

# Unity Environmental University

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2025 and 2024
With Independent Auditor's Report

# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# June 30, 2025

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Trustees
Unity Environmental University

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Unity Environmental University (the University), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2025, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the 2025 financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the University as of June 30, 2025, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP).

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards (U.S. 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 University and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Prior Period Financial Statements**

The financial statements of the University as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 were audited by Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker, LLC whose report, dated October 30, 2024, expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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 University's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

#### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

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 U.S. 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 U.S. 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 University'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 University's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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.

Bangor, Maine October 21, 2025

BDMP Assurance, LLP

# **Statements of Financial Position**

# June 30, 2025 and 2024

# **ASSETS**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Cash and cash equivalents (Notes 1 and 12) Inventories and other assets Accounts and interest receivable (net of allowance for credit losses of \$6,799,341 in 2025 and \$3,738,468 in	\$ 51,789,846 920,729	1,320,948
2024) (Notes 1 and 12) Contribution receivable (Note 1)	1,388,769 41,666	1,120,960 46,486
Intermediate-term investments (Notes 1, 2, and 10) Federal funds receivable (Notes 1 and 12) Land, buildings, and equipment, net of accumulated	889,223 2,746,631	3,898,755 525,022
depreciation (Notes 1, 6, and 9)	9,057,431	8,799,207
Available for sale land, buildings, and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation (Notes 1, 6, and 9) Right-of-use assets—operating (Note 11) Interest rate swaps (Notes 1 and 10)	15,588,888 8,190,366 -	15,588,888 8,488,096 378,617
Long-term investments (Notes 1, 2, and 10)	<u>16,564,329</u>	<u>16,527,514</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>107,177,878</u>	\$ <u>90,752,974</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities Accounts payable and accrued expenses (Note 8) Student deposits and deferred revenue (Note 1) Asset retirement obligation and other liabilities (Note 9) Lease liabilities—operating (Note 11) Long-term debt (Note 5)  Total liabilities	\$ 5,755,173 572,500 203,381 10,085,248 19,961,087	748,234
Net assets		
Without donor restrictions (Note 1) With donor restrictions (Notes 1 and 3)	52,985,523 17,614,966	47,337,059 16,858,861
Total net assets	70,600,489	64,195,920
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ <u>107,177,878</u>	\$ <u>90,752,974</u>

# **Statements of Activities**

# **Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Changes in net assets without donor restrictions Operating revenues, gains (losses), and other support Tuition and fees (Note 1) Auxiliary enterprises and other revenue (Note 1) Investment gain Contributions and other (Note 1) (Loss) gain on disposal of land, buildings, and equipment Net assets released from restrictions (Notes 1 and 4)	\$62,307,765 588,085 1,694,402 255,958 (97,409) 1,620,520	\$57,445,398 722,640 1,279,915 1,093,315 280,383 _1,617,993
Total operating revenues, gains (losses), and other support	66,369,321	62,439,644
Operating expenses (Note 1) Instructional Academic support Student services Institutional support Scholarships and fellowships Auxiliary enterprises Fundraising	11,321,078 29,423,810 2,964,529 14,382,426 234,626 2,110,706 166,025	10,546,541 21,013,484 2,694,741 10,790,954 173,751 2,714,873 360,148
Total operating expenses	60,603,200	48,294,492
Change in net assets from operations	5,766,121	14,145,152
Nonoperating activities  Donated land, buildings, and equipment Change in value of interest rate swaps (Note 1)	(117,657)	(840,033) <u>(17,464)</u>
Total nonoperating activities	<u>(117,657</u> )	<u>(857,497</u> )
Change in net assets without donor restrictions	<u>5,648,464</u>	<u>13,287,655</u>
Changes in net assets with donor restrictions Contributions (Note 1) Investment gain (Note 2) Net assets released from restrictions (Notes 1 and 4)	518,362 1,858,263 <u>(1,620,520</u> )	497,262 1,611,058 (1,617,993)
Change in net assets with donor restrictions	<u>756,105</u>	490,327
Change in net assets	6,404,569	13,777,982
Net assets, beginning of year	64,195,920	50,417,938
Net assets, end of year	\$ <u>70,600,489</u>	\$ <u>64,195,920</u>

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

# **Statement of Functional Expenses**

# Year Ended June 30, 2025

	<u>In</u>	<u>istructional</u>		Academic <u>Support</u>		Student Services	li	nstitutional <u>Support</u>		Scholarships and Fellowships		Auxiliary nterprises	<u>F</u>	<u>undraising</u>		<u>Total</u>
Salaries and benefits (Note 7) Utilities, Maintenance, and	\$	9,991,124	\$	3,854,543	\$	2,219,299	\$	2,959,231	\$	-	\$	189,827	\$	103,067	\$	19,317,091
Technology		38,245		2,995		9,066		2,374,849		-		278,154		-		2,703,309
Marketing/Recruitment		-		23,497,433		-		60,317		-		5,569		-		23,563,319
Professional fees/Contracted																
services		97,374		1,304,111		671,397		3,525,605		-		121,560		45,020		5,765,067
Insurance		11,748		-		37,277		265,551		-		115,231		-		429,807
Interest (Notes 5)		23,920		-		23,920		-		-		557,340		-		605,180
Other		999,205		760,902		3,570		3,333,717		234,626		498,452		17,938		5,848,410
Depreciation and amortization	_	<u> 159,462</u>	-	3,826	-		_	<u>1,863,156</u>	_		_	<u>344,573</u>	_	<u> </u>	_	2,371,017
Total	\$ <u>_</u>	11,321,078	\$ <u>_</u>	29,423,810	\$	2,964,529	\$_	14,382,426	\$ <u></u>	234,626	<b>\$</b> _	2,110,706	\$_	166,025	\$_	60,603,200

# **Statement of Functional Expenses**

# Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Instructional	Academic <u>Support</u>	Student Services	Institutional <u>Support</u>	Scholarships and <u>Fellowships</u>	Auxiliary <u>Enterprises</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salaries and benefits (Note 7) Utilities, Maintenance, and	\$ 9,708,499	\$ 3,143,591	\$ 2,065,443	\$ 2,361,770	\$ -	\$ 459,380	\$ 99,040	\$ 17,837,723
Technology	47,142	10,332	58,700	2,062,522	-	296,839	-	2,475,535
Marketing/Recruitment	-	16,191,399	-	24,039	-	7,096	-	16,222,534
Professional fees/Contracted								
services	20,041	821,183	414,463	3,140,269	-	471,594	231,575	5,099,125
Insurance	-	-	31,100	134,114	-	102,307	-	267,521
Interest (Notes 5)	13,746	-	13,746	-	-	366,965	-	394,457
Other	486,889	808,716	12,096	1,631,428	173,751	134,450	29,533	3,276,863
Depreciation and amortization	270,224	<u>38,263</u>	99,193	<u>1,436,812</u>		876,242	=	2,720,734
Total	\$ <u>10,546,541</u>	\$ <u>21,013,484</u>	\$ 2,694,741	\$ <u>10,790,954</u>	\$ <u>173,751</u>	\$ 2,714,873	\$ 360,148	\$ <u>48,294,492</u>

# **Statements of Cash Flows**

# **Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024**

		<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>
Cash flows from operating activities Change in net assets Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash	\$	6,404,569	\$	13,777,982
provided by operating activities Depreciation and amortization (Gain) loss on disposal of land, buildings, and equipment Net appreciation in fair value of investments Change in value of the interest rate swaps Donated land, buildings, and equipment Decrease (increase) in		2,371,017 97,409 (1,570,120) 378,617		2,735,363 (280,383) (1,399,898) 17,463 838,314
Accounts and interest receivable Inventories and other assets Contributions receivable Federal funds receivable Increase (decrease) in		(4,028,496) 400,219 4,818 1,539,078		475,266 (120,966) 1,005,877 (1,539,078)
Accounts payable for operating activities and accrued expenses Student deposits and deferred revenue Lease liabilities—operating	_	961,758 (175,734) (925,707)	_	2,377,943 17,022 (618,391)
Net cash provided by operating activities	_	5,457,428	_	17,286,514
Cash flows from investing activities Proceeds from sale of land, buildings, and equipment Purchase of land, buildings, and equipment Purchase of investments Proceeds from sale of investments	_	- (1,598,133) (14,041,704) <u>18,584,541</u>	_	50,000 (2,821,534) (6,400,388) 6,297,580
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	_	2,944,704	_	(2,874,342)
Cash flows from financing activities Proceeds from long-term borrowings Principal payments on long-term debt	_	20,000,000 (10,670,767)	_	- (831,193)
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	_	9,329,233	_	(831,193)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		17,731,365		13,580,979
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	_	34,058,481	_	20,477,502
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ <u>_</u>	51,789,846	\$_	34,058,481
Cash paid for interest	\$ <u>_</u>	686,412	\$ <u>_</u>	394,457

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

June 30, 2025 and 2024

## **Nature of Activities**

The Unity Environmental University (the University) is a small, private university in rural Maine that provides dedicated, engaged students with a liberal arts education that emphasizes the environment and natural resources. Graduates of the University are prepared to be environmental stewards, effective leaders, and responsible citizens through active learning experiences within a supportive community. The University was operating as Unity College prior to the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

In 2017, the University adopted an enterprise model as its organizational structure. An enterprise model allows for the creation of distinct education and business units within the overall University. The enterprise model is similar to a matrix organization, with some real advantages, allowing the University to be responsive to the rapidly changing environment, student necessities, and the organization as it continues to develop. The enterprise model currently consists of four Sustainable Educational Business Units and an Enterprise organization supporting them. The Enterprise organization expenses should consist of 20–30% of the overall University budget. For the year ended June 30, 2025, the Enterprise organization was 24% of the overall expenses of the University.

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Reporting Standard**

The University's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP), which require the University to report the information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following net asset classifications:

**Net assets without donor restrictions:** Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the University. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the University's management and the Board of Trustees.

**Net assets with donor restrictions:** Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the University or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

#### **Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

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## **Support With and Without Donor Restriction**

In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 958, *Not-for-Profit Entities*, the University reports contributions of cash or other assets, including unconditional promises to give, in the statements of activities when the cash, unconditional promise, or other assets are received. Unconditional promises to give are reported at their fair value, and an allowance for uncollectible promises is subsequently established when appropriate. Conditional promises to give are reported in the statements of activities when the conditions are met.

The University reports gifts of cash and other assets as support with donor restrictions if they are received with donor stipulations that limit use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

The University reports gifts of land, buildings, and equipment as support without donor restrictions unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as restricted support. The University reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service.

The University reports grants from federal and state granting authorities as restricted support when earned. Upon expenditure of funds as stipulated by the terms of the underlying grants, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

All liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less, other than those held by custodians as part of the investment portfolio, are considered to be cash equivalents.

The University maintains its cash and certificates of deposit in bank deposit accounts which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The University has not experienced any losses in such accounts. The University believes it is not exposed to any significant risk with respect to these accounts.

#### Leases

At the inception of an arrangement, the University determines if an arrangement is, or contains, a lease based on the unique facts and circumstances present in that arrangement. Lease classification, recognition, and measurement are then determined as of the lease commencement date. For arrangements that contain a lease, the University (i) identifies lease and non-lease components, (ii) determines the consideration in the contract, (iii) determines whether the lease is an operating or finance lease, and (iv) recognizes lease right-of-use assets and lease liabilities. Lease liabilities and their corresponding right-of-use assets are recorded based on the present value of lease payments over the expected lease term.

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The interest rate implicit in lease contracts is typically not readily determinable, and as such, the University uses its incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at the lease commencement date, a rate which represents one that would be incurred to borrow, on a collateralized basis, over a similar term, an amount equal to the lease payments in a similar economic environment. Some leases include options to renew and/or terminate the lease, which can impact the lease term. The exercise of these options is at the University's discretion and the University does not include any of these options within the expected lease term where it is not reasonably certain that these options will be exercised.

Fixed, or in-substance fixed, lease payments on operating leases are recognized over the expected term of the lease on a straight-line basis, while fixed, or in-substance fixed, payments on finance leases are recognized using the effective interest method. Variable lease expenses that are not considered fixed, or in-substance fixed, are recognized as incurred. Fixed and variable lease expense on operating leases is recognized within other operating expenditures in the statements of activities. Finance lease right-of-use asset amortization and interest costs are recorded within depreciation and amortization, and interest in the statements of activities. The University has elected the short-term lease exemption and, therefore, does not recognize a right-of-use asset or corresponding liability for lease arrangements with an original term of 12 months or less.

#### Land, Buildings, and Equipment

Land, buildings, and equipment are stated at construction cost, acquisition cost, or fair value at the date of gift, less accumulated depreciation computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The University capitalizes assets with a cost of \$1,000 or greater and an estimated useful life greater than one year. Following is a summary of estimated useful lives by asset category:

# Estimated Useful Lives (Years)

Land improvements	7
Buildings and improvements	7 - 30
Furniture and equipment	3 - 5
Vehicles	5
Library collection	7
Other	7

#### <u>Investments</u>

Investments are carried at fair value. Fair values are based on quoted market prices, if available, or estimated using quoted market prices for similar securities.

Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in value in the near term would materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of financial position and statements of activities.

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

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## Interest Rate Swaps

In 2025, the University ended their interest rate swap agreement which was held in conjunction with issuance of the bonds as described in Note 5. The swaps were carried at fair value in the statements of financial position.

# **Functional Allocation of Expenses**

The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributable to one or more program or supporting function of the University. Those expenses include depreciation and amortization, operations and maintenance, and interest. For these expenses, depreciation and amortization, and operations and maintenance are allocated based on square footage, and interest is allocated based on the use of the related debt proceeds.

#### **Income Taxes**

The University is a not-for-profit corporation as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) whereby only unrelated business income, as defined by Section 512(a)(1) of the Code, is subject to federal and state income tax.

### **Accounts and Interest Receivable**

Student accounts receivable are carried at the unpaid balance of the original amount billed to students, less an estimate made for expected credit losses based on a review of all outstanding amounts. Management determines the allowance for expected credit losses by regularly evaluating individual receivables and considering a student's financial condition, and current economic conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts. Student accounts receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible. Recoveries of student accounts receivable previously written off are recorded when received. The allowance for estimated credit losses was \$6,799,341, \$3,738,468 and \$2,468,657 at June 30, 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively.

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Balance, beginning of year Net charges, payments, and adjustments	\$ 1,120,960 267,809	\$ 582,170 538,790
Balance, end of year	\$ <u>1,388,769</u>	\$ <u>1,120,960</u>

#### Federal Funds Receivable

Federal funds receivable are recorded at the amount estimated to be drawndown for the summer tuition student federal aid and was \$2,746,631 and \$525,022 at June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively. There was no balance at June 30, 2023.

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

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# **Revenue Recognition**

Net revenues consist primarily of undergraduate and graduate tuition, net of scholarships, and fees derived from courses taught by the University. A contract is entered into with a student and covers a course or semester. Revenue recognition begins once a student starts attending a course. Tuition revenue is recognized pro-rata over the applicable period of instruction. The University has elected the short-term contract exemption with respect to its performance obligations under its contracts with students as all such contracts have original terms of less than one year.

The University maintains an institutional tuition refund policy, which provides for all or a portion of tuition to be refunded if a student withdraws during stated refund periods. If a student withdraws at a time when only a portion, or none of the tuition is refundable, then in accordance with its revenue recognition policy, the University continues to recognize the tuition that was not refunded pro-rata over the applicable period of instruction. The University does not record revenue on amounts that may be refunded. However, for students that have taken out financial aid to pay their tuition and for which a return of such money to the Department of Education under Title IV is required as a result of his or her withdrawal, the University reassesses collectability for these students for the estimated revenue that will be returned.

Auxiliary revenues primarily include room and board fee revenues that are recognized over the period the services are provided.

The University's accounts receivable represent unconditional rights to consideration from contracts with students; accordingly, accounts receivable are not recognized until the student starts attending a course and the revenue recognition process has commenced. Student billings occur in advance of the course start date, and are due prior to the start of the course, unless payment plans have been established. Included in each invoice to the student are all educational related items, including tuition (net of scholarships), housing, educational materials, and fees.

The University's contract liabilities are reported as student deposits and deferred revenue in the statements of financial position. Such amounts represent the excess of tuition, fees, and other student payments billed over amounts recognized as revenue in the statements of activities. The University's educational programs have starting and ending dates that differ from its fiscal year-end. Therefore, at the end of each fiscal year, a portion of revenue from these programs is not yet earned. Student deposits and deferred revenue was \$572,500, \$748,234, and \$731,212 at June 30, 2025, 2024, and 2023, respectively.

#### **Subsequent Events**

For purposes of the preparation of these financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP, the University has considered transactions or events occurring through October 21, 2025, which was the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

## **Notes to Financial Statements**

June 30, 2025 and 2024

# 2. <u>Investments</u>

The fair values of investments at June 30 were as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Cash and money market funds U.S. equities Fixed income funds International equity funds Commodities	\$ 889,223 9,012,869 3,216,461 4,334,999	9,823,869 5,456,826
	\$ <u>17,453,552</u>	2 \$ <u>21,123,297</u>

The composition of endowment net assets, reported as long-term investments, by type of fund as of June 30, 2025 is as follows:

	Without Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	With Donor Restrictions	<u>Total</u>
Donor-restricted endowment funds Board-designated endowment funds	\$ - <u>670,163</u>	\$ 16,783,389 	\$ 16,783,389 670,163
	\$ <u>670,163</u>	\$ <u>16,783,389</u>	\$ <u>17,453,552</u>

Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended June 30, 2025 are as follows:

		Without Donor strictions	With Donor Restrictions	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$	688,974	\$ 15,838,540	\$16,527,514
Investment gain, net		52,187	1,858,263	1,910,450
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	_	(70,998)	(913,414)	(984,412)
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$	670,163	\$ <u>16,783,389</u>	\$ <u>17,453,552</u>

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

## June 30, 2025 and 2024

The composition of endowment net assets, reported as long-term investments, by type of fund as of June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	Without Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	With Donor Restrictions	<u>Total</u>
Donor-restricted endowment funds Board-designated endowment funds	\$ - 688,974	\$ 15,838,540 	\$ 15,838,540 688,974
	\$ <u>688,974</u>	\$ <u>15,838,540</u>	\$ <u>16,527,514</u>

Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

	Without Donor estrictions	With Donor Restrictions	<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 522,491	\$ 15,342,818	\$ 15,865,309
Investment gain, net Release of donor restriction Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	 65,009 150,000 (48,526)	1,611,058 (150,000) (965,336)	1,676,067 - (1,013,862)
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$ 688,974	\$ <u>15,838,540</u>	\$ <u>16,527,514</u>

The University has interpreted the State of Maine Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act as requiring the preservation of the contributed value of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the University classifies net assets of perpetual duration as an amount equal to the aggregate value in dollars of (a) each perpetual duration donor-restricted endowment fund at the time it became an endowment fund, (b) each subsequent donation to the fund at the time the donation is made, and (c) each accumulation made pursuant to a direction in the applicable gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. Accordingly, unless explicitly stated otherwise by the donor, realized and unrealized net appreciation in investments in donor-restricted endowment funds of perpetual duration is reported as net assets with donor restrictions until appropriated by the Board of Trustees for expenditure. Funds designated by the Board of Trustees to function as endowments are classified as net assets without donor restrictions.

The objective of the endowment fund is to preserve the real (inflation adjusted) purchasing power of assets and to provide relatively predictable and constant income for current use, in accordance with the spending policy. The intention of the spending policy is to maintain and grow the real value of the portfolio while funding any identified needs the Board of Trustees may specify. Absent extraordinary circumstances, the annual spending from the endowment asset base is limited to 7% of the three-year rolling average of the endowment's market value, calculated quarterly (6% for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024).

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Management fees and other applicable expenses are not included with the spending allocation. The University has a policy that permits spending from underwater funds (those whose fair value is less than the historic amounts of the contributions) depending on the degree to which the fund is underwater, unless specifically prohibited by the donor or relevant laws and regulations.

Under the University's investment policy, the total endowment fund shall be diversified both by asset class and within asset classes. Specifically, equity investments shall not be more than 75%, nor less than 50%, of the endowment. To encourage prudent asset diversification, no single stock (or convertible), at original cost, shall exceed 5% of the total endowment value. Developed and emerging international equity shall not exceed 30%. Fixed income shall not be less than 20%, nor greater than 40%, of the endowment. Except for government obligations guaranteed or backed by the U.S. Government, no single debt issuer shall exceed 5% of the total endowment value. Alternative investments shall not exceed 15% and cash shall not exceed 6% of the endowment portfolio.

## 3. Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are available for the following:

		<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>
Purpose-restricted Scholarships Other programs Time restricted until board appropriated—appreciation on	\$	40,682 231,105	\$	31,572 428,959
perpetual endowment funds without purpose restrictions		<u>5,756,883</u>	_	4,812,034
		<u>6,028,670</u>	_	5,272,565
Investment in perpetuity, the income from which is expendable to support:				
Scholarships Any activities of the University	_10	970,875 0,121,01 <u>5</u>	_	970,875 10,121,015
	11	1,091,890		11,091,890
Land held with perpetual restrictions (Note 6) Other		428,572 65,834	_	428,572 65,834
Net assets held in perpetuity	_11	1 <u>,586,296</u>	_	11,586,296
Total net assets with donor restrictions	\$ <u>17</u>	7,614,96 <u>6</u>	\$_	16,858,861

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# 4. Net Assets Released From Restrictions

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Net assets were released from donor or grantor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes as follows:

restricted purposes as follows:		<u>2025</u>	2024
Scholarship and fellowship disbursements Library Field of Dreams and Unity Center for the Performing Arts Appropriation of endowed assets Various other program expenses	\$ - \$_	410,416 81,346 - 913,414 215,344 1,620,520	\$  322,888 79,331 248,500 960,864 6,410 1,617,993
<u>Borrowings</u>			
Long-term debt consists of the following:		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Finance Authority of Maine Revenue Obligation Securities Bond payable to bank; interest fixed at 3.25% (pursuant to interest rate swap), due in monthly installments of \$28,932, including interest, with balance due December 2029; collateralized by substantially all assets. The debt is fully repaid as of June 30, 2025.	\$	-	\$ 3,029,716
Finance Authority of Maine Revenue Obligation Securities Bond payable to bank; interest fixed at 3.74% (pursuant to interest rate swap), amortized over 20 years, due in monthly installments of \$38,688, including interest, with balance due December 2028; collateralized by substantially all assets. The debt is fully repaid as of June 30, 2025.		_	3,698,123
Finance Authority of Maine Revenue Obligation Securities Bond payable to bank; interest fixed at 3.12% (pursuant to interest rate swap), amortized over 10 years, due in annual installments of \$1,000,000, plus interest, with balance due December 2030; collateralized by substantially all assets. The debt is fully repaid as of June 30, 2025.		-	3,902,672
JP Morgan, term A loan; interest variable at the secured overnight financing rate, (5.4% at June 30, 2025) amortized over 10 years, due in annual installments of \$1,000,000, plus interest, with balance due February 2035; collateralized by substantially all assets.	1	0,000,000	-

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JP Morgan, term B loan; interest fixed at 5.29%, amortized over 10 years, due in annual installments of \$1,000,000, plus interest, with balance due February 2025;	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
collateralized by substantially all assets.	10,000,000	
Less issuance costs, net of amortization	20,000,000 (38,913)	10,630,511 <u>(79,890</u> )
Long-term debt, net	\$ <u>19,961,087</u>	\$ <u>10,550,621</u>

Maturities of long-term debt for the next five years are as follows:

Years Ending June 30,	<u>Amount</u>
2026	\$ 2,000,000
2027	2,000,000
2028	2,000,000
2029	2,000,000
2030	2,000,000

The loan agreements contain various covenants regarding such items as submission of financial statements and budgets, permitted dispositions and acquisitions of property, and additional debt.

# 6. Land, Buildings, and Equipment

Land, buildings, and equipment consist of:

		<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>
Land and improvements Buildings and improvements Furniture and equipment Vehicles Other Construction in progress	\$	946,951 7,078,928 6,791,135 1,307,851 20,180 4,083	\$	946,950 7,046,353 5,372,728 1,307,851 20,180 9,750
Less accumulated depreciation Land, buildings, and equipment, excluding those available for sale	_	16,149,128 7,091,697 9,057,431	_	14,703,812 5,904,605 8,799,207
Available-for-sale land, buildings, and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$21,254,052	- \$_	15,588,888 24,646,319	\$ <u>_</u>	15,588,888 24,388,095

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In a prior year, the University received a gift of land, buildings, equipment, and other assets valued at \$1,631,690. As the assets are subject to a right of first offer agreement between the University and a third-party beneficiary, the value of land and other non-depreciable assets of \$408,100 is included in net assets of perpetual duration. Per the terms of this agreement, if the University desires to transfer the assets, the University must first offer to give the assets to the third-party beneficiary at no cost. If the third-party beneficiary waives the offer, and the University sells the land and buildings, all net proceeds will (a) add to the \$150,000 endowment that the donor established at the date of the gift to support ongoing maintenance of the property, if the sale is of less than all the land and buildings, or (b) be paid to the third-party beneficiary if all the land and buildings are sold. If the University sells the equipment and other assets, it is entitled to retain the net proceeds. During 2024, a portion of the subject property was transferred to a third-party removing \$1,196,690, resulting in remaining assets from the original gift of \$434,000 and non-depreciable assets of \$309,600.

In 2018, the University received a gift of land, buildings, and furniture and equipment. The assets were recorded at fair market value at the date of the gift. The land, buildings, and furniture and equipment were valued at \$400,000, \$1,350,000, and \$722,150, respectively. Per the terms of the agreement, the University is not permitted to sell, transfer, or convey, any asset with an aggregate inventory value of \$5,000 or more within the next five years. As the assets are subject to these donor restrictions, the value of the gift is included in net assets with donor restrictions, net of accumulated depreciation.

Net assets with donor restrictions also include a donated land parcel initially valued at \$76,472. Proceeds from any sale of the land must be maintained as a perpetual endowment fund to provide scholarships to students at the University who are pursuing a degree in sustainable agriculture.

Net assets with donor restrictions also include a donated land parcel initially valued at \$42,500 which the University is not permitted to sell.

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the University's Board voted to offer the 90 Quaker Hill property for sale. After June 30, 2023, the University began marketing the location for sale without a set asking price. The land, buildings, and equipment associated with the 90 Quaker Hill location have been listed as available for sale in the statements of financial position. The property is available for sale as of June 30, 2025.

## 7. Retirement Plans

The University has established a tax deferred annuity plan with TIAA and CREF. All regular full and part-time employees and faculty who work a minimum of 1,000 hours per year are eligible to participate in the plan on a voluntary basis. Contributions to the plan, provided contributions are made by participants at a minimum of 3% of gross wages, are made by the University at 8% of the participant's gross wages in 2025 and 2024. Contributions to the tax deferred annuity plan were \$696,499 and \$559,352 for 2025 and 2024, respectively.

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The University sponsors a 457(b) deferred compensation retirement plan for the Executive Director. The plan assets and related plan liability are included in the statement of financial position as part of inventories and other assets, and accounts payable and accrued expenses as of June 30, 2025 and 2024 for \$256,696 and \$233,465, respectively.

#### 8. Commitments and Contingencies

As is common practice in the field of higher education, the University has various employment contracts with faculty and administrators. Certain faculty members continue to be paid throughout the summer months for services rendered prior to June 30. Accordingly, these accruals, as well as other employee related accruals, are included in accrued expenses in the statements of financial position.

As of June 30, 2025, the University had entered into various contracts for services extending into 2026 for student recruitment services, public safety, technology, and other facility costs with remaining contracted payments of approximately \$31,000,000.

From time to time, the University may be subject to litigation in the normal course of its operations. When appropriate, the University accrues a liability for potential adverse claims in excess of any insurance coverage.

### 9. Asset Retirement Obligation

The University has evaluated its facilities and has determined that certain buildings contain asbestos, resulting in a conditional asset retirement obligation if the buildings are renovated or razed. The University has recorded a liability for these costs to the extent it plans to undertake activities that will require abatement of asbestos. The related cost has been capitalized in land, buildings, and equipment and is being depreciated over the estimated number of years until abatement. The University has not accrued any remaining asbestos removal obligation as its fair value cannot be reasonably estimated due to the conditional nature of the obligation.

#### 10. Fair Value Measurement

FASB ASC Topic 820, Fair Value Measurement, defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. FASB ASC Topic 820 also establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The standard describes three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.
- Level 2: Significant observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets that are not active, and other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

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Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect an entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. The University does not have any level 3 assets.

Assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at June 30, 2025 are summarized below:

	į	<u>Fair Value</u>		Level 1		Level 2
Assets Cash and money market funds Fixed income funds International equity funds	\$	3,216,461 4,334,999	\$	3,216,461 4,334,999	\$	- - -
U.S. equities Total	- \$_	9,012,869 17,453,552	\$_	9,012,869 17,453,552	- \$_	<u> </u>

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at June 30, 2024 are summarized below:

		<u>Fair Value</u>		Level 1		Level 2
Assets						
Cash and money market funds	\$	1,320,792	\$	1,320,792	\$	-
U.S. Government and agencies		2,438,418		2,438,418		-
Corporate bonds		1,460,337		1,460,337		-
Fixed income funds		3,782,903		3,287,576		495,327
International equity funds		3,689,639		3,689,639		-
U.S. equities		6,902,009		6,902,009		-
Commodities		832,171		832,171		-
Interest rate swaps	_	378,617	_		_	378,617
Total	\$_	20,804,886	\$_	19,930,942	\$_	873,944

The estimated fair value of the interest rate swaps was provided by the financial institution's counterparty and is based on Level 2 inputs under FASB ASC Topic 820. The interest rate swaps were valued using the income approach.

Level 2 corporate bonds are valued based on quoted market prices of similar instruments.

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# 11. Right-of-Use Assets and Lease Liabilities

The following table summarizes the University's right-of-use assets and lease liabilities as of June 30:

Right-of-use assets and liabilities	Statement of financial position location	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Right-of-use assets—Operating	Right-of-use assets	\$ 8,190,366	. , ,
Lease liabilities—Operating	Lease liabilities	\$10,085,248	

The following table summarizes the University's lease related costs for the years ended June 30:

<u>Lease cost</u>	<u>Statement of activities location</u>		<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
Operating lease cost	Facilities	\$	933,346	\$	935,146	

The following table summarizes maturities of lease liabilities and information about operating leases as of June 30, 2025:

2026	\$	782,390
2027		802,213
2028		808,327
2029		822,221
2030		843,824
Thereafter	_	<u>14,050,854</u>
Total minimum lease payments		18,109,829
Less amount representing interest	_	8,024,581
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$ <u>_</u>	10,085,248

The weighted average remaining lease term is 19.68 years and 20.52 years for 2025, and 2024, respectively. The weighted average discount rate is 6.0% for 2025 and 2024. Cash paid for the determination of lease liabilities was \$782,752 and \$517,186 for 2025 and 2024, respectively.

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## 12. Available Resources and Liquidity

The University regularly monitors liquidity required to meet its operating needs and other contractual commitments, while also striving to maximize the investment of its available funds. The University has various sources of liquidity at its disposal, including cash and cash equivalents, intermediate and long-term investments, and a line of credit.

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

In addition to financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next 12 months, the University operates with a balanced budget and anticipates collecting sufficient revenue to cover general expenditures not covered by donor-restricted resources. Refer to the statement of cash flows which identifies the sources and uses of the University's cash and shows positive cash generated by operations for fiscal years 2025 and 2024.

The following table shows the financial assets held by the University that are readily available within one year of the statement of financial position date to meet general expenditures as of June 30:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$51,789,846	\$34,058,481
Accounts and interest receivable, net	1,388,769	1,120,960
Federal funds receivable	2,746,631	525,022
Payout on donor-restricted endowments for use		
over next 12 months	<u>970,535</u>	984,412
	\$ <u>56,895,781</u>	<u>\$36,688,875</u>