

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.

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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.) [x] 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: [x] 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: BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 10/01/1960
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY
Mailing address: 5700 COLLEGE RD LISLE, IL 60532
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 36-2722198
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 630-829-6031
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.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature, Date, and Name. Rows include: 1. Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature, 10/08/2025, KELLY ZAPP (Signature of plan administrator); 2. Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature, 10/08/2025, KELLY ZAPP (Signature of employer/plan sponsor); 3. 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: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN	
	4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5	991
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)	419
	6a(2)	379
	6b	0
	6c	563
	6d	942
	6e	4
	6f	946
	6g(1)	972
	6g(2)	926
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 2T 3D

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	b General Schedules
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information)
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>1</u>
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information)
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
	(6) <input type="checkbox"/> 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 _____

<p>SCHEDULE A (Form 5500)</p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Insurance Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p>	<p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p>2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

<p>A Name of plan BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN</p>	<p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p>001</p>
<p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY</p>	<p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-2722198</p>	

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	103872	526	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	29588153
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	40159415
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 29528719
c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1) 234593
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	7c(2)
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	7c(3) 1249687
	(4) Transferred from separate account	7c(4) 3246798
	(5) Other (specify below).....	7c(5) 65978
	▶ MISCELLANEOUS CREDITS, INCLUDING INVESTMENT GAINS AND TRANSFERS FROM FULLY ALLOCATED CONTRACTS	
	(6) Total additions	7c(6) 4797056
d	Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d 34325775
e	Deductions:	
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1) 2213322
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2) 94646
	(3) Transferred to separate account	7e(3) 2429654
	(4) Other (specify below)..... ▶	7e(4)
	(5) Total deductions	7e(5) 4737622
f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d).....	7f 29588153

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 BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-2722198	

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?
28 50 52	NONE	60000	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input 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?
15 17 27 28 38 50 52 54 64 66	NONE	54827	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?
10 50 52	NONE	17500	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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)

MESIROW FINANCIAL

36-3194849

(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?
28 50 52	NONE	15000	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

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

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			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input 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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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:	
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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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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>2585930</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):		
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):		
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):

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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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:

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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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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.	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 BENEDICTINE 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 BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 36-2722198

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)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	46442	0
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	42675	0
(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)	161521	160471
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	2775128	2585930
(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)	66458325	68392885
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	29528719	29588153
(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	99012810	100727439
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	99012810	100727439

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)		
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	1271151	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	114649	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1385800
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)	13440	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)	1249687	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		1263127
(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)	1301448	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		1301448
(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)		0
(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)		0

		(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)		-109605
(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)		7517301
c Other income	2c		334454
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		11692525

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	8909392	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)	921027	
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		9830419
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		150
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees	2i(3)	54827	
(4) IQPA audit fees	2i(4)	17500	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	75000	
(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)		147327
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		9977896

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		1714629
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: CROWE LLP

(2) EIN: 35-0921680

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		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		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.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 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>BENEDICTINE 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>BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>36-2722198</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.....	1	0
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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): 82-2826183

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	
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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 10 / 07 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q704168A.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Plan Administrator
Benedictine University Defined Contribution
Retirement Plan
Lisle, Illinois

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Benedictine 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, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, 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 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions and an agent on behalf of a qualified institution as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and for the years then ended, 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.
- The information in the accompanying financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions and an agent on behalf of a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions and an agent of an institution that management determined meet the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Other Matter – Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i – 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 Department of Labor’s Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion

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

Crowe LLP

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Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois
September 24, 2025

BENEDICTINE 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	\$ 95,091,562	\$ 92,574,242
Investments, at contract value	<u>5,475,406</u>	<u>6,230,605</u>
Total investments	100,566,968	98,804,847
RECEIVABLES		
Participant contributions	-	46,442
Notes receivable due from participants	<u>162,699</u>	<u>163,599</u>
Total receivables	<u>162,699</u>	<u>210,041</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 100,729,667</u>	<u>\$ 99,014,888</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY
 DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN
 STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
 Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Additions		
Investment income		
Interest and dividends	\$ 1,651,044	\$ 1,257,355
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>8,655,681</u>	<u>10,529,986</u>
Total investment income	<u>10,306,725</u>	<u>11,787,341</u>
Contributions		
Participants	1,271,151	1,444,737
Rollovers	<u>114,649</u>	<u>473,849</u>
Total contributions	<u>1,385,800</u>	<u>1,918,586</u>
Total additions	11,692,525	13,705,927
Deductions		
Benefits paid to participants, other than annuity settlements	8,909,392	10,420,891
Annuity settlements	921,027	1,114,293
Administrative expenses	<u>147,327</u>	<u>102,273</u>
Total deductions	<u>9,977,746</u>	<u>11,637,457</u>
Net increase prior to transfers	1,714,779	2,068,470
Transfers (out of) into Plan	<u>-</u>	<u>5,636</u>
Net increase	1,714,779	2,074,106
Net assets available for benefits		
Beginning of year	<u>99,014,888</u>	<u>96,940,782</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 100,729,667</u>	<u>\$ 99,014,888</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY
DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

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

General: The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all benefit eligible employees of Benedictine University (University). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended by subsequent legislation. The Plan was adopted on October 1, 1960. The Plan was most recently amended effective August 1, 2019.

Contributions: Each year participants may contribute an amount of annual compensation as defined in the Plan. Pre-tax elective deferral contributions are counted in the maximum deferral limit. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans from a qualified 401(a), 403(a), 403(b) and eligible 457(b), or the pre-tax amounts of a traditional IRA. Eligible compensation for any plan year shall not exceed the maximum provided by the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions can be made on a before-tax basis only and they cannot exceed \$23,000 and \$22,500 in 2024 and 2023, respectively. Age 50 and over participants can contribute an additional \$7,500 in 2024 and 2023. A participant's account may include contributions made to another plan and transferred to the Plan as part of a rollover contribution.

For any benefit eligible employee, the University provides a discretionary employer contribution once the employee has reached the required age of 21 and the required 30 days of employment as long as the employee is employed as of the last day of the plan year. There were no such contributions for 2024 or 2023.

Participant Accounts: Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of the University's contribution and plan earnings/(loss), and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses, if any. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Payment of Benefits: If a participant retires, the balance of the participant's account is payable at his/her option in either a lump-sum, rollover into a qualified plan or IRA, or the participant can purchase an annuity contract if eligible to receive payment from the Plan. Upon death, disability, or termination of a participant, the plan administrator of the Plan advises the beneficiary or participant of the various methods of distribution of the participant's account available to the participant or his/her beneficiary.

Under certain conditions, participants may make hardship withdrawals, as defined in the Plan. Active participants may also take distributions from the Plan upon attainment of age 59 ½.

Plan Loans: Loans are available through Teacher's Insurance and Annuity Association of America (TIAA), subject to certain limitations. Participants pledge as security a portion of their balance in a TIAA Traditional Fund fixed annuity contract, which represents 110% of the outstanding loan balance. The amount pledged as collateral at December 31, 2024 and 2023, was \$58,993 and \$78,414, respectively. At December 31, 2024 and 2023, defaulted plan loans of \$32,362 and \$30,739, respectively, are included as part of the TIAA Traditional Fund fixed annuity contract and are owed directly to TIAA upon a participant distributable event.

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BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY
DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN
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December 31, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Continued)

Notes Receivable from Participants: Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000, up to a maximum of the lesser of 50% of their elective or rollover deferrals, or \$50,000. One loan is allowed at any time per participant. Loan terms range from 1 to 5 years for a general-purpose loan, or 10 years for the purchase of a primary residence. Loan payments will be suspended if a participant enters a military leave of absence. Loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates commensurate with local prevailing rates at the time funds are borrowed. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Vesting: Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon, as well as in the University's contribution portion of their accounts plus actual earnings thereon.

Administrative Expenses: The Plan pays certain administrative expenses, while the University pays other expenses on behalf of the Plan. Investment management fees are charged to the Plan as a reduction of investment return and included in the investment income (loss) reported by the Plan.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures, and actual results may differ from these estimates.

Valuation of Investments and Income Recognition: The Plan's investments, other than fully benefit responsive investment contracts, are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received by the Plan for an asset or paid by the Plan to transfer a liability (an exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date in the Plan's principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability. Contract value is the relevant measure for the Plan's fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, because contract value is the amount Plan participants generally receive when executing transactions under the terms of the contract and Plan provisions.

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

Risks and Uncertainties: The Plan provides for investments that, in general, are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, liquidity, credit and overall market volatility risks, including risks related to a global pandemic and international conflicts. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the fair values of investment securities will occur in the near term, and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits and participant account balances.

Payment of Benefits: Benefits are recorded when paid.

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BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY
DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 3 – CERTIFIED INFORMATION

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the years then ended, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by TIAA and College Retirement Equity Fund (CREF), including TIAA as agent for TIAA Trust, N.A. as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value measurements are determined by maximizing the use of observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs. The hierarchy places the highest priority on unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and gives the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of inputs within the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows:

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

In some cases, a valuation technique used to measure fair value may include inputs from multiple levels of the fair value hierarchy. The lowest level of significant input determines the placement of the entire fair value measurement in the hierarchy.

The following presents the valuation methods and assumptions used by the Plan to estimate the fair values of investments.

Registered Investment Companies: The fair values of registered investment companies are determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges (Level 1 inputs).

Variable Annuity Accounts: The fair values of the Plan's investments held in variable annuity accounts are determined by obtaining quoted prices on the NASDAQ Stock Market (Level 1 inputs).

Traditional Investment Contracts (not fully benefit-responsive): The TIAA Traditional Annuity Contracts are individual guaranteed fixed annuity investment contracts issued by TIAA (Issuer). Due to certain liquidity restriction provisions, some of the individual annuity contracts within the TIAA Traditional Annuity contract held by the Plan are not fully benefit-responsive and, accordingly, are measured at fair value.

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December 31, 2024 and 2023

NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

TIAA and Plan management have determined contract value to be the most reasonable estimate of fair value for these contracts. Contract value equals the contributions deposited into the contracts, plus interest credited to the contracts, less contract withdrawals, and it reflects the value at which participant transactions are executed under the contracts. The contract value reflects the theoretical transfer (exit) value available to the Plan and Plan participants. The fair values of the Plan's investment contracts have been estimated by TIAA by discounting the projected cash flows using risk-adjusted market discount rates which correlate closely with TIAA Traditional Annuity's historical interest crediting rates.

The contract values are guaranteed by TIAA. Based upon recent credit ratings for TIAA, management believes no adjustment to contract value is required related to credit quality. Since investment contracts are not transferable, there is no market from which to obtain observable market prices for the contracts held by the Plan or comparable contracts (Level 3 inputs).

The plan administrator and management, or its designee, reviews the fair value pricing methodology employed by TIAA and CREF for the Plan's guaranteed investment contracts to ensure a reasonable measure of market valuation has been utilized.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value estimate 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.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2024:

		Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
	<u>Total</u>			
Registered investment companies	\$ 30,819,400	\$ 30,819,400	\$ -	\$ -
Variable annuity accounts	40,159,415	40,159,415	-	-
Traditional investment contracts*	<u>24,112,747</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,112,747</u>
Total	<u>\$ 95,091,562</u>	<u>\$ 70,978,815</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 24,112,747</u>

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BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY
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NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31, 2023:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using</u>		
		<u>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</u>	<u>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</u>	<u>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</u>
Registered investment companies	\$ 29,401,707	\$ 29,401,707	\$ -	\$ -
Variable annuity accounts	39,874,421	39,874,421	-	-
Traditional investment contracts*	<u>23,298,114</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,298,114</u>
Total	<u>\$ 92,574,242</u>	<u>\$ 69,276,128</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 23,298,114</u>

* Not fully benefit-responsive

The table below presents a reconciliation of investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, including the reporting classifications for the applicable gains and losses included in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Beginning balance, January 1	\$ 23,298,114	\$ 24,263,943
Purchases	1,552,888	380,473
Sales	(1,812,510)	(2,464,044)
Investment income	<u>1,074,255</u>	<u>1,117,742</u>
Ending balance, December 31	<u>\$ 24,112,747</u>	<u>\$ 23,298,114</u>

The following table represents the Plan's quantitative information about significant unobservable inputs used in Level 3 fair value measurements, the valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of those financial instruments, and the significant unobservable inputs and the ranges of values for those inputs at December 31, 2024 and 2023:

<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Principal Valuation Technique</u>	<u>Significant Unobservable Inputs</u>	<u>Range of Significant Input Values</u>
<u>December 31, 2024</u>				
TIAA Traditional Annuity	\$ 24,112,747	Discounted cash flow Theoretical transfer (exit value)	Risk-adjusted discount rate applied*	RA –3.65% - 6.50%

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NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Principal Valuation Technique</u>	<u>Significant Unobservable Inputs</u>	<u>Range of Significant Input Values</u>
<u>December 31, 2023</u>				
TIAA Traditional Annuity	\$ 23,298,114	Discounted cash flow Theoretical transfer (exit value)	Risk-adjusted discount rate applied*	RA – 4.00% - 6.75%

* Unobservable inputs include discount rate applied

NOTE 5 – TIAA TRADITIONAL ANNUITY CONTRACT

The TIAA Traditional Annuity is a guaranteed fixed annuity contract available as an investment option to plan participants. Each contract is fully unconditionally guaranteed by TIAA. The TIAA Traditional Annuity is offered through a variety of contract types, including Retirement Annuities (RA), Supplemental Retirement Annuities (SRA), and Group Supplemental Retirement Annuities (GSRA). Participants with RA contracts have certain restrictions over the availability of lump sum withdrawals from the contracts as well as over the number of installments in which participant-initiated transfers and participant-initiated withdrawals are made. Based on these provisions, the RA contract is considered to be non-benefit responsive. As there are no comparable restrictions over the SRA and GSRA contracts, those contracts are considered benefit responsive. Participants in the Plan hold investments in both non-benefit-responsive and benefit-responsive contracts through the TIAA Traditional Annuity.

Participants who chose to allocate a portion of their retirement savings to the TIAA Traditional Annuity make contributions that purchase a specific amount of lifetime income based on the contractual rate of interest guaranteed by TIAA's claims paying ability. The TIAA Traditional Annuity also provides an opportunity for participants to receive additional amounts, which the TIAA Board of Trustees may declare on a year-by-year basis. These additional amounts, when declared, remain in effect for the 12 month "declaration year" that begins each March 1 for accumulating annuities and January 1 for lifetime payout annuities; they are not guaranteed for future years. Together the guaranteed minimum and additional amounts make up the crediting interest rate. The guaranteed interest rate for TIAA Traditional Annuity contracts, RA, SRA, and GSRA is generally 3.00%.

When a participant's accumulation in the TIAA Traditional Annuity is converted to a lifetime payout annuity, the present value of the stream of payments is equal to the accumulated balance, and the entire amount is recorded as a distribution in the statement of change in net assets available for benefits.

There are no conditions specified in any of the contracts under which participant withdrawals and transfers would be restricted or made at a value other than contract value or the annuity or lump-sum benefit, as defined in the contracts. The contracts do not provide any provisions that would allow the Issuer to terminate the contracts between the Issuer and the participants.

The contract value of these fully benefit-responsive investment contracts was \$5,475,406 and \$6,230,605 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

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NOTE 6 – PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Parties-in-interest are defined under Department of Labor regulations as any fiduciary of the Plan, any party rendering service to the Plan, the employer, and certain others. Certain administrative functions are performed by employees of the University. No such employee receives compensation from the Plan.

Certain plan investments are registered investment companies, variable annuities and individual fixed annuity contracts offered by TIAA and CREF, or affiliates thereof. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan also paid certain administrative expenses which qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

NOTE 7 – TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service issued an opinion letter dated October 7, 2020, indicating that the volume submitter adopted by the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Although the Plan has been amended from the original prototype document, Plan management believes that the Plan is currently being operated in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, they believe that the Plan was qualified as of the financial statement date.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Department of Labor or Internal Revenue Service. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2021.

NOTE 8 – PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the University has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

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BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY
DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 9 – RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements at December 31, 2024 and 2023 to the Form 5500:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 100,729,667	\$ 99,014,888
Deemed loan distribution	<u>(2,228)</u>	<u>(2,078)</u>
Net assets per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 100,727,439</u>	<u>\$ 99,012,810</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, per the financial statements to the net income reported in the Form 5500:

Increase in net assets available for benefits, prior to transfers, per the financial statements	\$ 1,714,779
Less: current year deemed loan distribution	(2,228)
Plus: prior year deemed loan distribution	<u>2,078</u>
Net income per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 1,714,629</u>

NOTE 10 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through September 24, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY
DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
December 31, 2024

Name of Plan Sponsor: Benedictine University
Employer Identification Number: 36-2722198
Three-Digit Plan Number: 001

(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
<u>Variable Annuities</u>				
*	CREF	CREF Stock R2	**	\$ 14,777,707
*	CREF	CREF Money Market R2	**	1,535,817
*	CREF	CREF Social Choice R2	**	3,271,836
*	CREF	CREF Global Equities R2	**	4,448,452
*	CREF	CREF Growth R2	**	4,511,175
*	CREF	CREF Equity Index R2	**	3,585,134
*	CREF	CREF Inflation-Linked Bond R2	**	1,746,665
*	CREF	CREF Core Bond R2	**	1,791,268
*	CREF	CREF Social Choice R3	**	559,943
*	TIAA	TIAA Real Estate	**	2,585,930
*	CREF	CREF Stock R1	**	808,800
*	CREF	CREF Money Market R1	**	72,676
*	CREF	CREF Social Choice R1	**	14,910
*	CREF	CREF Global Equities R1	**	85,749
*	CREF	CREF Growth R1	**	160,440
*	CREF	CREF Equity Index R1	**	104,350
*	CREF	CREF Inflation-Linked Bond R1	**	18,890
*	CREF	CREF Core Bond R1	**	79,673
				40,159,415
<u>Registered Investment Companies</u>				
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Internatl Equity R6	**	2,067,499
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Internatl Equity Retire	**	2,371
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle Ret Inc R6	**	484,130
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Large Cap Value Retire	**	2,203
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle 2010 R6	**	1,143,011
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle 2015 R6	**	1,640,263
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle 2020 R6	**	2,254,710
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle 2025 R6	**	2,285,411
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle 2030 R6	**	2,171,760
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle 2035 R6	**	2,275,857
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle 2040 R6	**	3,546,927
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle 2045 R6	**	1,272,048
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle 2050 R6	**	1,287,661
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle 2055 R6	**	526,704
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Mid Cap Growth Retire	**	787
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Mid Cap Value Retire	**	730
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Short Term Bond R6	**	554,231
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Quant Sm Cp Eq Retire	**	2,043
	Vanguard	Vanguard Small-Cap Idx Adm	**	1,849,535
	Vanguard	Vanguard Mid-Cap Idx Adm	**	134,398
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle 2060 R6	**	102,353
*	Nuveen	Nuveen Lifecycle 2065 R6	**	1,361

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BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY
 DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN
 SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
 December 31, 2024

Name of Plan Sponsor:	Benedictine University
Employer Identification Number:	36-2722198
Three-Digit Plan Number:	001

(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
	American Century	American Cent MdCpVa Fd Cla R6	**	\$ 838,701
	BlackRock	BlackRock Infl Protected Bd K	**	234,919
	JP Morgan	JPMorgan Large Cap Growth R6	**	529,575
	JP Morgan	JPMorgan Mid Cap Gro Fd CI R6	**	627,373
	MFS	MFS Intl Diversification CI R6	**	569,868
	BlackRock	BlackRock Total Return K	**	246,934
	Principal	Principal Equity Inc Fund Inst	**	1,554,487
	American Funds	American Funds New World R6	**	163,727
	Vanguard	Vanguard 500 Idx Adm	**	2,217,170
	Vanguard	Vanguard Small-Cap Grw Idx Adm	**	98,231
	Vanguard	Vanguard Small-Cap Val Idx Adm	**	<u>132,422</u>
				30,819,400
		<u>Traditional Investment Contracts</u>		
*	TIAA	TIAA Traditional Benefit-Responsive	**	4,279,719
*	TIAA	TIAA Traditional Benefit-Responsive 2	**	1,485
*	TIAA	TIAA Stable Value Benefit-Responsive	**	1,194,202
*	TIAA	TIAA Traditional Non-Benefit-Responsive	**	<u>24,112,747</u>
				29,588,153
		<u>Participant Loans</u>		
*	Various participants	Note receivable from participant with interest rate of 4.25%-9.50% and maturity through 2028	**	<u>160,471</u>
				<u>\$ 100,727,439</u>

* Indicates a party-in-interest.

** Cost information not required for participant-directed investments.

See independent auditor's report.

Plan Name	Benedictine University Defined Contribution Plan
Plan Sponsor EIN	36-2722198
ERISA Plan #	001
Plan Year Ending	December 31, 2024

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