

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B	This return/report is: ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☐ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY TAX DEFERRED RETIREMENT ANNUITY P
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1960
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY PO BOX 10 DEMOREST, GA 30535-5252 PIEDMONT COLLEGE 1065 CENTRAL AVE DEMOREST, GA 30535-5252
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-0566212
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 706-778-3000
2d	Business code (see instructions) 611000

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	07/01/2024	BETTY CALDWELL
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☐ Same as Plan Sponsor PENTEGRA SERVICES, INC. 701 WESTCHESTER AVE, SUITE 320E WHITE PLAINS, NY 10604		3b Administrator's EIN 13-3745616
		3c Administrator's telephone number 800-872-3473
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5 741
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6a(1) 315 6a(2) 284 6b 0 6c 382 6d 666 6e 2 6f 668 6g(1) 733 6g(2) 658 6h
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)		7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2G 2L 2M		
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:		
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)		
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (4) ☐ DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____ (5) ☐ MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)		b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☒ A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>2</u> (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY TAX DEFERRED RETIREMENT ANNUITY P	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-0566212	

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions	Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
TIAA-CREF

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
13-1624203	69345	327048	400	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	12761312
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	17789805

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier**6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....**6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.**6d**

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☒ other (specify) ▶ **GUARANTEED INVESTMENT****f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee(3) ☒ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶**b** Balance at the end of the previous year**7b**

10630678

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year**7c(1)**

50856

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

0

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

501838

(4) Transferred from separate account.....

7c(4)

1749115

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

7206

▶ **TRANSFERS, LOAN PMT**

(6) Total additions.....

7c(6)

2309015

d Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)**7d**

12939693

e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year

7e(1)

733737

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

(3) Transferred to separate account.....

7e(3)

1431521

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

7093

▶ **TRANSFERS, NEW LOANS**

(5) Total deductions.....

7e(5)

2172351

f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)**7f**

10767342

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
b ☐ Dental
c ☐ Vision
d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
f ☐ Long-term disability
g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
j ☐ HMO contract
k ☐ PPO contract
l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	0
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	0
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	0
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.).....		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-0566212	

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TIAA-CREF

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
13-1624203	69345	327049	81	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid

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(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end	5	

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
(3) ☒ other (specify) ▶ **GUARANTEED INVESTMENT**

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶

b	Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	1992294
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	0
	(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)	0
	(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	90223
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4)	75444
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	0
	(6) Total additions	7c(6)	165667
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	2157961
e	Deductions:		
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	115674
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	0
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3)	48317
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	0
	(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	163991
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	1993970

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
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9 Experience-rated contracts:

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b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
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(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	0
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.).....		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1

Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a

Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).....

☒

Yes

☐

No
- b

If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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730 THIRD AVE.
NEW YORK, NY 10017-3206

13-1624203

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15	RECORDKEEPER	29692	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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SUITE 800
IRVINE, CA 92614-7227

33-0818667

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	ADVISOR	11570	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10	CPA	10500	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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Explanation:

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
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103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection

For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY TAX DEFERRED RETIREMENT ANNUITY P	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY		
		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-0566212

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	9136	29409
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	1442925	968344
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	25771484	29441273
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	12622972	12761312
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	39846517	43200338
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	39846517	43200338

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	556179	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1056012	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	189676	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B), (C), and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1801867
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	1144	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	90223	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		91367
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	401483	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B), and (C)	2b(2)(D)		401483
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		-166105
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		5263717
c Other income	2c		7052
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		7399381

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	3684796	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	212154	
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		3896950
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	52802	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	686	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	101251	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		154739
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		4051689

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		3347692
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		6129
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **PLANCHECK(S)CPA'S LLC**

(2) EIN: **84-2614035**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		☒	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation		Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.		OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.	
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023					
A Name of plan PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY TAX DEFERRED RETIREMENT ANNUITY P				B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-0566212	
Part I Distributions					
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.					
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....				1	0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 13-1624203					
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.					
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year				3	
Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)					
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.					
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.					
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)				6a	
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....				6b	
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)				6c	
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.					
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A					
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A					
Part III Amendments					
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No					
Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.					
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No					
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☐ No					
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No					
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☐ Yes ☐ No					
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.				Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707	

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for: a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment) b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14a 14b 14c	
15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	
16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	
17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐		

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐	
19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b): a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____% b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20. a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box: ☐ Yes. ☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. Other. Provide explanation. _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No 21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2). ☐ Design-based safe harbor method ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☒ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter ____/____/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number _____.	



**PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY TAX DEFERRED RETIREMENT ANNUITY
PLAN**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

December 31, 2023 and 2022

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Trustees of Piedmont University and Plan Administrator
Piedmont University Tax Deferred Retirement Annuity Plan
Demorest, Georgia

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Piedmont University Tax Deferred Retirement Annuity Plan, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of Piedmont University Tax Deferred Retirement Annuity Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section—

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Piedmont University Tax Deferred Retirement Annuity Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments; administering the plan; and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Piedmont University Tax Deferred Retirement Annuity Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Piedmont University Tax Deferred Retirement Annuity Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter—Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. 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 included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to 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 GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including the form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion—

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Ph Check CPA's, LLC

Columbus, Ohio
June 3, 2024

PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY TAX DEFERRED RETIREMENT ANNUITY PLAN

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Investments:		
At fair value	\$ 42,337,964	\$ 39,024,018
At contract value	832,965	813,363
Total investments	<u>43,170,929</u>	<u>39,837,381</u>
Receivables:		
Participant notes receivable	<u>29,409</u>	<u>9,136</u>
Total receivables	<u>29,409</u>	<u>9,136</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 43,200,338</u>	<u>\$ 39,846,517</u>

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

PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY TAX DEFERRED RETIREMENT ANNUITY PLAN

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

For the year ended December 31, 2023

	<u>2023</u>
Additions to Net Assets Attributed to:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 5,104,664
Interest and dividends	492,850
Total investment income	<u>5,597,514</u>
Participants' rollovers	189,676
Participants' contributions	1,056,012
Employer's contributions	556,179
Total contributions	<u>1,801,867</u>
Total additions	<u>7,399,381</u>
Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:	
Benefits paid to participants	3,896,950
Administrative expenses	154,739
Total deductions	<u>4,051,689</u>
Net increase	3,347,692
Transfers in	6,129
Net Assets Available for Benefits:	
Beginning of Year	<u>39,846,517</u>
End of Year	<u><u>\$ 43,200,338</u></u>

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

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2023 and 2022

Plan Description

The following description of the Piedmont University Tax Deferred Retirement Annuity Plan (Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Document and Summary Plan Description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions, which is available from the Plan Administrator.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution retirement plan sponsored by Piedmont University (University) for the benefit of its employees. Employees are immediately eligible to participate in the Plan and receive safe harbor matching contributions upon commencement of employment with the University. Students who are employed by the University, non-resident aliens, and employees who normally work less than 20 hours a week are generally excluded from participation in the Plan.

The Plan is subject to the provisions of the *Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* (ERISA). Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association (TIAA) serves as the issuer of the TIAA Traditional Annuity Contract held by the Plan and is the recordkeeper of the Plan. University Retirement Equities Fund (CREF) serves as the issuer of the CREF variable annuities held by the Plan.

Effective January 1, 2023, the Plan was amended to change the University's safe harbor matching percentage from 6% to 4% of eligible compensation.

Contributions

Participants may elect to defer a percentage of their annual compensation subject to Internal Revenue Service limitations. Participants who have been employed by the University for at least fifteen years may elect to make a special 403(b) contribution in the amount equal to the smallest of: \$3,000; \$15,000 minus the amount of special 403(b) catch-up contributions made in prior years; or \$5,000 multiplied by the years of service minus total deferrals made while employed by the University, as defined by the IRS 15-Year Rule. If participants qualify for both the age 50 catch-up contributions and the special 403(b) catch-up contributions, the catch-up contributions will be allocated first to the special 403(b) catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover).

The Plan allows the University to make discretionary employer match or safe harbor matching contributions as a percentage of participant deferrals or eligible compensation. In 2023, the University made safe harbor matching contributions equal to 100% of the first 4% of participant contributions. In 2022, the University made safe harbor matching contributions equal to 100% of the first 6% of participant contributions. The University did not elect to make additional discretionary match contributions. During 2023, the University made \$556,179 in safe harbor matching contributions.

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Plan Description (continued)

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the University's contribution as well as allocations of plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participants' earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their contributions, the University's contribution, plus actual earnings thereon.

Investment Options

Investment account options available include guaranteed investment contracts, mutual funds, variable annuity contracts, and a pooled separate account. Each participant has the option of directing their contributions into any of the investment account options selected by the University and may change the allocation to the extent permitted by individual agreements.

Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service or if the participant becomes disabled, reaches age 59 ½, or has a hardship, a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the account in a lump-sum amount partial payments, installment payments or an annuity contract (if assets are held in a custodial account). A participant may elect to receive a distribution of the rollover contribution at any time. Withdrawals other than for termination are permitted under circumstances provided by the Plan.

Plan Loans

Participants with Plan loans do not borrow from their own account balances, but the assets of the Custodian, TIAA-CREF. All loan repayments and interest are paid to TIAA-CREF directly on a monthly or quarterly basis. Loans bear interest at a variable rate, indexed to Moody's corporate bond yield average, for the term of the loan, not to exceed five years, unless the loan is used to purchase a primary residence. The loan term cannot exceed ten years under those circumstances. The interest rate can be adjusted no more than once every three months if the Moody's rate changes by at least one-half of one percent. The outstanding loan balance at December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$2,881 and \$8,529, respectively. 110% of the outstanding loan is withheld from the participant's account as collateral. The amount is held in the TIAA Traditional Annuity, as part of a Group Supplemental Retirement Annuity. Management does not believe that Plan loans are prohibited transactions.

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Plan Description (continued)

Participant Notes Receivable

Participants are permitted to borrow a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of 50 percent of their vested account balance or \$50,000, reduced by the highest outstanding note balance in their account during the previous 12 months, except for the amounts borrowed under the CARES Act, which are subject to higher limits. The note is secured by the balance in the participant's account and bears an interest rate based on rates available for similar notes from commercial institutions and is fixed for the term of the note. Interest rates on the outstanding notes at December 31, 2023 is 4.25% to 9.50%. The notes are repaid ratably through payroll deductions over a period of five year or less.

Summary of Significant Accounting Principles

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value (except for the fully benefit-responsive investment contract, which is reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Plan's Investment Committee determines the Plan's valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, custodians and insurance University. See Fair Value Measurements footnote for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Expenses

The Plan's administrative expenses are paid by either the Plan or the University as provided by the Plan Document, except for certain account activity charges which are paid from the accounts of the participants' that incurred the charge. The Plan pays administrative expenses. Investment management fees and 12B-1 distribution fees are paid by the Plan in the form of reductions of net investment income earned by Plan participants.

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Summary of Significant Accounting Principles (continued)

Participant Notes Receivable

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan Document.

Fair Value Measurements

ASC 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures establishes a framework for measuring fair value which provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 Measurement) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 Measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820 are described below:

- Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
 - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.
- If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.
- Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Mutual Funds: Mutual funds are valued at the market quoted net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the Plan at year-end.

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Fair Value Measurements (continued)

TIAA Traditional Annuity: The TIAA Traditional Annuity is an unallocated fixed-dollar annuity and investment product offered by TIAA, an insurance company. The annuity is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by TIAA. The TIAA Traditional Annuity is maintained in the TIAA general account.

Contributions to the TIAA Traditional Annuity purchase a contractual or guaranteed amount of future benefits for the participants and are secured by the general assets of TIAA.

The TIAA Traditional Annuity provides a guarantee of principal, a 3 percent guaranteed minimum rate of interest, and the potential for additional interest if declared by TIAA. Additional interest, when declared, remains in effect for the declaration year, which begins each March 1. Additional interest is not guaranteed for future years. Contributions to a participant's account purchases a guaranteed amount of lifetime annuity income. When a participant's account in the TIAA Traditional Annuity is annuitized based on available options, the present value of the stream of payments is equal to the account balance. The subsequent stream of annuity payments occurs outside the Plan and does not represent an obligation to the Plan.

The investment contract with TIAA contains liquidity restrictions that require withdrawals and transfers from the investment contract to other investment options available to the Plan to be spread over a period of ten annual installments or five annual installments for withdrawals after a participant's termination of employment. Therefore, a portion of this account is considered a full benefit-responsive investment contract (FBRIC) and another portion is considered non-benefit-responsive.

The fully benefit-responsive portion of the contract is recorded at contract value. The non-benefit-responsive portion of the contract is recorded at fair value which approximates contract value. At December 31, 2023, the fair value of the non-benefit-responsive contracts at TIAA totaled \$11,928,348 and the contract value of the benefit-responsive contracts totaled \$832,965. At December 31, 2022, the fair value of the non-benefit-responsive contracts at TIAA totaled \$11,809,608 and the contract value of the benefit-responsive contracts totaled \$813,363.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuers of the Guaranteed Common Trust Funds and TIAA Traditional Annuity. Such events include the following: (1) amendments to the Plan Documents (included complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the Plan Sponsor or other Plan Sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transactions under ERISA. The Plan Administrator does not believe that the occurrence of any such value event, which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants, is probable.

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Fair Value Measurements (continued)

CREF Variable Annuity Accounts: The funds invest principally in equity securities, fixed-income instruments, other mutual funds, and short-term instruments in accordance with each fund's investment objectives. Fund holdings are generally valued using market quotations or prices obtained from independent pricing services, except those held by the TIAA-CREF Money Market Fund, whose holding are valued at amortized cost. Each fund determines its share price or net asset value (NAV) each day calculated generally as of 4 p.m. (ET). The TIAA-CREF Money Market Fund is managed to maintain a constant value, though not guaranteed, of \$1 per share.

TIAA Real Estate Pooled Separate Account: The TIAA Real Estate Pooled Separate Account is valued at the net asset value (NAV) per accumulation unit of the investment. The underlying real estate holdings or other real estate-related investments are valued principally utilizing external appraisals. Although the underlying assets of the account cannot be quickly sold and converted to liquid assets, the TIAA general account provides the Plan with a liquidity guarantee. Transfers out of the pooled separate account are limited to one per calendar quarter. There are no unfunded commitments or redemption notice periods.

Where quoted market prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated by using quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics or independent asset pricing services and pricing models, the inputs of which are market-based or independently sourced market parameters, including, but not limited to yield curves, interest rates, volatilities, prepayments, defaults, cumulative loss projections, and cash flows. Such securities are classified in Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy. In certain cases where Level 1 or Level 2 inputs are not available, securities are classified within Level 3 of the hierarchy. See definitions above of inputs utilized to determine fair value.

The TIAA Real Estate Pooled Separate Account (Account) seeks favorable long-term returns primarily through rental income and appreciation of real estate investments owned by the Account. The Account will also invest in publicly traded securities and short-term high quality liquid investments that are easily converted to cash to enable the Account to meet participant redemption requests, purchase or improve properties to cover other expense needs.

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

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Fair Value Measurements (continued)

Fair value determinations for Level 3 measurements of securities are the responsibility of the Business Office. The Business Office contracts with a pricing specialist to generate fair value estimates on a monthly or quarterly basis. The Business Office challenges the reasonableness of the assumptions used and reviews the methodology to ensure the estimated fair value complies with accounting standards generally accepted in the United States.

The following tables present the fair value measurements of assets recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements fall at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

2023				
	Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Pooled separate account (A)	\$ 968,344	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual funds	12,619,810	12,619,810	-	-
Variable annuity accounts	16,821,462	16,821,462	-	-
TIAA Traditional Annuity Contract (Non-Benefit-Responsive)	11,928,348	-	-	11,928,348
	\$ 42,337,964	\$ 29,441,272	\$ -	\$ 11,928,348

2022				
	Fair Value	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Pooled separate account (A)	\$ 1,442,926	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual funds	10,781,113	10,781,113	-	-
Variable annuity accounts	14,990,371	14,990,371	-	-
TIAA Traditional Annuity Contract (Non-Benefit-Responsive)	11,809,608	-	-	11,809,608
	\$ 39,024,018	\$ 25,771,484	\$ -	\$ 11,809,608

PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY TAX DEFERRED RETIREMENT ANNUITY PLAN

Notes to Financial Statements

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Fair Value Measurements (continued)

There were no significant transfers between Levels 1, 2, and 3 investments during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

(A) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share, or its equivalent, (NAV) 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 line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits. The value is determined using the NAV as a practical expedient.

The following table summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the NAV per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

Investment Type	Fair Value December 31, 2023	Fair Value December 31, 2022	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 968,344	\$ 1,442,926	None	Daily	Could be delayed for up to 270 days

Level 3 Reconciliation

The following is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of recurring fair value measurements recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits using significant unobservable (Level 3) inputs for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>TIAA Traditional Annuity Contract</u>
Balance, January 01, 2022	\$ 11,665,146
Investment income	487,545
Purchases	581,091
Sales	(924,174)
Balance, December 31, 2022	11,809,608
Investment income	564,906
Purchases	325,102
Sales	(771,268)
Balance, December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 11,928,348</u>

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Level 3 Reconciliation (continued)

As the TIAA Traditional Annuity Contract is valued at fair value, which approximates contract value, there are no realized or unrealized gains or losses for this investment included in the net increase in net assets available for benefits.

Unobservable (Level 3) Inputs

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

	Fair Value at December 31, 2023	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Range
TIAA Traditional Annuity Contract	\$ 11,928,348	Discounted Cash Flow	Contractual Interest Rate	1-3%

	Fair Value at December 31, 2022	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Range
TIAA Traditional Annuity Contract	\$ 11,809,608	Discounted Cash Flow	Contractual Interest Rate	1-3%

Certified Investment Information

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulation for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, TIAA CREF, a qualified institution, has certified the following information included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as complete and accurate:

- Investments and notes receivable from participants as shown in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022;
- Net investment income and dividends and interest as shown in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023;
- Investment information included in the Notes to Financial Statements;
- All investment information included in the Supplemental Schedule, Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) – As of December 31, 2023.

At the request of the Plan Administrator, the Plan's independent auditors did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this certified investment information included in the financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule.

Notes to Financial Statements

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Related Party Transactions

Related party transactions include those with fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides service to the Plan, an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan, an employee organization whose members are covered by the Plan, a person who owns 50 percent or more of such an employer or employee association or relatives of such persons.

The Plan invests in various funds of the Plan recordkeeper and Custodian. The fees for investment and management services paid by the Plan to the recordkeeper were approximately \$154,739 for the year ended December 31, 2023. The University provides certain administrative services at no cost to the Plan. If revenue is received by the Custodian from mutual fund service providers under a revenue sharing arrangement, the Custodian remits to the Plan on a quarterly basis. Such amounts are used to reduce Plan administrative expenses. Revenue service credits totaled \$48,443 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Tax Status

The Plan, together with the investment vehicles, is intended to be a tax-sheltered annuity plan under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The Plan has not requested or obtained a determination letter, as the Internal Revenue Service does not currently provide that service for 403(b) plans. The Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and not subject to tax.

Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the University has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of termination, participants would continue to be 100% vested and the net assets of the Plan would be distributed as prescribed by ERISA.

Subsequent Events

The Plan evaluated subsequent events through June 3, 2024, the date the financial statements were issued.

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Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)**

December 31, 2023

(a)	Identity of Issue, Borrower, (b) Lessor or Similar Party	Description of (c) investment	Current (e) Value
*	TIAA-CREF	TIAA Traditional Annuity	\$ 12,761,313
*	TIAA Real Estate X1	Pooled Separate	968,344
*	CREF Stock R1	Variable Annuities	5,604,451
*	CREF Money Market R1	Variable Annuities	350,010
*	CREF Social Choice R1	Variable Annuities	1,412,142
*	CREF Global Equities R1	Variable Annuities	3,306,296
*	CREF Growth R1	Variable Annuities	2,517,081
*	CREF Equity Index R1	Variable Annuities	2,083,795
*	CREF Inflation-Linked Bond R1	Variable Annuities	481,080
*	CREF Core Bond R1	Variable Annuities	1,066,607
	American Europac Growth R6	Mutual Funds	357,717
	DFA Emerging mark CoreQport I	Mutual Funds	166,246
	Vanguard 500 Index ADM	Mutual Funds	840,483
	BlackRock Lifepath Index 2025	Mutual Funds	912,729
	BlackRock Lifepath Index 2030	Mutual Funds	2,145,308
	BlackRock Lifepath Index 2035	Mutual Funds	920,423
	BlackRock Lifepath Index 2040	Mutual Funds	1,343,888
	BlackRock Lifepath Index 2045	Mutual Funds	876,882
	BlackRock Lifepath Index 2050	Mutual Funds	780,780
	Principal Real Estate Sec	Mutual Funds	215,653
	BlackRock Lifepath Index 2055	Mutual Funds	567,093
	Blackrock Lifepath Index Retirement	Mutual Funds	1,285,146
	BlackRock Lifepath Index 2060	Mutual Funds	203,093
	Victory Sycamore Established Value	Mutual Funds	355,624
	PGIM Total return Bond R6	Mutual Funds	125,161
	BWGlobal OPPS Bond	Mutual Funds	34,165
	Putnam Equity Income Fund C R6	Mutual Funds	625,437
	MFS Growth Fund Class R6	Mutual Funds	94,949

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(a)	Identity of Issue, Borrower, (b) Lessor or Similar Party	Description of (c) investments	Current (e) Value
	Vanguard Extended Market Index Adm	Mutual Funds	233,399
	Janus Henderson Triton N	Mutual Funds	16,825
	MFS Mid Cap Growth Fund R6	Mutual Funds	82,731
	Vanguard TTL Intl Stock Index ADM	Mutual Funds	239,327
	Victory SYC Small Comp OPP I	Mutual Funds	196,751
*	Participant Notes Receivable	Interest at 4.25% to 9.50%	29,409
			\$ 43,200,338

* Denotes a party-in-interest

** Historical cost is not required as all investments are participant directed