

<p style="text-align: center;">Form 5500</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</p> <p style="font-size: small;">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).</p> <p>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; font-weight: bold;">2024</p> <hr/> <p style="font-weight: bold;">This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information
 For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

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) _____

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

<p>1a Name of plan <u>HARDING UNIVERSITY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN</u></p>	<p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u></p>
<p>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) <u>HARDING UNIVERSITY</u></p> <p><u>P.O. BOX 12257</u> <u>SEARCY, AR 72149</u></p>	<p>1c Effective date of plan <u>09/01/1948</u></p> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>71-0236896</u></p> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>501-279-4930</u></p> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>611000</u></p>

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.	06/18/2025	TAMARA H. HALL
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	06/18/2025	TAMARA H. HALL
	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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	1261
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)	673
	6a(2)	661
	6b	0
	6c	591
	6d	1252
	6e	13
	6f	1265
	6g(1)	1249
	6g(2)	1254
h	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:
2F 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)	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> 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 1
- (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 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 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).

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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

A Name of plan HARDING 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 HARDING UNIVERSITY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 71-0236896

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.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier

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(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	150596	787	01/01/2024	12/31/2024

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
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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	

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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	34485472
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	70722319
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) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶	
f	If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)	
a	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶	
b	Balance at the end of the previous year	7b 40825589
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1) 554892
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	7c(2)
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	7c(3) 1765486
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4) 7308287
	(5) Other (specify below)..... ▶	7c(5) 36447
	(6) Total additions	7c(6) 9665112
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d 50490701
e	Deductions:	
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1) 4464583
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2)
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3) 5560949
	(4) Other (specify below)..... ▶	7e(4) 78235
(5) Total deductions	7e(5) 10103767	
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d).....	7f 40386934

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 <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> 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) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 HARDING UNIVERSITY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 71-0236896	

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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(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	91160	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(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?
16 50	NONE	52022	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(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 50	NONE	21678	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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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(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.	

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:	
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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>	DFE/Participating Plan 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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>HARDING UNIVERSITY</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>71-0236896</u>	

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:	<u>TIAA REAL ESTATE</u>	
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):	<u>TIAA-CREF</u>	
c EIN-PN <u>13-1624203-004</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>5567377</u>
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 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):		
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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)
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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 code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 HARDING UNIVERSITY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 71-0236896

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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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.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
Assets			
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	242352	244005
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	280337	288995
(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)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	5533469	5567377
(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)	142432932	155373462
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	40825589	40386934
(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	189314679	201860773
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		
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	189314679	201860773

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)	3390580	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	4019795	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	435218	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....	2a(3)		7845593
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)		
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)	1765486	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)		1765486
(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)	3725225	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....	2b(2)(D)		3725225
(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)		-229314
(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)		17255332
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		30362322

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	15677784	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	1973584	
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		17651368
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)	91160	
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)	21678	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	52022	
(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)		164860
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		17816228

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		12546094
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: HOGANTAYLOR LLP

(2) EIN: 73-1413977

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.)		X	
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.)		X	
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.)		X	
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.)		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
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?		X	
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?		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
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.)		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
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) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	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 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

A Name of plan <u>HARDING UNIVERSITY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>HARDING UNIVERSITY</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>71-0236896</u>	

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.....

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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 51-6559589

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.....

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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)?..... 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
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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

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 _____

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 _____

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 _____

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 _____

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 _____

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): _____

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: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	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

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

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 _____.

**HARDING UNIVERSITY DEFINED
CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023,
AND YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

WITH

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Participants, Plan Administrator and Retirement Plan Committee
Harding University Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Harding 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) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 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 December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended December 31, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits 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 accompanying 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 (U.S. GAAP).
- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits 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 the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. 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 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

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 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 the 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 the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits 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 U.S. GAAP.

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 U.S. GAAP.

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 Information Required by ERISA

The supplemental information, schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024, is presented for purposes 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. The supplemental information, 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 information 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 information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

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



Little Rock, Arkansas
June 18, 2025

**HARDING UNIVERSITY DEFINED
CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN**

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets		
Investments:		
At fair value	\$ 195,426,311	\$ 182,572,238
At contract value	5,901,462	6,219,752
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Total investments	201,327,773	188,791,990
Receivables:		
Participant contributions	288,995	280,337
Employer contributions	244,005	242,352
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Total receivables	533,000	522,689
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Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 201,860,773</u>	<u>\$ 189,314,679</u>

**HARDING UNIVERSITY DEFINED
CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

Year ended December 31, 2024

Changes to net assets

Net investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 17,026,018
Interest and dividends	<u>5,490,711</u>
Net investment income	22,516,729
Contributions:	
Participant	4,019,795
Employer	3,390,580
Rollover	<u>435,218</u>
Total contributions	7,845,593
Benefits paid to participants	(17,651,368)
Administrative expenses	<u>(164,860)</u>
Net increase	12,546,094
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	<u>189,314,679</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 201,860,773</u></u>

**HARDING UNIVERSITY DEFINED
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2024 and 2023

Note 1 – Description of the Plan

Harding University, Inc. (the University) sponsors the Harding University Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (the Plan). The following description 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 established for the benefit of employees of the University and Harding Place, Inc.'s (collectively, the Employer), except for students enrolled and attending classes offered by the University. Additionally, adjunct, adjoint, visiting, emeritus, and in-resident faculty are not eligible for Employer contributions. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

The Plan is administered and overseen by the Plan administrator and the Retirement Plan Committee. The Plan's investments are managed by Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association (TIAA) and College Retirement Equities Fund (CREF). TIAA and CREF issue certain investments and serve as agents for TIAA Trust, N.A., the custodians for certain other investments held by the Plan. TIAA is an insurance company; CREF is a registered investment company as well as an insurance company; TIAA Trust, N.A. is a national trust bank. TIAA processes and maintains the records of the participant data.

Eligibility

Nonexcluded employees are eligible to participate in the Plan beginning on the first day of the month after hire. Participants who have attained age 21 are eligible for Employer matching contributions after a year of service, as defined in the Plan document. Service with an organization that meets the eligibility requirements of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) Section 403(b)(1), a teaching institution or an institution of higher education, will be credited for eligibility purposes.

Contributions

Participants may contribute up to 100% of their compensation, as defined in the Plan document, as either pretax or Roth deferrals. Participants who have attained age 50 are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans.

The Plan also provides for Employer matching contributions. Elective deferrals for nonhighly compensated employees are matched at 100% for participant contributions between 1% and 10% of compensation. Elective deferrals for highly compensated employees are matched at 100% for participant contributions between 1% and 5% of compensation.

Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. If participants do not select an investment for their accounts, contributions are directed to a lifecycle fund based on the participant's expected retirement date. Contributions are subject to certain limitations of the Code.

Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with participant contributions, Employer matching contributions, and allocations of Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined in the Plan document. 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 and Employer matching contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

Payment of benefits

Upon retirement, termination, disability, or death, a participant, or his or her beneficiary in the event of death, may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account. Additionally, participants may take in-service distributions upon reaching age 59½. Upon termination, automatic distributions are required for balances of less than \$5,000. Automatic distributions above \$1,000 made without the participant's consent are rolled into an individual retirement account designated by TIAA. The default form of distribution is a life annuity contract (for unmarried participants) or a joint and survivor annuity contract (for married participants) unless another form is elected. Participants may elect other available forms for distributions (subject to spousal consent), including lump-sum payments, partial payments, and installment payments. Participants who have invested in TIAA Traditional Annuity are limited in their ability to elect a lump-sum distribution depending upon the year in which contributions were made; however, they may receive the value of their accumulated benefits over a ten-year period. The Plan allows hardship withdrawals, subject to account balance limits and applicable laws.

Forfeitures

Forfeitures are first used to restore participant balances previously forfeited, then may be used to pay Plan administrative expenses, or to reduce Employer contributions. The Plan had no unallocated forfeitures as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. For the year ended December 31, 2024, \$3,400 forfeitures were used to reduce Employer contributions.

Administrative expenses

The Plan allows certain administrative expenses to be paid from Plan assets. Investment expenses netted against investment income represent amounts associated with the net expense ratios of the investments in the Plan's fund lineup. The Plan participates in an agreement with TIAA, where fees are credited and allocated to certain participants through a fee leveling credit and where excess revenue may be returned and deposited into an unallocated revenue credit account. The amounts in the unallocated revenue credit account may be used to pay reasonable and necessary Plan expenses or may be allocated to participants. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there was approximately \$18,000 and \$65,000 of unallocated funds in the revenue credit account, respectively. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Plan used approximately \$78,200 of the unallocated revenue credit account balance to pay Plan administrative expenses of the Plan and \$80,000 was reallocated to participants.

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Use of estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. 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. 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 Retirement Plan Committee determines the valuation policies utilizing information provided by the investment advisors, TIAA, and CREF. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements and Note 5 for contract 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.

Contributions

Participant contributions, and the related Employer matching contributions, are recorded in the year in which the participant deferrals are withheld from compensation.

Payment of benefits

Benefit payments are recorded when paid. There were no benefits requested before year-end that were not paid.

Subsequent events

The Plan administrator has evaluated subsequent events through June 18, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 – Information Certified by TIAA and CREF

The Plan administrator has elected the method of annual reporting compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, TIAA and CREF have certified that the following data included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) is complete and accurate:

- Investments as shown on the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023;
- Net investment activity as shown in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024;

- Investment information included in the footnotes and on the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024.

The Plan's independent auditors did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year).

Note 4 – Fair Value Measurements

Accounting guidance provides a framework for measuring fair value and 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 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1	Unadjusted quoted prices for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities in active markets that a plan has the ability to access.
Level 2	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; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.
Level 3	Significant unobservable inputs.

The asset 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 need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. During the year ended December 31, 2024, there were no transfers of financial instruments into or out of Level 3. Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value:

Fixed annuity contracts – nonfully benefit responsive – The TIAA Traditional Annuity is reported at contract value and segregated between nonfully benefit responsive and fully benefit responsive contracts based on the terms of the individual contracts. The account is valued at contract value, which equals the accumulated cash contributions and interest credited to the Plan's contracts, less any withdrawals. Contract value approximates fair value.

The University has selected TIAA as a vendor to provide funding vehicles under the Plan and has selected the TIAA Traditional Annuity as an investment account to be offered under the TIAA funding vehicles. TIAA has provided information to Plan management regarding TIAA's assumptions and analysis on which TIAA has based the valuation of the TIAA Traditional Annuity. This information includes but is not limited to: a) TIAA's analysis of how, in the absence of a principal market, participant investment allocation decisions support the conclusion that contract value approximates fair value; and b) TIAA's application of a discounted cash flows model to conclude that the present value of future accumulations would reasonably approximate current contract values. Plan management has utilized and relied on the information provided by TIAA to determine the Plan's valuation policy for the TIAA Traditional Annuity. Certain contracts in the TIAA Traditional Annuity may be subject to a 2.5% contract surrender fee if redeemed within 120 days of termination.

Shares of registered investment companies and variable annuities in shares of registered investment companies – Valued at quoted market prices, which represent the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the Plan at year-end. The variable annuities in shares of registered investment companies have no unfunded commitments, no defined remaining life, offer daily liquidity (pending market conditions), and are not subject to any redemption restrictions at the measurement date, except as described below. Trades within the variable annuities in shares of registered investment companies generally settle daily with no required redemption notice period. A full redemption of the variable annuities in shares of registered investment companies could be temporarily delayed based on ordinary market conditions.

With the exception of the CREF Money Market Account, variable annuities in shares of registered investment companies are subject to certain restrictions. The units in the CREF variable annuities in shares of registered investment companies are available for transactions at the closing accumulation unit value on any day the New York Stock Exchange is open for business. In an effort to reduce market timing and excessive trading, shareholders will be locked out of an account for 90 days if a purchase, sale, and repurchase within that account is made within a 60-day period.

Variable annuity in pooled separate account – Valued at quoted market prices, which represent the NAV of units held by the Plan at year-end, based on the underlying real estate holdings which are valued principally using external appraisals. Unit value is calculated daily. Transfers and distributions are allowed once per calendar quarter unless set up as part of a systematic distribution or transfer. There were no unfunded commitments as of December 31, 2024.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although 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.

Investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis consisted of the following types of instruments as of December 31:

	Fair value measurements as of December 31, 2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Fixed annuity contracts - nonfully benefit responsive	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,485,472	\$ 34,485,472
Shares of registered investment companies	42,851,846	-	-	42,851,846
Variable annuities in pooled separate account	-	5,567,377	-	5,567,377
Variable annuities in shares of registered investment companies	112,521,616	-	-	112,521,616
Total investments at fair value	\$ 155,373,462	\$ 5,567,377	\$ 34,485,472	\$ 195,426,311

	Fair value measurements as of December 31, 2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Fixed annuity contracts - nonfully benefit responsive	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,605,837	\$ 34,605,837
Shares of registered investment companies	38,200,540	-	-	38,200,540
Variable annuities in pooled separate account	-	5,533,469	-	5,533,469
Variable annuities in shares of registered investment companies	104,232,392	-	-	104,232,392
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 142,432,932</u>	<u>\$ 5,533,469</u>	<u>\$ 34,605,837</u>	<u>\$ 182,572,238</u>

The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's Level 3 assets for the year ended December 31, 2024:

	Fixed annuity contracts
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 34,605,837
Investment income	1,575,123
Purchases	2,025,650
Sales	<u>(3,721,138)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 34,485,472</u>

The following table represents the Plan's Level 3 assets, the valuation technique used to measure the fair value of those assets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the significant unobservable inputs and the ranges of values for those inputs:

Quantitative information as of December 31, 2024				
Investment	Fair value	Principle valuation technique	Unobservable inputs	Range of significant input values
Fixed annuity contracts (nonfully benefit responsive)	\$ 34,485,472	Discounted cash flow/theoretical transfer (exit value)	Risk-adjusted discount rate applied	RA - 3.65%-6.50% RC - 3.90%-6.75%
Quantitative information as of December 31, 2023				
Investment	Fair value	Principle valuation technique	Unobservable inputs	Range of significant input values
Fixed annuity contracts (nonfully benefit responsive)	\$ 34,605,837	Discounted cash flow/theoretical transfer (exit value)	Risk-adjusted discount rate applied	RA - 4.00%-6.75% RC - 4.25%-7.00%

In estimating fair value of the investments, Plan management may use third-party pricing resources or appraisers. In substantiating the reasonableness of the pricing data provided by the third parties, Plan management evaluates a variety of factors including review of methods and assumptions used by external sources, recently executed transactions, existing contracts, economic conditions, industry and market developments, and overall credit ratings.

Note 5 – Fully Benefit Responsive Investment Contracts with TIAA

The Plan holds three traditional guaranteed annuity contracts: two TIAA Traditional Annuities and a TIAA Stable Value contract. These contracts meet the fully benefit responsive investment contract (FBRIC) criteria, and therefore are reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for the FBRICs because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the contracts. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by TIAA, represents contributions made under the contract, 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 participant owns the TIAA Traditional Annuity through either the Retirement Choice Plus (RCP) or the Supplemental Retirement Annuities (SRA) contract. The type of contract held determines the applicability of certain account features, such as the guaranteed minimum interest rate, additional amounts paid, the degree of liquidity of the participant's account and the options for receiving income upon retirement. The guaranteed annual interest rate is 3% for SRA contracts and between 1% and 3% for RCP contracts. There is potential for additional interest, if declared by TIAA. Additional interest, when declared, remains in effect for the declaration year, which begins on March 1. Additional interest is not guaranteed for future years. There are no liquidity restrictions on withdrawals. Certain RCP contracts require transfers to be made to non-competing funds for at least 90 days.

TIAA Stable Value is a fixed rate group annuity contract. TIAA is contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The guaranteed annual interest rate is between 1% and 3%. Although the liability to provide contract guarantees and accumulations is backed by the assets in a TIAA separate account, any amount to be credited above the minimum guaranteed rate is determined by TIAA. Contract holders and Plan participants do not participate in, and do not receive the earnings of, the assets in the separate account. Transfers must be made to noncompeting funds for at least 90 days. Upon termination of the contract between the Plan and TIAA Stable Value fund, the Plan will receive the contract value in, at most, two years.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with the FBRICs is dependent on the TIAA's ability to meet its financial obligations. TIAA's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

For the TIAA Stable Value contract, certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with TIAA. Examples of such events include, but are not limited to the following:

1. The Plan's failure to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Code
2. Premature termination of the contract
3. Plan termination or merger
4. Changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options
5. Bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other Plan sponsor events (for example divestitures or spinoffs of a subsidiary) that significantly affect the Plan's normal operations.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with TIAA and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow TIAA to terminate the Stable Value contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. These events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include:

1. An uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines
2. A breach of material obligation under the contract
3. A material misrepresentation
4. A material amendment to the agreements without the consent of the issuer.

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

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers and employees of the Employer. No officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan for these services.

Investments managed or issued by TIAA, CREF, and Nuveen, a subsidiary of TIAA, qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions.

Certain fees incurred by the Plan are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments, as they are paid through revenue sharing rather than a direct payment. The Plan also made direct payments to service providers which were not covered by revenue sharing.

Note 7 – 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.

Note 8 – Tax Status

The University adopted a volume submitter 403(b) plan (the Volume Submitter Plan) sponsored by TIAA. The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Volume Submitter Plan sponsor by a favorable opinion letter dated August 7, 2017, that the Volume Submitter Plan is designed in accordance with the applicable sections of the Code. The Volume Submitter Plan's opinion letter is being relied on by the Plan. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, Plan management believes the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified.

Note 9 – 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 participant account balances and the amounts reported on the statements of net assets available for benefits.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**HARDING UNIVERSITY DEFINED
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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (Held at End of Year)

**Plan #001
EIN 71-0236896**

December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	Investments:			
*	CREF	Stock Account	**	\$ 29,913,307
*	TIAA	Traditional Annuity RA	**	29,579,936
*	CREF	Growth Account	**	12,388,367
*	CREF	Global Equities Account	**	8,328,964
	Vanguard	Total Stock Market Index Fund	**	6,116,119
*	CREF	Equity Index Account	**	5,694,403
*	TIAA	Real Estate Account	**	5,567,377
*	TIAA	Traditional Annuity RC	**	4,905,536
	JPMorgan	Equity Income Fund	**	4,696,960
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2040 Fund Retirement Class	**	4,527,147
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2040 Fund R6	**	4,042,185
	Alliance Bernstein	Large Cap Growth Fund	**	3,746,392
	Vanguard	Extended Market Index Fund	**	3,673,838
	Artisan	International Value Fund	**	3,610,019
	American Funds	EuroPacific Growth Fund	**	3,534,842
*	CREF	Social Choice Account	**	3,487,473
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2035 Fund Retirement Class	**	3,420,764
	Vanguard	Wellesley Income Fund	**	3,397,796
*	Nuveen	S&P 500 Index Fund	**	3,088,014
*	Nuveen	Quant Small Cap Equity Fund	**	3,019,119
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2035 Fund R6	**	3,014,665
	BlackRock	Mid Cap Growth Equity Fund	**	2,934,818
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2030 Fund Retirement Class	**	2,898,310
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2030 Fund R6	**	2,755,692
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2025 Fund R6	**	2,681,837
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2045 Fund R6	**	2,670,789
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2050 Fund Retirement Class	**	2,500,178
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2045 Fund Retirement Class	**	2,402,010
*	CREF	Core Bond Account	**	2,177,935
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2050 Fund R6	**	2,177,743
*	CREF	Inflation-Linked Bond Account	**	2,080,765
	JPMorgan	US Equity Fund	**	2,057,690
	American Century	Mid Cap Value Fund	**	1,963,059
	Vanguard	Total International Stock Index Fund	**	1,792,556
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2025 Fund Retirement Class	**	1,727,043
	Metropolitan West	Total Return Bond Fund	**	1,582,429

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i (continued)

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (Held at End of Year)

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December 31, 2024

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*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2020 Fund Retirement Class	**	1,399,418
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2020 Fund R6	**	1,264,930
	DFA	US Small Cap Portfolio Fund	**	1,221,707
	Invesco	Developing Markets Fund	**	1,133,085
*	CREF	Money Market Account	**	1,083,728
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2055 Fund R6	**	1,033,515
	Vanguard	Short-Term Bond Index Fund	**	841,194
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2060 Fund R6	**	645,246
	Vanguard	Total Bond Market Index Fund	**	522,655
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle Retirement Income Fund R6	**	489,984
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2010 Fund R6	**	399,396
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2010 Fund Retirement Class	**	396,090
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2055 Fund Retirement Class	**	269,505
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2015 Fund R6	**	202,420
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2015 Fund Retirement Class	**	189,131
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle Retirement Income Fund Retirement Class	**	86,358
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2060 Fund Retirement Class	**	39,985
	PIMCO	Commodity Real Return Strategy Fund	**	26,687
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2065 Fund R6	**	19,361
*	Nuveen	Money Market Retirement Fund	**	5,839
				195,426,311
	Fully benefit responsive investment contracts:			
*	TIAA	Traditional Annuity SRA	**	3,372,298
*	TIAA	Stable Value	**	2,510,858
*	TIAA	Traditional Annuity RCP	**	18,306
				5,901,462
				\$ 201,327,773

* Represents a party-in-interest.

** Column (d) cost information not required as accounts are participant directed.

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i

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*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2040 Fund R6	**	4,042,185
	Alliance Bernstein	Large Cap Growth Fund	**	3,746,392
	Vanguard	Extended Market Index Fund	**	3,673,838
	Artisan	International Value Fund	**	3,610,019
	American Funds	EuroPacific Growth Fund	**	3,534,842
*	CREF	Social Choice Account	**	3,487,473
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2035 Fund Retirement Class	**	3,420,764
	Vanguard	Wellesley Income Fund	**	3,397,796
*	Nuveen	S&P 500 Index Fund	**	3,088,014
*	Nuveen	Quant Small Cap Equity Fund	**	3,019,119
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2035 Fund R6	**	3,014,665
	BlackRock	Mid Cap Growth Equity Fund	**	2,934,818
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2030 Fund Retirement Class	**	2,898,310
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2030 Fund R6	**	2,755,692
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2025 Fund R6	**	2,681,837
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2045 Fund R6	**	2,670,789
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2050 Fund Retirement Class	**	2,500,178
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2045 Fund Retirement Class	**	2,402,010
*	CREF	Core Bond Account	**	2,177,935
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2050 Fund R6	**	2,177,743
*	CREF	Inflation-Linked Bond Account	**	2,080,765
	JPMorgan	US Equity Fund	**	2,057,690
	American Century	Mid Cap Value Fund	**	1,963,059
	Vanguard	Total International Stock Index Fund	**	1,792,556
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2025 Fund Retirement Class	**	1,727,043
	Metropolitan West	Total Return Bond Fund	**	1,582,429

**HARDING UNIVERSITY DEFINED
CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN**

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i (continued)

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (Held at End of Year)

**Plan #001
EIN 71-0236896**

December 31, 2024

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2020 Fund Retirement Class	**	1,399,418
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2020 Fund R6	**	1,264,930
	DFA	US Small Cap Portfolio Fund	**	1,221,707
	Invesco	Developing Markets Fund	**	1,133,085
*	CREF	Money Market Account	**	1,083,728
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2055 Fund R6	**	1,033,515
	Vanguard	Short-Term Bond Index Fund	**	841,194
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2060 Fund R6	**	645,246
	Vanguard	Total Bond Market Index Fund	**	522,655
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle Retirement Income Fund R6	**	489,984
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2010 Fund R6	**	399,396
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2010 Fund Retirement Class	**	396,090
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2055 Fund Retirement Class	**	269,505
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2015 Fund R6	**	202,420
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2015 Fund Retirement Class	**	189,131
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle Retirement Income Fund Retirement Class	**	86,358
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2060 Fund Retirement Class	**	39,985
	PIMCO	Commodity Real Return Strategy Fund	**	26,687
*	Nuveen	Lifecycle 2065 Fund R6	**	19,361
*	Nuveen	Money Market Retirement Fund	**	5,839
				195,426,311
	Fully benefit responsive investment contracts:			
*	TIAA	Traditional Annuity SRA	**	3,372,298
*	TIAA	Stable Value	**	2,510,858
*	TIAA	Traditional Annuity RCP	**	18,306
				5,901,462
				\$ 201,327,773

* Represents a party-in-interest.

** Column (d) cost information not required as accounts are participant directed.

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

2024

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

- 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) _____
- 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 HARDING UNIVERSITY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
	1c Effective date of plan	09/01/1948
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) HARDING UNIVERSITY P.O. BOX 12257 SEARCY, AR 72149	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN)	71-0236896
	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number	(501) 279-4930
	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		6/18/25	
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE		6/18/25	
	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

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3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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:		4b EIN
a Sponsor's name		4d PN
c Plan Name		
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	1261
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	6a(1)	673
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	6a(2)	661
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	6b	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	6c	591
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c	6d	1252
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	6e	13
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e	6f	1265
g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(1)	1249
g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	6g(2)	1254
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	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:
 2F 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)	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

<p>a Pension Schedules</p> <p>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information)</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary</p> <p>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary</p> <p>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____</p> <p>(5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)</p>	<p>b General Schedules</p> <p>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information)</p> <p>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan)</p> <p>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u> 1 </u></p> <p>(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information)</p> <p>(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information)</p> <p>(6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules)</p>
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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 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 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 _____
