustee for the Bonds. Pursuant to the Loan Agreement, the Corporation is obligated to make monthly payments from Pledged Revenues to the Trustee in amounts sufficient to meet the Corporation's obligations under the Loan Agreement. If an Event of Default occurs or exists under the Indenture, the Trustee may elect to receive all Pledged Revenues until such time as the Event of Default has been cured, including re-establishment of the Debt Service Reserve Fund to the required level. The security interest in the Pledged Revenues may be subject to limitation or rights of other parties imposed by statute or court order and to the requirements that appropriate filings be made from time to time to maintain the protection of the security interest.

## **Parity Bonds**

The Series 2020 Bonds shall be secured on a parity basis with \$4,675,000 outstanding principal amount of the Series 2017 Bonds and \$7,140,000 outstanding principal amount of the Series 2019 Bonds.

## **Rate Covenant**

In the Loan Agreement, the Corporation has agreed that it will fix, maintain and charge tuition and dormitory rentals for use of the University and for services provided by the University such that Pledged Revenues in each Fiscal Year will not be less than 125% of the maximum Annual Debt Service on Outstanding Bonds in any Fiscal Year thereafter.

## **Debt Service Reserve Fund**

There will be deposited from proceeds of the Series 2020 Bonds into the Series 2020 Account of the Debt Service Reserve Fund the sum of \$368,512.50. The Debt Service Reserve Fund will be maintained in an amount equal to the lesser of (i) five percent (5%) of the initial principal amount of each series of Bonds or (ii) fifty percent (50%) of the maximum Annual Debt Service on each series of Bonds.

## **SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO COVID-19**

As a result of the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the incident of COVID-19, the State issued shelter-in-place orders and other measures around public gatherings and business operations to slow the spread of the virus. Furthermore, colleges and universities across the country took unprecedented action to protect the health and safety of students, including the University campus. Beginning on March 16, 2020, campus operations were suspended and all students were transitioned to a distance education framework through the end of the academic term. In addition, all summer classes were conducted through distance education and all summer conferences and events were cancelled, postponed or held virtually. The Corporation provided prorated room and board refunds to students for the period of time that campus was shut-down. This resulted in room and board revenue decline of \$3,181,166. Given the uncertainty in the epidemiological and economic outlook, there may be short and long-term implications for University instruction, student experience and operations. The duration of these uncertainties and the ultimate financial effects cannot be reasonably estimated at this time. Colleges and universities throughout the country have faced litigation seeking tuition and fee refunds as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the suspension of face-to-face instruction. As of this date, no such litigation has been filed against the Corporation.

On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES). This act created a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund specifically for emergency aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19 and also direct aid to institutions to cover costs associated with changes in operations associated with COVID-19. The Corporation was awarded \$3,252,862 under this act. In May and June of 2020, \$1,626,431 was distributed directly to students as emergency grants. The institutional portion, \$1,626,431 has been recognized to cover costs of student refunds and is included in Grants on the face of the Consolidated Statements of Activities. As of this date, the Corporation has not engaged in layoffs or furloughs due to COVID-19.

The Corporation also received a loan of \$179,000 in April 2020 under the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) portion of the CARES Act as a part of the Corporation's operations associated with Harding Place, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Corporation. The Corporation believes that it has fulfilled the obligations necessary for the loan to be forgiven as of June 30, 2020.

## **Liquidity and Availability**

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

To ensure financial assets are available to meet general expenditures over the next 12 months, the Corporation prepares annual operating, capital and cash flow budgets prior to closing the fiscal year. For fiscal years 2020 and 2019, the Statement of Cash Flows identifies the sources and uses of the Corporation's cash and shows positive cash generated by operations for both years.

As part of its plan to maintain sufficient liquid assets to meet short-term liability requirements, the Corporation maintains unused lines of credit of \$25,012,605 and \$20,910,000 as of June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019 respectively. Also, the Board of Trustees has designated a portion of its unrestricted resources to endowment and other purposes. These funds are invested for long-term appreciation and current income, but remain available and may be spent at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the fair market value of such designated funds was \$15,150,094 and \$14,287,978, respectively. Finally, the Corporation may borrow, on a revolving basis, endowment cash with interest rates commensurate with the Corporation's lines of credit. Approximately 92 percent of the Corporation's investment portfolio consists of liquid investments.

## **University Preparedness**

In preparation for reopening plans for the fall semester, the Task Force on welcoming students back to campus began meeting weekly in April. Members of that work group have included two physicians from the Searcy community, a liaison with the Arkansas state government in Little Rock, a liaison with the federal government in Washington, D.C., and representatives across the University campus. Along with input from these sources, the Task Force continually monitors information coming out of the CED and the Arkansas State Department of Health.

### Control and Prevention:

- COVID-19 Screening Form – The University's IT department developed an online screening and monitoring form that asks selected screening questions regarding symptoms, travel, and exposure. Positive answers to screening questions result in instructions not to return to campus or classes.
- Monitoring and Reporting – The online screening form allows the University to monitor daily reports for generated analysis to provide insights into the health status of the campus community.
- Isolation and Quarantine Protocols – The University's Student Housing department has reserved on-campus housing space for residential students for self-quarantine and isolation purposes.
- Education – All Students and Employees are required to complete a mandatory online health and hygiene orientation before returning to campus. The orientation includes a review of current and general guidelines for maintaining health and safety, as well as specific directives for campus life.

### Personal Protective Equipment and Signage

- Face Coverings – Face coverings are being required for on-campus students, employees, and visitors where physical distancing is not possible. Face coverings are also required in classroom and other in-person instructional spaces since physical distancing cannot be maintained at all times. Face coverings are also required in other

indoor spaces. This policy will remain in effect as long as the use of face coverings continues to be recommended by the Arkansas Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

- Signage - Signage is in place to help with social distancing and with maintaining a healthy campus.

### Return to Campus Plan

- Employee Return – The University maintains that the campus has more synergy when all employees are on campus working for the benefit of the students. Being on campus makes the staff more readily available for the day-to-day activities of a university. There are some positions, including those that require direct interaction with students on campus that may not be amenable to alternative work arrangements for the fall term. Other positions may, at least temporarily, fit with an alternative arrangement. The University has provided supervisors discretion to determine what alternatives, if any, should be utilized for alternative work arrangements for the fall term. Employees were instructed to anticipate the return to campus beginning on June 22, 2020 for employees scheduled to work during the summer months, and other offices instructed to ensure full operational capacity by the start of the fall semester on August 24, 2020.
- Phase 1 – Employees Return Only as Required
  - Essential on-site employees continued to work from campus.
  - Telework for non-essential on-site employees was encouraged. Employees able to telework were permitted to visit campus briefly if necessary while participating in physical distancing.
  - Employees were asked by supervisors to return to campus as needed to assist with fall semester preparations.
  - On-campus office capacities were limited to approximately one-third of employees.
  - Students were encouraged to conduct business virtually until the start of the fall term.
- Phase 2 – Employees Scheduled to Work During the Summer Months (June 22)
  - All employees regularly scheduled to work on campus during the summer months returned to work.
  - Employees with documented permission to temporarily work remotely were not required to return to campus.
  - On campus office capacities were not restricted, but face coverings were required to be worn in areas where appropriate social distancing was not possible.
- Phase 3 – Employees and Students Return for the Fall Term (August 17)
  - Each unit's on-campus office was staffed to provide direct assistance to students and visitors.
  - All employees returned to campus except those with documented permission to temporarily work remotely.
  - All on-campus offices were at full capacity. Face coverings were required to be worn in all common areas, and other internal and external areas where social distancing is not possible.
- Fall Semester Start – The fall semester started on August 24, 2020.
- Fall Other Activities - The University will not be bringing large groups to campus during the fall. Events involving external visitors have been cancelled, or will be held virtually.

## Continuity of Instruction

- Schedule - The fall semester began as scheduled with classes starting on the main campus in Searcy, Arkansas on Monday, August 24, 2020. The University will continue with on-campus classes until Thanksgiving break, but will not return to campus for the remainder of the fall semester. The final weeks of classes will be delivered remotely after Thanksgiving.
- Course Delivery – To ensure the safety and health of students, faculty, and staff, and to allow for the scheduling of classrooms to meet social distancing requirements, the University offers courses during the fall semester as follows.
  - Select courses offered face-to-face because of the type of learning (e.g., labs, studios, clinics) or the type of student (e.g., first-year experiences and core courses).
  - Select courses offered on-campus in rooms that can allow spacing for social distancing.
  - Select courses offered at off-campus locations in rooms that can allow spacing for social distancing.
  - Classes offered synchronously on-campus and online (e.g., lecture courses that can include both on-campus and online class meetings).
  - Split sections or classes with some periodic on-campus component.
  - Classes offered online only.
- Contingency Plans – All instructors have been asked to prepare contingency plans for a rapid conversion to 100% online during the semester if necessary.

## Fall Athletics

- The Great American Conference's Council has suspended all fall and winter sports (basketball, cross-country, football, soccer, and volleyball) and the two-semester sports (golf and tennis) through December 31, 2020. All schedules will be adjusted at a later date for play in the spring.

## Housing

- Move-In Dates – Move in dates were expanded to allow additional time for social distancing. All residence hall facilities opened on August 20, 2020. Students and families were scheduled specific appointment times (windows) to move in on August 20 through August 23, 2020 to allow additional time and reduce occupancy for social distancing.

## Dining

- Health and Safety Measures - Dining facilities have implemented several health and safety measures for all locations. These measures include decreasing capacity in all locations to observe social distancing guidelines, removal of self-service items/options, increase "grab and go" options at all locations, increase signage promoting guidance from federal and state health officials, and requiring face coverings.
- Availability of Dining – Dining facilities reopened on August 17, 2020.
- Hours – Dining hours will be adjusted throughout the fall 2020 semester to help with service and cleaning. All checkout registers have customer-facing card swiping devices, and the use of ID cards, bank debit, and credit cards is encouraged to minimize cash handling. Additionally, plexiglass has been installed at each cash area.

At this time, there have been no mandates, measures, or requirements from the Governor or other State authority with respect to requiring colleges and universities (including the University) to hold classes online during the fall 2020 semester or necessitating the closure of student housing during the fall 2020

semester. THERE CAN BE NO ASSURANCE THAT SUCH MANDATES, MEASURES OR REQUIREMENTS WILL NOT BE PUT INTO PLACE IN THE FUTURE. IN ADDITION, THERE CAN BE NO ASSURANCE THAT THE UNIVERSITY WILL NOT DEEM IT NECESSARY TO TRANSITION TO ONLINE LEARNING AND CLOSE CAMPUS FACILITIES, INCLUDING HOUSING FACILITIES, DINING FACILITIES, BOOKSTORE FACILITIES, ATHLETIC FACILITIES, OR OTHER FACILITIES, OR REDUCE THE OCCUPANCY DENSITY OF HOUSING FACILITIES, DURING THE FALL 2020 SEMESTER OR ANY OTHER SUBSEQUENT SEMESTER. CLOSURE OR REDUCTION IN UTILIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY'S FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY FACILITIES THAT PRODUCE "PLEGGED REVENUES" SUCH AS HOUSING FACILITIES, DURING THE FALL 2020 SEMESTER OR ANY OTHER SUBSEQUENT SEMESTER MAY HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE CORPORATIONS ABILITY TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON THE SERIES 2020 BONDS AND THE PARITY BONDS.

The University will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and will adjust its policies as needed. The University has set up a link on its website (<https://www.harding.edu/events/fall-2020/precautions>) to answer questions from students, parents, faculty and staff regarding changes related to COVID-19. The University has also established a COVID-19 page (<https://www.harding.edu/events/fall-2020>) for updates to on-campus COVID-19 statistics. Developments with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic and the State's responses to the COVID-19 pandemic (including governmental mandates) may continue to occur at a rapid pace, including on a daily basis, and the swift spread of the outbreak may continue to increase in severity for an unknown period of time. The full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the scope of any adverse impact to the Corporation's finances and operations cannot be fully determined at this time. Other adverse consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic may include, but are not limited to, decline in enrollment with resulting losses of student tuition and fee revenues and decline in demand for University housing. The potential financial impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on the Corporation cannot be predicted at this time, and the Corporation makes no representations regarding the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Corporation or its financial positions, but any shift to online-only learning, whether by a governmental mandate or a decision by the University, for the fall 2020 semester or any subsequent semesters that require classes to be held in an online only setting and/or that results in closure of housing facilities and other facilities that produce Pledged Revenues may have an impact on the Corporation's ability to pay debt service on the Series 2020 Bonds and the Parity Bonds.

## **BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM**

### **Book-Entry Only System**

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, or its successor, will act as securities depository for the Series 2020 Bonds. The Series 2020 Bonds will each be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Series 2020 Bond certificate for each maturity will be issued in the principal amount of the maturity and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds securities that its participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation

("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com).

Purchases of Series 2020 Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Series 2020 Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Series 2020 Bond (referred to herein as "Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase, but Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Series 2020 Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in Series 2020 Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Series 2020 Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Series 2020 Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co. or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Series 2020 Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Series 2020 Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Series 2020 Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Redemption notices will be sent only to Cede & Co. If fewer than all of the Series 2020 Bonds are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Series 2020 Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Series 2020 Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal, interest and premium, if any, payments on the Series 2020 Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Issuer or Trustee, on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Trustee, or the Issuer, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Payment of principal, interest and premium, if any, to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Trustee, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners shall be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the Series 2020 Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Issuer or the Trustee. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained, Series 2020 Bonds are required to be printed and delivered. The Issuer may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Series 2020 Bonds will be printed and delivered.

The information concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system set forth above has been obtained from DTC. Neither the Underwriter nor the Issuer make any representation or warranty regarding the accuracy or completeness thereof.

**So long as the Series 2020 Bonds are in book-entry only form, Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, will be treated as the sole owner of the Series 2020 Bonds for all purposes under the Indenture, including receipt of all principal of and interest on the Series 2020 Bonds, receipt of notices, voting and requesting or directing the Trustee to take or not to take, or consenting to, certain actions under the Indenture. The Issuer and the Trustee have no responsibility or obligation to the Participants or the Beneficial Owners with respect to (a) the accuracy of any records maintained by DTC or any Participant; (b) the payment by any Participant of any amount due to any Beneficial Owner in respect of the principal of and interest on the Series 2020 Bonds; (c) the delivery or timeliness of delivery by any Participant of any notice to any Beneficial Owner which is required or permitted under the terms of the Indenture to be given to owners of Series 2020 Bonds; or (d) other action taken by DTC or Cede & Co. as owner of the Series 2020 Bonds.**

#### CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

The Issuer has determined that no financial or operating data concerning the Issuer is material to an evaluation of the offering of the Series 2020 Bonds or to any decision to purchase, hold or sell the Series 2020 Bonds, and the Issuer will not provide any such information. The Corporation has undertaken all responsibility for any continuing disclosure to Bondholders as described below, and the Issuer shall have no liability to the Bondholders or any other person with respect to SEC Rule 15c2-12.

The Corporation has covenanted for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of the Series 2020 Bonds to provide certain financial information and operating data relating to the Corporation by not later than 180 days following the end of the Corporation's fiscal year (the "Annual Report"), commencing with the Annual Report for the Corporation's fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, and to provide notices of the occurrence of certain listed events. Each Annual Report shall be filed by the Trustee on behalf of the Corporation with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The notices of listed events will be filed by the Trustee on behalf of the Corporation with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The specific nature of the information to be contained in the Annual Report or the notices of listed events is summarized below under the caption **SUMMARY OF PORTIONS OF THE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**. These covenants have been made in order to assist the Underwriter in complying with SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(5).

During the previous five years, the Corporation has timely filed all annual financial information and operating data and notices of listed events required by its prior undertakings under SEC Rule 15c2-12.



## THE ISSUER

The City of Searcy, Arkansas (Harding University and Harding Place) Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board (the "Issuer") was created by Ordinance No. 88-19 of the City Council of City of Searcy, Arkansas, adopted August 17, 1988, as amended by Ordinance No. 95-16, adopted June 13, 1995 (collectively, the "Ordinance"), and pursuant to the Act. The Issuer is authorized by the Ordinance and the Act to own, acquire, construct, reconstruct, extend, equip, improve, sell, lease, contract concerning or otherwise deal in or dispose of educational facilities and residential housing and related facilities for elderly persons, or any interest therein (including leasehold interests and mortgages). The Issuer is authorized to issue revenue bonds from time to time and to use the proceeds to finance or refinance its authorized functions.

The Issuer consists of five persons serving staggered terms of up to five years each. The initial members of the Issuer were appointed in the Ordinance creating the Issuer. Successor members were previously elected by the remaining members of the Issuer. Due to a change in legislation, successor members are now appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council of the City. Members are eligible to succeed themselves. The current members of the Issuer, the years in which their terms expire and their principal occupations are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Principal Occupation</u>
Donnie Miller	August 17, 2021	Cattle farmer, retired banker
Patrick Stegall	August 17, 2022	Banker
Charles Green	August 17, 2023	Banker
Susannah Streit	August 17, 2024	Attorney
Justin Lawson	August 17, 2025	Banker

## REFUNDING PROGRAM

### Purpose

The Series 2020 Bonds are being issued to current refund \$4,985,000 in outstanding principal amount of the Bonds Refunded. The Bonds Refunded financed capital improvements to the University.

### Refunded Bonds

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Series 2020 Bonds, together with certain other moneys, will be deposited with the Trustee and used to redeem the Bonds Refunded on the date the Series 2020 Bonds issued at a price of par plus accrued interest.

## THE PROJECT

Proceeds of the Series 2020 Bonds will be used to provide all or a portion of the funds necessary to finance capital improvements on the University campus in Searcy, Arkansas. The Project will include renovations to Cathcart Hall, a women's residence hall and Armstrong Hall, a men's residence hall.

The proceeds of the Series 2020 Bonds will also be used to pay costs of issuing the Series 2020 Bonds and to make a deposit to the Debt Service Reserve Fund.

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## SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

The principal amount of the Series 2020 Bonds and the funds held by the Trustee in connection with the Bonds Refunded are expected to be expended as follows:

### Sources of Funds

Principal Amount of the Series 2020 Bonds	\$ 9,840,000
Moneys Released by Defeasance of Bonds Refunded	338,247
Net Original Issue Premium	<u>159,756</u>
Total:	\$10,338,003

### Uses of Funds

Refunding of Bonds Refunded	\$5,021,456
Cost of Project	4,790,000
Debt Service Reserve Fund Deposit	368,513
Underwriter's Discount	95,940
Costs of Issuance	<u>62,094</u>
Total:	\$10,338,003

## SUMMARY OF ENROLLMENTS AND STUDENT REVENUES

The Pledged Revenues which secure the repayment of the Series 2020 Bonds consist of student tuition and dormitory rentals received by the Corporation. The University operates on a fiscal year commencing July 1 and ending June 30 of the following year. Students attend the University for yearly terms which are currently divided into two semesters. Semesters generally commence during the months of August and January. Set forth below is historical data for the University regarding enrollment and student revenues.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Enrollment<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>Student Revenues<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>Dormitory Revenues<sup>(3)</sup></u>	<u>Total Student &amp; Dormitory Revenues</u>
2019-20 <sup>(4)</sup>	4,274	\$75,509,299	\$ 9,558,732	\$85,068,031
2018-19	4,471	77,289,985	11,974,926	89,264,911
2017-18	4,739	76,341,439	12,429,499	88,770,938
2016-17	4,926	76,591,771	12,459,103	89,050,874
2015-16	4,988	74,490,651	12,175,565	86,666,216

<sup>(1)</sup>On a full-time equivalent basis.

<sup>(2)</sup>Net of student aid granted by the University.

<sup>(3)</sup>Includes all housing revenues received by the Corporation.

<sup>(4)</sup> Due to the closure of housing because of COVID-19, the Corporation provided prorated housing refunds to students for the period of time that campus was closed. The estimated total impact of the refunds on the Corporation is approximately \$1,965,688, which reflects approximately 54.9% of dormitory revenues for the spring 2020 semester and approximately 20.6% of dormitory revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The Corporation has received approval for and currently has access to approximately \$1,626,431 in CARES Act funding and other federal relief funding, and the Corporation plans to use portions of such amount to reimburse itself for revenues lost due to the spread of COVID-19. None of the funds that the Corporation receives under the CARES Act or other relief funding is included in Pledged Revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. See **SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO COVID-19** herein.

The following table lists tuition charges and average dormitory rental rates for students at the University for the years indicated:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Student Tuition*</u>	<u>Dormitory Rentals*</u>
2020-21	\$21,540	\$3,890
2019-20	20,735	3,764
2018-19	19,640	3,658
2017-18	19,190	3,592
2016-17	18,440	3,490

\*Per year.

## **THE CORPORATION AND UNIVERSITY**

### **General**

The Corporation is an Arkansas nonprofit corporation incorporated in 1934, which owns and operates the University. The University, which was founded in 1924, is composed of the Honors College, University College and Colleges of Allied Health, Arts and Humanities, Bible and Ministry, Business Administration, Education, Nursing, Pharmacy and Sciences; and, located in Memphis, Tennessee, the Graduate School of Theology. The University has graduate programs in Business, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Education, Family Nurse Practitioner, Information Systems, Ministry, Marriage and Family Counseling/Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, Professional School Counseling and Speech-Language Pathology; and professional practice doctorate programs in Pharmacy and Physical Therapy and a doctorate in Educational Leadership. The University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

### **Location and Facilities**

The University is located in Searcy, Arkansas, a city situated approximately 50 miles northeast of Little Rock, Arkansas and 105 miles west of Memphis, Tennessee. The City had a population of 22,850 persons according to the 2010 census, and is the seat of government of White County, Arkansas. The City is reached by U.S. Highway 67 from the north and south and by U.S. Highway 64 from the east and west. The nearest commercial passenger air service is in Little Rock, but the City is served by commercial bus lines and has a small airport.

The University's campus, which occupies approximately 350 acres east of the downtown area of the City, includes 50 buildings with their equipment and educational facilities valued at an estimated \$212,339,407 as of June 30, 2020. See **APPENDIX B**, Note 6. The Corporation also owns approximately 691 acres of unimproved property, located in White County, Arkansas, and 240 acres located in Mississippi County, Arkansas, which is currently used as farm land. In addition, the Corporation owns Camp Tahkodah, which is located approximately 40 miles from the University in Batesville, Arkansas. This facility contains approximately 1,300 acres and is used by various campus groups for retreats.

### **Governing Body**

The Corporation is governed by a Board of Trustees whose members are appointed for six-year, staggered terms. The President of the University serves as an ex-officio member.

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The current members of the Board of Trustees, the years in which their terms expire, and their principal occupations are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Bruce McLarty	President, Harding University	ex officio
Tim Bewley	Financial Advisor, Pinnacle Financial Partners	2023
Craig Cheatham	President/CFO, The Realty Alliance Incorporated	2021
Jimmy Cone	Retired, James H. Cone, Inc.	2026
Harrell Freeman	Retired, Director, TWL Foundation	2024
Charles Ganus, Vice Chair	Retired, Murco Petroleum Limited	2022
Richard Gibson	Gibson Merchandise Group, Inc.	2022
Stephanie Howell	Tri S Foundation	2024
Jim Holsombake	Jim Holsombake Construction Company, Inc.	2024
Lindy Ingram	Co-owner, Lone Star Behavioral Health	2026
Michael Justus	Physician, Searcy Medical Center	2021
Lundy Neely	President and CEO, Crown Solutions Co. LLC	2026
Roy Reaves, Past Chair	Retired, Liberty Bank of Arkansas	2025
Harold Redd, Treasurer	Minister, Midtown Church of Christ	2022
John D. Reese	World Bible School	2023
John Simmons	Retired, Physician - CORE Physicians LLC	2025
Becky Tubb	Homemaker	2021
David Waldron	Waldron Enterprises	2022
Bob Walker, Chair	Physician, Surgical Associates of North Alabama	2025
Rodney Waller	Retired, Range Resources Corp	2022
Joe Wild	Retired, Judge	2023
Howard Wright	Retired, Senior Minister, Camp Creek Church of Christ	2021

### Senior Board (Non-Voting)

Bob Brackett	Brackett Family Limited Partnership
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*Business Transactions with Members of Board of Trustees.* The Corporation has from time to time invested certain of its funds with, and procured goods and services from, institutions and corporations affiliated with or controlled by various members of the Board of Trustees. In the opinion of management of the Corporation, fees and compensation paid to such persons as a result of such business transactions, along with the other material terms and conditions of agreements or arrangements with such persons, have been no less favorable to the Corporation than those which would have been obtained in transactions with unrelated or unaffiliated persons. The Board of Trustees has adopted a conflict of interest policy. The Corporation intends to continue to engage in business transactions with members of its Board of Trustees, and their affiliated firms and institutions, where the Corporation has a need for services offered by any such persons or firms, and where the terms and conditions of such services and the compensation paid therefore are in the best interest of the Corporation, are fair and reasonable to the Corporation or there is no other reasonable source of the services available to the Corporation.

### Administration

Set forth below are the names, titles and selected biographical data on the principal members of the administrative staff of the University.

*President.* Bruce McLarty, D. Min., 63 years of age, formerly Vice President for Spiritual Life, Harding University. Became President in June, 2013.

Dr. McLarty has announced his retirement as President, effective November 30, 2020. Dr. David B. Burks, who currently serves as Chancellor, will become President on December 1, 2020, and a committee will be formed to evaluate a broader Presidential search. Dr. Burks, 77, previously served as President from 1987 to 2013.

*Executive Vice President.* David W. Collins, Ed.D., 50 years of age, formerly Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students, Harding University. Became Executive Vice President in June, 2013.

*Vice President for Finance and CFO.* Tammy Hall, MBA, 59 years of age, formerly Assistant Vice President for Finance, Harding University. Became Chief Financial Officer in March, 2019.

*Vice President for Academic Affairs.* Floyd Martin Spears, Ph.D., 54 years of age, formerly Associate Provost, Harding University. Became provost in June, 2016.

*Vice President for Information Technology Services.* Keith A. Cronk, B.A., 65 years of age, formerly Manager of Corporate and International Services, University of South Queensland. Became chief information officer in August, 2001.

## **Students**

Although approximately 32.4% of the University's students enrolled in the 2020-21 academic year are Arkansas residents, the University enrolled students from 50 states and 46 foreign countries. Approximately 7% of the students enrolled in the 2020-21 academic year are from White County and approximately 5% are from foreign countries.

Entrance requirements for unconditional acceptance are as follows: Minimum SAT of 900 or ACT of 19, high school grade point average of at least 3.0 and written references.

The following table lists average ACT scores of freshmen enrolled at the University for the last five academic years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Average ACT Scores</u>
2020-21	25.3
2019-20	25.1
2018-19	25.3
2017-18	25.2
2016-17	25.1

## **Academic Programs**

The University is offering the following majors for the 2020-21 academic year:

### COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE:**

Strength and Conditioning  
Exercise and Sport Sciences

BACHELOR OF ARTS:

Communication Sciences and Disorders (Clinical)  
Communication Sciences and Disorders (Non-Clinical)  
Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

ACCELERATED PROGRAM: Strength and Conditioning BS/MS

MASTER OF SCIENCE:

Physician Assisted Studies  
Speech-Language Pathology  
Strength and Conditioning

DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

BACHELOR OF ARTS:

Acting	English with an Embedded Foreign Language	Music
Advertising	Foreign Language and Missions	Political Science
American Studies	French	Public Relations
Art	French (Teacher Licensure)	Social Science
Art (Teacher Licensure)	History	Social Science (Teacher Licensure)
Communication Studies	Humanities	Spanish
Drama -Speech	International Studies	Spanish (Teacher Licensure)
Film	Integrated Marketing Communication	Theater
English	Media Production	Theatre, 7-12
English (Teacher Licensure)	Medical Humanities	(Teacher Licensure)
English and Business Communication	Multimedia Journalism	Theater Design/Production

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS:

Graphic Design  
Interior Architecture and Design  
Visual Arts Studio

BACHELOR OF MUSIC:

Piano Performance  
Vocal Performance

BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION:

Instrumental  
Vocal

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE:

Public Administration

COLLEGE OF BIBLE AND MINISTRY

BACHELOR OF ARTS:

Bible and Ministry	Leadership and Ministry*
Bible and Family Ministry	Bible and Preaching
Bible and Missions	

ACCELERATED PROGRAM: Bible and Divinity, BA/MDiv

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION:

Accounting	Information Systems
Finance	Marketing
Management	International Business

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CYBERSECURITY

ACCELERATED PROGRAMS:

Business Administration – Information Systems, BBA/MSIS  
Business Administration, BBA/MBA

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS:

Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated (B-K)  
Education Studies  
Elementary Education (K-6)  
Middle Level Education English/Language Arts/Math (4-8)  
Middle Level Education English/Language Arts/Science (4-8)  
Middle Level Education English/Language Arts/Social Science (4-8)  
Middle Level Education Math/Science (4-8)  
Middle Level Education Science/Social Science (4-8)  
Middle Level Education Social Science/Math (4-8)  
Special Education

MASTER OF ARTS:

Excellence in Teaching

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING

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\* 2nd major only (carries the degree of the primary major)

MASTER OF EDUCATION:

Curriculum and Instruction Administration  
Educational Leadership (Principal)  
Reading with Dyslexia Endorsement  
Special Education K-12  
Special Education Administration  
Student Affairs

MASTER OF SCIENCE:

Marriage and Family Counseling/Therapy  
Professional School Counseling

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION:

Kinesiology  
MSE Various Specialty Areas

EDUCATION SPECIALIST:

Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
Educational Leadership (Superintendent)

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP P-20

COLLEGE OF NURSING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (SECOND BSN)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HEALTH STUDIES

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING:

Family Nurse Practitioner  
Family Nurse Practitioner (Second BSN)

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF ARTS:

Biology (Teacher Licensure)	Mathematics
Chemistry(Teacher Licensure)	Mathematics (Teacher Licensure)
Computer Science	Kinesiology
Health Sciences	



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE:

Apparel Merchandising  
Biochemistry  
Biochemistry and Molecular  
Biology  
Biology  
Biomedical Engineering  
Chemistry  
Child Development  
Child Life  
Civil Engineering  
Cognitive Neuroscience  
Computer Engineering  
Community Engagement

Event Management  
Computer Science  
Criminal Justice  
Electrical Engineering  
Environmental Science  
Family and Consumer Sciences  
Family and Consumer Sciences  
Education  
Family Life Education  
Forensic Science  
Health Sciences  
Kinesiology and Health K-12  
(Teacher Licensure)

Mathematics  
Mechanical Engineering  
Medical Laboratory Science  
Molecular and Cellular Biology  
Nutrition and Dietetics  
Physical Science  
Physics  
Preprofessional Health Sciences  
Psychology  
Software Development  
Sport and Recreation  
Management

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN KINESIOLOGY AND SPORT ADMINISTRATION

ACCELERATED PROGRAM: Computer Science-Information System BA/MSIS

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

BACHELOR OF ARTS:

Applied Studies  
Integrative Studies

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY - MEMPHIS, TN

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

MASTER OF ARTS

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

MASTER OF DIVINITY

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## Employees

As of October 1, 2020, the Corporation employed 828 non-student full-time equivalent employees. A breakdown of the non-student full-time equivalent employees, by area of service, is as follows:

<u>Area of Service</u>	<u>Number of Full-Time Equivalents</u>
Administration	217
Faculty	381
Non-Professional Secretarial and Clerical	159
Technical/Skilled	55
Maintenance	<u>16</u>
Total:	828

## Housing

The University currently has 13 residence halls with a total maximum occupancy of 2,694. Set forth below is certain information about these residence halls:

<u>Residence Hall</u>	<u>Fall 2020 Occupancy</u>	<u>Maximum Occupancy</u>
Allen	164	207
Armstrong	178	211
Cone	152	196
Graduate	155	195
Harbin	126	210
Keller	193	234
Cathcart	166	184
Pattie Cobb	116	133
Pryor	180	198
Searcy	171	196
Sears	270	300
Shores	174	198
Stephens	159	232

For the fall 2020 semester, women's residence halls were at 86.4% occupancy and men's residence halls were at 77.3% occupancy.

In addition, the University owns five apartment complexes which house University students. For the fall 2020 semester, these apartments were at 83% occupancy.

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## Student Financial Aid

Approximately 92% of the University's undergraduate student body receives assistance from federal, state, college or private sources. The majority of students eligible for financial aid receive an "aid package" consisting of grants, loans and work assistance which supplements each family's contribution to the student's total educational expenses. A student's financial need and a particular program's funding level are reviewed in conjunction with the student's academic and personal records as the basis for determining the combination of aid forms offered.

The following table presents the sources of student financial aid for the Fiscal Years indicated:

	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
Federal & Private Loans	\$52,389,258	\$54,257,817	\$53,411,930	\$49,774,684	\$46,615,227
Federal & State Grants and Scholarships*	8,917,484	9,057,338	9,056,609	8,369,806	7,831,179
Harding University Grants and Scholarships	33,411,368	31,346,771	32,435,435	32,362,415	33,119,619
Harding University Loans	148,750	97,274	169,400	122,141	69,471
Work Study (institution)	<u>2,164,569</u>	<u>2,240,662</u>	<u>2,096,875</u>	<u>2,255,070</u>	<u>1,575,368</u>
Totals	\$97,031,429	\$96,999,862	\$97,170,249	\$92,884,116	\$89,210,864

\*Includes Nursing Loans, Perkins Loans, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, Work Study Program, Pell Grants, and State Scholarships.

## Endowment

Set forth below is information concerning the restricted endowment funds of the Corporation. **The Bonds are not secured by any security interest in the Corporation's endowment funds or the interest earnings thereon.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Percent Increase (Decrease) Over Previous Year</u>
June 30, 2020	\$166,223,072	8.8%
June 30, 2019	152,714,178	7.0
June 30, 2018	142,705,175	10.9
June 30, 2017	128,722,899	8.0
June 30, 2016	119,174,305	1.0

## Affiliates

Harding Place, Inc., an Arkansas nonprofit corporation ("Harding Place"), is the only affiliate of the Corporation. Harding Place was formed for the purposes of owning and operating a retirement center near the University. The Board of Trustees of the Corporation appoints the Board of Directors of Harding Place. The Corporation and Harding Place share common personnel. The retirement center was refinanced by

the Issuer's Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2016 (the "Harding Place Bonds"). The Harding Place Bonds are the primary obligation of Harding Place and are guaranteed by the Corporation.

### **Financial Statements**

The Corporation maintains its financial records on the basis of a fiscal year ending June 30. Set forth in Appendix B to this Official Statement are the consolidated financial statements of the Corporation and its affiliate, Harding Place, for the two fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, which have been audited by Mallory & Associates, Certified Public Accountants. The financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The financial statements of the Corporation were audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The financial statements of Harding Place were audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America but were not required to be and were not audited in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards*. The notes set forth in Appendix B are an integral part of the financial statements, and the statements and notes should be read in their entirety.

### **Notes, Mortgages and Guarantees**

The Corporation is a guarantor of the Harding Place Bonds that are in the outstanding principal amount of \$2,755,000. The Harding Place Bonds have a final maturity of August 1, 2028 and are the primary obligation of Harding Place, an affiliate of the Corporation. The obligations of the Corporation as guarantor are not secured by the Pledged Revenues. The Corporation is also obligated under various notes, mortgages and leases, some of which are secured and some of which are not secured. The guarantees and other obligations of the Corporation in connection with the other indebtedness are not secured by the Pledged Revenues.

### **Fall 2020 Enrollment**

Fall 2020 enrollment at the University (on a full-time equivalent basis) is 4,144. The Corporation has managed its budget such that it has ended each of the past four years in the black, despite declining enrollments, and still reduced debt by \$12,200,000 during this time period. The Corporation expects to operate in the black in the 2021 fiscal year. The Corporation recognizes the need to adjust its operating metrics to accommodate a smaller student body. To that end, the Corporation completed a second round of early retirements in November 2019 and further reduced its workforce in the spring of 2020. The Corporation will continue to utilize natural attrition to right-size expenses to match the current student population over the next few years. The Corporation has postponed some new projects, such as a planned library expansion, and is scrutinizing each college to consolidate majors and plan for reduced staff if a decline in credit hours warrants such a reduction. The Corporation is also looking for new majors, both graduate and undergraduate, to attract new students, such as the recently added Masters of Strength and Conditioning, Masters of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics and Masters Entry into Professional Nursing Program. Many areas of campus are strong, particularly in business, nursing, allied health, engineering and entertainment arts. The Corporation is mindful of maintaining these areas of strength in the midst of broader declines.

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## DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

The following table sets forth the debt service requirements on the Series 2020 Bonds for each year ending June 30:

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Debt Service</u>
2021	--	\$ 67,514.22	\$ 67,514.22
2022	\$ 405,000	239,431.26	644,431.26
2023	500,000	225,856.26	725,856.26
2024	520,000	210,556.26	730,556.26
2025	535,000	194,731.26	729,731.26
2026	555,000	178,381.26	733,381.26
2027	570,000	164,356.26	734,356.26
2028	580,000	152,856.26	732,856.26
2029	590,000	141,156.26	731,156.26
2030	605,000	129,206.26	734,206.26
2031	620,000	116,956.26	736,956.26
2032	630,000	104,456.26	734,456.26
2033	645,000	91,303.13	736,303.13
2034	660,000	77,025.00	737,025.00
2035	670,000	59,550.00	729,550.00
2036	275,000	45,890.63	320,890.63
2037	280,000	38,606.26	318,606.26
2038	285,000	31,190.63	316,190.63
2039	295,000	23,025.00	318,025.00
2040	305,000	14,025.00	319,025.00
2041	315,000	4,725.00	319,725.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$9,840,000</b>	<b>\$2,310,798.73</b>	<b>\$12,150,798.73</b>

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The following table sets forth the amounts required to pay scheduled principal and interest on the Series 2020 Bonds and the Parity Bonds.

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ending June 30</u>	<u>Series 2020 Bonds</u>	<u>Parity Bonds</u>	<u>Total Debt</u> <u>Service</u>
2021	\$ 67,514.22	\$ 1,426,956.26	\$ 1,494,470.48
2022	644,431.26	1,635,431.26	2,279,862.52
2023	725,856.26	1,272,631.26	1,998,487.52
2024	730,556.26	1,266,981.26	1,997,537.52
2025	729,731.26	1,260,831.26	1,990,562.52
2026	733,381.26	1,267,656.26	2,001,037.52
2027	734,356.26	1,267,293.76	2,001,650.02
2028	732,856.26	1,266,962.51	1,999,818.77
2029	731,156.26	1,276,165.63	2,007,321.89
2030	734,206.26	1,204,700.00	1,938,906.26
2031	736,956.26	676,087.50	1,413,043.76
2032	734,456.26	679,425.00	1,413,881.26
2033	736,303.13	415,381.25	1,151,684.38
2034	737,025.00	--	737,025.00
2035	729,550.00	--	729,550.00
2036	320,890.63	--	320,890.63
2037	318,606.26	--	318,606.26
2038	316,190.63	--	316,190.63
2039	318,025.00	--	318,025.00
2040	319,025.00	--	319,025.00
2041	319,725.00	--	319,725.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$12,150,798.73</b>	<b>\$14,916,503.21</b>	<b>\$27,067,301.94</b>

### **ESTIMATED DEBT SERVICE COVERAGE**

From Pledged Revenues. Set forth below is estimated debt coverage information on the Parity Bonds and the Series 2020 Bonds based on Pledged Revenues for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2020.

Total Pledged Revenues	\$85,068,031
Maximum Annual Debt Service on the Parity Bonds and the Series 2020 Bonds <sup>(1)</sup>	2,279,863
Coverage	37.31x

<sup>(1)</sup> Assumes retirement at maturity and pursuant to mandatory sinking fund redemption as described under **DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.**

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From Change in Net Assets from University Operations. Set forth below is the estimated debt service coverage on the Parity Bonds and the Series 2020 Bonds for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2020, as set forth in the audited consolidated financial statements attached hereto as Appendix B.

University Operating Revenues (Unrestricted)	\$120,091,006
University Operating Expenses (Unrestricted)	<u>(120,321,493)</u>
Change in Net Assets from University Unrestricted Operations	\$(230,487)
Plus: Depreciation	11,797,169
Available for Debt Service	\$11,566,682
Maximum Annual Debt Service on the Parity Bonds and the Series 2020 Bonds <sup>(1)</sup>	\$2,279,863
Coverage <sup>(2)</sup>	5.07x

<sup>(1)</sup> Assumes retirement at maturity and pursuant to mandatory sinking fund redemption as described under **DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**.

<sup>(2)</sup> This calculation excludes (a) the Corporation's guarantee of \$2,755,000 in outstanding principal amount of the Harding Place Bonds, (b) the unsecured notes payable of the Corporation, totaling \$19,927,173 at June 30, 2020 and (c) leases payable of \$1,064,701 at June 30, 2020. See **THE CORPORATION AND UNIVERSITY, Notes, Mortgages and Guarantees and APPENDIX B, Note 11**.

In addition to Operating Revenues and Operating Expenses, the Corporation had Other Revenues and Expenses during its Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2020 as shown in its Consolidated Statements of Activities for the Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019.

### **SUMMARY OF PORTIONS OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT**

The following is a summary, which does not purport to be comprehensive and definitive, of certain provisions of the Loan Agreement.

#### **Issuance of the Series 2020 Bonds**

Pursuant to the Loan Agreement, the Issuer agrees to issue the Series 2020 Bonds to provide a portion of funds for the refunding of the Bonds Refunded. An amount not exceeding 2% of the issue price of the Series 2020 Bonds shall be deposited in the Issuance Cost Fund, an amount equal to the Debt Service Reserve Requirement with respect to the Series 2020 Bonds shall be deposited in the Debt Service Reserve Fund, an amount necessary, along with moneys held under the Indenture that are attributable to the Bonds Refunded, to refund the Bonds Refunded shall be deposited with the Trustee for the refunding of the Bonds Refunded, and the balance of the proceeds from the sale of the Series 2020 Bonds shall be deposited in the Project Fund.

#### **Modification of the Project**

The Corporation agrees to maintain plans and specifications for the Project. The Corporation may make any changes in or modifications to the plans and specifications, and may make any deletions from or substitutions or additions to the Project without the prior consent of the Issuer or the Trustee, so long as such changes or modifications in the plans and specifications, or deletions from or substitutions or additions to the Project, do not materially alter the size, scope or character of the Project, impair the structural integrity

and utility of the Project or the University, or violate the requirements of any governmental authority. If any such changes or modifications in the plans and specifications, or if any such deletions from or substitutions or additions to the Project, materially alter the size, scope or character of the Project or impair the structural integrity and utility of the Project or the University then, in such event, no such changes, modifications, substitutions, deletions or additions shall be made without the express written consent of the Trustee and the Issuer. No changes or modifications in the plans and specifications and no deletions from or substitutions or additions to the Project may be made without prior approval of the contractor's sureties if required by the terms of any indemnity bond. The Corporation covenants and agrees that no changes, modifications, substitutions, deletions or additions shall be made with respect to the Project (a) if such change disqualifies the Project under the Act or would adversely and materially affect the Pledged Revenues of the Corporation, and (b) unless there shall be on deposit with the Trustee adequate moneys available therefor or the Corporation deposits in the Project Fund adequate moneys to pay any additional Cost of the Project resulting therefrom, or there shall have been deposited in the Project Fund the net proceeds of Additional Bonds, which proceeds are adequate therefor.

### **Disbursements From the Project Fund**

Pursuant to the terms of the Indenture, the Issuer has authorized and directed the Trustee to make payments from the Project Fund to reimburse the Corporation for any Cost of the Project (other than Issuance Costs) paid by it, upon receipt of requisitions as specified in the Agreement.

In the event moneys in the Project Fund are not sufficient to pay the Cost of the Project in full, the Corporation agrees to pay that portion of the Cost of the Project in excess of the moneys available therefor in the Project Fund.

### **Term of Loan Agreement**

The term of the Loan Agreement commenced as of August 1, 1993 and, unless sooner terminated as provided in the Loan Agreement, shall expire on October 1, 2040, or on the date that all of the Bonds and all fees and charges of the Issuer and the Trustee have been fully paid or provision made for such payment, whichever is later; provided, however, that the Loan Agreement may be terminated prior to such date if the Corporation exercises its option to prepay the amounts payable under the Loan Agreement pursuant to the terms thereof (see the caption **SUMMARY OF PORTIONS OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT, Options and Obligations to Prepay**).

The Corporation has agreed to pay to the Issuer during the term of the Loan Agreement on or before the first day of each month, a sum equal to one-sixth (1/6) of the next installment of interest on the Bonds, plus one-twelfth (1/12) of the next installment of principal of the Bonds and on or before one (1) Business Day prior to any interest payment date for the Bonds, such being April 1 and October 1 of each year, or any other date fixed for the redemption of any or all of the Bonds pursuant to the Indenture, a sum which, together with other moneys available therefor in the Bond Fund, will enable the Trustee to pay the amount payable on such date as principal of (whether at maturity or upon redemption or acceleration or otherwise) and interest on the Bonds as provided in the Indenture. In addition, the Corporation shall pay the fees and expenses of the Trustee and the fees and expenses of the Issuer.

The Corporation will also pay, in twelve (12) equal monthly installments, the amount, if any, required to be deposited to cure a deficiency in the Debt Service Reserve Fund in order to cause the amount on deposit therein to equal the Debt Service Reserve Requirement.



The obligation of the Corporation to make payments is absolute and unconditional, and in the event the Corporation should fail to make any payments, the item or installment so in default shall continue as an obligation of the Corporation until the amount in default shall have been fully paid, and the Corporation agrees to pay the same with interest thereon, to the extent permitted by law.

### **Taxes and Governmental and Utility Charges**

The Corporation agrees to pay or cause to be paid during the Term of the Agreement all taxes and governmental charges of any kind lawfully assessed or levied upon the University or any part thereof (including any taxes levied against the University which, if not paid, will become a charge on the receipts from the University prior to or on a parity with the charge thereon and the pledge or assignment thereof to be created and made in the Indenture, or a lien against the Pledged Revenues or any interest therein prior to or on a parity with the lien of the Loan Agreement); all utility and other charges incurred in the operation, maintenance, use, occupancy and upkeep of the University; and all assessments and charges lawfully made by any governmental body for public improvements that may be secured by a lien on the University, provided that with respect to special assessments or other governmental charges that may lawfully be paid in installments over a period of years, the Corporation shall be obligated to pay only such installments as are required to be paid during the Term of the Loan Agreement.

The Corporation may, at the Corporation's expense and in the Corporation's name, in good faith, contest any such taxes, assessments and other charges and, in the event of any such contest, may permit the taxes, assessments or other charges so contested to remain unpaid during the period of such contest and any appeal therefrom unless by such nonpayment the security afforded pursuant to the Loan Agreement will be materially endangered or the University or any part thereof will be subject to loss or forfeiture, in which event such taxes, assessments or charges shall be paid forthwith.

### **Maintenance and Modification of University**

The Corporation agrees that at all times during the Term of the Loan Agreement it will, at its own expense, maintain, preserve and keep the University, or cause the University to be maintained, preserved and kept, with the appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof, in good repair, working order and condition, and that the Corporation will from time to time make or cause to be made all necessary and proper repairs, replacements and renewals deemed proper and necessary by it.

In addition, the Corporation shall have the privilege of remodeling the University or making substitutions, additions, modifications and improvements to the University from time to time as the Corporation, in its sole discretion, may deem to be desirable for its use for such purposes as are permitted by the Act, the costs of which remodeling, substitutions, additions, modifications and improvements shall be paid by the Corporation; provided, however, that such remodeling, substitutions, modifications and improvements shall not interfere with the operation of the University or in any way damage the University, and provided that the University, as remodeled, improved or altered, upon completion of such remodeling, substitutions, modifications and improvements shall be of a value not less than the value of the University immediately prior to the remodeling or the making of substitutions, modifications and improvements. The Corporation will not permit any mechanic's or other lien to be established or remain against the University for labor or materials furnished in connection with any remodeling, substitutions, additions, modifications, improvements, repairs, renewals or replacements, provided that the Corporation may in good faith contest any such lien and not pay the same unless by such nonpayment the lien of the Loan Agreement as to the Pledged Revenues and the Indenture as to the payments will be materially endangered or the University or any part thereof will be subject to loss or forfeiture, in which event the Corporation shall promptly pay and cause to be satisfied and discharged all such unpaid items.

## Insurance

The Corporation agrees to insure or cause to be insured the University against loss or damage of the kinds usually insured against by companies similarly situated, by means of policies issued by reputable insurance companies duly qualified to do such business in the State, with uniform standard coverage endorsement limited only as may be provided in the standard form of extended coverage endorsement at that time in use in the State, in amounts that are not less than the full insurable value (as that term is defined in the Loan Agreement) of the University, and with such deductible provisions as are customarily included by companies similarly situated, or at the option of the Corporation any lesser amount which is equal to or greater than the amount of all of the Bonds then Outstanding. Alternatively, the Corporation may insure such property under a blanket insurance policy or policies which cover not only such property but other properties.

Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph, if the Corporation shall insure similar properties by self-insurance, the Corporation, at its election, may insure the University partially or wholly by means of an adequate self-insurance fund set aside and maintained out of its earnings, or in conjunction with other companies through an insurance trust or other arrangements.

The Corporation also agrees to carry public liability insurance with respect to the University with one or more reputable insurance companies in minimum amounts of \$500,000 for the death or personal injury to one person and \$1,000,000 for personal injury or death for each occurrence in connection with the University and \$500,000 for property damage for any occurrence in connection with the University.

## Damage, Destruction and Condemnation

Unless the Corporation shall have exercised its option to prepay the amounts payable under the Agreement pursuant to certain provisions of the Loan Agreement (see the caption **SUMMARY OF PORTIONS OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT, Options and Obligations to Prepay**), if the University or any portion thereof is destroyed in whole or in part or is damaged by fire or other casualty, or title to or any interest in, or the temporary use of, the University or any portion thereof shall be taken under the exercise of the power of eminent domain, the Corporation shall be obligated to continue to pay the amounts specified in the Loan Agreement.

Prior to the Completion Date, the Issuer, the Trustee and the Corporation will cause the Net Proceeds of any insurance proceeds or any condemnation award resulting from any of the foregoing events to be deposited in the Project Fund and to be disbursed therefrom as provided in the Loan Agreement and the Indenture. Subsequent to the Completion Date, the Issuer, the Trustee and the Corporation will cause the Net Proceeds of any insurance proceeds or any condemnation award resulting from any of the foregoing events to be deposited in a separate trust fund, provided that Net Proceeds in an amount less than \$100,000 shall be paid directly to the Corporation. All Net Proceeds shall be applied in one or more of the following ways as directed by the Corporation:

- (1) To the prompt repair, restoration, modification or improvement of the University by the Corporation; or
- (2) To the redemption of the Bonds, provided that no part of the Net Proceeds may be applied for such redemption unless:
  - (a) all of the Bonds are to be redeemed in accordance with the Indenture, upon the prepayment of the amounts payable under the Loan Agreement, or

(b) if less than all of the Bonds are to be redeemed, the Corporation shall furnish to the Issuer and the Trustee an acceptable certificate stating (i) that the portion of the University that was damaged or destroyed or was taken by such condemnation proceedings is not essential to the use or possession of the University by the Corporation or (ii) that the University has been repaired, restored, modified or improved to enable the University to operate as designed.

In the event the Net Proceeds are insufficient, the Corporation will nonetheless complete the work and will pay any cost in excess of the amount of the Net Proceeds.

Any balance of the Net Proceeds deposited in the separate trust fund and remaining after the repair, restoration, modification or improvement has been completed shall be transferred (i) to the Bond Fund, or (ii) if the Bonds have been fully paid (or provisions for payment thereof have been made in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture), the balance shall be paid to the Corporation.

### **Removals from University; Gifts**

The Corporation may not dispose of its cash or demolish, remove or dispose of any real property, structures, furnishings, machinery, equipment or other improvements now or hereafter existing as part of the University, except as stated below:

(a) The Corporation, free of any obligation to make any replacement thereof, may demolish, remove or dispose of any real property, structure, furnishing, machinery, equipment or other improvement now or hereafter existing as part of the University, and may make any donation, gift or transfer of its cash without fair and adequate consideration or compensation, to any individual, partnership, corporation or other entity provided the net book value of all such demolitions and removals plus the donations, gifts or transfers of cash made pursuant to this provision during any Fiscal Year shall not exceed 15% of the total assets of the Corporation as shown on its books as of the beginning of such Fiscal Year. The net proceeds, if any, arising from any such actions shall first be used to make up any Bond Fund deficiencies, and then may be used by the Corporation as it shall in its sole discretion determine.

(b) Except as provided in (a) above, if the Corporation in its sole discretion determines that (i) any real property, structure, furnishing, machinery, equipment or other improvement now or hereafter constituting a part of the University has become inadequate, obsolete, worn out, unsuitable, undesirable or unnecessary, or its disposal as hereinafter provided is in the best interests of operation of the University, or (ii) a donation, gift or transfer of its cash to another entity is desirable, the Corporation may give written notice thereof to the Trustee, and then demolish or remove such property from the University, and may, to the extent permitted by law, sell, trade-in, exchange or otherwise dispose of same, in whole or in part, or may donate, give away or transfer such cash provided that either:

(1) The Corporation shall, at its own cost and expense, acquire, construct or install replacement or substitute real property, structures, furnishings, machinery, equipment or other improvements having a usefulness, as determined by the Corporation, to the operations of the Corporation (but not necessarily the same function) at least equal to the usefulness, prior to demolition, removal or disposal of the property demolished, removed or disposed of; or

(2) The Corporation shall demolish, remove or dispose of any such property from time to time at its own cost and expense, without any obligation on the part of the Corporation to provide any property in replacement of or substitution for that demolished, removed or disposed of, or may donate, give away or transfer such cash upon the following terms and conditions:

(i) prior to such demolition, removal, disposal, donation, gift or transfer, the Corporation must give to the Trustee written notice thereof setting forth a brief description of the property to be demolished, removed or disposed of and the net book value thereof as shown on the books of the Corporation or the amount of cash to be donated, given away or transferred; and

(ii) the Corporation must submit to the Trustee a certificate of its chief executive officer and its chief financial officer and acceptable to the Trustee determining that the property to be demolished, removed or disposed of has become obsolete, inadequate, worn out, unsuitable, undesirable or unnecessary or its disposal is in the best interests of the Corporation's operation of University and that its demolition, removal or disposal will not impair the structural soundness, efficiency or economic value of the University and to the effect that the demolition, removal or disposal of the property to be demolished, removed or disposed of, or the donation, gift or transfer of cash will not cause the Pledged Revenues available for debt service on the Bonds in the Fiscal Year following the Fiscal Year in which the demolition, removal or disposal of such property occurs to be less than 125% of the maximum Annual Debt Service on the Bonds for any subsequent Fiscal Year.

### **Covenants of the Corporation**

The Corporation covenants as follows:

(1) The Corporation shall furnish to the Trustee the following information, and shall furnish to any owner of the Bonds who shall have requested in writing items (a) and (b) below:

(a) Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of the preceding Fiscal Year, an audit report covering the operations of the Corporation, which include the statement of financial position of the Corporation and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year ended that date, reported on by independent public accountants.

(b) Upon request, copies of all such regular or periodic reports which are available for public inspection and which the Corporation may be required to file with any federal or state department, bureau, commission or agency.

(c) Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of the preceding Fiscal Year, a certification that the Corporation is in compliance with all covenants and agreements made by the Corporation and contained in the Loan Agreement.

(2) The Corporation agrees to fix, maintain and charge tuition and dormitory rentals for use of the University and for services provided by the University such that Pledged Revenues in each Fiscal Year will not be less than 125% of the maximum Annual Debt Service on all Outstanding Bonds in any Fiscal Year thereafter.

(3) The Corporation agrees that during the Term of the Loan Agreement it will maintain its corporate existence, will continue to be a nonprofit corporation in good standing in the State, will not dissolve or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets, and will not consolidate with or merge into another legal entity or permit one or more other legal entities to consolidate with or merge into it, provided that the Corporation may, without violating the foregoing, consolidate with or merge into another legal entity, or permit one or more legal entities to consolidate with or merge into it, or sell or otherwise transfer to another legal entity all or substantially all of its assets as an entirety and thereafter dissolve, provided (i) that the surviving, resulting or transferee legal entity, as the case may be, shall have a fund balance (excluding restricted fund balances), as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, immediately subsequent to such acquisition, consolidation, merger or transfer equal to at least that of the Corporation immediately prior to such acquisition, consolidation, merger or transfer, (ii) that such acquisition, consolidation, merger or transfer will not affect the tax-exempt status of the interest on the Bonds; and (iii) that if the surviving, resulting or transferee legal entity, as the case may be, is not the Corporation, then such legal entity shall be a legal entity organized and existing under the laws of one of the states of the United States of America, shall be qualified to do business in the State, shall be a Tax-Exempt Organization, and shall assume all of the obligations of the Corporation under the Loan Agreement, in which event the Issuer shall release the Corporation in writing, concurrently with and contingent upon such acquisition, consolidation, merger or transfer, and the Trustee shall be furnished a certificate from the chief financial officer of the Corporation stating that in the opinion of such officer none of the covenants contained in the Loan Agreement will be violated as a result of such acquisition, consolidation, merger or transfer.

### **Security Interest in the Pledged Revenues**

The Corporation grants to the Trustee a security interest in the Pledged Revenues in order to secure payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds. The Corporation agrees that in the event of a Default under the Loan Agreement and acceleration of payment of the Bonds by the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture, the Trustee may foreclose its security interest in the Pledged Revenues and cause the Corporation to pay any Pledged Revenues directly to the Trustee and use any proceeds therefrom for payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds irrespective of any other remedies exercised by the Issuer or the Trustee. The security interest in the Pledged Revenues shall remain in effect until the Corporation shall have satisfied its obligations under the Loan Agreement, at which time the Issuer will cause the execution and delivery to the Corporation of such documents as shall be necessary to effect or evidence the termination of such security interest. Notwithstanding the security interest in the Pledged Revenues granted in the Loan Agreement, the Corporation shall have the right, so long as it is not in default under the Loan Agreement, to use Pledged Revenues for any proper corporate purpose to the extent not prohibited or restricted by the terms of the Loan Agreement.

### **Leasing and Operating Contracts**

The Corporation may lease any part of the University financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds or contract for the performance by others of operations or services of or in connection with any part of the University financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Bonds for any lawful purpose which is consistent with the requirements of the Act, provided that (a) such lease or operating contract shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the Loan Agreement or the Indenture and (b) the Corporation shall remain fully obligated and responsible under the provisions of the Loan Agreement to the same extent as if such lease or operating contract had not been executed. In addition, each such lease or contract shall be expressly conditional upon an opinion of Bond Counsel acceptable to Trustee that the exclusion from gross income of the interest on the Bonds shall not be adversely affected by such lease or contract.

### **Defaults**

The Loan Agreement provides that any one or more of the following events will constitute a "Default":

(a) Failure by the Corporation to pay the amounts required to be paid under the Loan Agreement relating to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due, at the times specified therein;

(b) Failure by the Corporation to observe and perform any covenant, condition or agreement on its part to be observed or performed, other than as referred to in paragraph (a) above, for a period of thirty (30) Business Days after written notice, specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied, shall have been given to the Corporation by the Issuer or the Trustee, unless the Issuer and the Trustee shall agree in writing to an extension of such time prior to its expiration; provided, however, if the failure stated in the notice cannot be corrected within the applicable period, the Issuer and the Trustee will not unreasonably withhold their consent to an extension of such time if corrective action is instituted by the Corporation within the applicable period and diligently pursued until the default is corrected; or

(c) Certain events of bankruptcy, dissolution, liquidation or reorganization by the Corporation.

The Corporation will not be deemed to be in default under paragraph (b) above if due to force majeure, as defined in the Loan Agreement, it is unable in whole or in part to carry out any agreement in the Loan Agreement, other than the agreement to pay taxes and other governmental charges, to carry insurance and to maintain the University.

## **Remedies**

Whenever any Default under the Loan Agreement shall have happened and be continuing, the Issuer (or the Trustee pursuant to the assignment of rights and remedies contained in the Indenture) may take one or any combination of the following remedial steps:

(1) By written notice to the Corporation, declare an amount equal to all amounts then due and payable on the Bonds, whether by acceleration of maturity (as provided in the Indenture) or otherwise, to be immediately due and payable as liquidated damages and not as a penalty;

(2) Have reasonable access to and inspect, examine and make copies of the books and records and any and all accounts, data and income tax and other tax returns of the Corporation during regular business hours of the Corporation if reasonably necessary in the opinion of the Trustee;

(3) Take whatever action at law or in equity may appear necessary or desirable to collect the amounts then due and thereafter to become due, or to enforce performance and observance of any obligation, agreement or covenant of the Corporation under the Loan Agreement; and/or

(4) Proceed by appropriate judicial action to foreclose the security interest in the Pledged Revenues.

Any amounts collected pursuant to action taken upon the happening of an event of default shall be paid into the Bond Fund.

## **Options and Obligations to Prepay**

The Corporation has the option to terminate the Term of the Loan Agreement at any time prior to full payment of the Bonds (or provision for payment thereof having been made in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture). The Corporation may terminate the Term of the Loan Agreement (i) by paying to the Trustee an amount which, when added to the amount on deposit and available in the Bond Fund, will

be sufficient to pay, retire and redeem all the Outstanding Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture (including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, principal and interest to maturity or applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and expenses of redemption and the Trustee's and Paying Agents' fees and expenses), and, in case of redemption, by making arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of the required notice of redemption, and (ii) by giving the Issuer notice in writing of such termination, and such termination shall forthwith become effective.

The Corporation also has the option to prepay the amounts payable under the Loan Agreement upon the occurrence of any of the events described under **THE SERIES 2020 BONDS, Extraordinary Redemption**. In such a case, the prepayment amount shall be the sum of the following:

(1) An amount of money which, when added to the amount then on deposit and available in the Bond Fund, will be sufficient to retire and redeem all the Outstanding Bonds on the earliest possible redemption date after notice as provided in the Indenture, including, without limitation, the principal amount thereof, all interest to accrue to said redemption date, and expenses, plus

(2) An amount of money equal to the Trustee's and Paying Agents' fees and expenses under the Indenture accrued and to accrue until such final payment and redemption of the Bonds, plus

(3) An amount of money equal to the Issuer's fees and expenses under the Loan Agreement accrued and to accrue until such final payment and redemption of the Bonds.

### **Investment of Moneys**

The Trustee shall, without further direction, continuously invest and reinvest moneys held for the credit of the Debt Service Reserve Fund in Permitted Investments maturing not later than seven years from the date of investment. Moneys held for the credit of any other fund or account created in the Indenture shall, to the extent practicable, be invested and reinvested in Permitted Investments which shall mature not later than the date or dates on which the money held for credit of the particular fund shall be required for the purposes intended. The Trustee shall so invest and reinvest pursuant to instructions from the Corporation. The Trustee shall determine the fair market value of the investments in each fund or account at least annually.

The obligations so purchased as an investment of moneys in any such fund or account shall be deemed at all times a part of such fund.

The Trustee may make any and all such investments through its own investment department or the investment department of any bank or trust company under common control with the Trustee. The Issuer shall have no responsibility for control of or directing such investments and shall not be held accountable for any losses resulting from any such investments. All such investments shall at all times be a part of the fund (the Bond Fund, the Debt Service Reserve Fund or such other fund, as the case may be) from which the moneys used to acquire such investments shall have come, and all losses on such investments shall be charged against such fund. All income and profits on such investments shall be credited to the Earnings Fund.

### **SUMMARY OF PORTIONS OF THE INDENTURE**

The following is a summary, which does not purport to be comprehensive and definitive, of certain provisions of the Indenture.

#### **Assignment and Security**

Pursuant to the Indenture, the Issuer's interest in the Loan Agreement and all amounts payable by the Corporation to the Issuer under the Loan Agreement (other than certain indemnification rights and certain

fees and expenses of the Issuer) are assigned to the Trustee by the Issuer to secure the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

### **Application of Bond Fund**

The Bond Fund, into which the payments made pursuant to the Loan Agreement and certain other amounts specified in the Indenture will be deposited, will be maintained with the Trustee. Moneys in the Bond Fund shall be used for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

### **Application of Project Fund**

The balance of the proceeds from the sale of the Series 2020 Bonds, after making the required deposits in connection with the refunding of the Bonds Refunded, and into the Bond Fund, Debt Service Reserve Fund and Issuance Cost Fund shall be deposited in the Project Fund. Moneys in the Project Fund shall be used solely for the payment of Costs of the Project.

### **Repayment to Corporation**

Any amounts remaining in the Bond Fund, the Debt Service Reserve Fund, the Project Fund or any other fund created under the Indenture after payment in full of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, the fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee, the amounts constituting "excess investment earnings" required to be rebated to the United States, and all other amounts required to be paid under the Indenture, shall be paid to the Corporation.

### **Investment**

Any moneys held as part of the Bond Fund, Debt Service Reserve Fund, the Project Fund or any other fund created under the Indenture shall be invested and reinvested as provided in the Loan Agreement (see the caption **SUMMARY OF PORTIONS OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT, Investment of Moneys**).

### **Discharge of Lien**

The lien of the Indenture shall be discharged if:

- (1) The principal of and interest due or to become due on the Bonds at the time and in the manner stipulated therein have been paid or provision for payment has otherwise been made to or for the owners of the Bonds;
- (2) There shall be no Default in any of the covenants and promises in the Bonds and in the Indenture; and
- (3) The Issuer shall cause to be paid to the Trustee and any Paying Agents all sums of money due or to become due according to the provisions of the Indenture.

Any Bond shall be deemed to be paid when (a) payment of the principal of such Bond, plus interest thereon to the due date thereof (whether such due date be by reason of maturity or upon redemption as provided in the Indenture) either (i) shall have been made or caused to be made in accordance with the terms thereof, or (ii) shall have been provided for by irrevocably depositing with the Trustee, in trust and irrevocably set aside exclusively for such payment, (1) moneys sufficient to make such payment and/or (2) Governmental Obligations maturing as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as will insure the availability of sufficient moneys to make such payment, and (b) all necessary and proper fees, compensation and expenses of the Trustee pertaining to the Bonds with respect to which such deposit is made shall have been paid or the payment thereof provided for to the Trustee's satisfaction. At such time



as a Bond shall be deemed to be paid as aforesaid, it shall no longer be secured by or entitled to the benefits of the Indenture, except for the purposes of any such payment from such moneys or Governmental Obligations.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no deposit under clause (a)(ii) of the immediately preceding paragraph shall be deemed a payment of such Bonds as aforesaid until (a) proper notice of redemption of such Bonds shall have been previously given in accordance with the Indenture or, in the event said Bonds are not by their terms subject to redemption within the next succeeding sixty (60) days, until the Corporation shall have given the Trustee on behalf of the Issuer, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, irrevocable instructions to notify, as soon as practicable, the owners of the Bonds in accordance with the requirements of the Indenture, that the deposit required by (a)(ii) above has been made with the Trustee and that said Bonds are deemed to have been paid and stating the maturity or redemption date upon which moneys are to be available for the payment of the principal of said Bonds, plus interest thereon to the due date thereof; or (b) the maturity of such Bonds.

The Issuer and the Trustee have agreed that no deposit will be made or accepted under the Indenture and no use made of any such deposit which would cause the Bonds to be treated as "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

### **Defaults and Remedies**

Any of the following events will constitute a Default under the Indenture:

- (1) Default in the due and punctual payment of interest on any Bond;
- (2) Default in the due and punctual payment of the principal of any Bond, whether at the stated maturity thereof, or upon proceedings for redemption thereof, or upon the maturity thereof by declaration;
- (3) Default in the performance or observance of any other of the covenants, agreements or conditions on the part of the Issuer contained in the Indenture or in the Bonds and failure to remedy the same after notice as provided in the Indenture; or
- (4) The occurrence of a "Default" under the Loan Agreement (see the caption **SUMMARY OF PORTIONS OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT, Defaults**).

In the event of a Default, the Trustee may, and at the written request of Bondowners of not less than 25% in principal amount of Bonds Outstanding shall, by written notice to the Issuer and to the Corporation, declare the Bonds to be immediately due and payable, whereupon they shall, without further action, become and be immediately due and payable, anything in the Indenture or in the Bonds to the contrary notwithstanding. Upon any such declaration of acceleration, the Trustee shall immediately declare an amount equal to all amounts then due and payable on the Bonds to be immediately due and payable under the Loan Agreement.

The Trustee may also or as an alternative pursue any available remedy by suit at law or in equity to enforce the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds then Outstanding.

### **Waiver of Event of Default**

The Trustee may waive any Default under the Indenture and its consequences and rescind any declaration of acceleration of principal, and shall do so upon the written request of the owners of (1) more than two-thirds (2/3) in aggregate principal amount of all the Bonds then Outstanding in respect of which Default in the payment of principal or interest, or both, exists or (2) more than two-thirds (2/3) in aggregate principal amount of all Bonds then Outstanding in the case of any other Default; provided, however, that there may

not be waived any Default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any Outstanding Bonds unless prior to such waiver or rescission all arrearages of principal and interest (other than principal of or interest on the Bonds which became due and payable by declaration of acceleration), with interest to the extent permitted by law at the Late Payment Rate on overdue installments, and all expenses of the Trustee in connection with such Default shall have been paid or provided for. In case of any such waiver or rescission, or in case any proceeding taken by the Trustee on account of any such Default shall have been discontinued or abandoned or determined adversely, then and in every such case the Issuer, the Trustee, and the owners of the Bonds shall be restored to their former positions and rights under the Indenture, but no such waiver or rescission shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

### **Supplemental Indentures**

The Issuer and the Trustee may enter into indentures supplemental to the Indenture without notice to or the approval of the owners of the Bonds for any one or more of the following purposes:

- (1) To cure any ambiguity or formal defect or omission in the Indenture;
- (2) To grant to or confer upon the Trustee for the benefit of the owners of the Bonds any additional rights, remedies, powers or authorities that may lawfully be granted to or conferred upon the owners of the Bonds or the Trustee;
- (3) To subject to the lien of the Indenture additional revenues, properties or collateral;
- (4) To modify, amend or supplement the Indenture or any indenture supplemental thereto in such manner as to permit the qualification thereof under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, or any similar federal statute then in effect, or to permit the qualification of the Bonds for sale under the securities laws of any of the states of the United States of America;
- (5) To provide for the issuance of Additional Bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture;
- (6) To evidence the appointment of a separate Trustee or a Co-Trustee or the succession of a new Trustee under the Indenture; or
- (7) To make such additions, deletions or modifications as may be necessary to assure compliance with Section 145 of the Code relating to qualified 501(c)(3) obligations, Section 148(f) of the Code relating to required rebate of excess investment earnings to the United States, or otherwise as may be necessary to assure exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the Bonds.

Exclusive of supplemental indentures for the purposes set forth in the previous paragraph, the consent of owners of not less than two-thirds (2/3) in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then Outstanding is required to approve any supplemental indenture, except no supplemental indentures shall permit without the consent of owners of all Bonds Outstanding (1) an extension of the maturity of the principal of or the interest on any Bond issued under the Indenture, (2) a reduction in the principal amount of any Bond or the rate of interest thereon, (3) a privilege or priority of any Bond or Bonds over any other Bond or Bonds, (4) a reduction in the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds required for consent to such supplemental indentures or any modification or waiver of the provisions of the Loan Agreement, (5) the creation of any lien ranking prior to or on a parity with the lien of the Indenture or the trust estate, or any part thereof, except as permitted by the Indenture, or (6) the deprivation of the owner of any Outstanding Bond of the lien of the Indenture.

No supplemental indenture will become effective unless and until the Corporation shall have consented to the execution and delivery thereof.

## **Amendments to the Loan Agreement**

Except as otherwise provided in the Loan Agreement or the Indenture, no amendment, change or modification of the Loan Agreement is permissible without the written consent of the Trustee. Pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture, the consent of the owners of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the principal amount of all Bonds then Outstanding is also required for any such amendment, change or modification of the Loan Agreement, except for amendments, changes or modifications required (i) by the provisions of the Loan Agreement or the Indenture, (ii) for the purpose of curing any ambiguity or formal defect or omission, (iii) to more precisely identify the University or substitute or to add additional improvements or equipment to the University in accordance with the provisions of the Loan Agreement, (iv) to enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental to the Indenture as provided in the Indenture, (v) to provide for the issuance of Additional Bonds for the purposes set forth in the Loan Agreement and in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, (vi) to make such additions, deletions or modifications as may be necessary to assure compliance with Section 145 of the Code relating to qualified 501(c)(3) obligations, Section 148(f) of the Code relating to required rebate of excess investment earnings to the United States, or otherwise as may be necessary to assure exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the Bonds, or (vii) in connection with any other change which, in the judgment of the Trustee, is not to the prejudice of the Trustee or the owners of the Bonds. However, the consent of the owners of all Bonds Outstanding is required for any amendment, change, or modification of the Loan Agreement that would permit the termination or cancellation of the Loan Agreement or a reduction in or a postponement of the payments under the Loan Agreement or any change in the provisions relating to the payment thereunder.

## **SUMMARY OF PORTIONS OF THE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

The following statements are brief summaries of certain provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement. The statements do not purport to be complete, and reference is made to the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, copies of which are available for examination at the offices of the Corporation, for a full statement thereof.

### **Purpose of the Agreement**

The Continuing Disclosure Agreement is executed and delivered by the Corporation and the Trustee for the benefit of the Beneficial Owners of the Series 2020 Bonds and in order to assist the Original Purchaser in complying with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(5).

### **Definitions**

In addition to the definitions set forth in Appendix A hereto, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings when used under this caption **SUMMARY OF PORTIONS OF THE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**:

"Annual Report" shall mean any Annual Report provided by the Corporation, as described hereinafter under the subheading "Provision of Annual Reports."

"Beneficial Owner" shall mean any person which (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or dispose of ownership of, any Series 2020 Bonds (including persons holding Series 2020 Bonds through nominees, depositories, or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any Series 2020 Bonds for federal income tax purposes.

"Disclosure Representative" shall mean the Vice President of Finance and CFO of the Corporation or his or her designee, or such other person as the Corporation shall designate in writing to the Trustee from time to time.

"Dissemination Agent" shall mean the Trustee, acting in its capacity as Dissemination Agent under the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, or any successor Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the Corporation and which has filed with the Trustee a written acceptance of such designation.

"EMMA" shall mean the Electronic Municipal Market Access system as described in 1934 Act Release No. 59062 and maintained by the MSRB for purposes of the Rule.

"Financial Obligation" shall mean a

- (A) debt obligation;
- (B) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or
- (C) guarantee of obligations described in (A) or (B).

The term Financial Obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

"Listed Events" shall mean any of the events listed hereinafter under the subheading **Reporting of Listed Events**.

"MSRB" shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

"Original Purchaser" shall mean Stephens Inc., the original underwriter of the Series 2020 Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with the offering of the Series 2020 Bonds.

"Rule" shall mean Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

### **Provision of Annual Reports**

The Corporation shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, not later than 180 days after the end of the Corporation's Fiscal Year (presently ending on June 30 in each year), commencing with the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021, provide to the MSRB, through its continuing disclosure service portal provided through EMMA at [www.emma.msrb.org](http://www.emma.msrb.org) or any similar system acceptable to the Securities and Exchange Commission, an Annual Report which is consistent with the requirements of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement. Not later than fifteen (15) days prior to said date, the Corporation shall provide the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent and the Trustee (if the Trustee is not the Dissemination Agent). The Annual Report shall be in electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB and shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB. The Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package and may cross-reference other information as provided in the Continuing Disclosure Agreement; provided that the audited financial statements of the Corporation may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report and later than the date required above for the filing of the Annual Report if they are not available by that date, but, in such event, such audited financial statements shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after receipt thereof by the Corporation. If the Corporation's fiscal year changes, it shall give notice of such change in the manner as for a Listed Event.

## Content of Annual Reports

The Annual Report shall contain or include by reference the following:

(i) The following general categories of financial information and operating data with respect to the Corporation for the prior Fiscal Year:

(a) Enrollment figures, student revenues, dormitory revenues, student tuition charges and dormitory rentals, as set forth under the caption **SUMMARY OF ENROLLMENTS AND STUDENT REVENUES** in the Official Statement;

(b) Information regarding the sources of student financial aid, as set forth under the caption **THE CORPORATION AND UNIVERSITY, Student Financial Aid**, in the Official Statement; and

(c) Information regarding the Corporation's restricted endowment funds, as set forth under the caption **THE CORPORATION AND UNIVERSITY, Endowment**, in the Official Statement. Any information regarding the Corporation's restricted endowment funds in an Annual Report should include a statement to the effect that the Series 2020 Bonds are not secured by any security interest in such funds or the interest earnings thereon; and

(ii) The Corporation's audited financial statements for the prior Fiscal Year, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") as promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"), as in effect from time to time. If the Corporation's audited financial statements are not available by the time its Annual Report is required to be filed, the Annual Report shall contain unaudited financial statements in a format similar to the financial statements contained in the Official Statement for the Series 2020 Bonds, and the audited financial statements shall be filed in the same manner as such Annual Report within 30 days after receipt thereof by the Corporation.

Any or all of the items listed above may be included by specific reference to other documents, including official statements of debt issues with respect to which the Corporation is an "obligated person" (as defined by the Rule), which have been filed with the MSRB or the Securities and Exchange Commission. If the document included by reference is a final official statement, it must be available from the MSRB. The Corporation shall clearly identify each such other document so included by reference.

## Reporting of Listed Events

(a) The Corporation shall give, or cause to be given, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Series 2020 Bonds:

1. Principal and interest payment delinquencies.
2. Non-payment related defaults, if material.
3. Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties.
4. Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties.

5. Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform.
6. Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax-exempt status of the security.
7. Modifications to rights of security holders, if material.
8. Bond calls (excluding mandatory sinking fund redemptions), if material.
9. Defeasances and tender offers.
10. Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material.
11. Rating changes.
12. Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the obligated person.
13. The consummation of a merger, consolidation or acquisition involving an obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the obligated person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material.
14. Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material.
15. Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, any of which affect security holders, if material.
16. Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) The Trustee shall, within one (1) Business Day of obtaining actual knowledge of the occurrence of any of the Listed Events, contact the Disclosure Representative, inform such person of the event, and request that the Corporation promptly notify the Trustee in writing whether or not to report the event pursuant to Subsection (e) below.

(c) After the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Corporation shall as soon as possible determine if such event must be reported. The Corporation shall make such determination in a timely manner which will allow the Trustee to file the notice within the time prescribed by Subsection (e).

(d) If the Corporation has determined that the occurrence of a Listed Event must be reported under applicable federal securities laws, the Corporation shall promptly notify the Trustee in writing. Such notice shall instruct the Trustee to report the occurrence as provided in Subsection (e) below.

(e) If the Trustee has been instructed by the Corporation to report the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Trustee shall file, in a timely manner not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of such Listed Event, a notice of such occurrence with the MSRB, through its continuing disclosure service portal provided through EMMA at [www.emma.msrb.org](http://www.emma.msrb.org), or any other similar system that is acceptable to the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Corporation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, notice of a Listed Event described in Subsection (a)(8) above shall be filed by the Trustee without instruction from the Corporation and shall be filed in a timely manner not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of such Listed Event. Each notice of the occurrence of a Listed Event shall be captioned "Notice of Listed Event" and shall be filed in electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB and shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB.

### **Termination of Reporting Obligation**

The obligations of the Corporation under the Continuing Disclosure Agreement shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Series 2020 Bonds. If the Corporation's obligations under the Loan Agreement are assumed in full by some other entity, such entity shall be responsible for compliance with the Continuing Disclosure Agreement in the same manner as if it were the Corporation, and the Corporation shall have no further responsibility thereunder. If such termination or substitution occurs prior to the final maturity of the Series 2020 Bonds, the Corporation shall give notice of such termination or substitution in the same manner as for a Listed Event.

### **Dissemination Agent**

The Corporation may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. A Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible in any manner for the content of any notice or report prepared by the Corporation pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Agreement. If at any time there is not any other designated Dissemination Agent, the Trustee shall be the Dissemination Agent for the Corporation. The Trustee shall be the initial Dissemination Agent.

### **Amendment; Waiver**

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, the Corporation and the Trustee may amend the Continuing Disclosure Agreement (and the Trustee shall agree to any amendment so requested by the Corporation), and any provision of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement may be waived, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) If such amendment or waiver relates to the provisions requiring the filing of Annual Reports by certain dates, the content of Annual Reports, or the Listed Events to be reported, it may only be made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature or status of an "Obligated Person" (as defined in the Rule) with respect to the Series 2020 Bonds, or the type of business conducted;

(b) The undertaking, as amended or taking into account such waiver, would, in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the original issuance of the Series 2020 Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstance; and

(c) The amendment or waiver either (i) is approved by the Bondowners in the same manner as provided in the Indenture for amendments to the Indenture with the consent of the Bondowners, or (ii) does not, in the opinion of the Trustee or nationally recognized bond counsel, materially impair the interests of the Series 2020 Bondholders or the Beneficial Owners of the Series 2020 Bonds.

In the event of any amendment or waiver of a provision of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, the Corporation shall describe such amendment or waiver in its next Annual Report, and shall include, as applicable, a narrative explanation of the reason for the amendment or waiver and its impact on the type (or, in the case of a change of accounting principles, on the presentation) of financial information or operating data being presented with respect to the Corporation. In addition, if the amendment relates to the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements, (i) notice of such change shall be given in the same manner as for a Listed Event, and (ii) the Annual Report for the year in which the change is made should present a comparison (in narrative form, and also, if feasible, in quantitative form) between the financial statements prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

### **Additional Information**

Nothing in the Continuing Disclosure Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the Corporation from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in the Continuing Disclosure Agreement or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by the Continuing Disclosure Agreement. If the Corporation chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is specifically required by the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, the Corporation shall have no obligation under the Continuing Disclosure Agreement to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

### **Default**

In the event of a failure of the Corporation or the Trustee to comply with any provision of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, the Trustee may (and, at the request of the Original Purchaser or the Bondowners of at least 25% aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Series 2020 Bonds, shall), or any Beneficial Owner may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the Corporation or the Trustee, as the case may be, to comply with its obligations under the Continuing Disclosure Agreement. A default under the Continuing Disclosure Agreement shall not be deemed a Default under the Indenture, and the sole remedy under the Continuing Disclosure Agreement in the event of any failure of the Corporation or the Trustee to comply with the Continuing Disclosure Agreement shall be an action to compel performance.

### **Duties, Immunities and Liabilities of Trustee and Dissemination Agent**

The Dissemination Agent (if other than the Trustee or the Trustee in its capacity as Dissemination Agent) shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, and the Corporation agrees to indemnify and save the Dissemination Agent, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless against any loss, expense and liabilities which it may incur arising out of or in the exercise or performance of its powers and duties under the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, including the costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) of defending against any claim of liability, but excluding liabilities due to the Dissemination Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Such indemnification obligations of the Corporation shall survive resignation or removal of the Dissemination Agent and payment of the Series 2020 Bonds.



## UNDERWRITING

Under a bond purchase agreement entered into by and among the Issuer, the Corporation and the Underwriter, the Series 2020 Bonds are being purchased at a price of \$9,903,816.15 (principal amount plus net original issue premium of \$159,756.15 less Underwriter's discount of \$95,940), for reoffering by the Underwriter. The bond purchase agreement provides that the Underwriter will purchase all of the Series 2020 Bonds if any are purchased. The obligation of the Underwriter to accept delivery of the Series 2020 Bonds is subject to various conditions contained in the bond purchase agreement, including the absence of pending or threatened litigation questioning the validity of the Series 2020 Bonds or any proceedings in connection with the issuance thereof and the absence of material adverse changes in the financial or business condition of the Corporation.

The Underwriter intends to offer the Series 2020 Bonds to the public initially at the offering prices set forth on the inside front cover of this Official Statement, which prices may subsequently change without any requirement of prior notice. The Underwriter reserves the right to join with dealers and other underwriters in offering the Series 2020 Bonds to the public. The Underwriter may offer and sell Series 2020 Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing Series 2020 Bonds into investment trusts) at prices lower than the public offering price.

The Corporation has agreed to indemnify the Underwriter and the Issuer against certain civil liabilities in connection with the offering and sale of the Series 2020 Bonds, including certain liabilities under federal securities laws.

## TAX EXEMPTION

In the opinion of Friday, Eldredge & Clark, LLP, Bond Counsel, assuming compliance with the Issuer's and the Corporation's covenants in the Loan Agreement and with the provisions of the Indenture relating to arbitrage, the use of the University and the use of proceeds of the Series 2020 Bonds, interest on the Series 2020 Bonds: (a) is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes; and (b) is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. Failure to comply with certain of the Issuer's and the Corporation's covenants in the Loan Agreement and the Indenture could cause the interest on the Series 2020 Bonds to be included in gross income retroactive to the date of issuance of the Series 2020 Bonds. The Issuer and the Corporation have covenanted to comply with all such requirements. Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that the Series 2020 Bonds are "qualified tax exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Although Bond Counsel has rendered an opinion that interest on the Series 2020 Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the accrual or receipt of interest on the Series 2020 Bonds may otherwise affect the federal income tax liability of the recipient. The extent of these other tax consequences will depend upon the recipient's particular tax status or other items of income or deduction. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such consequences. Purchasers of the Series 2020 Bonds, particularly purchasers that are corporations (including S corporations and foreign corporations operating branches in the United States), property or casualty insurance companies, banks, thrifts or other financial institutions, or certain recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, are advised to consult their tax advisors as to the tax consequences of purchasing, holding or selling the Series 2020 Bonds.

As shown on the inside front cover of this Official Statement, certain of the Series 2020 Bonds are being sold at an original issue discount (collectively, the "Discount Bonds"). The difference between the initial public offering prices, as set forth on the cover page, of such Discount Bonds and their stated amounts to be paid at maturity constitutes original issue discount treated as interest which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, as described above.

The amount of original issue discount which is treated as having accrued with respect to such Discount Bond is added to the cost basis of the owner in determining, for federal income tax purposes, gain or loss upon disposition of such Discount Bond (including its sale, redemption, or payment at maturity). Amounts received upon disposition of such Discount Bond which are attributable to accrued original issue discount will be treated as tax-exempt interest, rather than as taxable gain, for federal income tax purposes.

Original issue discount is treated as compounding semiannually, at a rate determined by reference to the yield to maturity of each individual Discount Bond, on days which are determined by reference to the maturity date of such Discount Bond. The amount treated as original issue discount on such Discount Bond for a particular semiannual accrual period is equal to the product of (i) the yield of maturity for such Discount Bond (determined by compounding at the close of each accrual period) and (ii) the amount which would have been the tax basis of such Discount Bond at the beginning of the particular accrual period if held by the original purchaser, less the amount of any interest payable for such Discount Bond during the accrual period. The tax basis is determined by adding to the initial public offering price on such Discount Bond the sum of the amounts which have been treated as original issue discount for such purposes during all prior periods. If such Discount Bond is sold between semiannual compounding dates, original issue discount which would have been accrued for that semiannual compounding period for federal income tax purposes is to be apportioned in equal amounts among the days in such compounding period.

Owners of the Discount Bonds should consult their tax advisors with respect to the determination and treatment of original issue discount accrued as of any date and with respect to the state and local tax consequences of owning a Discount Bond.

As shown on the inside front cover of this Official Statement certain of the Series 2020 Bonds are being sold at an original issue premium (the "Premium Bonds"). An amount equal to the excess of the issue price of a Premium Bond over its stated redemption price at maturity constitutes premium on such Premium Bond. An initial purchaser of a Premium Bond must amortize any premium over such Premium Bond's term using constant yield principles, based on the purchaser's yield to maturity (or, in the case of a Premium Bond callable prior to its maturity, by amortizing the premium to the call date, based on the purchaser's yield to the call date and giving effect to the call premium). As premium is amortized, the amount of the amortization offsets a corresponding amount of interest for the period and the purchaser's basis in such Premium Bond is reduced by a corresponding amount resulting in an increase in the gain (or decrease in the loss) to be recognized for federal income tax purposes upon a sale or disposition of such Premium Bond prior to its maturity. Even though the purchaser's basis may be reduced, no federal income tax deduction is allowed. Purchasers of a Premium Bond should consult with their tax advisors with respect to the determination and treatment of amortizable premium for federal income tax purposes and with respect to the state and local tax consequences of owning a Premium Bond.

Current or future legislative proposals, if enacted into law, may cause interest on the Series 2020 Bonds to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation or otherwise prevent holders of the Series 2020 Bonds from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. On December 20, 2017, Congress passed The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Tax Legislation"), which, for tax years beginning after December 31, 2017, among other things, significantly changed the income tax rates for individuals and corporations, modified the current provisions relative to the federal alternative minimum tax on individuals and eliminated the federal alternative minimum tax for corporations. The Tax Legislation or the introduction or enactment of any such legislative proposals may also affect the market price for, or marketability of, the Series 2020 Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Series 2020 Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed federal or state tax legislation, regulations or litigation, as to which Bond Counsel expresses no opinion.

It is not an event of default on the Series 2020 Bonds if legislation is enacted reducing or eliminating the exclusion of interest on state and local government bonds from gross income for federal or state income tax purposes.

## **State Taxes**

Bond Counsel is of the opinion that, under existing law, the Series 2020 Bonds and interest thereon are exempt from all Arkansas state, county and municipal taxes.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

### **Legal Opinions**

Legal matters incident to the authorization and issuance of the Series 2020 Bonds are subject to the unqualified approving opinion of Friday, Eldredge & Clark, LLP, Bond Counsel, whose approving opinion will be delivered with the Series 2020 Bonds. Certain matters will be passed upon for the Corporation by Brett D. Watson, Attorney at Law, PLLC.

### **Litigation**

There is no litigation pending seeking to restrain or enjoin the issuance or delivery of the Series 2020 Bonds, or questioning or affecting the legality of the Series 2020 Bonds or the proceedings and authority under which the Series 2020 Bonds are to be issued, or questioning the right of the Issuer to enter into the Indenture and the Loan Agreement or to issue the Series 2020 Bonds. In addition there is no litigation currently pending, or to management's knowledge threatened, against the Corporation or its properties.

## **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of the Corporation and its affiliate, Harding Place, included in Appendix B to this Official Statement have been examined by Mallory & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, Little Rock, Arkansas, for the periods indicated in their report thereon. The consolidated financial statements examined by Mallory & Associates have been included in reliance on their report given on their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

The Corporation has furnished the information in this Official Statement relating to its operations and the University. The Underwriter has furnished the information in this Official Statement with respect to the public offering price of the Series 2020 Bonds and the information under the caption **UNDERWRITING**.

Any statements made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion or of estimates, whether or not so expressly stated, are set forth as such and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any of the estimates will be realized.

The information contained in this Official Statement has been taken from sources considered to be reliable, but is not guaranteed. To the best of the knowledge of the undersigned this Official Statement does not include any untrue statement of a material fact; nor does it omit the statement of any material fact required to be stated herein, or necessary to make the statements herein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

The execution and delivery of this Official Statement has been duly authorized by the Issuer and the Corporation.

CITY OF SEARCY, ARKANSAS (HARDING  
UNIVERSITY AND HARDING PLACE)  
PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL AND RESIDENTIAL  
HOUSING FACILITIES BOARD

By: /s/ Donald Miller  
Chairman

HARDING UNIVERSITY, INC.

By: /s/ Bruce McLarty  
President

## APPENDIX A

### DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS

The following are definitions of some of the words and terms used in this Official Statement:

"Accountant" or "Accountants" means an independent certified public accountant or a firm of independent certified public accountants to whom the Trustee makes no reasonable objection.

"Act" means the "Public Facilities Boards Act," Arkansas Code Annotated Sections 14-137-101 *et seq.* (Repl. 1998; Supp. 2019), and all acts supplemental thereto or amendatory thereof.

"Additional Bonds" means Bonds authorized to be issued by the Issuer (other than the Parity Bonds and the Series 2020 Bonds) on a parity with the Parity Bonds and the Series 2020 Bonds pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture.

"Annual Debt Service" means for any Fiscal Year as applied to any Outstanding Bonds, the sum of all amounts required to pay principal (at maturity or upon mandatory redemption) and interest due in such Fiscal Year on all Bonds Outstanding. "Annual Debt Service" with respect to any specified type of obligation for any Fiscal Year shall mean the sum of all amounts required to pay principal (at maturity or upon mandatory redemption) and interest due in such Fiscal Year on all of the specified type of obligation.

"Bond Fund" means the Bond Fund created pursuant to the Indenture.

"Bondowner" or "owner of the Bonds" means the Registered Owner of any Bond.

"Bonds" means the Parity Bonds, the Series 2020 Bonds and any Additional Bonds.

"Bonds Refunded" means the \$4,985,000 outstanding principal amount of the Issuer's Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2014, being refunded by the Series 2020 Bonds.

"Business Day" means a day on which banking business is transacted, but not including any day on which banks are authorized to be closed, in the city in which the Trustee has its principal corporate trust office.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and regulations of the United States Treasury Department promulgated thereunder.

"Completion Date" means the date of completion of the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Project, as that date shall be certified as provided in the Loan Agreement.

"Continuing Disclosure Agreement" means that certain Continuing Disclosure Agreement dated December 22, 2020 between the Corporation and the Trustee, as originally executed and as it may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

"Corporation" means (i) Harding University, Inc., a nonprofit corporation described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a) of the Code, and (ii) any surviving, resulting or transferee entity as provided in the Loan Agreement.

"Cost of the Project" means, with respect to the Project, all costs and items permitted to be financed under the provisions of the Act, including but not limited to: (i) the cost of the acquisition of all land, rights-of-way, options to purchase land, easements, leasehold estates in land, and interests of all kinds in land related to the Project; (ii) the cost of the acquisition, construction, repair, renovation, remodeling or improvements to all buildings and structures to be used as or in conjunction with the Project; (iii) the cost of site preparation, including the cost of demolishing or removing any buildings or structures the removal of which is necessary or incident to providing the Project; (iv) the cost of architectural, engineering, legal and related services; the cost of the preparation of plans, specifications, studies, surveys and estimates of cost and of revenue; and all other expenses necessary or incident to planning, providing or determining the feasibility and practicability of the Project; (v) the cost of all machinery, equipment, furnishings and facilities necessary or incident to the equipping of the Project so that it may be placed in operation; (vi) the cost of financing charges and interest prior to the Completion Date and for a maximum of six months after the Completion Date; (vii) Issuance Costs; and (viii) all direct and indirect costs of the Issuer incurred in connection with providing the Project, including, without limitation, reasonable sums to reimburse the Issuer for time spent by its agents or employees with respect to providing the Project and the financing thereof.

"Debt Service Reserve Fund" means the Debt Service Reserve Fund created pursuant to the Indenture.

"Debt Service Reserve Requirement" means, with respect to each series of Bonds, a sum equal to the lesser of (i) 5% of the initial stated principal amount of each series of Bonds, or (ii) 50% of the maximum Annual Debt Service for the then current or any succeeding Fiscal Year with respect to each series of Bonds.

"Fiscal Year" means the year ending June 30.

"Governmental Obligations" means direct obligations of (including obligations issued or held in book entry form on the books of the Department of Treasury of the United States of America), or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America.

"Indenture" means the Indenture of Trust dated as of August 1, 1993, as supplemented by a First Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of February 1, 1995, as supplemented by a Second Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of June 1, 1995, as supplemented by a Third Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of January 1, 1996, as supplemented by a Fourth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of September 1, 1998, as supplemented by a Fifth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of December 1, 1998, as supplemented by a Sixth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of September 1, 1999, as supplemented by a Seventh Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of June 1, 2001, as supplemented by an Eighth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of December 1, 2002, as supplemented by a Ninth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of December 1, 2003, as supplemented by a Tenth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of April 1, 2005, as supplemented by an Eleventh Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of February 1, 2010, as supplemented by a Twelfth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of December 1, 2010, as supplemented by a Thirteenth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of October 1, 2011, as supplemented by a Fourteenth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of April 1, 2012, as supplemented by a Fifteenth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of March 1, 2013, as supplemented by a Sixteenth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of December 1, 2014, as supplemented by a Seventeenth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of May 1, 2015, as supplemented by an Eighteenth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of August 30, 2017, as supplemented by a Nineteenth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of December 26, 2019, and as supplemented by a Twentieth Supplemental Indenture of Trust dated as of December 22, 2020, between the Issuer and the Trustee, pursuant to which the Bonds are authorized to be issued, and any further amendments and supplements thereto.

"Issuance Costs" means all costs and expenses of issuance of the Series 2020 Bonds.

"Issuer" means the City of Searcy, Arkansas (Harding University and Harding Place) Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board, a body politic and corporate and a public instrumentality under the Act and ordinances of the City of Searcy, Arkansas.

"Late Payment Rate" means (i) with respect to the Bondowners, the applicable rate of interest payable on the Bonds, and (ii) for all other purposes, five percent (5%) per annum with respect to payments related to the Bonds and the Parity Bonds or such other rate as shall be determined with respect to a series of Additional Bonds.

"Loan Agreement" means the Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of August 1, 1993, by and between the Issuer and the Corporation, as from time to time supplemented and amended, including the First Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of February 1, 1995, the Second Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of June 1, 1995, the Third Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of January 1, 1996, the Fourth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of September 1, 1998, the Fifth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of December 1, 1998, the Sixth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of September 1, 1999, the Seventh Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of June 1, 2001, the Eighth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of December 1, 2002, the Ninth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of December 1, 2003, the Tenth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of April 1, 2005, the Eleventh Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of February 1, 2010, the Twelfth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of December 1, 2010, the Thirteenth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of October 1, 2011, the Fourteenth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of April 1, 2012, the Fifteenth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of March 1, 2013, the Sixteenth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of December 1, 2014, the Seventeenth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of May 1, 2015, the Eighteenth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of August 30, 2017, the Nineteenth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement dated as of December 26, 2019 and the Twentieth Supplemental Loan Agreement of Security Agreement dated as of December 22, 2020.

"Net Proceeds" means, with respect to any insurance proceeds from policies required by the Loan Agreement or any condemnation award, the amount of proceeds or award remaining after deducting from the gross proceeds or award or sale price all expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in the collection of such proceeds or award.

"Outstanding" or "Bonds Outstanding" means all Bonds which have been authenticated and delivered by the Trustee under the Indenture, except: (a) Bonds canceled after purchase in the open market because of payment at, or redemption prior to, maturity; (b) Bonds paid or deemed to be paid pursuant to the Indenture; (c) Bonds canceled after exchanges or transfers pursuant to the Indenture; and (d) Bonds in lieu of which others have been issued, authenticated and delivered pursuant to the Indenture.

"Parity Bonds" means the Series 2017 Bonds and the Series 2019 Bonds, which bonds are on a parity with the lien securing the Series 2020 Bonds.

"Paying Agent" or "Paying Agents" means the Trustee and such financial institutions as are appointed additional Paying Agents pursuant to the Indenture.

"Permitted Encumbrances" means, as of any particular time, (i) liens for taxes and assessments not then delinquent or which the Corporation may, pursuant to the provisions of the Loan Agreement, permit to remain unpaid, (ii) the Loan Agreement, the Indenture and any financing statements naming the Issuer or the Corporation as debtor and naming the Trustee or the Issuer as secured party filed to perfect the security interests granted by the Loan Agreement or the Indenture, (iii) utility, access and other easements and rights-of-way, restrictions and exceptions that the Corporation certifies will not interfere with or impair the University, and (iv) such minor defects, irregularities, encumbrances and clouds on title as normally exist with respect to property similar in character to the University and as do not, in the opinion of independent counsel, materially impair the property affected thereby.

"Permitted Investments" means:

(i) Governmental Obligations;

(ii) Bonds, debentures or notes or other evidence of indebtedness payable in cash issued by any one or a combination of any of the following federal agencies whose obligations represent full faith and credit of the United States of America: Export Import Bank of the United States, Federal Financing Bank, Farmers Home Administration, Federal Housing Administration, Maritime Administration, Public Housing Authority or Government National Mortgage Association;

(iii) certificates of deposit properly secured at all times by collateral security described in (i) and (ii) above (such agreements are only acceptable with commercial banks, savings and loan associations and mutual savings banks); and

(iv) the following investments fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation: (a) certificates of deposit, (b) savings accounts, (c) deposit accounts or (d) depository receipts of a bank.

"Pledged Revenues" means all student tuition, fees and dormitory rentals received by the Corporation.

"Project" means (i) the property which is described generally in Exhibit A to the Fourteenth Supplemental Loan Agreement and Security Agreement and which is required or permitted to be acquired, constructed, furnished and equipped with the proceeds of the sale of the Series 2012 Bonds or the proceeds of any payment by Corporation pursuant to the provisions of the Loan Agreement, and (ii) any item of machinery, equipment or other tangible property acquired in substitution for, or as a renewal or replacement of, or a modification or improvement to, any property described in (i) above, pursuant to the provisions of the Loan Agreement.

"Record Date" means that date which is fifteen (15) days next preceding any interest payment date or redemption date of such Bond.

"Registered Owner" means the person or persons in whose name or names a Bond shall be registered on the books of the Issuer kept by the Trustee for that purpose in accordance with provisions of the Indenture.

"Series 2017 Bonds" means the \$6,040,000 original aggregate principal amount of the Issuer's Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2017, issued pursuant to the Indenture.

"Series 2019 Bonds" means the \$7,770,000 original principal amount of the Issuer's Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2019, issued pursuant to the Indenture.



"Series 2020 Bonds" means the \$9,840,000 original aggregate principal amount of the Issuer's Refunding and Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2020, being issued pursuant to the Indenture.

"Tax-Exempt Organization" means a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of one of the states of the United States which is an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(a) of the Code or any successor provision of similar import hereafter enacted.

"Term of the Loan Agreement" means the term of the Loan Agreement as specified in the Loan Agreement.

"Trustee" means BancorpSouth Bank, in Stuttgart, Arkansas, and its successors and any entity resulting from or surviving any conversion, sale, transfer, consolidation or merger to which it or its successors may be a party and any successor trustee at the time serving as successor trustee under the Indenture.

"Trust Estate" means the property conveyed to the Trustee pursuant to the Granting Clauses of the Indenture.

"Underwriter" means Stephens Inc.

"University" means the four-year, degree-granting institution of post-secondary education operated by the Corporation in the City of Searcy, Arkansas under the name "Harding University."

**APPENDIX B**

**Audited Consolidated Financial Statements  
of the Corporation for the Fiscal Years  
Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019**

**HARDING UNIVERSITY, INC.**

**SEARCY, ARKANSAS**

**JUNE 30, 2020 and 2019**

**HARDING UNIVERSITY, INC.**  
**Searcy, Arkansas**  
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of  
Harding University, Inc.  
Searcy, Arkansas

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of Harding University, Inc. (a non-profit organization) and affiliate, Harding Place, Inc., which comprise of the consolidated statements of financial position as of June 30, 2020 and the related consolidated statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended and the related notes to the financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; 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 an opinion 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 of material misstatement. The financial statements of Harding Place, Inc. were not required to be and were not audited in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards*.

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 the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant 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 opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Harding University, Inc. and its affiliate as of June 30, 2020, and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Report on Summarized Comparative Information**

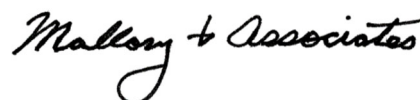
We have previously audited the financial statements of Harding University, Inc. and its affiliate and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated September 30, 2019. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, is consistent in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

**Other Matters – Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying financial responsibility supplemental schedule is presented for the purposes of additional analysis as required by the U.S. Department of Education and is not a required part of the financial statements. The accompanying 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 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the 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 September 30, 2020 on our consideration of Harding University, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Harding University, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Little Rock, Arkansas  
September 30, 2020

Mallory & Associates  
Certified Public Accountants

**HARDING UNIVERSITY, INC.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Financial Position**  
**June 30, 2020 and 2019**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,138,104	\$ 1,187,348
Deposits with trustee	1,644,079	2,617,721
Accounts and notes receivable	5,717,219	4,653,136
Inventories	1,885,102	2,176,404
Prepaid expenses and other assets	844,049	644,348
Unconditional promises to give	3,228,381	2,863,790
Investments	6,230,923	5,965,664
Total current assets	<u>20,687,857</u>	<u>20,108,411</u>
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Deposits with trustee	919,567	1,378,549
Accounts and notes receivable	8,268,789	9,624,523
Unconditional promises to give	8,884,789	9,053,117
Investments	164,517,390	151,594,570
Beneficial interest in assets held by others	4,830,764	5,018,958
Property and equipment	212,339,407	214,479,982
Total other assets	<u>399,760,706</u>	<u>391,149,699</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 420,448,563</u>	<u>\$ 411,258,110</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,894,738	\$ 2,745,858
Payroll deductions payable	1,679,171	1,880,132
Accrued liabilities	5,637,219	3,572,626
Deferred revenue	4,080,789	2,798,565
Notes payable	3,167,283	1,515,707
Leases payable	471,437	504,769
Bonds payable	1,685,000	2,775,000
Total current liabilities	<u>18,615,637</u>	<u>15,792,657</u>
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>		
Deposits and other liabilities	2,093,259	1,958,627
Deferred revenue	690,822	845,838
Reserve for split-interest liabilities	5,103,448	5,555,631
Notes payable	16,759,890	19,590,555
Leases payable	593,264	696,259
Refundable grants	6,478,285	6,643,355
Bonds payable	19,397,238	21,750,246
Total long-term liabilities	<u>51,116,206</u>	<u>57,040,511</u>
Total liabilities	<u>69,731,843</u>	<u>72,833,168</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Without donor restrictions	179,780,695	179,789,450
With donor restrictions	170,936,025	158,635,492
Total net assets	<u>350,716,720</u>	<u>338,424,942</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 420,448,563</u>	<u>\$ 411,258,110</u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements

**HARDING UNIVERSITY, INC.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Activities**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2020 with Summarized Comparative Totals for 2019**

	<u>2020</u>			<u>2019</u>
	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Combined</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<b><u>Operating Revenues</u></b>				
Tuition and fees	\$ 75,509,299	\$ -	\$ 75,509,299	\$ 77,289,985
Auxiliary services	23,897,069	-	23,897,069	29,320,098
Gifts	1,815,845	11,443,331	13,259,176	18,465,958
Resources released from restrictions	7,692,775	(7,692,775)	-	-
Grants	3,039,226	-	3,039,226	1,582,219
Resources from investments	6,495,298	-	6,495,298	6,623,475
Other operational income	1,641,494	-	1,641,494	2,798,842
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b><u>120,091,006</u></b>	<b><u>3,750,556</u></b>	<b><u>123,841,562</u></b>	<b><u>136,080,577</u></b>
<b><u>Operating Expenses</u></b>				
Instruction	53,344,293	-	53,344,293	56,266,136
Auxiliary services	23,354,223	-	23,354,223	25,236,206
Student services	17,547,022	-	17,547,022	18,453,014
Academic support	12,441,144	-	12,441,144	12,279,081
Management and general	11,670,979	-	11,670,979	12,052,585
Fundraising	1,963,832	-	1,963,832	2,050,514
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b><u>120,321,493</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>120,321,493</u></b>	<b><u>126,337,536</u></b>
<b>Change in net assets - operations</b>	<b><u>(230,487)</u></b>	<b><u>3,750,556</u></b>	<b><u>3,520,069</u></b>	<b><u>9,743,041</u></b>
<b><u>Other Revenues and Expenses</u></b>				
Net gain (loss) on property disposals	(402,848)	-	(402,848)	168,137
Investment activity, less distributions	624,580	8,595,233	9,219,813	2,581,111
Actuarial adjustment	-	(45,256)	(45,256)	(427,460)
<b>Total other revenues and expenses</b>	<b><u>221,732</u></b>	<b><u>8,549,977</u></b>	<b><u>8,771,709</u></b>	<b><u>2,321,788</u></b>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b><u>(8,755)</u></b>	<b><u>12,300,533</u></b>	<b><u>12,291,778</u></b>	<b><u>12,064,829</u></b>
<b>Net assets at beginning of year</b>	<b><u>179,789,450</u></b>	<b><u>158,635,492</u></b>	<b><u>338,424,942</u></b>	<b><u>326,360,113</u></b>
<b>Net assets at end of year</b>	<b><u>\$ 179,780,695</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 170,936,025</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 350,716,720</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 338,424,942</u></b>

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.



**HARDING UNIVERSITY, INC.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
**Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019**

	2020	2019
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 12,291,778	\$ 12,064,829
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	11,797,169	11,379,266
Amortization of prepaid bond costs	123,943	36,889
Disposal of property and equipment	(402,848)	(168,137)
(Increase) Decrease in assets:		
Deposits with trustee	1,432,624	267,354
Accounts and notes receivable	(1,026,547)	(796,064)
Inventories	291,302	385,053
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(199,701)	(71,044)
Unconditional promises to give	(196,263)	1,820,798
Increase (Decrease) in liabilities:		
Accounts payable	(1,435,702)	(3,150,251)
Payroll deductions payable	(200,961)	24,490
Accrued liabilities	2,064,593	303,486
Deposits and other liabilities	134,632	(53,551)
Deferred revenue	1,127,208	(107,724)
Actuarial adjustment to split-interest agreements	45,256	427,460
Contributions restricted for investments	(3,500,221)	(7,542,379)
Interest and dividends restricted for reinvestment	(3,220)	(124,727)
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	(11,928,562)	(5,976,214)
Net cash provided by operating activities	10,414,480	8,719,534
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Purchase of property and equipment	(9,692,424)	(9,895,674)
Sale of property and equipment	477,312	251,712
Changes in student loans receivable	1,153,128	1,135,658
Net investments purchased	(102,682)	(3,263,860)
Net cash used by investing activities	(8,164,666)	(11,772,164)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Contributions restricted for investments	3,500,221	7,542,379
Payments to annuitants	(544,398)	(569,529)
Increase in split-interest liability from new gifts	32,124	4,874
Changes in unsecured long-term lines of credits	(602,605)	1,290,000
Proceeds from long-term debt	7,879,085	-
Net bond issuance costs and premiums	(136,036)	-
Payments on long-term debt	(12,427,449)	(4,489,330)
Net cash (used by) provided by financing activities	(2,299,058)	3,778,394
Net change in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	(49,244)	725,764
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at beginning of year	1,187,348	461,584
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash at end of year	\$ 1,138,104	\$ 1,187,348
<b>Supplemental Information:</b>		
Interest expense paid	\$ 1,132,798	\$ 1,234,376
Capital lease obligation incurred for equipment	404,638	430,639
Financing capital obligations through trade accounts payable	584,582	1,116,870

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

**HARDING UNIVERSITY, INC.**  
**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**June 30, 2020 and 2019**

**NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE INSTITUTION**

The corporation is an Arkansas non-profit corporation incorporated in 1934, which owns and operates Harding University (the University). The University, which was founded in 1924, is composed of the College of Allied Health, College of Arts and Humanities, College of Bible and Ministry, Paul R. Carter College of Business Administration, Cannon-Clary College of Education, Carr College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, College of Sciences, Honors College and University College; graduate programs in Business, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Education, Family Nurse Practitioner, Information Systems, Marriage and Family Counseling/Therapy, Physician Assistant Studies, Professional School Counseling and Speech-Language Pathology; professional practice doctoral degrees in Pharmacy and Physical Therapy; doctorate in Educational Leadership; and, located in Memphis, Tennessee, the Harding School of Theology; and Harding Academy in Searcy. The University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Its affiliate, Harding Place, Inc., is a separately incorporated retirement center.

The main University campus is located in Searcy, Arkansas and occupies approximately 350 acres east of the downtown area. The University is governed by the Board of Trustees, currently composed of twenty-three members. The members are appointed for six-year staggered terms.

**SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Principles of Consolidation:** The accompanying financial statements and notes reflect the consolidation of Harding University, Inc. and its affiliate, Harding Place, Inc. (Retirement Center). The University's Board of Trustees appoints Harding Place's Board of Directors. They also share interrelated directors/trustees and common personnel. The University has an economic interest in Harding Place, Inc. due to its guarantee of the Series 2016 Bonds for Harding Place, Inc. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

**Basis of Accounting:** The financial statements of the University have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables and other liabilities.

**Basis of Presentation:** Net assets, revenue, gains, and losses are classified based on the absence or existence and nature of donor-imposed restrictions as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Net assets with donor restrictions - Net assets that are subject to donor-imposed stipulations, which may or will be met by actions of the University and/or the passage of time.

**Comparative Financial Information:** The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the University's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2019, from which the summarized information was derived.

**Reclassifications:** Certain accounts in the prior-year financial statements have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform with the presentation in the current-year financial statements. The expense reclassifications were to improve the functional allocation of expenses, particularly when one expenditure was allocated to more than one functional expense.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents:** The University considers all unrestricted, highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The University considers all cash and cash equivalents held in brokerage accounts to be investments. The University maintains separate cash accounts as required by grantors, contributors or regulatory authorities.

**HARDING UNIVERSITY, INC.**  
**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**June 30, 2020 and 2019**

**NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**Accounts and Notes Receivable:** Accounts and notes receivable are carried at unpaid principal balances, less an allowance for bad debts. Management's periodic evaluation of the adequacy of the allowance is based on Perkins and Nursing loan program requirements, the University's past loan loss experience, specific impaired notes, adverse situations that may affect the borrower's ability to repay, and current economic conditions. Accounts and notes are considered impaired if full principal or interest payments are not anticipated in accordance with the contractual terms.

The University's policy is to charge off any note or portion thereof when the note is determined by management to be uncollectible due to the borrower's failure to meet repayment terms, the borrower's deteriorating or deteriorated financial condition or for other reasons. Interest on notes is recognized over the term of the note and is calculated using the simple-interest method on principal amounts outstanding. However, interest on notes is no longer accrued once management believes, after considering economic conditions, business conditions and collection efforts, that the notes are impaired or collection of interest is doubtful. Uncollected interest previously accrued is charged off by a reduction to interest income. Interest income on notes assigned to collection agencies are recognized only to the extent cash payments are received.

**Gifts and Promises to Give:** Gifts, including unconditional promises to give, are recognized as revenue in the period received. Gifts restricted by donors are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions are met (either a stipulated time period ends or a purpose restriction is accomplished) in the reporting period in which the gifts are recognized. Gifts of fixed assets, unless donor restricted, are recognized as without donor restrictions when received. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until they become unconditional; that is, when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Gifts of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value. Gifts 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 gift revenue in accordance with donor-imposed restrictions, if any, on the gifts. An allowance for uncollectible promises to give is provided based upon management's judgment, including such factors as prior collection history, type of gift, and nature of fund-raising activity.

**Inventories:** Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market, with cost determined on the first-in, first-out method. Inventories primarily consist of textbooks, other bookstore merchandise and maintenance supplies.

**Investments:** The University carries investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities at their fair values in the statements of financial position. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets in the accompanying statements of activities. The University carries its real estate investments at the fair market value of the interests as of the dates the interests were donated to the University, except when a permanent decline in value has occurred at which time the carrying value is written down to fair market value. Income and realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments of endowments and similar funds are reported as changes in net assets with donor imposed restrictions if the terms of the gift require that they be added to the principal of an endowment fund, it imposes restrictions on the use of the income, or if the funds have not been appropriated for use in operations; and as changes in net assets without donor imposed restrictions in all other cases.

**Property and Equipment:** Based on the prior implementation of a pronouncement, buildings obtained prior to July 1, 1991 are valued at ninety percent of insured value. Property and equipment obtained July 1, 1991 and forward are stated at cost for property and equipment purchased by the University, and at market value as of the date of the gift for donated property and equipment. Acquisitions of property and equipment in excess of \$2,500 and expenditures over \$2,500 that materially prolong the useful lives of assets are capitalized. Depreciation of property and equipment is computed using the straight-line method at rates based upon estimated useful lives.

**Use of 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 certain reported amounts and disclosures, such as allowances for uncollectible accounts, unconditional promises to give, and useful lives of depreciable assets.

**HARDING UNIVERSITY, INC.**  
**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**June 30, 2020 and 2019**

**NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**Derivative Financial Instruments:** The University makes limited use of derivative instruments for the purpose of managing interest rate risks. Interest rate swap agreements are used to convert the University's floating rate long-term debt to a fixed rate. The differentials paid or received on interest rate swap agreements are accrued and recognized as adjustments to interest expense; gains and losses realized upon settlement of these agreements are deferred until the underlying hedged instrument is settled.

**Expense Allocation:** The costs of providing various programs and other expenses are summarized in the statements of activities. Certain categories of expenses are attributable to more than one supporting function and are allocated on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. Interest expense of \$1,136,144 and \$1,261,227 for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, are allocated among the supporting services benefited. Depreciation and Occupancy costs are allocated on a square footage basis. Management and general expenses include those expenses that are not directly identifiable with any specific program or supporting service, but provide for the overall support and direction of the University.

**Income Tax Status:** The University is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, income from certain activities not directly related to the University's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income. Income taxes paid were \$0 for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019. As of June 30, 2020, the University had no uncertain tax positions that qualify for either recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. With few exceptions, the University is no longer subject to U.S. federal, state, and local income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2016.

**Concentration of Credit Risk:** Financial instruments that potentially subject the University to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash deposits and accounts receivables. The University's policy states that, whenever significant deposits are made, checks are written or funds are transferred within 24 hours. The University's uninsured cash balances were \$424,823 and \$1,147,815 as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to trade receivables are limited due to the large number of students comprising the University's student base and their dispersion across different geographic areas.

**Contingencies:** In the normal course of operations, the University is named as a defendant in lawsuits and is subject to periodic examinations by regulatory agencies. After consultation with legal counsel, management is of the opinion that liabilities, if any, arising from such litigation and examinations would not have a material effect on the University's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

**Fair Values of Financial Instruments:** The following methods and assumptions were used by the University in estimating its fair value disclosures for financial instruments:

**Cash, cash equivalents, short-term unconditional promises to give, notes receivable from university loan programs and notes payable:** The carrying amounts reported in the statements of financial position approximate fair values because of the short maturities of those instruments.

**Short-term and endowment investments:** The fair values of investments are based on quoted market prices for those or similar investments.

**Long-term unconditional promises to give:** The fair values of promises to give that are due in more than one year are estimated by discounting the future cash flows using a current risk-free rate of return based on the yield of a U.S. Treasury security with a maturity date similar to the expected collection period.

**U.S. government loan funds:** These loans are reported at the principal balances owed. Estimates of the fair value of the loans to students under U.S. government refundable grants are not made because the notes receivable are not marketable and can only be assigned to the U.S. government or its designees.

**HARDING UNIVERSITY, INC.**  
**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**June 30, 2020 and 2019**

**NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**New Accounting Pronouncements:** In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-18, *Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash*. This update requires that a statement of cash flows explain the change during the period of the total cash, cash equivalents, and amounts generally described as restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. The updated guidance is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018. It was adopted effective July 1, 2019 and has been retrospectively applied.

**NOTE 2 ACCOUNTS, NOTES AND INTEREST RECEIVABLES**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Accounts and interest receivables</b>		
Student receivables	\$ 8,144,765	\$ 6,846,747
Less: allowance for bad debt	(2,507,942)	(2,305,068)
Grant receivables	85,880	155,089
Other receivables	492,776	670,957
Interest receivables	<u>477,974</u>	<u>557,818</u>
Net accounts and interest receivables	<u>6,693,453</u>	<u>5,925,543</u>
<b>Student loan receivables</b>		
Institutional loans	1,238,624	1,005,717
Less: allowance for bad debt	(578,534)	(538,064)
Government loans:		
Perkins	6,185,006	7,500,618
Less: allowance for bad debt	(309,250)	(375,254)
Nursing	805,168	807,558
Less: allowance for bad debt	<u>(48,459)</u>	<u>(48,459)</u>
Net notes receivable	<u>7,292,555</u>	<u>8,352,116</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,986,008</u>	<u>\$ 14,277,659</u>

**HARDING UNIVERSITY, INC.**  
**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**June 30, 2020 and 2019**

**NOTE 2 ACCOUNTS, NOTES AND INTEREST RECEIVABLES (Continued)**

Student loans consisted of the following aging categories as of June 30, 2020:

	<120 Days	Past Due			Deferred	2020 Total
		121-270 Days	271-365 Days	Over 1 year		
Institutional loans	\$ 389,490	\$ 97,116	\$ 19,871	\$ 732,147	\$ -	\$ 1,238,624
Government loans:						
Perkins	2,955,456	95,299	22,249	746,788	2,365,214	6,185,006
Nursing	375,236	10,760	14,142	62,334	342,696	805,168
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,720,182</b>	<b>\$ 203,175</b>	<b>\$ 56,262</b>	<b>\$ 1,541,269</b>	<b>\$ 2,707,910</b>	<b>\$ 8,228,798</b>

Student loans consisted of the following aging categories as of June 30, 2019:

	<120 Days	Past Due			Deferred	2019 Total
		121-270 Days	271-365 Days	Over 1 year		
Institutional loans	\$ 242,558	\$ 92,372	\$ 4,279	\$ 666,508	\$ -	\$ 1,005,717
Government loans:						
Perkins	2,832,142	133,962	34,728	812,601	3,687,185	7,500,618
Nursing	377,655	10,527	10,000	53,048	356,328	807,558
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,452,355</b>	<b>\$ 236,861</b>	<b>\$ 49,007</b>	<b>\$ 1,532,157</b>	<b>\$ 4,043,513</b>	<b>\$ 9,313,893</b>

**NOTE 3 UNCONDITIONAL PROMISES TO GIVE**

Unconditional promises to give are summarized as follows:

	2020	2019
Gross unconditional promises to give	\$ 13,070,593	\$ 13,306,387
Present value adjustment	(159,089)	(308,191)
Allowance for uncollectibles	(798,334)	(1,081,289)
<b>Net unconditional promises to give</b>	<b>\$ 12,113,170</b>	<b>\$ 11,916,907</b>
<b>Amounts due in:</b>		
Less than one year	\$ 3,228,381	\$ 2,863,790
One to five years	8,762,708	8,851,092
More than five years	122,081	202,025
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,113,170</b>	<b>\$ 11,916,907</b>

Gross related party unconditional promises to give as of June 30, 2020 and 2019 were \$1,047,475 and \$1,121,246, with a present value adjustment of \$12,749 and \$25,969 and an allowance of \$128,359 and \$172,470, respectively. The effective interest rate used to discount to present value ranged from .16% to 2.81%.

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**NOTE 4 INVESTMENTS**

**MARKETABLE SECURITIES**

Investments in marketable securities are stated at fair value and are summarized as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Brokerage money market and cash accounts	\$ 1,218,018	\$ 229,854
Equity index mutual funds	102,624,644	110,804,147
Equity index exchange traded funds	20,371,181	207,829
Bond index exchange traded funds	23,805,308	23,597,663
Bond mutual funds	1,455,295	1,543,143
Individual bonds and certificates of deposit	4,043,373	5,090,136
Individual stocks	1,018,647	1,054,524
Guaranteed investment contracts	185,254	49,115
Real estate investment trust	79,570	46,418
Split-interest agreements	<u>3,296,412</u>	<u>3,463,634</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 158,097,702</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 146,086,463</u></b>

**MANAGED FUNDS, REAL ESTATE AND OTHER**

Managed funds consist of securities traded on national securities exchanges, securities traded on over-the-counter markets, unlisted securities and other assets. Listed securities for which sales are reported are valued at their closing sale price on the valuation date. Listed securities for which no sales are reported are valued at the average of the most recent bid and asked prices. Unlisted securities and other assets for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at their fair value, as determined by the investment manager.

Real estate is recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation of \$967,045 and \$834,129 at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method, at rates based upon estimated useful lives.

Other investments consist primarily of notes receivable from the University held by trusts in which the University serves as trustee or has an undivided remainder interest in the trust assets.

Investments in managed funds, real estate and other are summarized as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Investments in managed funds	\$ 4,013,590	\$ 3,013,903
Investments in real estate	7,438,502	7,264,042
Other	<u>1,198,519</u>	<u>1,195,826</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 12,650,611</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 11,473,771</u></b>

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**NOTE 5 SPLIT-INTEREST AGREEMENTS AND BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN ASSETS HELD BY OTHERS**

The University administers various charitable remainder trusts. A charitable remainder trust provides for the payment of distributions to the grantor or other designated beneficiaries over the trust's term. The term is either a set number of years or the designated beneficiary's lifetime. At the end of the trust's term, the remaining assets are available for the University's use, based on its ownership percentage. The portion of the trust attributable to the present value of the future benefits to be received by the University is recorded in the statements of activities as a gift with donor restrictions in the period in which the trust is established.

Assets held for split-interest agreements totaled \$7,995,711 and \$8,562,149 as of June 30, 2020 and 2019. Of these, \$4,075,039 and \$4,252,262 as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, are held in charitable remainder trusts in which the University is trustee and \$3,920,672 and \$4,309,887 as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, are held for charitable gift annuity agreements.

The reserve for split-interest liabilities of \$5,103,448 and \$5,555,630 as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, includes the present value of estimated future payments to beneficiaries. This liability to make distributions is adjusted annually based upon actuarial assumptions. The University's actuarial liability at June 30, 2020 and 2019, on annuities obtained since January 1, 1994, was \$3,185,328 and \$3,484,176, respectively. The University maintains cash and marketable securities to cover these required reserves and other annuity reserves in the amounts of \$3,920,672 and \$4,309,887 at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Beneficial interests in assets held by others include investments held by third-party trustees, discounted to present value. The present values were based on donor life expectancies and the use of discount rates ranging from 0% to 8.2%. The asset values were \$5,039,634 and \$5,242,664 as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The amounts of the discount were \$208,871 and \$223,705 as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, with present values of \$4,830,763 and \$5,018,959 and as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The University reported contributions in the year the individual trusts were established for the portion of the trust attributable to the present value of the future beneficial interest.

**NOTE 6 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Property and equipment are summarized as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Land	\$ 10,052,152	\$ 10,088,682
Land improvements	33,378,918	33,035,666
Buildings	286,538,959	280,768,294
Equipment	59,160,977	57,569,752
Library books	12,325,588	12,040,510
Construction in progress	5,256,667	5,620,313
	<u>406,713,261</u>	<u>399,123,217</u>
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(194,373,854)</u>	<u>(184,643,235)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 212,339,407</u>	<u>\$ 214,479,982</u>

**NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLANS**

The University's retirement plan is with Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and College Retirement Equity Fund. All employees are eligible to participate through elective deferrals from the first day of employment. The University matches contributions up to a maximum of 10% of the employee's eligible compensation for employees who have met the service requirement of working a minimum of 1,000 hours in a twelve-month period from the date of hire. Years of service with any organization that maintains a 403(b) retirement plan or a teaching institution will satisfy the service requirement. University contributions totaled \$3,342,071 and \$3,571,488 for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.



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**NOTE 7 RETIREMENT PLANS (Continued)**

**Deferred Compensation Plan 457(b)**

On January 1, 2002, Harding University, Inc. implemented a 457(b) plan for certain highly compensated employees (HCE). The University contributes an equal percentage as the employee up to a maximum of 10% of the HCE gross salary. University contributions totaled \$166,233 and \$142,013 for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

The assets of the plan are the legal assets of Harding University, Inc. until they are distributed to participants, and therefore the plan assets and corresponding liability are reported in the statement of financial position. Plan assets and related liability, at fair value as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, totaled \$1,224,500 and \$1,029,623, respectively.

**NOTE 8 WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

The University is self-insured for workers' compensation up to the first \$400,000 per occurrence. The University has a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$200,000 as part of an agreement with the Workers' Compensation Commission.

**NOTE 9 SELF-INSURED INSURANCE PLANS**

The University provides its employees and their dependents with subsidized comprehensive health care coverage. A portion of that coverage is self-insured by the University. Under the insurance policy with HCC Life Insurance Company, the University's liability for plan participants is limited to \$150,000 per individual, per plan year. Through May 31, 2019, retirees had the option of continued coverage with Medicare paying primary on all claims and a \$30,000 cumulative lifetime limit. After the \$30,000 cumulative lifetime limit was satisfied, retiree coverage was limited to \$3,500 pharmaceutical and \$1,500 medical per year. Effective June 1, 2019, the retiree plan moved to a fully insured group Medipak plan. Currently, the University contributes a set dollar amount to each participant's coverage election. This policy is reviewed annually and there is no guarantee of continuance. Retiree participants are responsible for selecting their own Medicare D Prescription program of which the University does not contribute.

The University chose not to insure for aggregate exposure during the year ended June 30, 2020. The health care plan's aggregate exposure for medical and pharmaceutical claims was \$8,485,452 for the year ended June 30, 2019. Total health care claims beyond the aggregate exposure would be reimbursed by HCC Life Insurance Company. The medical and pharmaceutical claims totaled \$5,643,318 and \$6,432,883 for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

The University provides its employees and their dependents with subsidized dental coverage. Due to the limits of the plan, there is no re-insurance on this plan. Claims are administered by Delta Dental of Arkansas. Total dental expenses, including claims and fees, were \$355,591 and \$401,288 for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

**NOTE 10 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The University enters into transactions with related parties after determination that the transaction meets the requirements of its Conflict of Interest Policy. Among those requirements are that the transaction is in the best interest of the University, the transaction is fair and reasonable, or there is no other available source of the goods or services.

**Financial Institutions:** The Chancellor of the University is a minority shareholder and a member of the Board of Directors of First Security Bank. At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the University had cash and money market deposits with First Security Bank in the amount of \$530,648 and \$1,383,739, respectively, and an available line of credit in the amount of \$9,000,000 and \$7,500,000 as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, with outstanding balances of \$1,600,000 and \$0, respectively.

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**NOTE 11 NOTES AND LEASES**

Leases payable consist of secured debt of \$1,064,701 and \$1,201,028 at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, with interest rates ranging from 0% to 4.57%, payable over four years, and secured by network and computer equipment. Leased assets included in equipment totaled \$2,417,569 and \$2,544,799 less accumulated depreciation of \$1,369,975 and \$1,369,127 at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Notes payable total \$19,927,173 and \$21,106,262 at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, and consist of unsecured debt of \$3,939,778 and \$4,516,262 at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, with interest rates ranging from 0% to 7% and payment terms ranging from on demand to 6 years. In addition, the University has unsecured long-term line of credit agreements. These agreements have maximum available lines of credit totaling \$41,000,000 and \$37,500,000 at June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, of which \$15,987,395 and \$16,590,000 were outstanding as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Maturities for the lines of credit range from 18 to 36 months as of June 30, 2020, and from 17 to 35 months as of June 30, 2019. Interest is payable at variable rates based on LIBOR or prime, and ranged from 1.88% to 3.25% and 4.07% to 5.5% as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

The University entered into a ten year fixed rate single currency swap agreement with Regions Bank on October 17, 2012. The University exchanged \$3,100,000 of a variable rate loan for a ten-year rate swap loan at the fixed rate of 4.18%. The University makes interest payments based on the agreed upon variable rate and refunds or charges are determined by the difference in the variable rate and the fixed rate of 4.18%. Note balances were \$723,334 and \$1,033,334 June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, and are included in notes payable in the preceding paragraph.

The University is exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the other parties to the interest rate swap agreements. However, the University does not anticipate nonperformance by the counterparties.

Five-year aggregate maturities of the preceding notes and leases are summarized as follows:

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Leases</u>
June 30, 2021	\$ 3,167,283	\$ 471,438
June 30, 2022	14,281,303	330,903
June 30, 2023	2,412,804	195,230
June 30, 2024	24,068	67,130
June 30, 2025	25,808	-
June 30, 2026 and following	<u>15,907</u>	<u>-</u>
Total maturities outstanding	<u>\$ 19,927,173</u>	<u>\$ 1,064,701</u>

The University leases space for educational studies in North Little Rock, Arkansas under a nine-year lease with an option to purchase. This lease expires on July 31, 2024 with an annual increase of 3% until the lease expires. The University also has a three-year lease in London, England for educational purposes. This lease began on December 16, 2016 and expired on December 15, 2019, with a 3% annual increase. Total lease expense was \$97,301 and \$110,977 for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Future minimum payments are as follows:

June 30, 2021	\$ 91,537
June 30, 2022	94,295
June 30, 2023	97,059
June 30, 2024	99,968
June 30, 2025	<u>8,351</u>
Total	<u>\$ 391,210</u>

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**NOTE 12 BONDS PAYABLE**

	2020	2019
<p>Series 2012, Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board Refunding Revenue and Capital Improvement Bonds dated April 1, 2012, were issued in the original amount of \$7,470,000 to discharge the lien of the Bond Indenture securing the Series 2005 Bonds and to finance the construction and equipping of student apartment buildings. The University discharged the lien of the Series 2012 Bond Indenture by depositing irrevocably with the trustee monies sufficient to make payment of principal and interest to the date of redemption. These bonds were redeemed and paid by the trustee during the year ended June 30, 2020.</p>	\$ -	\$ 4,057,873
<p>Series 2013, Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds dated March 1, 2013, were issued in the original amount of \$6,455,000 to finance the construction and equipping of student apartment buildings and to renovate a men’s dormitory. The University discharged the lien of the Series 2013 Bond Indenture by depositing irrevocably with the trustee monies sufficient to make payment of principal and interest to the date of redemption. These bonds were redeemed and paid by the trustee during the year ended June 30, 2020.</p>	-	4,784,880
<p>Series 2014, Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds dated December 1, 2014, were issued in the original amount of \$6,605,000 to finance the construction and equipping of student apartment buildings. The obligations of the University under the Series 2014 Bonds are secured by a pledge and lien on all student tuition and dormitory rentals. The Series 2014 Bonds bear interest ranging from 1.0% to 3.625%, with principal maturities that begin October 1, 2015 and end October 1, 2034. Interest is payable April 1 and October 1 of each year.</p>	5,167,538	5,435,412
<p>Series 2015A, Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board Refunding Revenue Bonds dated May 1, 2015, were issued in the original amount of \$1,460,000 to discharge the lien of the Bond Indenture securing the Series 2010A Bonds. The University discharged the lien of the Series 2015A Bond Indenture by depositing irrevocably with the trustee monies sufficient to make payment of principal and interest to the date of redemption. These bonds were redeemed and paid by the trustee during the year ended June 30, 2020.</p>	-	509,316

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**NOTE 12 BONDS PAYABLE (Continued)**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<p>Series 2015B, Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board Refunding Revenue Bonds dated May 1, 2015, were issued in the original amount of \$4,285,000 to discharge the lien of the Bond Indenture securing the Series 2010B Bonds. The University discharged the lien of the Series 2015B Bond Indenture by depositing irrevocably with the trustee monies sufficient to make payment of principal and interest to the date of redemption. These bonds were redeemed and paid by the trustee during the year ended June 30, 2020.</p>	\$ -	\$ 813,908
<p>Series 2016, Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board Refunding Revenue Bonds dated December 1, 2016, were issued in the original amount of \$3,865,000 to discharge the lien of the Bond Indenture securing the 2010C Bonds. Harding Place, Inc. is the primary obligator of the Series 2016 Bonds. The obligations of Harding Place, Inc. under the Series 2016 Bonds are secured by a pledge of certain revenue and other amounts of Harding Place, Inc. and by a mortgage and security interest in the facility. The obligation of the University under its guarantee is unsecured. The Series 2016 Bonds bear interest ranging from 2.0% to 3.0%, with principal maturities that begin August 1, 2017 and end August 1, 2028. Interest is payable February 1 and August 1 of each year.</p>	3,060,998	3,366,223
<p>Series 2017, Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board Refunding Revenue Bonds dated August 30, 2017, were issued in the original amount of \$6,040,000 to discharge the lien of the Bond Indenture securing the Series 2011 Bonds. The obligations of the University under the Series 2017 bonds are secured by a pledge and lien on all student tuition and dormitory rentals. The Series 2017 Bonds bear interest ranging from 2.0% to 3.0%, with principal maturities that begin October 1, 2018 and end October 1, 2029. Interest is payable April 1 and October 1 of each year.</p>	5,108,841	5,557,634
<p>Series 2019, Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board Refunding Revenue Bonds dated December 1, 2019, were issued in the original amount of \$7,770,000 to discharge the liens of the Bond Indentures securing the Series 2012 and 2013 bonds. The obligations of the University under the Series 2019 bonds are secured by a pledge and lien on all student tuition and dormitory rentals. The Series 2019 Bonds bear interest ranging from 2.625% to 3.0% with principal maturities that begin October 1, 2020 and end October 1, 2032. Interest is payable April 1 and October 1 of each year.</p>	7,744,861	-
<p><b>Total bonds payable</b></p>	\$ <u>21,082,238</u>	\$ <u>24,525,246</u>

**Extinguished Bonds:** Series 2012, Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board Refunding Revenue and Capital Improvement Bonds dated April 1, 2012, were issued in the original amount of \$7,470,000 to discharge the lien of the Bond Indenture securing the Series 2005 Bonds and to finance the construction and equipping of student apartment buildings. The University discharged the lien of the Series 2012 Bond Indenture by depositing irrevocably with the trustee monies from the series 2019 bonds sufficient to make payment of principal and interest to the date of redemption. These bonds were redeemed and paid by the trustee during the year ended June 30, 2020.

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**NOTE 12 BONDS PAYABLE (Continued)**

Series 2013, Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds dated March 1, 2013, were issued in the original amount of \$6,455,000 to finance the construction and equipping of student apartment buildings and to renovate a men's dormitory. The University discharged the lien of the Series 2013 Bond Indenture by depositing irrevocably with the trustee monies from the series 2019 bonds sufficient to make payment of principal and interest to the date of redemption. These bonds were redeemed and paid by the trustee during the year ended June 30, 2020.

Series 2015A, Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board Refunding Revenue Bonds dated May 1, 2015, were issued in the original amount of \$1,460,000 to discharge the lien of the Bond Indenture securing the 2010A Bonds. The University discharged the lien of the 2015A Bond Indenture by depositing irrevocably with the trustee monies sufficient to make payment of principal and interest to the date of redemption. These bonds were redeemed and paid by the trustee during the year ended June 30, 2020.

Series 2015B, Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board Refunding Revenue Bonds dated May 1, 2015, were issued in the original amount of \$4,285,000 to discharge the lien of the Bond Indenture securing the Series 2010B Bonds. The University discharged the lien of the Series 2015B Bond Indenture by depositing irrevocably with the trustee monies sufficient to make payment of principal and interest to the date of redemption. These bonds were redeemed and paid by the trustee during the year ended June 30, 2020.

**Bond Maturities:** Five-year aggregate maturities of bonds payable (including sinking fund requirements) are summarized as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Unamortized Issue Costs Net of Premiums</u>	<u>Bonds Payable Balance</u>
June 30, 2021	\$ 1,685,000	\$ (21,207)	\$ 1,663,793
June 30, 2022	1,950,000	(19,637)	1,930,363
June 30, 2023	1,630,000	(18,257)	1,611,743
June 30, 2024	1,670,000	(16,940)	1,653,060
June 30, 2025	1,705,000	(15,557)	1,689,443
June 30, 2026 and following	<u>12,600,000</u>	<u>(66,164)</u>	<u>12,533,836</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ <u>21,240,000</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>(157,762)</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>21,082,238</u></b>

**Other:** The bonds contain various debt covenants. Management is not aware of any violation of these debt covenants.

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**NOTE 13 NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS**

Net assets with donor restrictions are available for the following purposes or periods:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Perpetually restricted with earnings subject to University endowment spending policy</b>		
Unconditional promises to give expected in future periods	\$ 1,625,590	\$ 1,303,211
Education	60,543,696	59,517,197
Scholarships	59,753,991	57,380,552
Campaigns	1,209,404	1,189,040
Student loans	599,292	399,292
Donor advised funds	<u>4,088,163</u>	<u>3,794,061</u>
 <b>Total</b>	 <u><b>127,820,136</b></u>	 <u><b>123,583,353</b></u>
 <b>Subject to expenditure for specified purpose</b>		
Unconditional promises to give expected in future periods	10,487,580	10,613,696
Cumulative net gains, losses and distributions	22,063,064	13,973,336
Education	1,946,190	1,991,556
Scholarships	4,698,200	4,752,595
Campaigns	535,695	358,502
Student loans	3,052,094	3,116,381
Extracurricular activities	<u>333,066</u>	<u>246,073</u>
 <b>Total</b>	 <u><b>43,115,889</b></u>	 <u><b>35,052,139</b></u>
 <b>Total net assets with donor restrictions</b>	 <u><u><b>\$ 170,936,025</b></u></u>	 <u><u><b>\$ 158,635,492</b></u></u>

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**NOTE 14 STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

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	Program Services		Supporting Services		
	Education	Retirement Center	Management and General	Fundraising	Total
Salaries and fringes	\$ 64,006,882	\$ 1,022,690	\$ 6,567,884	\$ 1,264,305	\$ 72,861,761
Fees for services - legal	-	-	105,442	-	105,442
Fees for services - accounting	-	4,760	160,979	-	165,739
Professional fundraising services	-	-	-	82,207	82,207
Fees for services - other	6,478,780	7,037	189,533	156,524	6,831,874
Advertising and promotion	320,186	117,690	566,771	32,615	1,037,262
Office expenses	4,407,094	129,014	823,791	250,367	5,610,266
Information technology	980,664	-	1,344,739	-	2,325,403
Occupancy	5,835,216	345,049	44,415	-	6,224,680
Travel	3,386,317	9,116	158,497	103,239	3,657,169
Conferences, conventions, and meetings	302,663	16,485	15,380	17,319	351,847
Interest	1,051,421	79,687	5,036	-	1,136,144
Depreciation	11,078,437	180,633	538,099	-	11,797,169
Insurance	676,083	35,489	159,437	2,367	873,376
Food	1,435,668	325,030	85,004	32,421	1,878,123
Costs of goods sold	2,033,136	-	-	-	2,033,136
Small equipment & furnishings	609,566	15,021	18,516	15,568	658,671
Other expenses	1,241,669	555,199	887,456	6,900	2,691,224
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 103,843,782</b>	<b>\$ 2,842,900</b>	<b>\$ 11,670,979</b>	<b>\$ 1,963,832</b>	<b>\$ 120,321,493</b>

For the Year Ending June 30, 2019

	Program Services		Supporting Services		
	Education	Retirement Center	Management and General	Fundraising	Total
Salaries and fringes	\$ 63,730,188	\$ 940,316	\$ 6,515,402	\$ 1,273,623	\$ 72,459,529
Fees for services - legal	-	-	125,900	-	125,900
Fees for services - accounting	-	5,368	132,454	-	137,822
Professional fundraising services	-	-	-	120,446	120,446
Fees for services - other	7,459,920	7,546	366,039	79,079	7,912,584
Advertising and promotion	460,562	110,203	539,524	46,253	1,156,542
Office expenses	5,332,610	121,459	832,938	259,110	6,546,117
Information technology	1,115,303	-	1,400,176	-	2,515,479
Occupancy	6,410,037	327,063	85,738	-	6,822,838
Travel	5,077,597	12,304	269,893	156,911	5,516,705
Conferences, conventions, and meetings	516,187	19,736	34,334	45,853	616,110
Interest	1,169,572	85,770	5,885	-	1,261,227
Depreciation	10,778,583	156,732	443,951	-	11,379,266
Insurance	609,256	28,663	261,267	12,367	911,553
Food	2,323,212	307,859	120,802	47,154	2,799,027
Costs of goods sold	2,258,142	-	-	-	2,258,142
Small equipment & furnishings	574,999	17,032	62,168	4,700	658,899
Other expenses	1,729,164	549,054	856,114	5,018	3,139,350
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 109,545,332</b>	<b>\$ 2,689,105</b>	<b>\$ 12,052,585</b>	<b>\$ 2,050,514</b>	<b>\$ 126,337,536</b>

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**NOTE 15 ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT AND SPENDING POLICIES**

The University's endowment consists of approximately 587 individual funds established primarily for education and scholarships. The endowment includes both donor-restricted endowment funds and funds designated by the Board of Trustees to function as endowments.

The University follows the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act and its own governing documents. For endowment purposes, earnings include both realized and unrealized income. The majority of University donors have not placed permanent restrictions on the investment income or net appreciation resulting from the donor-restricted endowment funds.

The Board of Trustees, on the advice of legal counsel, has determined that the majority of the University's contributions are subject to the terms of the University's governing documents. Certain contributions are received subject to other gift terms, or are subject to specific agreements with the University. Under the terms of the University's governing documents, the Board of Trustees has the ability to distribute as much of the original principal of any trust or separate gift, devise, bequest, or fund as the Board in its sole discretion shall determine. All contributions not classified as with donor restrictions are classified as net assets without donor restrictions for financial statement purposes.

The University has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of these endowment assets over the long term. The University's spending and investment policies work together to achieve this objective. The spending policy determines the amount of money annually distributed from the University's various endowed funds. The spending policy is to distribute, for operating use, 4.5% as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, of the fair value of the endowment funds as of December 31 of the previous year. As approved by the governing board, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce returns to meet the needs of the spending rate, inflation, and portfolio fees while assuming a moderate level of investment risk.

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) requires the University to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. Deficiencies of this nature exist in 28 donor-restricted endowment funds, which together have an original gift value of \$12,401,395, a current fair value of \$11,582,403, and a deficiency of \$818,992 as of June 30, 2020. These deficiencies resulted from unfavorable market fluctuations that occurred shortly after the investment of new contributions for donor-restricted endowment funds and continued appropriation for certain programs that was deemed prudent by the Board of Trustees.

The University has a policy that permits spending from underwater endowment funds depending on the degree to which the fund is underwater, unless otherwise precluded by donor intent or relevant laws and regulations. The governing board appropriated for expenditure \$534,150 from underwater endowment funds during the year ending June 30, 2020.

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

The University may borrow, on a revolving basis, endowment cash with interest rates commensurate with the University's lines of credit. The University has borrowed \$0 on a revolving basis as of June 30, 2020 and 2019 and has borrowed on a long term, fixed rate basis \$892,493 and \$1,147,491 for capital expenditures as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.



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**NOTE 15 ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT AND SPENDING POLICIES (Continued)**

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of June 30, 2020 is as follows:

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total Net Endowment Assets</u>
Donor restricted endowment funds	\$ -	\$ 129,009,914	\$ 129,009,914
Board designated endowment funds	13,199,159	-	13,199,159
Cumulative net gains, losses and distributions	<u>1,950,935</u>	<u>22,063,064</u>	<u>24,013,999</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b><u>\$ 15,150,094</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 151,072,978</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 166,223,072</u></b>

Changes in endowment net assets as of June 30, 2020 are as follows:

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total Net Endowment Assets</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 14,287,978	\$ 138,426,200	\$ 152,714,178
Contributions and split-interest maturities	129,807	4,089,436	4,219,243
Investment income	275,498	2,750,419	3,025,917
Net gains and investment expenses	1,028,572	11,000,950	12,029,522
Distributions for operations	<u>(571,761)</u>	<u>(5,194,027)</u>	<u>(5,765,788)</u>
<b>Endowment net assets, end of year</b>	<b><u>\$ 15,150,094</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 151,072,978</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 166,223,072</u></b>

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of June 30, 2019 is as follows:

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total Net Endowment Assets</u>
Donor restricted endowment funds	\$ -	\$ 124,452,869	\$ 124,452,869
Board designated endowment funds	13,211,481	-	13,211,481
Cumulative net gains, losses and distributions	<u>1,076,497</u>	<u>13,973,331</u>	<u>15,049,828</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b><u>\$ 14,287,978</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 138,426,200</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 152,714,178</u></b>

Changes in endowment net assets as of June 30, 2019 are as follows:

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total Net Endowment Assets</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 14,083,803	\$ 128,621,372	\$ 142,705,175
Contributions and split-interest maturities	-	7,760,783	7,760,783
Investment income	306,362	2,737,586	3,043,948
Net gains and investment expenses	512,580	4,723,614	5,236,194
Distributions for operations	<u>(614,767)</u>	<u>(5,417,155)</u>	<u>(6,031,922)</u>
<b>Endowment net assets, end of year</b>	<b><u>\$ 14,287,978</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 138,426,200</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 152,714,178</u></b>

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**NOTE 16 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

Fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement. Therefore, a fair value measurement should be determined based on the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. As a basis for considering market participant assumptions in fair value measurements, a three-tier hierarchy was established to distinguish between various types of inputs used in determining the value of the University's investments and liabilities. The inputs are summarized in three levels:

**Level 1 Inputs: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets and liabilities** Level 1 inputs include publicly traded securities and mutual funds. Variations of these instruments do not require a high degree of judgment as the valuations are based on quoted prices in active markets that are readily available.

**Level 2 Inputs: Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets** Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities that are not active; and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable, such as models or other valuation methodologies. Assets in this category generally include real estate and certain equity instruments. Valuations in this category are inherently less reliable than quoted market prices due to the degree of subjectivity involved in determining appropriate methodologies and the applicable underlying assumptions.

**Level 3 Inputs: Unobservable inputs for the valuation of the asset or liability** Level 3 inputs include investments for which there is little, if any, market activity. These inputs require significant management judgment or estimation. Assets in this category generally include artwork and mineral interests. These financial instruments have inputs that cannot be validated by readily determinable market data.

The University's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to the financial instrument.

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**NOTE 16 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

The schedule below classifies the University's assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2020 carried at fair value based upon the three-tier hierarchy:

	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>Quoted Prices in Active Markets For Identical Assets (Level 1)</u>	<u>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</u>	<u>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</u>
<b>Assets</b>				
<b>Investments - marketable securities:</b>				
Brokerage cash accounts	\$ 1,218,018	\$ 1,218,018	\$ -	\$ -
Equity index mutual funds	102,624,644	102,624,644	-	-
Equity index exchange traded funds	20,371,181	20,371,181	-	-
Bond index exchange traded funds	23,805,308	23,805,308	-	-
Bond mutual funds	1,455,295	1,455,295	-	-
Individual bonds and certificates of deposit	4,043,373	4,043,373	-	-
Individual stocks	1,018,647	1,018,647	-	-
Guaranteed investment contracts*	185,254	-	-	-
Real estate investment trust	79,570	79,570	-	-
Split-interest agreements	3,296,412	3,296,412	-	-
<b>Total investments - marketable securities</b>	<b>\$ 158,097,702</b>	<b>\$ 157,912,448</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Investments - managed funds, real estate and other, less accumulated depreciation:</b>				
Investment partnerships managed by third parties*	\$ 4,013,590	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Real estate and mineral interests	7,438,502	-	6,951,196	487,306
Notes receivable	778,627	-	778,627	-
Artwork	153,709	-	-	153,709
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies	266,183	-	266,183	-
<b>Total investments - managed funds,         real estate and other, less         accumulated depreciation</b>	<b>\$ 12,650,611</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,996,006</b>	<b>\$ 641,015</b>
<b>Beneficial interest in assets held by others</b>				
Trust assets	\$ 4,830,763	\$ -	\$ 4,830,763	\$ -
<b>Assets</b>				
Interest rate swap	\$ 12,324	\$ -	\$ 12,324	\$ -

\*In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statement of financial position.

**HARDING UNIVERSITY, INC.**  
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**NOTE 16 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

The schedule below classifies the University's assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2019 carried at fair value based upon the three-tier hierarchy:

	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>Quoted Prices in Active Markets For Identical Assets (Level 1)</u>	<u>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</u>	<u>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</u>
<b>Assets</b>				
<b>Investments - marketable securities:</b>				
Brokerage cash accounts	\$ 229,854	\$ 229,854	\$ -	\$ -
Equity index mutual funds	110,804,147	110,804,147	-	-
Equity index exchange traded funds	207,829	207,829	-	-
Bond index exchange traded funds	23,597,663	23,597,663	-	-
Bond mutual funds	1,543,143	1,543,143	-	-
Individual bonds and certificates of deposit	5,090,136	5,090,136	-	-
Individual stocks	1,054,524	1,054,524	-	-
Guaranteed investment contracts*	49,115	-	-	-
Real estate investment trust	46,418	46,418	-	-
Split-interest agreements	3,463,634	3,463,634	-	-
<b>Total investments - marketable securities</b>	<b>\$ 146,086,463</b>	<b>\$ 146,037,348</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Investments - managed funds, real estate and other, less accumulated depreciation:</b>				
Investment partnerships managed by third parties*	\$ 3,013,903	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Real estate and mineral interests	7,264,042	-	6,410,185	853,857
Notes receivable	778,627	-	778,627	-
Artwork	153,709	-	-	153,709
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies	263,490	-	263,490	-
<b>Total investments - managed funds,         real estate and other, less         accumulated depreciation</b>	<b>\$ 11,473,771</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,452,302</b>	<b>\$ 1,007,566</b>
<b>Beneficial interest in assets held by others</b>				
Trust assets	\$ 5,018,958	\$ -	\$ 5,018,958	\$ -
<b>Assets</b>				
Interest rate swap	\$ 2,851	\$ -	\$ 2,851	\$ -

\*In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statement of financial position.

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**NOTE 16 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)**

The schedule below summarizes the investment activity for the items which have been classified as Level 3 assets for the years ending:

	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019
Beginning balance	\$ 1,007,566	\$ 1,161,099
Gains (losses)	(366,551)	(153,533)
Ending balance	\$ 641,015	\$ 1,007,566

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instrument:

**Cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, and net advances on lines of credit:** The carrying amounts approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.

**Unconditional promises to give:** The carrying amount approximates fair value as determined by discounting pledges at an appropriate discount rate commensurate with the risks involved.

**Investments:** The carrying amounts of money market funds, mutual funds, and marketable securities approximate fair value based on quoted market prices. The fair value of real estate is based on independent appraisals. The fair value of mineral interests is based on independent analysis as well as internal analysis using management's knowledge of the properties.

**Reserve for split-interest liabilities:** The carrying amounts approximate fair value based on the discounted value of expected future cash flows.

The University diversifies its investments both by asset class and within asset classes. As a general practice, all investments of the University are managed by external investment management firms.

Investments classified within Level 3 include artwork and mineral interests. These investments are reported at appraised value or calculated value for mineral interests.

**Quantitative information about significant unobservable inputs used in Level 3 Fair Value Measurements:** The fair values of Level 3 mineral interests are estimated based on discounted future values of revenue. Fair value is established by estimating 60 months of future revenue, based on historical collections by individual oil and gas wells, applying a discount rate to that future revenue to arrive at a current estimated value, with consideration given to the current fair market value of producing acreage in the county in which those assets exist. The estimated fair value of mineral interests using this method totaled \$487,306 and \$853,857 as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

**NOTE 17 LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY**

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

To ensure financial assets are available to meet general expenditures over the next 12 months, the University prepares annual operating, capital and cash flow budgets prior to closing the fiscal year. For fiscal years 2020 and 2019, the Statement of Cash Flows identifies the sources and uses of the University's cash and shows positive cash generated by operations for both years.

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**NOTE 17 LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY (Continued)**

The University has presented a classified Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2020 and 2019. The following table shows the total financial assets held by the University and the amounts of those financial assets that could readily be made available within one year to meet general expenditures:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash	\$ 1,138,104	\$ 1,187,348
Deposits with trustee	1,644,079	2,617,721
Accounts and notes receivable	5,717,219	4,653,136
Unconditional promises to give	3,228,381	2,863,790
Investments	<u>6,230,923</u>	<u>5,965,664</u>
Total	<u>\$ 17,958,706</u>	<u>\$ 17,287,659</u>

As part of its plan to maintain sufficient liquid assets to meet short-term liability requirements, the University maintains unused lines of credit of \$25,012,605 and \$20,910,000 as of June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2019, respectively. Also, the Board has designated a portion of its unrestricted resources for endowment and other purposes. These funds are invested for long-term appreciation and current income but remain available and may be spent at the discretion of the Board. At June 30, 2020 and 2019, the fair market value of such designated funds were \$15,150,094 and \$14,287,978, respectively. Finally, the University may borrow, on a revolving basis, endowment cash with interest rates commensurate with the University's lines of credit. Approximately 92 percent of the University's investment portfolio consists of liquid investments.

**NOTE 18 CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT AND OTHER CORONAVIRUS EVENTS**

As a result of the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and the incident of COVID-19, the state of Arkansas issued shelter-in-place orders and other measures around public gatherings and business operations to slow the spread of the virus. Furthermore, colleges and universities across the country took unprecedented action to protect the health and safety of students, including our campus. Beginning on March 16, 2020, campus operations were suspended and all students were transitioned to a distance education framework through the end of the academic term. In addition, all summer classes were conducted through distance education and all summer conferences and events were cancelled, postponed or held virtually. The University provided prorated room and board refunds to students for the period of time that campus was shut-down. This resulted in room and board revenue decline of \$3,181,166. Given the uncertainty in the epidemiological and economic outlook, there may be short and long-term implications for our instruction, student experience and operations. The duration of these uncertainties and the ultimate financial effects cannot be reasonably estimated at this time.

On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES). This act created a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund specifically for emergency aid grants to students for expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19 and also direct aid to institutions to cover costs associated with changes in operations associated with COVID-19. The University was awarded \$3,252,862 under this act. In May and June of 2020, \$1,626,431 was distributed directly to students as emergency grants. The institutional portion, \$1,626,431 has been recognized to cover costs of student refunds and is included in Grants on the face of the Consolidated Statements of Activities.

The University also received a loan of \$179,000 in April 2020 under the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) portion of the CARES Act as a part of the University's operations associated with Harding Place, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the University. The University believes that it has fulfilled the obligations necessary for the loan to be forgiven as of June 30, 2020 and is included in Auxiliary Services Revenues on the face of the Consolidated Statements of Activities.

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**NOTE 19 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY RATIO INFORMATION**

The following information is presented for additional analysis:

Term endowments with donor restrictions	\$ <u><u>1,189,778</u></u>
<b>Property and equipment, net</b>	
Property and equipment, including capital leases, net of depreciation at July 1, 2019	\$ 214,479,982
Property and equipment, including capital leases, net of depreciation, additions and disposals	<u>(2,140,575)</u>
Property and equipment, including capital leases, net of depreciation at June 30, 2020	\$ <u><u>212,339,407</u></u>
<b>Long-term debt obtained for long-term purposes</b>	
Bonds payable for dormitory construction	\$ 21,240,000
Capital lease obligations	1,064,701
Long-term lines of credit used for capital projects	<u>15,242,681</u>
Total long-term debt obtained for long-term purposes	\$ <u><u>37,547,382</u></u>

Note: The University has not implemented ASU 2016-02 Leases (Topic 842), recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities, for the year ending June 30, 2020.

**NOTE 20 EVALUATION OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The University has evaluated subsequent events through September 30, 2020, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

## **Supplementary Information**



**HARDING UNIVERSITY, INC.**  
**Financial Responsibility Supplemental Schedule**  
**Required by the U.S. Department of Education**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

Ratio Element	Reference to Financial Statements and/or Notes	2020
<b>Primary Reserve Ratio</b>		
<b>Expendable Net Assets</b>		
Net assets without donor restrictions	Statement of Financial Position	\$ 179,780,695
Net assets with donor restrictions	Statement of Financial Position	170,936,025
Net assets with donor restrictions - restricted in perpetuity	Note 13: Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	127,820,136
Term endowments with donor restrictions	Note 19: U.S. Department of Education Financial Responsibility Ratio Information	1,189,778
Total property, plant, and equipment, net	Note 19: U.S. Department of Education Financial Responsibility Ratio Information	212,339,407
Long-term debt obtained for long-term purposes	Note 19: U.S. Department of Education Financial Responsibility Ratio Information	37,547,382
Annuities	Note 5: Split-Interest Agreements and Beneficial Interest in Assets Held by Others	3,185,328
Related party receivable	Note 3: Unconditional Promises to Give	1,047,475
<b>Total Expenses and Losses</b>		
Total expenses without donor restrictions	Statement of Activities	120,321,493
Net loss on property disposals	Statement of Activities	(402,848)
Net investment gains without donor restrictions	Statement of Activities	624,580
<b>Equity Ratio</b>		
<b>Modified Net Assets</b>		
Net assets without donor restrictions	Statement of Financial Position	179,780,695
Net assets with donor restrictions	Statement of Financial Position	170,936,025
<b>Modified Assets</b>		
Total assets	Statement of Financial Position	420,448,563
<b>Net Income Ratio</b>		
Change in net assets without donor restrictions	Statement of Activities	(8,755)
Total revenue and gains without donor restrictions	Statement of Activities	120,091,006
Investment return appropriated for spending	Statement of Activities	6,495,298

Note: The University has not implemented ASU 2016-02 Leases (Topic 842), recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities, for the year ending June 30, 2020

**HARDING UNIVERSITY, INC.**  
**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

<u>Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
<b>STUDENT FINANCIAL AID - CLUSTER (MAJOR)</b>		
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>		
Direct Program:		
Student Financial Assistance Programs:		
Federal Pell Grant	84.063	\$ 3,957,111
Federal Work Study	84.033	411,802
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant	84.007	139,218
Federal Perkins Loan Program	84.038	7,505,108
TEACH Grant	84.379	265,854
Federal Direct Loans	84.268	42,523,283
Total U.S. Department of Education Programs		<u>54,802,376</u>
 <u>Department of Health &amp; Human Services</u>		
Nursing Student Loans	93.364	<u>1,001,687</u>
Total Department of Health and Human Services Direct Programs		<u>1,001,687</u>
 Total Student Financial Aid - Cluster (Major)		 <u>55,804,063</u>
 <b>CARES ACT HIGHER EDUCATION EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND (MAJOR)</b>		
COVID-19 Education Stabalization Fund- Student portion	84.425	1,626,431
COVID-19 Education Stabalization Fund- University portion	84.425	1,626,431
Total CARES Act (Major)		<u>3,252,862</u>
 <b>RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT - CLUSTER</b>		
<u>National Aeronautics and Space Administration</u>		
Pass-through from Arkansas Space Grant Consortium Office/UALR Graduate Institute of Technology:		
NASA Project Grants	43.008	55,540
<u>National Science Foundation</u>		
Pass-through from University of Georgia:		
Engineering Grants	47.041	40,600
<u>Biomedical Research and Research Training</u>		
Pass-through from University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences		
	93.859	<u>29,373</u>
 Total Research and Development Cluster		 <u>125,513</u>
 <b>TRIO - CLUSTER</b>		
<u>Department of Education</u>		
Upward Bound	84.047A	299,639
McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement	84.217A	<u>235,460</u>
 Total TRIO Cluster		 <u>535,099</u>

**HARDING UNIVERSITY, INC.**  
**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

<u>Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
<b>OTHER FEDERAL AWARDS</b>		
<u>Department of Health and Human Services</u>		
Pass-through from University of Arkansas/Division of Child and Family Services/Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services:		
Title IV-E	93.658	<u>104,488</u>
Total Other Federal Awards		<u>104,488</u>
Total Non-major Programs including Research and Development Cluster		<u>765,100</u>
Total Federal Assistance		<u>\$ 59,822,025</u>

**HARDING UNIVERSITY, INC.**  
**Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

**Note A: Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Harding University, Inc. under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2019. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Harding University, Inc., it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Harding University, Inc.

**Note B: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. The University has not elected the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**Note C: Federal Student Loan Programs**

The federal student loan programs listed subsequently are administered directly by the University, and balances and transactions relating to these programs are included in the University's consolidated financial statements. Loans outstanding at the beginning of the year and loans made during the year are included in the federal expenditures presented in the Schedule. The balance of loans outstanding at June 30, 2020 consist of:

	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance at June 30, 2020</u>
Federal Perkins Loan Program	84.038	\$ 6,185,006
Nursing Student Loan Program	93.364	805,168
 Total		 \$ <u><u>6,990,174</u></u>

**HARDING UNIVERSITY, INC.**  
**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

**SECTION 1 – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS**

***Consolidated Financial Statements***

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|----|--|---------------|
| 1. | The type of opinion expressed in auditor’s report:                                       | Unmodified    |
| 2. | The independent auditor’s report on internal control over financial reporting disclosed: |               |
|    | Material weakness(es)?   | No            |
|    | Significant deficiency(ies)?   | None reported |
| 3. | Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted:                                | No            |

***Federal Awards***

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|----|---|---------------|
| 4. | The independent auditor’s report on internal control over compliance for major federal awards programs disclosed: |               |
|    | Material weakness(es)?  | No            |
|    | Significant deficiency(ies)?  | None reported |
| 5. | Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major programs:   | Unmodified    |
| 6. | The audit disclosed findings required to be reported by 2 CFR 200.516(a):   | No            |
| 7. | The programs tested as major programs included:   |               |
|    | Student Financial Assistance Programs Cluster   | 84.063        |
|    |   | 84.033        |
|    |   | 84.007        |
|    |   | 84.038        |
|    |   | 84.379        |
|    |   | 84.268        |
|    |   | 93.364        |
| 8. | The threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs was \$750,000.                               |               |
| 9. | The University qualifies as a low-risk auditee?   | Yes           |

**SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

No matters were reported.

**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**

To the Board of Trustees of  
Harding University, Inc.  
Searcy, Arkansas

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 Harding University, Inc. (a non-profit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2020, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2020. The financial statements of Harding Place, Inc. were not audited in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards*, and accordingly, this report does not include reporting on internal control over financial reporting or instances of reportable noncompliance associated with Harding Place, Inc.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Harding University, Inc.'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Harding University, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization'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 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.

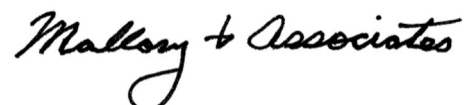
Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during 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 Harding University, Inc.'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 organization's internal control on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND  
ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

To the Board of Trustees of  
Harding University, Inc.  
Searcy, Arkansas

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

We have audited Harding University, Inc.'s compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Harding University Inc.'s major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2020. Harding University Inc.'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 federal statutes, regulations, and 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 Harding University, Inc.'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; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the 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 Harding University, Inc.'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 on Harding University, Inc.'s compliance.

**Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

In our opinion, Harding University, Inc. 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, 2020.

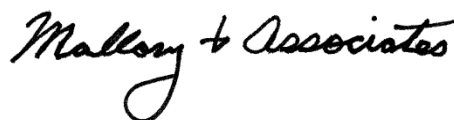
**Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of Harding University, Inc. 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 Harding University, Inc.'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 the 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 Harding University, Inc.'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 the 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. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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.



Mallory & Associates  
Certified Public Accountants

Little Rock, Arkansas  
September 30, 2020