

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 06/01/2023 and ending 05/31/2024	
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) _____ ☐ 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 MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 09/01/1964
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) MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY 501 EAST 38TH STREET ERIE, PA 16546-0001
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 25-0965430
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 814-824-2000
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.	02/20/2025	AARON L. STANKIEWIZ
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	02/20/2025	AARON L. STANKIEWIZ
	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	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
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	5 918
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) 388 6a(2) 386 6b 11 6c 572 6d 969 6e 21 6f 990 6g(1) 801 6g(2) 816 6h 0
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 2T

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
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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 2
- (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 06/01/2023 and ending 05/31/2024		
A Name of plan MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 25-0965430	

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	150662	512	06/01/2023	05/31/2024

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
0	0

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	17638925
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	23898575

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) ▶

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	18620293
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c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	131846	
(2) Dividends and credits	7c(2)		
(3) Interest credited during the year	7c(3)	841090	
(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)	896563	
(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	8917	

▶ MISCELLANEOUS CREDITS, INCLUDING INVESTMENT GAINS AND TRANSFERS FROM FULLY ALLOCATED CONTRACTS

(6) Total additions	7c(6)	1878416
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d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	20498709
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e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	2166899	
(2) Administration charge made by carrier	7e(2)	18321	
(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)	674564	
(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)		

(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	2859784
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f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	17638925
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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)	
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)	
(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)	
(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. ▶

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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 25-0965430	

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
THE VARIABLE ANNUITY LIFE INSURANCE CO.

(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
74-1625348	70238	07400	8	06/01/2023	05/31/2024

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
0	0

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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	(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	13797
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	114285

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) ▶**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**

14551

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

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

277

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

7c(4)

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

▶

(6) Total additions

7c(6)

277

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

14828

e Deductions:

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

7e(1)

1031

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

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

7e(3)

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

▶

(5) Total deductions

7e(5)

1031

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

13797

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
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d ☐ Life insurance
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9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	9a(2)		
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b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
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(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	
(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)	
(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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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 25-0965430	

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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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
TIAA
13-1624203

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
THE VARIABLE ANNUITY LIFE INS. CO.
74-1625348

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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)

RSM US, LLP

42-0714325

(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 50	NONE	18000	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

TIAA

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 17 27 28 38 50 52 54 64 66	NONE	1071	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

(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?
			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:

Explanation:

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

Explanation:

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

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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code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
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**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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 06/01/2023 and ending 05/31/2024		
A Name of plan MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 25-0965430	

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)	111893	149469
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....	1c(10)	997019	741835
(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)	56117921	65905536
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	18634844	17652722
(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	75861677	84449562
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	75861677	84449562

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)	509727	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1294520	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	268221	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		2072468
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)	8440	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	841367	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		849807
(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)	874880	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		874880
(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)		-104947
(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)		10311285
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		14003493

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	3934512	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	1460103	
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		5394615
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		1922
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	321	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	750	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	18000	
(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)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		19071
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		5415608

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		8587885
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(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: **RSM US, LLP**

(2) EIN: **42-0714325**

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.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 06/01/2023 and ending 05/31/2024		
A Name of plan MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) 001	
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 25-0965430	

Part I	Distributions
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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): 82-2826183 74-1625348 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.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
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
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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
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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.
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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

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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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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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 b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15a 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 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	16a 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 _____.	

Mercyhurst University Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

EIN: 25-0965430
Plan Number: 001

Financial Report
May 31, 2024

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Trustees
Mercyhurst University Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

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

We were engaged to perform audits of the financial statements of Mercyhurst University Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (the 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). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of May 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended May 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the 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 (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits 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 DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of May 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended May 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion

We do not express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements of the Plan. Because of the significance of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on the Financial Statements section of our report, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on the financial statements.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

The Plan has not maintained sufficient accounting records and supporting documents relating to certain annuity contracts and custodial accounts issued to current and former employees prior to January 1, 2009. Accordingly, we were unable to apply auditing procedures sufficient to determine the extent to which the accompanying financial statements may have been affected by these conditions.

Further, as described in Note 10 to the financial statements, the Plan has excluded from investments in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits certain annuity contracts and custodial accounts issued to current and former employees prior to January 1, 2009, as permitted by the DOL's Field Assistance Bulletin No. 2009-02, *Annual Reporting Requirements for 403(b) Plans*. The investment income and distributions related to such accounts have also been excluded in the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits. The amount of these excluded annuity contracts and custodial accounts and the related income and distributions are not reasonably determinable. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) require that these accounts and the related income and distributions be included in the accompanying financial statements.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, 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 the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

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

Our responsibility is to conduct an audit of the Plan's financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and to issue an auditor's report. However, because of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on the Financial Statements section of our report, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on these financial statements.

We are required to be independent of the Plan, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit.

Other Matter—Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of or for the year ended May 31, 2024, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL'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. Because of the significance of the matters described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion on the 2024 Financial Statements section of our report, it is inappropriate to and we do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedule referred to above.

RSM US LLP

Dayton, Ohio
February 10, 2025

Mercyhurst University Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

**Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
May 31, 2024 and 2023**

	2024	2023
Assets		
Investments at:		
Fair value	\$ 83,577,950	\$ 75,008,515
Contract value	722,143	741,269
Total investments	84,300,093	75,749,784
Notes receivable from participants	149,469	111,893
Net assets available for benefits	\$ 84,449,562	\$ 75,861,677

See notes to financial statements.

Mercyhurst University Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Year Ended May 31, 2024

Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 10,828,292
Interest and dividends	1,102,733
Total investment income	<u>11,931,025</u>
Contributions:	
Participants	1,294,520
Employer	509,727
Rollover	268,221
Total contributions	<u>2,072,468</u>
Deductions:	
Benefits paid to participants or beneficiaries	5,396,537
Administrative expenses	19,071
Total deductions	<u>5,415,608</u>
Net decrease	8,587,885
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning	<u>75,861,677</u>
Ending	<u><u>\$ 84,449,562</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

Mercyhurst University Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Description of the Plan

The following description of the Mercyhurst University Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan Document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General: The Plan is a defined contribution plan sponsored by Mercyhurst University (University) for the benefit of its employees. Employees are immediately eligible to participate in the Plan as a contributing participant upon commencement of employment with the University. Students who are employed by the University are generally excluded from participation in the Plan. Participants are required to complete 12 consecutive months of service at the University and work at least 1,000 hours to qualify for employer contributions. The Plan credits participants who have been employed during the 12-month period prior to commencing employment with the University by another educational, non-profit, governmental or other institution sponsoring 403(b) plan for this service.

The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended. Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (TIAA) serves as the issuer of the TIAA Traditional Annuity and TIAA variable annuities, and College Retirement Equities Fund (CREF) serves as the issuer of the CREF variable annuities held by the Plan. The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (VALIC) serves as the issuer of the VALIC variable and fixed income annuities. TIAA and VALIC are the recordkeepers of the Plan. TIAA is the custodian of the annuity related assets. VALIC is the custodian of the variable and fixed income annuities issued by VALIC. TIAA Trust Company, FSB is another custodian of the Plan.

Contributions: The Plan permits eligible employees to have the University make annual contributions of up to 100% of eligible compensation through a salary deferral election. The Plan sponsor may also elect to provide a discretionary contribution to employees who are eligible to participate in the Plan and who have completed one year of service. In years when discretionary contributions are made, the allocation to the participant accounts is formula based on the eligible individual's compensation and years of service.

Contributions are subject to certain limitations. Employee rollover contributions are also permitted. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions.

Participant investment account options: Investment account options available include various annuity accounts, a pooled separate account and mutual funds. Each participant has the option of directing his or her contributions into any of the investment account options selected by the University and may change the allocation to the extent permitted by the individual agreements.

Participant accounts: Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the University's contribution and Plan earnings and is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, 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 immediately vested in their voluntary contributions and any employer contributions, plus earnings thereon.

Payment of benefits: Upon termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, or other reasons, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of his or her account, an annuity contract (if assets are held in a custodial account) or convert to an income option (if assets are invested in an annuity contract). A participant may elect to receive a distribution of their rollover contributions at any time. Withdrawals other than for termination are permitted under circumstances provided by the Plan.

Mercyhurst University Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting: The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Investments held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts. Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

Use of estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets and changes in net assets and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment valuation and income recognition: Investments are reported at fair value, except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value. Quoted market prices, if available, are used to value investments. Mutual funds are valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the Plan at year end. The Plan's interests in the pooled separate and variable annuity accounts are valued at the NAV of the units of the variable annuity accounts. The NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value of the pooled separate and variable annuity accounts.

The Plan is funded by individually controlled TIAA, CREF and VALIC investments. Contributions are allocated to the TIAA Traditional Annuity contract, CREF Variable Annuity accounts, mutual funds, TIAA Real Estate Pooled Separate Account, or the VALIC variable and fixed income annuity accounts.

Traditional annuity contracts that are not benefit-responsive are reported at estimated fair value as provided by TIAA, CREF and VALIC. Fully benefit-responsive traditional annuity contracts are valued at contract value. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus interest at the contract rate, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses.

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 (depreciation) in the fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes receivable from participants: Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The loans are secured by the vested balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably.

Prior to May 1, 2019, the Plan did not allow for participant loans. TIAA and VALIC would issue loans to Plan participants outside the scope of the Plan. For such loans, participants pledge as security a portion of their balance in the TIAA Traditional Annuity or VALIC Fixed Account Plus, which represents 110% of the outstanding loan balance. The loan balance outstanding as of May 31, 2024 and 2023, was approximately \$196,000 and \$157,000, respectively. These disclosed loan balances include deemed distributed loans of approximately \$47,000 and \$45,000, respectively. Plan loan interest rates ranged from 9.50% to 4.03% as of May 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The Plan administrator has concluded that these loans are not Plan assets and that such arrangements are exempt transactions. In the event of default, such loans are reportable to participants as taxable income but remain outstanding and continue to accrue interest until repaid by the participant or the participant becomes eligible to receive a distribution under the terms of the Plan. During the years ended May 31, 2024 and 2023, no loans went into default.

Mercyhurst University Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Contributions: Participant contributions are recognized when earned. Employer matching contributions are recognized concurrently with participant contributions.

Payment of benefits: Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

Administrative expenses: Administrative expenses may be paid by the employer or the Plan, at the University's discretion.

Note 3. Certification of Plan Custodians

The following is a summary of the Plan's asset and income information as of May 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended May 31, 2024, included throughout the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule, that was prepared by or derived from information provided by TIAA and CREF and the custodians, and furnished to the Plan administrator. The Plan administrator has obtained certifications from TIAA and CREF and the custodians that information provided to the Plan administrator by TIAA and CREF and the custodians related to the following assets and income is complete and accurate. Accordingly, as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the Plan administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to information which appears throughout the financial statements and supplemental schedule related to the following assets and income.

TIAA and CREF certified the completeness and accuracy of the following as of May 31:

	2024	2023
Registered investment companies, at fair value	<u>\$ 65,791,251</u>	<u>\$ 56,024,092</u>
Guaranteed annuity contracts:		
Non-fully benefit responsive, at fair value	<u>\$ 16,930,579</u>	<u>\$ 17,893,575</u>
Fully benefit responsive, at contract value	<u>\$ 708,346</u>	<u>\$ 726,718</u>
Pooled separate account, at fair value	<u>\$ 741,835</u>	<u>\$ 997,019</u>
Participant loans	<u>\$ 149,469</u>	<u>\$ 111,893</u>

TIAA and CREF also certified the completeness and accuracy of the following for the year ended May 31, 2024:

Net depreciation in fair value of investments	<u>\$ 10,807,836</u>
Interest and dividends	<u>\$ 1,102,456</u>

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Note 3. Certification of Plan Custodians (Continued)

VALIC certified the completeness and accuracy of the following as of May 31:

	2024	2023
Guaranteed annuity contracts:		
Fully benefit responsive, at contract value	\$ 13,797	\$ 14,551
Registered investment companies, at fair value	\$ 114,285	\$ 93,829

VALIC also certified the completeness and accuracy of the following for the year ended May 31, 2024:

Net depreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 20,456
Interest and dividends	\$ 277

Note 4. Fair Value Measurements

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. Fair value measurements must maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There is a hierarchy of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity and are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

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Note 4. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following table presents 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 May 31:

Description	2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 42,634,512	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,634,512
Traditional annuity contracts— non-fully benefit-responsive	-	-	16,930,579	16,930,579
	<u>\$ 42,634,512</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 16,930,579</u>	59,565,091
Investments measured at net asset value ^(a)				24,012,859
Investments at fair value				<u>\$ 83,577,950</u>

Description	2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual funds	\$ 35,742,048	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,742,048
Traditional annuity contracts— non-fully benefit-responsive	-	-	17,893,575	17,893,575
	<u>\$ 35,742,048</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 17,893,575</u>	53,635,623
Investments measured at net asset value ^(a)				21,372,892
Investments at fair value				<u>\$ 75,008,515</u>

(a) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, investments measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit a reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies and inputs used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits, as well as the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no significant changes in the valuation techniques during the year ended May 31, 2024. The Plan had no liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis. In addition, the Plan had no assets or liabilities measured on a nonrecurring basis. For assets classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, the process used to develop the reported fair value is described below.

Transfers between fair value hierarchy levels: For the years ended May 31, 2024 and 2023, there were no transfers in or out of Level 3.

Level 3 activity: During the year ended May 31, 2024, purchases and sales of Level 3 assets amounted to \$1,032,114 and \$2,810,037, respectively. During the year ended May 31, 2023, purchases and sales of Level 3 assets amounted to \$1,320,840 and \$2,542,518, respectively.

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Note 4. Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

Unobservable (Level 3) inputs: The following table presents quantitative information about unobservable inputs used in recurring Level 3 fair value measurements as of May 31:

Instrument	Fair Value		Principal Valuation Technique	Unobservable Inputs	Significant Input Values
	2024	2023			
TIAA Traditional Annuity	\$ 16,930,579	\$ 17,893,575	Discounted cash flow theoretical transfer (exit value)	Risk-adjusted discount rate applied	RA** 4.00%

** Retirement Annuity

In estimating fair value of the investments in Level 3, the University has various processes and controls in place to ensure fair value is reasonably estimated. The Endowment and Investments Committee of the Board of Trustees, which reports to the University's Board of Trustees, sets valuation policies for Plan assets and is responsible for the determination of the fair value. The Endowment and Investments Committee of the Board of Trustees: (1) compares price changes between periods to current market conditions, (2) compares trade prices of securities to fair value estimates, (3) compares prices from multiple pricing sources and (4) performs ongoing due diligence to confirm that independent pricing services use market-based parameters for valuation. Valuation approaches are reviewed on an ongoing basis and revised as necessary based on changing market conditions to ensure values represent a reasonable exit price.

Investments measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient: The following table summarizes the investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of May 31, 2024 and 2023. There are no participant redemption restrictions for these investments; the redemption notice period is applicable only to the Plan.

	Fair Value		Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
	2024	2023			
Variable annuity accounts	\$ 23,271,024	\$ 20,375,873	N/A	Daily	None
Pooled separate account	741,835	997,019	N/A	Daily	None
	<u>\$ 24,012,859</u>	<u>\$ 21,372,892</u>			

Note 5. Investment Contracts With Insurance Companies

The Plan has entered into traditional annuity contracts with TIAA, CREF and VALIC. TIAA, CREF and VALIC maintain the contributions in general accounts. The accounts are credited with earnings on the underlying investments and charged for participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. The traditional annuity contract issuers are contractually obligated to repay the principal and a specified interest rate guaranteed to the Plan.

Some of the traditional annuity contracts are fully benefit-responsive; therefore, contract value is the relevant measurement. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by TIAA, CREF and VALIC, represents contributions made under the contracts, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals and administrative expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value. The traditional annuity contracts that are not fully benefit-responsive are reported at the estimated fair value as provided by TIAA and CREF.

There are no reserves against the contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

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Note 5. Investment Contracts With Insurance Companies (Continued)

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (1) amendments to the Plan Documents (including 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 a significant withdrawal from the Plan or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The Plan administrator does not believe the occurrence of any such event, which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with participants, is probable.

The traditional annuity contracts do not permit the insurance companies to terminate the agreements prior to the scheduled maturity date.

The following information relates to the non-fully benefit-responsive investment contracts:

	2024	2023
Average yields:		
Based on actual earnings	4.68%	4.35%
Based on interest rate credited to participants	4.85%	4.24%

Investment contracts that are non-fully benefit-responsive are included in the financial statements at fair value as reported by TIAA and CREF. TIAA and CREF indicate that contract value approximates fair value for these investments at May 31, 2024 and 2023.

Note 6. Related-Party and Party-in-Interest Transactions

Party-in-interest transactions include those with fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services 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% or more of such an employer or employee association, or relatives of such persons.

Certain Plan investments are managed by TIAA, CREF and VALIC, the custodians of certain investments of the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest. In addition, the University provides certain administrative services at no cost to the Plan. Administrative expenses paid to TIAA amounted to \$1,071 for the year ended May 31, 2024.

Note 7. 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 the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The fully benefit-responsive guaranteed annuity contracts have been certified at contract value, which approximates fair value, as reported to the Plan by TIAA and CREF. In subsequent periods, if market conditions change, such as the insurance companies' credit rating or interest rate environment, the difference between contract value and fair value could become significant causing the financial statements to become materially misstated.

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Note 8. 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 Plan termination, participants would remain 100% vested in their employer contributions.

Note 9. 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 (IRC) of 1986, as amended. The Plan has not requested or obtained a determination letter; however, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and not subject to tax. No provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain tax position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

Note 10. Excluded Contracts

The Plan administrator has elected to exclude from investments certain annuity and custodial accounts which may have been issued to current and former employees without the Plan administrator's knowledge prior to January 1, 2009, as permitted by the Department of Labor's Field Assistance Bulletin No. 2009-02, Annual Reporting Requirements for 403(b) Plans. The investment income and distributions related to potential accounts have also been excluded from the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits. U.S. GAAP require that these accounts and the related income and distributions be included in the accompanying financial statements. The Plan administrator is not able to determine the amount of these excluded annuity and custodial accounts and the related income and distributions because records relating to these are not available or do not exist.

Note 11. Subsequent Events

The Plan administrator has evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition and/or disclosure through February 10, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Supplemental Schedule

Mercyhurst University Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

Schedule H, Line 4i—Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) May 31, 2024

Employer Identification Number: 25-0965430
Plan Number: 001

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, Maturity Value	Cost**	Current Value
* TIAA-CREF		Variable annuity accounts:		
		CREF Stock R2	\$	12,498,840
		CREF Money Market R2		762,228
		CREF Social Choice R2		1,021,181
		CREF Bond Market R2		496,637
		CREF Global Equities R2		3,086,791
		CREF Growth R2		3,491,664
		CREF Equity Index R2		1,610,495
		CREF Inflation-Linked Bond R2		188,904
				<u>23,156,740</u>
* TIAA-CREF		Mutual funds:		
		Nuveen Lifecycle 2010		120,144
		Nuveen Lifecycle 2015		248,927
		Nuveen Lifecycle 2020		1,148,435
		Nuveen Lifecycle 2025		1,295,153
		Nuveen Lifecycle 2030		2,918,633
		Nuveen Lifecycle 2035		2,784,912
		Nuveen Lifecycle 2040		4,644,477
		Nuveen Lifecycle 2045		1,761,010
		Nuveen Lifecycle 2050		1,237,580
		Nuveen Lifecycle 2055		431,317
		Nuveen Lifecycle 2060		106,209
		Nuveen Lifecycle 2065		12,489
		Nuveen Lifecycle Retirement Income		1,236,491
		Invesco Developing Markets Y		293,482
		PGIM Total Return Bond Z		1,484,608
		Vanguard Ttl Bd Mkt Idx Adm		1,456,220
		Vanguard 500 Index Admiral		6,156,559
		Vanguard Federal Money Market		378,217
		Vanguard Inflation Protected Securities Admiral		1,011,898
		Vanguard Small-Cap Idx Adm		2,692,605
		Vanguard Mid Cap Index Admiral		2,511,813
		Vanguard Real Estat Idx ADM		1,349,676
		Harbor Capital Appreciation Inst		2,268,253
		Dodge & Cox Stock Fund I		1,401,230
		AF Europacific Growth Fund R4		1,486,721
		PIMCO All Asset A		32,252
		Vanguard FTSE World Idx Adm		2,093,695
		Transamerica Intl Equity I		71,506
				<u>42,634,512</u>
* TIAA-CREF		Traditional annuity contracts:		
		Non Fully Benefit-Responsive		16,930,579
		Fully Benefit-Responsive		708,346
				<u>17,638,925</u>

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Mercyhurst University Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

Schedule H, Line 4i—Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (Continued) May 31, 2024

Employer Identification Number: 25-0965430
Plan Number: 001

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, Maturity Value	Cost**	Current Value
* TIAA-CREF		Pooled separate account: TIAA Real Estate Fund	\$	741,835
* VALIC		Traditional annuity contract: Fully Benefit-Responsive		13,797
* VALIC		Variable annuity accounts:		
		Ariel Appreciation Fund		541
		Ariel Fund		597
		Asset Allocation Fund		1,396
		Core Bond Fund		1,026
		Global Real Estate Fund		109
		Global Strategy		1,298
		Government Money Market Fund		6,191
		Government Securities Fund		3,492
		High Yield Bond Fund		122
		International Equities Fund		1,463
		International Values Fund		60
		International Government Bond		126
		Mid Cap Index Fund		34,492
		Mid Cap Value Fund		222
		Small Cap Growth Fund		143
		Small Cap Index Fund		3,066
		Socially Responsible Fund		317
		Stock Index Fund		49,580
		Systematic Core Fund		924
		Systemic Value Fund		3,961
		Vanguard Lifestrategy Growth		1,757
		Vanguard Long Term Treasury		22
		Vanguard Wellington Fund		1,427
		Vanguard Windsor II		1,952
				114,284
* Participants		Participant loans: 4.03% to 9.50%; ranging from one to five years		149,469
			\$	84,449,562

* Represents a party-in-interest

** All investments are participant directed; therefore, cost information has not been presented.

The above information has been certified by TIAA, CREF, and VALIC, the custodians of certain investments, as complete and accurate.

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ERISA Plan #	001
Plan Year Ending	May 31, 2024

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