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Message from the Chair

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

This annual report marks my first full year as Chair of the Board of Trustees of South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities. I am humbled to play a small role in this organization and grateful to those who have shown me the way. Thank you to Jeff Perez and SCICU staff, SCICU Presidents, Donors and Trustees. Thank you especially to those trustees who embrace leadership roles as committee chairs and vice chairs. With your experience and engagement, SCICU provided its member institutions with the high level of service on which they rely.

Covid-19 and a changing higher education environment challenged our campuses and leaders and necessitated that we all be better able to pivot in the face of great change. While not all change is welcome, it can still improve and strengthen an organization if the leaders engage and collaborate. That is exactly what happened this year. With Jeff Perez's dedication to keeping our institutions informed about Covid, regulatory, financial, and legal issues, our college presidents banded together and navigated uncharted waters. The ongoing vitality of SCICU institutions is a true testament to our leaders' teamwork and perseverance.

We were thrilled to return to our first in-person board meeting in two years at Bob Jones University. While we had remained invested and engaged remotely, there is no replacing the energy and excitement that exists on a SCICU campus, especially with live music from gifted SCICU students! South Carolina's Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, Bob Morgan, gave our keynote address and stressed the importance of independent higher education to the economic well-being of South Carolina. He spoke fondly about his experiences with SCICU and helped us sharpen our mission with the bigger picture in mind. SCICU's collaboration with the Chamber exemplifies the types of relationships that SCICU builds and fosters across South Carolina on behalf of its member institutions.

We cheered on the 2022 Excellence In Teaching winners from each institution and the Student of the Year with live applause, a welcome return from the lack of in-person celebrations necessitated by Covid. They reminded us of the meaningful work taking place at SCICU institutions and why SCICU's advocacy and funding matters in launching these students into learning and leadership.



SCICU's capacity to support our member campuses depends largely on the generosity of its donors. In the past year SCICU exceeded its fundraising targets, and sent every penny raised to the campuses to support their students.

During my time as chair I have witnessed first-hand the dedication and hard work of the SCICU staff. I have marveled at their unwavering commitment to meet the needs of the member institutions and their students while also improving their own operations.

To Jeff Perez and SCICU staff, SCICU Presidents, Donors and Board Members, thank you. You are all critical to the mission of SCICU and have played an integral role in its success. Thank you to the trustees who have rotated off the board this year for giving your time and talents to SCICU. Welcome new trustees, who bring new experience and energy to SCICU. I look forward to working with all of you to support independent higher education in South Carolina and navigate what is next.

Lucy Grey McIver

Chair, SCICU Board of Trustees

Assistant Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, BlueCross and BlueShield of South Carolina

Message from the President

If you are interested in a predictable job, now is not the time to pursue a career in higher education. Change is everywhere.

Student demographics are changing – the number of graduating high school students is dropping every year, while the number of adult "non-traditional" students is rising. Student mental health issues have doubled in the last 10 years, and with pandemic-related anxieties, they are getting worse.

Technology is changing how students pick colleges and what they want to study. It is changing the way campuses provide their coursework, something that accelerated when all courses were online during the pandemic – unlike previous generations, students are "natives" in the digital world as much as the real one. Technology is also impacting how faculty and staff do their jobs.

SCICU has worked hard during the last year to help member institutions meet the challenges, and explore the opportunities created by all this change. We help their students stay in school with programs like our Student Lifeline Grants, and we help them excel with the Undergraduate Student/Faculty Research Program funding. Our advocacy for the South Carolina Tuition Grants Program served to increase the scholarship level to historic highs and afforded the Tuition Grants Commission the capacity to expand eligibility to even more students.

We have endeavored to help campuses face economic uncertainties by identifying cost-savings and revenue-generating opportunities. And we continue to streamline our office procedures to make easier the gathering and sharing of campus information.



The SCICU staff look forward to continuing our work on behalf of our member institutions that all are so important to the future of South Carolina.

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L. Jeffrey Perez, Ph.D. SCICU President and CEO

Our mission is to strengthen South Carolina's independent colleges and universities through collaboration, governmental advocacy, fundraising, and public engagement so that every student may choose, afford, and earn an independent college education that fits their personal values, professional and social aspirations, and approach to learning.

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Student Lifeline Grants	125,970	Excellence In Teaching Sponsorships	4,050
Undergraduate Research	52,500	College Guide Sponsorships	3,150
Business Partners	10,303	Research Symposium Sponsorships	1,100
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Corporate Scholars Programs - Businesses and charitable organizations are encouraged to invest in student scholars at SCICU's 21 member institutions through programs they customize based on academic achievement, major area of study, financial need, or leadership.

Undergraduate Student/Faculty Research Program - In its third decade, this program funds research projects conducted by undergraduate students under faculty mentorship. The program gives students a taste of graduate-level research – from submission of proposals for competitive funding review to professional research symposium presentation of findings.

Student Lifeline Grants Program - Lifeline Grants help SCICU students persevere through financial crises, stay in school, and complete their degree. Campus financial aid directors select grant recipients who are identified as at-risk for dropping out.

SCICU Business Partners - This program is designed for businesses that seek opportunities to grow relationships with SCICU member colleges and universities. A \$250 annual fee gives a partner a listing on the SCICU website and package discount opportunities to sponsor SCICU events.

SCICU Event/Program Sponsorships - Businesses and individuals are invited to sponsor SCICU events, including the annual Excellence In Teaching Awards Dinner, the SCICU College Guide, trustee meetings, and more.

SCICU Endowment - Designated gifts may be made to the SCICU Endowment that provide income to support donors' goals, including student scholarship, faculty development, research support, and other areas.

Eddie Shannon, SCICU Executive Vice President, can help you invest in South Carolina's future through SCICU's 21 member colleges and universities. Call him today at 803-799-7122 or email at eddie@scicu.org.

2021-2022 Scholarship and Grant Programs

The SCICU Scholars Program was developed in 1994 to encourage investment in individual student scholars attending SCICU member institutions. Investors supporting SCICU's scholarship and grant programs recognize the need to assist talented and deserving students in achieving their goals for obtaining a college education.

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\$1,000 scholarships given at all 21 colleges to traditional students who are S.C. residents living in Laurens County.

COLONIAL LIFE (UNUM)



\$2,000 scholarships for 9 traditional students who are S.C. residents with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, who have high financial need as determined by the FAFSA, and attend Allen University, Benedict College, Claflin University, Columbia College, or Newberry College.

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Five \$1,000 scholarships are awarded at all 21 colleges and are available to traditional students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Student, parent, or guardian must be a current customer of Dominion Energy.

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\$2,000 scholarships are given to S.C. residents attending SCICU's five HBCUs (Allen University, Benedict College, Claflin University, Morris College, and Voorhees University). Recipients must be full-time STEM majors with 2.5 or higher GPA and demonstrated financial need.

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Power:Ed, a philanthropic arm of S.C. Student Loan Corporation, funded \$52,500 in student completion grants designed to retain students and help them persist through financial challenges and graduate.

Power:Ed also provided \$25,000 to support student reseach participation among SCICU"s five member HBCUs in the SCICU Undergraduate Research Program.

SANDERS FAMILY FOUNDATION

The foundation established by former SCICU Trustee Dan Sanders coordinates with the Furman University Bridges to a Brighter Future Program. This program assists at-risk youth with their educational goals. Up to 10 Furman Bridges participants will be selected annually to receive \$1,000 scholarships to attend a SCICU member college of their choice. Recipients will be sophomores, juniors, or seniors who have extenuating financial circumstances.

SECURITY FEDERAL



\$1,500 scholarships to one student each at Allen University, Benedict College, Columbia College, and Columbia International University. Recipients must be full-time S.C. residents with financial need and a minimum 2.5 GPA.

SONOCO FOUNDATION



Sixteen \$2,000 scholarships for traditional students who are S.C. residents with demonstrated financial need.

S.C. STUDENT LOAN CORPORATION



\$2,500 scholarships are given at all 21 SCICU member colleges for traditional full-time undergraduate students who are S.C. residents with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and have financial need as determined by FAFSA. The scholarships should be used to reduce the need for educational borrowing.

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\$2,000 scholarships given at all 21 colleges for traditional students who are S.C. residents with a GPA of 3.0 or higher and have high financial need as determined by FAFSA.

UPS FOUNDATION



\$3,200 scholarships at all 21 member colleges for traditional students who are S.C. residents with a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

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\$500 scholarships to reward leadership at each of SCICU's 21 member institutions. College presidents select students who currently hold leadership positions at the colleges and who have a minimum GPA of 2.5.

SCICU Business Partners

We would like to express thanks to the SCICU Business Partners. The program is designed to enable SCICU member colleges, their employees, and their students and families to obtain information about goods and services available from the companies and businesses that have chosen to become SCICU Business Partners.

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2022 McLean-Smith SCICU Student of the Year Newberry College Senior Jonathan Wright



(L-R) SCICU President and CEO Jeff Perez, SCICU Student of the Year Jonathan Wright, and Newberry College Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Christina Wendland.

SCICU Life Trustee Minor Mickel Shaw Honored with CIC Charles W. L. Foreman Award



(L-R) Council of Independent Colleges President Marjorie Hass, SCICU Life Trustee Minor Mickel Shaw, and SCICU President and CEO Jeff Perez.

Return to in-person events - Mar. 10 SCICU board meeting at Bob Jones University



S.C. Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Bob Morgan presented a state economic outlook report to presidents and trustees.



Bob Jones University President Steve Pettit welcomed 15 other SCICU member college and university presidents to the Mar. 10 Presidents' Breakfast.

Advancing S.C. higher education through legislative advocacy

SCICU advocacy achievements in 2022:

- Retained \$10 million in additional S.C. Tuition Grants Program funding for a second year.
 Total funding increased to \$54.4 million, pushing the maximum Tuition Grant to \$4,500 from \$4,390. Tuition Grants make college within reach for two-fifths of undergraduates attending SCICU member institutions.
- The S.C. Tuition Grants Commission expanded grant eligibility, making another 1,000 in-state students
 eligible for the Tuition Grants program.
- State Merit Scholarships and Lottery Tuition Assistance programs were fully funded at \$317 million.

 Over one-third of students at SCICU's 21 member colleges and universities depend on these scholarships.
- PASCAL Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries was fully funded at \$1.5 million.

 PASCAL saves SCICU members and public institutions millions each year by providing academic content and services at a dramatically lower cost than individual libraries could provide on their own.



First-Ever Joint Higher Education Day held at S.C. State House April 6

Students from SCICU member institutions, public colleges and universities, and the technical colleges joined forces to hold the April 6 inaugural Joint Higher Education Day.

Students met with their respective members of the House and Senate, were recognized in the House Chamber with a concurrent resolution, and finished the day with Governor McMaster on the North State House Steps for the Higher Education Day proclamation ceremony and remarks from the Governor.

SCICU Tuition Grant recipients say 'Thank you' 9,000 times

In 2022, Tuition Grants recipients at SCICU member colleges and universities sent 9,000 thank-you letters to their members of the S.C. Senate and House of Representatives.

Top right - Limestone University Tuition Grants recipients gather to write thank-you letters.

Bottom left - Students at Presbyterian College and other SCICU member campuses joined forces on social media saying "Thank you for my S.C. Tuition Grant!"







On Higher Education Day, Newberry College's Tuition Grants letter-writing delegation met with Sen. Ronnie Cromer (second from right), chair of the Senate Higher Education Budget Subcommittee.

SCICU Excellence in Teaching Awards

The hallmark of South Carolina's private, non-profit colleges and universities is the emphasis on individualized learning and student achievement. This can only be accomplished by a distinguished faculty working in a supportive environment that encourages and fosters serious inquiry, critical thinking, and a broader understanding of the world in which we live.

Each year, SCICU recognizes and celebrates outstanding faculty members with its Excellence in Teaching Awards. Each campus selects an Excellence In Teaching award winner, and SCICU is proud to award each recipient a \$3,000 professional development grant. This group of teacher-scholars represents many different academic disciplines and brings a rich diversity of education, experience, and interests to our campuses.

2022 marked our return to celebrating award winners in person at the SCICU Excellence In Teaching Awards Dinner. SCICU is proud to recognize 21 outstanding faculty members as the recipients of the 2022 Excellence In Teaching Awards.



Converse University's 2022 Excellence In Teaching Award recipient is Dr. Reed Chewning (center). She is joined by Converse University President Boone Hopkins and SCICU Board Chair Lucy Grey McIver.



Coker University's 2022 Excellence In Teaching Award recipient is Dr. Meredith Sims (center). She is joined by Coker University President Natalie Harder and SCICU Board Chair Lucy Grey McIver.

2022 Recipients



Dr. Daniel T. Hembree Allen University Religion



Dr. Joni M. Criswell Anderson University Biology



Dr. Adrien M. Ratsimbaharison Benedict College Political Science



Dr. William P. Lovegrove Bob Jones University Engineering



Dr. Carissa Turner Smith Charleston Southern University English



Dr. Mitali P. Wong Claflin University English



Dr. Meredith Sims Coker University Dance



Dr. Marla S. Sanders Columbia College Education



Dr. Karen Grant Columbia International University Youth and Family Ministry



Dr. Reed Martin Chewning Converse University Education



Dr. John Harris Erskine College History



Dr. Mary Elizabeth Anderson Furman University Chemistry



Dr. Virginia Rackley Scates Limestone University Elementary Education



Ms. Terri L. Kenely Morris College Mathematics



Ms. Aslynn C. Halvorson Newberry College Exercise Science



Dr. Christina Eddy North Greenville University Biology



Dr. Laura J. Crary Presbyterian College Art History



Dr. Jeffrey Mohr Southern Wesleyan University Biology



Dr. Adam Siegfried Spartanburg Methodist College Chemistry



Dr. Anastasiya Yakunina Voorhees University Mathematics



Dr. Lori Cruze Wofford College Biology

SCICU Undergraduate Student/Faculty Research Program

Initially developed in 1995, the SCICU Undergraduate Student/Faculty Program increases research opportunities for undergraduate students attending SCICU member institutions. Research projects are selected for funding based on rigorous subject-area expert review. Participating students have opportunities to develop professional research and presentation skills, the benchmarks of highly-qualified professional researchers.

SCICU
Student/Faculty
Research
Symposium

Hosted by Converse University

February 17, 2022



Student researchers and their faculty mentors from SCICU member colleges and universities gathered at Converse University for the February 17, 2022 Research Symposium.

Research projects completed in December 2022. Research findings will be presented at the February 16, 2023 Research Symposium.

Institution	Student(s)	Faculty Sponsor(s)	Research Topics
Benedict College	Lissan Francis	Larry Lowe	Immunoassay of CK-M Polypeptide of Low-Dose Radiation Exposure of Whole Medaka Fish Tissue Extracts
Benedict College	Krysanna Fuller	Larry Lowe	Specific Activity of Catechol Oxidase in Various Fruits and Vegetables Consumed by Astronauts
Benedict College	Lee-Ann Pryce	Larry Lowe	Creatine Kinase - A Biomarker in Response to Low-dose Radiation Exposure in Medaka Fish
Benedict College	Crysele Evans	Jessica Furrer	Spatial and Temporal Trends in E. Coli and Feval Coliforms in the Lower Saluda River
Benedict College	Deborah Kife	Adrien Ratsimbaharison	The Ethiopian Civil War: Conditions and Triggers
Charleston Southern University	Madelyn Parsons	Emily Thomas and Ryan Thomas	A Developmental Analysis of Problem-Solving Skills in an Introduction to Proofs Course
Claflin University	Nickeisha Cuthbert	Randall Harris	Development of an Antibiotic Dereplecation Platform in Micrococcus luteus
Claflin University	Joshua Kiprono	Pawar Shrikant	Utilizing Natural Language Processing (NLP) to increase the Effectiveness of Selecting Career Opportunities
Coker University	Kaitlyn Hancock and Eniance Garrick	Joseph Flaherty and Sami Varjosaari	Screening Fungi Using GC-MS for the Conversion of Alcohols to Alkyl Halides

For the 2022-23 research cycle, a total of 28 research proposals involving 29 students from 10 SCICU member institutions were awarded research grants totaling \$103,270 in the spring of 2022. Project research concluded in December 2022. Student researchers will present their project findings via oral/multimedia presentations or poster presentations at the SCICU Research Symposium on February 16, 2023. Listed below are the students, faculty sponsors, and the project titles for the research projects selected for funding in 2022.

Research projects completed in December 2022. Research findings will be presented at the February 16, 2023 Research Symposium.

Institution	Student(s)	Faculty Sponsor(s)	Research Topics
Converse University	Leonor Fleming	Meirav Goldhour	Group Home for Adolescent Boys Environmental Psychology Design Proposal
Converse University	Madelyn West	Meirav Goldhour	Hobcaw Barony Belle's True Love
Furman University	Michael McLeod	Adi Dubash	Inhibition of Cardiac Fibrosis via Rap 1 Signaling
Furman University	Jordan Wilson	Srikripa Chandrasekaran	Characterization of Azole Drugs in the Fungus Cryptococcus neoformans
Furman University	Julia McCabe	Karen Allen	Documenting the Agroecology Movement in Costa Rica
Furman University	Lorynne Alexander	Alexander Francis-Ratte	Searching for Cognates and Loanwords in the Proto-Japanese-Koreanic Reconstruction
Furman University	Baxter Easley	Alexander Francis-Ratte	Cultural Reconstruction of Japano-Koreanic Origins
Newberry College	Kimberly Fuhrman	Lindsy Boateng	Cellular Localization Patterns of p53 and Tau in Response to DNA Damaging Agents
Newberry College	Daniel Oluwarotimi	Lindsy Boateng	Exploring the Interactions Between Tau and p53 Proteins - Insights for Alzheimer's Disease
Newberry College	Jonathan Wright	Christopher Sharp	The Economic Impact of Juvenile Cybercrime
Presbyterian College	Jeffrey Lesperance	Dr. Ladie Kimberly De La Cruz	A Bio-inspired and Prochical Preparation of Benzaldehyde
Southern Wesleyan University	Bryanna Pickens	Dr. Staci Johnson	Impact pf Aromatase Inhibitors on Muscle Strength in Female Strague Dawley Rats
Southern Wesleyan University	Anna Pilgrim	Dr. Tingting Han	The Analysis of Honey for Potential Pollutants
Southern Wesleyan University	Emmaline Wolfe	Dr. Michele Eller	The Effects of Improved Hip Range of Motion on the Prevalence of Pain and Discomfort in the Lower Extremities
Wofford College	Latavia Foster	Jeremy Morris	Sexual Selection on Performance and Morphology in Field Crickets
Wofford College	James Carroll	Lori Cruze	Eastern Bluebird Reproduction in the South Carolina Upstate
Wofford College	MauriAnna Richardson	Dr. Ramin Radfar	Role of Folate Binding Proteins as Markers in Cancer Development, Progression, and Treatment
Wofford College	Lizzie Richards	Dr. Karen Goodchild	The Imaginary World of Helen Dupre' Moseley
Wofford College	Blake Batten	Youmi Efurd	Creating Sustainable Art Programs for the Upstate Boys and Girls Club

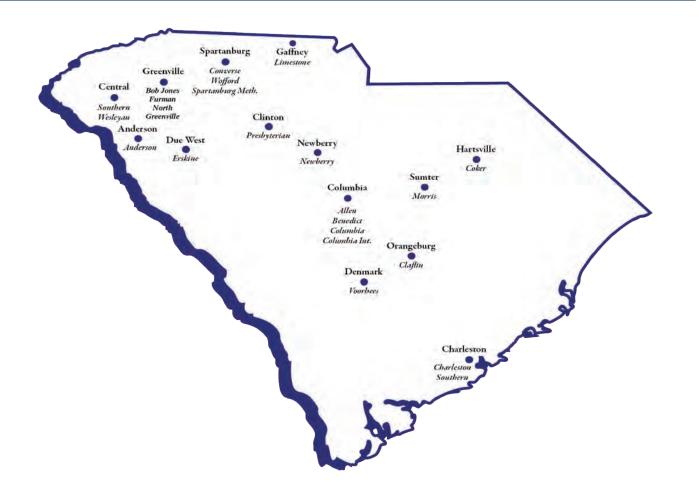
Educational and Economic Impact of Independent Colleges and Universities

SCICU represents 21 independent colleges and universities, each with a unique historical and cultural background. Many also have a strong faith-based emphasis. SCICU's member institutions currently include five historically black colleges and universities and two previously all-women's colleges that are now co-educational.

SCICU member colleges and universities:

- Enrolled **36,136** total students (Fall 2021)
 - 30,345 undergraduate students (Nearly 24% of S.C.'s total undergraduate enrollment at four-year institutions)
 - o **65%** of undergraduate students are S.C. residents
 - o 47% identify as minority
 - o 5,791 graduate students
- Provided \$321.8 million in institutional aid to undergraduate students (AY 2020-21)

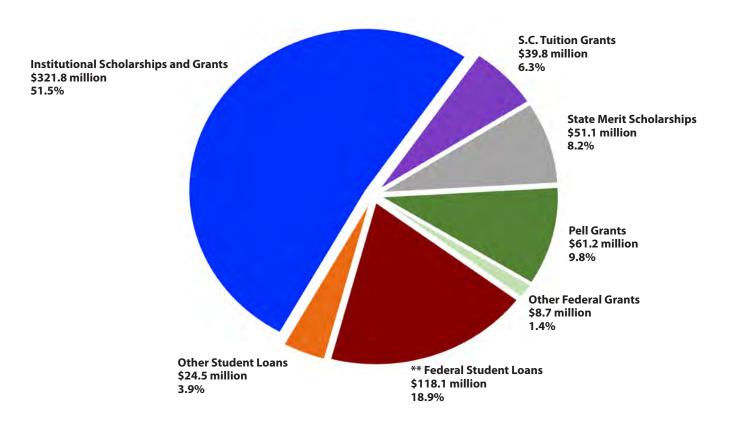
- Awarded 5,853 bachelor's degrees (22% of S.C.'s bachelor's degrees) and 1,634 graduate degrees during AY 2020-2021
- Employed more than 8,500 faculty and staff and several thousand student workers (Fall 2021)
- Contributed more than \$933 million in business expenses and payroll to South Carolina's economy (AY 2020-2021)







Student Financial Aid Sources by Category SCICU Member Colleges and Universities – 2020-2021 Academic Year



- SCICU institutions invest substantially in the success of students. At \$321.8 million, or 51.5% of all financial aid, institutional scholarships and grants are the largest single source of student financial aid.
- Nearly four-fifths of the SCICU average student financial aid package does not require repayment by students. Federal grants/work study, state merit scholarships, tuition grants, and institutional scholarships collectively account for 77.2% of student financial aid for students attending SCICU member colleges and universities.

Data Sources:

IPEDS (Pell Grants, Other Federal Grants, Federal Student Loans, Other Student Loans)

SCICU Institutional Research Survey (Institutional Scholarships and Grants)

S.C. Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission (Tuition Grants)

S.C. Commission on Higher Education (State Merit Scholarships)

**Federal Student Loans -- Only includes loans with the student as the named borrower (Parent PLUS loans excluded). Higher Education Emergency Relief (HEERF) grants funded under the CARES Act are reported as Other Federal Grants (not Title IV) in Student Financial Aid. IPEDS guidance regarding HEERF funding is available at

https://surveys.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/public/changes-to-the-current-year.

FINANCIAL CONDITION: September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022

The financial statements of SCICU are audited by the firm Elliott Davis, LLC which has issued its unmodified opinion. The following is drawn from their 2022 audit. Total assets of \$4,869,816 on August 31, 2022 compares to \$5,759,695 on August 31, 2021.

Because our member colleges and universities are assessed dues to underwrite the entire administration and operating costs of this non-profit organization, 100% of all contributions raised from donors are distributed to the members for scholarships without any reductions for fund-raising costs. Gifts and awards totaling \$775,434 were distributed during the fiscal year.

SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, INC.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS MODIFIED CASH BASIS

For the year ending August 31, 2022

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS — MODIFIED CASH BASIS

For the year ending August 31, 2022

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 519,309
Investments	4,330,219

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Total Assets	\$	4,869,816
Less accumulated depreciation	170,161	20,288
	190,449	
Office furniture and equipment	26,736	
Building improvements	42,182	
Building	\$121,531	

REVENUES

Gifts and awards received	\$ 569,351
Member college assessments	559,052
Unrealized and realized loss on investments	(731,602)
Interest and dividends	19,768
Special function	24,204
Buy-in revenues	20,479
Miscellaneous	2,020
Total Revenues	\$ 463,272

NET ASSETS

WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Undesignated \$ 2,802,586

Designated by the Board

for endowment <u>306,427</u> **\$3,109,013**

WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS 1,760,803

TOTAL NET ASSETS \$ 4,869,816

EXPENSES

Gifts and awards distributed	//5,434
Operating costs	577,717
Total Expenses	\$ 1,353,151
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(889,879)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,759,695
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 4,869,816





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