



**Consolidated Financial Statements
and Supplemental Information**

**The New England College of Optometry
and Affiliate**

June 30, 2025 and 2024

THE NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY AND AFFILIATE

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Trustees
The New England College of Optometry and Affiliate
Boston, Massachusetts

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of The New England College of Optometry and Affiliate (the "College"), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of June 30, 2025 and 2024, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the College as of June 30, 2025 and 2024, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the College 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 audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' 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 consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated 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 College'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 consolidated financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the College'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.

Supplemental Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The consolidating information in Schedules 1 and 2 is presented for purposes of additional analysis of the consolidated financial statements rather than to present the financial position and statement of activities of the individual entities and is not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. 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 consolidated financial statements. The consolidating information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the consolidated financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements or to the consolidated financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

CBIZ CPAs P.C.

Boston, Massachusetts
October 28, 2025

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Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

June 30,

Assets	2025	2024
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,167,786	\$ 9,341,503
Accounts receivable, net	776,830	998,294
Prepayments and other assets	1,483,410	1,185,305
Restricted cash	892,477	924,509
Contributions receivable, net	74,581	160,111
Student loans, net	6,693,014	6,775,224
Investments	69,804,055	61,271,369
Operating lease right-of-use assets	632,959	1,032,541
Property and equipment, net	9,455,433	8,151,487
Total assets	<u>\$ 97,980,545</u>	<u>\$ 89,840,343</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 2,072,224	\$ 1,838,620
Deferred revenue	2,442,992	2,605,008
Operating lease liability	703,183	1,141,192
Bonds payable	2,215,000	2,800,000
Refundable U.S. government grants	5,887,073	6,027,149
Total liabilities	<u>13,320,472</u>	<u>14,411,969</u>
Net assets:		
Without donor restrictions	69,611,027	61,109,385
With donor restrictions	15,049,046	14,318,989
Total net assets	<u>84,660,073</u>	<u>75,428,374</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 97,980,545</u>	<u>\$ 89,840,343</u>

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Consolidated Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2025
(with comparative totals for 2024)

	2025			2024
	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating revenues:				
Student tuition and fees, net of student aid of \$1,586,234 in 2025 and \$1,657,276 in 2024	\$ 23,815,305	\$ -	\$ 23,815,305	\$ 23,165,398
Contributions and bequests	574,300	404,448	978,748	1,042,769
Patient care	2,733,331	-	2,733,331	2,713,806
Professional service agreements	2,426,120	-	2,426,120	2,220,669
Grants and contracts	918,885	-	918,885	1,770,403
Interest income on other than investments	273,749	-	273,749	340,243
Other sources	93,209	-	93,209	141,072
Auxiliary enterprises	53,450	-	53,450	157,379
Total operating revenues	30,888,349	404,448	31,292,797	31,551,739
Net assets released from restrictions	978,205	(547,628)	430,577	421,018
Total operating revenues and net assets released from restrictions	31,866,554	(143,180)	31,723,374	31,972,757
Operating expenses:				
Clinical instruction and patient care	7,989,735	-	7,989,735	7,665,227
Instruction	7,056,432	-	7,056,432	6,670,219
Research	1,184,478	-	1,184,478	1,888,070
Academic support	2,585,433	-	2,585,433	2,445,004
Student and auxiliary services	2,526,931	-	2,526,931	2,491,297
Institutional support and fundraising	7,567,232	-	7,567,232	7,219,107
Total operating expenses	28,910,241	-	28,910,241	28,378,924
Change in net assets from operating activities	2,956,313	(143,180)	2,813,133	3,593,833
Nonoperating activities:				
Net assets released from restrictions	-	(430,577)	(430,577)	(421,018)
Investment return	5,549,754	1,303,814	6,853,568	5,945,269
Change in value of annuity obligations	(4,425)	-	(4,425)	(4,191)
Loss on sale/disposal of assets	-	-	-	(945)
Change in net assets	8,501,642	730,057	9,231,699	9,112,948
Net assets as of beginning of year	61,109,385	14,318,989	75,428,374	66,315,426
Net assets as of end of year	\$ 69,611,027	\$ 15,049,046	\$ 84,660,073	\$ 75,428,374

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<i>Without Donor Restrictions</i>	<i>With Donor Restrictions</i>	<i>Total</i>
Operating revenues:			
Student tuition and fees, net of student aid of \$1,657,276 in 2024	\$ 23,165,398	\$ -	\$ 23,165,398
Contributions and bequests	352,285	690,484	1,042,769
Patient care	2,713,806	-	2,713,806
Professional service agreements	2,220,669	-	2,220,669
Grants and contracts	1,770,403	-	1,770,403
Interest income on other than investments	340,243	-	340,243
Other sources	141,072	-	141,072
Auxiliary enterprises	157,379	-	157,379
Total operating revenues	30,861,255	690,484	31,551,739
Net assets released from restrictions	1,115,556	(694,538)	421,018
Total operating revenues and net assets released from restrictions	31,976,811	(4,054)	31,972,757
Operating expenses:			
Clinical instruction and patient care	7,665,227	-	7,665,227
Instruction	6,670,219	-	6,670,219
Research	1,888,070	-	1,888,070
Academic support	2,445,004	-	2,445,004
Student and auxiliary services	2,491,297	-	2,491,297
Institutional support and fundraising	7,219,107	-	7,219,107
Total operating expenses	28,378,924	-	28,378,924
Change in net assets from operating activities	3,597,887	(4,054)	3,593,833
Nonoperating activities:			
Net assets released from restrictions	-	(421,018)	(421,018)
Investment return	4,784,290	1,160,979	5,945,269
Change in value of annuity obligations	(4,191)	-	(4,191)
Loss on sale/disposal of assets	(945)	-	(945)
Change in net assets	8,377,041	735,907	9,112,948
Net assets as of beginning of year	52,732,344	13,583,082	66,315,426
Net assets as of end of year	\$ 61,109,385	\$ 14,318,989	\$ 75,428,374

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses

*Year Ended June 30, 2025
(with comparative totals for 2024)*

	2025						2024					
	Program Services					Supporting Services						
	Clinical Instruction and Patient Care	Instruction	Research	Academic Support	Student and Auxiliary Services	Total Program Services	Institutional Support	Facilities Operations	Total General and Administrative	Fundraising	Total	Total
Salaries	\$ 4,815,233	\$ 4,138,870	\$ 464,100	\$ 1,297,865	\$ 1,319,145	\$ 12,035,213	\$ 3,606,335	\$ 839,827	\$ 4,446,162	\$ 202,722	\$ 16,684,097	\$ 15,830,035
Employee benefits	1,213,483	1,019,461	121,393	332,066	325,171	3,011,574	927,152	206,396	1,133,548	54,813	4,199,935	3,815,320
Advertising and promotion	-	-	-	-	17,257	17,257	125,211	-	125,211	9,050	151,518	99,114
Conferences, meetings, and events	4,294	40,875	1,722	29,866	143,136	219,893	112,007	363	112,370	27,818	360,081	384,562
Cost of goods (optical and campus store)	632,153	-	782	-	5,694	638,629	7,324	-	7,324	-	645,953	693,541
Depreciation and amortization	170,580	619,644	185,427	179,902	182,492	1,338,045	349,617	-	349,617	38,846	1,726,508	1,699,063
Employee development and training	1,315	75	255	28,507	2,129	32,281	58,255	-	58,255	-	90,536	101,159
Equipment and building maintenance	25,500	8,819	25,860	360	116	60,655	48,448	325,820	374,268	-	434,923	407,153
Information technology	129,604	26,955	2,137	10,270	57,102	226,068	544,839	775	545,614	1,055	772,737	749,040
Insurance	81,989	-	2,420	-	-	84,409	346,690	-	346,690	-	431,099	410,707
Interest	7,395	26,864	8,039	7,800	7,912	58,010	15,158	-	15,158	1,684	74,852	92,297
Occupancy and utilities	384,712	245,259	-	-	-	629,971	13,917	307,464	321,381	-	951,352	961,998
Other expenses	104,326	49,493	8,757	306,756	101,967	571,299	251,288	72,038	323,326	16,433	911,058	917,820
Professional and other services	133,009	41,778	100,929	63,899	77,955	417,570	246,910	307,578	554,488	3,800	975,858	1,651,394
Supplies	52,174	53,644	21,845	6,841	52,537	187,041	15,462	33,594	49,056	1,144	237,241	308,788
Travel	27,060	33,082	15,894	103,084	12,960	192,080	50,706	357	51,063	19,350	262,493	256,933
Allocation of facility operations	206,908	751,613	224,918	218,217	221,358	1,623,014	424,078	(2,094,212)	(1,670,134)	47,120	-	-
Total functional expenses	\$ 7,989,735	\$ 7,056,432	\$ 1,184,478	\$ 2,585,433	\$ 2,526,931	\$ 21,343,009	\$ 7,143,397	\$ -	\$ 7,143,397	\$ 423,835	\$ 28,910,241	\$ 28,378,924

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Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Program Services						Supporting Services				
	Clinical Instruction and Patient Care	Instruction	Research	Academic Support	Student and Auxiliary Services	Total Program Services	Institutional Support	Facilities Operations	Total General and Administrative	Fundraising	Total
Salaries	\$ 4,517,848	\$ 3,913,207	\$ 691,473	\$ 1,089,930	\$ 1,207,974	\$ 11,420,432	\$ 3,400,316	\$ 833,623	\$ 4,233,939	\$ 175,664	\$ 15,830,035
Employee benefits	1,091,749	928,167	156,066	253,950	288,745	2,718,677	851,841	199,303	1,051,144	45,499	3,815,320
Advertising and promotion	-	1,923	-	-	11,082	13,005	85,744	-	85,744	365	99,114
Conferences, meetings, and events	3,537	30,178	2,005	52,109	143,985	231,814	97,252	746	97,998	54,750	384,562
Cost of goods (optical and campus store)	568,500	-	-	-	125,041	693,541	-	-	-	-	693,541
Depreciation and amortization	167,868	609,794	182,479	177,042	179,591	1,316,774	344,060	-	344,060	38,229	1,699,063
Employee development and training	5,748	-	894	23,892	1,643	32,177	67,773	625	68,398	584	101,159
Equipment and building maintenance	60,447	10,928	14,973	3,317	256	89,921	51,197	266,035	317,232	-	407,153
Information technology	136,832	19,095	11,029	46,558	59,920	273,434	470,068	5	470,073	5,533	749,040
Insurance	80,580	-	-	-	-	80,580	330,127	-	330,127	-	410,707
Interest	9,119	33,125	9,913	9,617	9,756	71,530	18,690	-	18,690	2,077	92,297
Occupancy and utilities	446,864	244,333	-	-	-	691,197	9,566	261,235	270,801	-	961,998
Other expenses	118,479	44,256	6,870	312,937	121,283	603,825	229,557	74,047	303,604	10,391	917,820
Professional and other services	194,269	51,045	500,644	181,172	56,436	983,566	398,885	252,731	651,616	16,212	1,651,394
Supplies	51,707	73,351	68,211	5,522	62,547	261,338	15,548	31,503	47,051	399	308,788
Travel	21,992	21,757	37,314	88,902	20,102	190,067	61,573	68	61,641	5,225	256,933
Allocation of facility operations	189,688	689,060	206,199	200,056	202,936	1,487,939	388,784	(1,919,921)	(1,531,137)	43,198	-
Total functional expenses	\$ 7,665,227	\$ 6,670,219	\$ 1,888,070	\$ 2,445,004	\$ 2,491,297	\$ 21,159,817	\$ 6,820,981	\$ -	\$ 6,820,981	\$ 398,126	\$ 28,378,924

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended June 30,

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 9,231,699	\$ 9,112,948
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash provided by operating activities:		
Gifts of investment securities and property and equipment	(77,371)	(180,873)
Contributions restricted for endowment	(103,632)	(99,743)
Depreciation and amortization	1,726,508	1,699,063
Non-cash operating lease expense	399,582	382,836
Net unrealized and realized gain on investments	(4,429,836)	(4,095,178)
Loss on sale/disposal of assets	-	945
Change in:		
Accounts receivable, net	221,464	364,045
Prepayments and other assets	(298,105)	(125,566)
Contributions receivable, net	85,530	261,723
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(339,501)	371,282
Operating lease liability	(438,009)	(412,871)
Deferred revenue	(162,016)	(171,800)
Net cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash provided by operating activities	<u>5,816,313</u>	<u>7,106,811</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of investments	(24,366,302)	(38,914,174)
Sales of investments	20,340,823	35,064,084
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	-	17,000
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(2,457,349)	(727,114)
Change in student loans, net	<u>82,210</u>	<u>361,646</u>
Net cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash used in investing activities	<u>(6,400,618)</u>	<u>(4,198,558)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Endowment restricted contributions received	103,632	99,743
Repayments of bonds payable	(585,000)	(565,000)
Decrease in refundable U.S. government grants and institutional loans	<u>(140,076)</u>	<u>(244,803)</u>
Net cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash used in financing activities	<u>(621,444)</u>	<u>(710,060)</u>
Change in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	(1,205,749)	2,198,193
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash as of beginning of year	<u>10,266,012</u>	<u>8,067,819</u>
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash as of end of year	<u>\$ 9,060,263</u>	<u>\$ 10,266,012</u>
Supplemental data:		
Interest paid	\$ 76,288	\$ 93,684
Property and equipment additions included in accounts payable and accrued expenses	733,057	159,952

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 1 - Background

The New England College of Optometry ("NECO") is a private not-for-profit independent professional graduate school of optometry located in Boston, Massachusetts. The student population originates predominantly from the United States and Canada. Founded in 1894, the College is chartered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to grant the Doctor of Optometry degree. The College is accredited by both the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education of the American Optometric Association and by the New England Commission of Higher Education, Inc. The College owns its clinical affiliate, legally known as the New England Eye Institute, Inc. ("NEEI"), a nonprofit corporation of which the College is the sole member. NEEI operates under the name NECO Center for Eye Care. Any references to NEEI or the NECO Center for Eye Care refer to the same legal entity. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of NECO and NEEI (collectively referred to as the College).

The College participates in student financial aid programs sponsored by the United States Department of Education ("DOE"), which facilitates the payment of tuition and other expenses for a significant portion of its students.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis in accordance with the provisions of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Basis of Financial Statement Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared to focus on the College as a whole. Net assets, revenues, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions are net assets available for general use and not subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Net assets without donor restrictions also include the investment in property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization and related debt obligations, and undesignated funds.

Net assets with donor restrictions are net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature that may or will be met, either by the passage of time or by events specified by the donor. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Generally, donors of net assets with perpetual restrictions permit the College to use all or part of the income earned, as well as realized and unrealized gains, if any, on the related investments for general or specific purposes. Also included in net assets with donor restrictions are accumulated unspent gains that are subject to appropriation under the College's spending policies.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash

Cash and cash equivalents represent highly liquid debt instruments, bank deposits and other such accounts with original maturities of three months or less. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at cost plus earned interest. Cash is deposited in several institutions; however, at times cash held in a single institution may exceed federally insured limits. The College has not experienced any losses in such accounts. Cash and cash equivalents held by investment managers are considered part of investments.

Restricted cash represents \$892,477 and \$924,509 of cash and escrow accounts held for the Federal Perkins Loan Program, Health Professionals Student Loans, and Loans for Disadvantaged Students at June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are reported at the amount management expects to collect on balances outstanding at year end. Accounts receivable are financial instruments that potentially subject the College to concentrations of credit risk and are generally uncollateralized. The College estimates expected credit losses as of the reporting date based on relevant information about past events, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts. The College records the estimate of expected credit losses as an allowance for credit losses. Changes in the allowance for credit losses are reported in credit loss expense. An account is considered uncollectible when all efforts to collect the account have been exhausted. Interest is not charged on receivables.

Prepayments and Other Assets

Other assets include inventories that are stated at the lower of cost or fair value, with cost being determined on the first-in, first-out ("FIFO") basis.

Contributions Receivable

Contributions receivable represent contributions verifiably committed by donors that are scheduled for payment in the future. They are initially recorded at fair value using Level 2 inputs as described in revenue recognition policies later in this Note. An allowance is provided for uncollectable amounts based upon management's estimates, including factors such as historical experience, specific review of circumstances relative to major pledges and other factors.

Student Loans and Refundable U.S. Government Grants

Student loans include loans to students under the Federal Perkins Loan Program, Health Professionals Student Loan Program ("HPSL"), and Loans for Disadvantaged Students Program ("LDS") (collectively "the Programs"). The College relends such funds after collection, but in the event the College no longer participates in the Programs, the amounts are generally refundable to the U.S. government agency who had funded much of the resources within these Programs over the years. The Perkins Loan program is winding down and, as the funds are collected, they are returned to the Department of Education and the College, as applicable. Loans receivable are considered past due if any portion of the receivable balance is outstanding for more than 180 days.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Student Loans and Refundable U.S. Government Grants (Continued)

Interest income is recorded when received. Interest and late fees on past due accounts are recorded when received. Loans that are in default and meet certain requirements may be assigned to the Department of Education, which reduces the Perkins Loans refundable advances.

For all loans, management estimates the allowance for credit losses based on historical losses, current economic conditions and the credit quality of the loans. A reserve is made for all institutional loans with an overdue balance of one year or more.

Investments

Investments are carried at fair value consistent with the fair value policies described elsewhere in these policies.

Investment return (loss) is reported in the Consolidated Statements of Activities and consists of interest and dividend income, net realized and unrealized capital gains and losses, less external and direct internal investment management expenses.

Fair Value Measurements

The College reports required types of financial instruments in accordance with the fair value standards. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. These standards require an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs (such as quoted market prices in active markets) and minimize the use of unobservable inputs (such as appraisals or other valuation techniques) to determine fair value. The fair value standards also provide for a practical expedient of fair value allowing for the use of net asset value per share ("NAV") when certain requirements are met. Items reported at fair value on a recurring basis include investments. Non-recurring fair values include items such as the initial recording of pledges.

The fair value standards require that for each item carried at fair value that such be disclosed in accordance with the valuation methods used which fall into three categories (except those items valued at NAV) as follows:

- Level 1 – inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the College has the ability to access at measurement date.
- Level 2 – inputs are other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are either directly or indirectly observable.
- Level 3 – inputs are derived from valuation methodologies, including pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques, and are not based on market, exchange, dealer, or broker-traded transactions. In addition, Level 3 valuations incorporate assumptions and projections that are not observable in the market and significant professional judgment is required in determining the fair value assigned to such assets or liabilities.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which a fair value measurement in its entirety falls is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

Market price is affected by a number of factors, including the type of instrument and the characteristics specific to the instrument. Instruments with readily available active quoted prices or for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices generally will have a higher degree of market price observable inputs and a lesser degree of judgment used in measuring fair value. It is reasonably possible that change in values of these instruments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect amounts reported in these consolidated financial statements.

Leases

NECO Center for Eye Care leases its clinical campus and administrative office space under two operating leases that expire through December 2026 for which expense is recognized on a straight-line basis of the term of the leases.

Right-of-use (ROU) assets represent the College's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent the College's obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Operating lease ROU assets and liabilities are recognized at commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. As the College's leases do not provide an implicit rate, the College uses a risk-free rate based on the information available at commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded when the useful life is over one year at cost when such amounts are above management's threshold for capitalization. In the case of donated property, such amounts are recorded at fair value at the date of gift, which would normally entail a Level 3 fair value assessment as per the fair value standards elsewhere in this Note. Expenditures for major renewals and improvements are capitalized, while expenditures for maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred.

Provisions for depreciation are based on the following expected useful lives using the straight-line method with a half-year convention:

Buildings	50 years
Building improvements	10-20 years
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5-10 years
Library collections and learning aids	10 years
Automobiles	3 years
Data processing equipment	3 years
Software	3 years
Leasehold improvements	Lesser of the life of the lease plus granted extensions or the useful life of the asset

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue principally represents amounts received from students through June 30 relating to unearned tuition from ongoing programs, and advance payments and deposits for future programs of study. Such amounts are reflected as revenue ratably over time, with such amounts generally being recognized on a current basis given the nature and duration of the underlying services being provided. In addition, deferred revenue includes unexpended funds from grants and contracts.

Bonds Payable

Bonds payable are reported at the face value of the remaining obligation under the related debt issue, net of issuance costs. Issuance costs are amortized over the term of the related indenture.

Revenue Recognition and Operations

Revenues are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions unless their use is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. The College has both earned revenues and contributed support.

Earned Revenues

Earned revenues are recorded using a principles-based process that requires the College: 1) identify the contract with the customer; 2) identify the performance obligations in the contract; 3) determine the transaction price; 4) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations; and 5) recognize revenue when (or as) performance obligations are satisfied.

The College derives revenues primarily through student tuition and other student programs, all of which are under arrangements that are aligned to an academic semester which is less than one year in length.

Tuition, fees and auxiliary enterprises revenue are recorded at established rates, net of institutional financial aid provided directly to students. Such net amounts are recorded as revenue when performance obligations are satisfied, which is generally over time as services are rendered whether relating to educational services or other student programs. Management believes that recognizing revenue over time is the best measure of services rendered based on its academic calendar and has not made any changes in the timing of the satisfaction of its performance obligations or amounts allocated to those obligations. Management does not consider there to be significant judgment involved in the timing of satisfaction of performance obligations as those are directly linked to the academic calendar of the related academic activity.

Payments made by third parties such as DOE relative to loans and grants to students are a mechanism to facilitate payments on behalf of students, and accordingly, such funding does not represent revenue of the College.

Students may withdraw from programs of study within certain time limits under the College's withdrawal policies by semester. Given the normal timing of the College's programs, the exposure to withdrawal rights is limited at year end.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Revenue Recognition and Operations (Continued)

Earned Revenues (Continued)

Patient care revenue is reported at the estimated net realizable amounts from patients, third-party payors, and others when services are rendered, including estimated retroactive adjustments under reimbursement agreements with third-party payors.

Professional service agreements revenue is generally recorded as revenue on a monthly basis based on the clinician's time equivalents allocated to the site.

Contributed Support

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recognized as revenues as either without or with donor restrictions in the period verifiably committed by the donor. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value and per the fair value policies described elsewhere in these policies. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the present value of the estimated future cash flows using a risk adjusted discount rate depending on the time period involved. Amortization of the discount is included in contributions revenue in accordance with the donor-imposed restrictions, if any, on the contributions. Contributions with donor-imposed restrictions that can be met through the passage of time or upon the incurring of expenses consistent with the purposes are recorded as net assets with donor restrictions, and reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions when such time or purposes restriction has been satisfied.

Revenue from grants and contracts are recorded as revenue when such amounts become unconditional, which generally involves the meeting of a barrier to entitlement. This generally relates to incurring specified allowable expenses in accordance with a framework of allowable costs or other barriers.

Investment returns are reported as revenue based on the fair value of such investments at year end. Such returns are allocated ratably based on the relative proportion of funds invested with donor restrictions and those without donor restrictions. Investment returns allocated to net assets with donor restrictions remain in such category until appropriated by the board under the board approved spending policy unless otherwise required by the terms of the gift that they be added to the principal of the endowment.

Expenses are reported as decreases in net assets without donor restrictions. The Consolidated Statements of Activities present expenses by functional classification.

Operating and Nonoperating Activities

Operating revenues consist of those items attributable to the College's academic program, research conducted by the academic departments, patient care activities, income from net assets released from restriction, contributions and bequests, interest income (other than on investments), and other income. Nonoperating activities include investment returns, the change in value of annuity obligations, net endowment assets released from restrictions, and gain (loss) on sale/disposal of fixed assets.

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and activities and supporting services have been summarized on a functional basis in the Consolidated Statements of Activities. The Consolidated Statements of Functional Expenses present the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Interest expense, facilities, and depreciation and amortization of property and equipment have been allocated to functional classifications based on square footage of facilities.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, as of the date of the consolidated financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income Tax Status

NECO and NEEI are not-for-profit organizations and are generally exempt from federal and state income taxes on related income as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Given the limited taxable activities of the College, management has concluded that disclosures related to tax provisions are not necessary.

Uncertain Tax Positions

The College accounts for the effect of any uncertain tax positions based on a "more likely than not" threshold to the recognition of the tax positions being sustained based on the technical merits of the position under scrutiny by the applicable taxing authority. If a tax position or positions are deemed to result in uncertainties of those positions, the unrecognized tax benefit is estimated based on a "cumulative probability assessment" that aggregates the estimated tax liability for all uncertain tax positions. The College has identified its tax status as a tax-exempt entity as its only significant tax position; however, the College has determined that such tax position does not result in an uncertainty requiring recognition. The College is not currently under examination by any taxing jurisdictions. The College's Federal and state tax returns are generally open for examination for three years following the date filed.

Subsequent Events

The College has evaluated subsequent events through October 28, 2025, the date that the consolidated financial statements were authorized to be issued. Management has determined that no matters through that date require recognition or disclosure within these consolidated financial statements.

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Note 3 - Liquidity and Availability

The College regularly monitors liquidity to meet its operating needs and other contractual commitments, while also striving to maximize the investment of its available funds. The College has various sources of liquidity at its disposal, including cash and cash equivalents and marketable debt and equity securities.

For purposes of analyzing resources available to meet general expenditures over a 12-month period, the College considers all expenditures related to its ongoing activities of teaching as well as the conduct of services undertaken to support those activities to be general expenditures. Student loans receivable are not included in the analysis as principal and interest on these loans are used solely to make new loans and are, therefore, not available to meet current operating needs.

In addition to the financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next 12 months, the College generally operates with a balanced budget, and anticipates collecting sufficient revenue to cover general expenditures not covered by donor-restricted resources.

Although not expected to be needed, the spendable yet restricted portion of the College's net assets could be used to meet cash needs if necessary. Prudent investment management, however, must be considered to ensure the preservation of the funds for future use.

The following table shows the total financial assets available within one year of the balance sheet date to meet general expenditures:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,167,786	\$ 9,341,503
Accounts receivable, net	776,830	998,294
Contributions receivable, net	53,222	116,580
Endowment spending rate distributions and appropriations	453,245	448,970
Investments not encumbered by donor or board restrictions	<u>57,043,803</u>	<u>49,522,393</u>
	<u>\$ 66,494,886</u>	<u>\$ 60,427,740</u>

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Note 4 - Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consisted of the following as of June 30:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Students	\$ 575,103	\$ 568,596
Patient care	229,038	272,039
Professional service agreements	14,599	153,886
Grants	41,965	94,026
Other	47,542	21,257
	<u>908,247</u>	<u>1,109,804</u>
Less allowances for:		
Uncollectible student accounts	(35,693)	(4,133)
Uncollectible patient accounts and other adjustments	(91,536)	(101,177)
Uncollectible professional service agreements	(4,188)	(6,200)
Accounts receivable, net	<u><u>\$ 776,830</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 998,294</u></u>

Note 5 - Contributions Receivable

Contributions receivable were comprised of the following as of June 30:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Amounts due in:		
Less than one year	\$ 66,400	\$ 141,800
Two to five years	33,600	71,200
	<u>100,000</u>	<u>213,000</u>
Less discount and allowance for uncollectible contributions	(25,419)	(52,889)
Contributions receivable, net	<u><u>\$ 74,581</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 160,111</u></u>

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Note 6 - Financing Receivables

Financing loan receivables consist of the following at June 30:

	<u>Past Due</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Total Financing Receivable</u>
June 30, 2025			
Perkins Loans	\$ 18,634	\$ 333,863	\$ 352,497
HPSL Loans	170,676	3,769,847	3,940,523
LDS Loans	51,203	1,000,781	1,051,984
College Loans	87,580	1,449,772	1,537,352
Credit Reserve	<u>(189,342)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(189,342)</u>
Student loans receivable, net	\$ <u>138,751</u>	\$ <u>6,554,263</u>	\$ <u>6,693,014</u>
June 30, 2024			
Perkins Loans	\$ 23,826	\$ 531,848	\$ 555,674
HPSL Loans	147,441	3,652,072	3,799,513
LDS Loans	18,271	1,076,590	1,094,861
College Loans	91,052	1,380,908	1,471,960
Credit Reserve	<u>(146,784)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(146,784)</u>
Student loans receivable, net	\$ <u>133,806</u>	\$ <u>6,641,418</u>	\$ <u>6,775,224</u>

Changes in the allowances for credit losses are as follows:

	<u>Total</u>
Balance as of July 1, 2023	\$ 103,613
Net change in provision	<u>43,171</u>
Balance as of June 30, 2024	146,784
Net change in provision	<u>42,558</u>
Balance as of June 30, 2025	\$ <u>189,342</u>

The College uses a third-party servicer to avail itself of expertise to manage, administer and collect student loans.

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Note 7 - Investments and Fair Value Measurements

Investments are as follows at June 30:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Investments:		
Cash equivalents	\$ 3,337,828	\$ 1,791,202
U.S. Treasury securities	7,187,420	8,612,304
Exchange traded funds		
U.S. equities	20,678,887	18,179,033
Non-U.S. equities	1,976,156	1,583,681
Fixed income funds	975,969	1,395,756
Alternative funds	2,569,130	2,042,783
Mutual funds		
U.S. equity funds	3,655,739	3,384,029
Non-U.S. equity funds	7,165,540	6,361,459
Fixed income funds	11,190,464	9,485,833
Alternative funds	11,066,922	8,435,289
Total assets at fair value	\$ <u>69,804,055</u>	\$ <u>61,271,369</u>

All investments are considered Level 1 at June 30, 2025 and 2024.

The following summarizes the investment return for the years ended June 30:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Interest and dividends, net	\$ 2,423,732	\$ 1,850,091
Net realized gain (loss)	749,840	(119,109)
Net unrealized gain	3,679,996	4,214,287
Total investment return	\$ <u>6,853,568</u>	\$ <u>5,945,269</u>

Direct investment management and advisory fees paid were \$48,697 and \$42,644 for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively, and are netted against interest and dividends.

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Note 8 - Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is as follows as of June 30:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Land and buildings	\$ 2,003,640	\$ 2,003,640
Land and building improvements	23,042,812	23,618,862
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	11,186,708	11,117,725
Library collections and learning aids	1,724,588	1,958,386
Automobiles	81,097	81,097
Leasehold improvements	3,307,979	3,303,988
Construction in progress	1,818,901	96,348
	43,165,725	42,180,046
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(33,710,292)	(34,028,559)
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$ 9,455,433	\$ 8,151,487

Note 9 - Leases

The components of lease expense were as follows for the years ended June 30:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Operating lease cost	\$ 436,748	\$ 436,748
Short-term lease cost	164,554	164,554
Total lease cost	\$ 601,302	\$ 601,302

Other information related to leases was as follows for the years ended June 30:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:		
Operating cash flows from operating leases	\$ 475,174	\$ 466,784
Weighted average remaining lease term:		
Operating leases	1.5 years	2.5 years
Weighted average discount rate:		
Operating leases	4.01%	4.01%

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Note 9 - Leases (Continued)

Approximate annual minimum non-cancelable rental payments under operating leases for the years ending June 30 are as follows:

2026	\$	483,564
2027		<u>241,782</u>
		725,346
Less amount representing interest		<u>(22,163)</u>
Operating lease liability	\$	<u>703,183</u>

Note 10 - Bonds Payable

The College has bonds outstanding that require payments to be made on April 1st and October 1st every year through October 1, 2028. The interest rate on the bonds is fixed at 2.92%.

Principal payments on the Series 2013 Bonds are as follows:

2026	\$	610,000
2027		630,000
2028		650,000
2029		<u>340,000</u>
Bonds payable sub-total		2,230,000
Less bond issuance costs, net of amortization		<u>(15,000)</u>
Total bonds payable, net	\$	<u>2,215,000</u>

The bonds include a pledge of all College and NECO Center for Eye Care assets, excluding land, buildings, investments, and certain loans under federal financial aid programs. As a condition of the bond agreement, the College and NECO Center for Eye Care are required to maintain certain financial and nonfinancial covenants.

Note 11 - Retirement Plans

Faculty and staff employed on a half-time or greater basis participate in the College's qualified defined contribution retirement plan as organized under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"). Contributions are based on a percentage of each participant's salary subject to limits as under the IRC. Expenses under this plan totaled \$1,234,430 and \$1,148,249 for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

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Note 11 - Retirement Plans (Continued)

The College also sponsors a non-qualified deferred compensation plan under Section 457(b) of the IRC, which allows select employees to make elective deferrals of compensation up to specified limits. The College does not contribute to this plan. Assets and liabilities relating to this plan amounted to \$421,010 and \$302,527 as of June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Note 12 - Endowments

Endowment

The College's endowment consists of individual funds established for a variety of purposes. The endowment includes donor-restricted endowment funds. As required by GAAP, net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

Interpretation of Relevant Law and Spending Policy

The Board has interpreted the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("UPMIFA") as requiring the tracking of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this, the College tracks: (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment and (c) any accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift and instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund, as applicable. Donor-restricted amounts not retained in perpetuity are subject to appropriation for expenditure by the College in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA.

In accordance with UPMIFA, the College considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- 1) The duration and preservation of the fund;
- 2) The purposes of the College and the donor-restricted endowment fund;
- 3) General economic conditions;
- 4) The possible effect of inflation and deflation;
- 5) The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments;
- 6) Other resources of the College; and
- 7) The investment policies of the College.

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Note 12 - Endowments (Continued)

Return Objectives and Risk Parameters

The prudent management of endowment funds should provide a net return (dividends and interest plus capital appreciation less investment fees) that is necessary to preserve and enhance (in real dollar terms) the principal of the endowment funds, and at the same time to provide a consistent source of income for the College's current and future operations and needs in accordance with donor intent. The College expects that its endowment funds will be managed for long-term results. It neither expects nor encourages high turnover nor emphasis on the short-term.

Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives

To satisfy its long-term rate of return objectives, the College relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The College targets an asset allocation strategy wherein assets are diversified among several asset classes. The pursuit of maximizing total return is tempered by the need to minimize the volatility of returns and preserve capital. As such, the College seeks broad diversification among assets having different characteristics with the intent to endure lower relative performance in strong markets in exchange for greater downside protection in weak markets.

Endowment Spending Allocation and Relationship of Spending Policy to Investment Objectives

The Board of the College determines the method to be used to distribute endowment funds for expenditure. The College's endowment spending policy is computed based on 4% of the three-year rolling average market value.

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund is as follows as of June 30:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Unexpended gains on donor-restricted endowment	\$ 3,858,681	\$ 3,239,262
Donor-restricted endowment funds	<u>8,901,571</u>	<u>8,509,714</u>
Total endowment funds	\$ <u>12,760,252</u>	\$ <u>11,748,976</u>

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Note 12 - Endowments (Continued)

Endowment Spending Allocation and Relationship of Spending Policy to Investment Objectives (Continued)

Changes in endowment net assets are as follows for the years ended June 30:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Endowment assets, beginning of year	\$ 11,748,976	\$ 11,019,273
Gifts and additions	205,380	99,743
Investment return	1,303,814	1,160,978
Withdrawals	(67,341)	(110,000)
Expenditures:		
Amounts appropriated for operations:		
Scholarships	(273,027)	(270,110)
Academic support	(152,786)	(145,379)
Other	(4,764)	(5,529)
Total expenditures	(430,577)	(421,018)
Change in endowment assets	1,011,276	729,703
Endowment assets, end of year	\$ 12,760,252	\$ 11,748,976

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Note 13 - Net Assets

The net assets are summarized as follows as of June 30:

	2025		
	<i>Without Donor Restrictions</i>	<i>With Donor Restrictions</i>	<i>Total</i>
Detail of Net Assets			
Operating funds:			
Net investment in plant	\$ 7,240,433	\$ -	\$ 7,240,433
Net assets related to operations	62,370,594	-	62,370,594
Total operating funds	<u>69,611,027</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,611,027</u>
Endowment corpus:			
Academic support	-	1,288,687	1,288,687
Scholarships	-	3,653,161	3,653,161
Research	-	120,213	120,213
Clinical	-	1,000	1,000
Other	-	9,481	9,481
Total endowment corpus	<u>-</u>	<u>5,072,542</u>	<u>5,072,542</u>
Unexpended gain on donor-restricted endowment	<u>-</u>	<u>3,858,681</u>	<u>3,858,681</u>
Purpose restricted funds:			
Academic support	-	53,698	53,698
Scholarships	-	2,598,825	2,598,825
International education	-	1,097,057	1,097,057
Clinical	-	23,048	23,048
Institutional loans	-	49,610	49,610
Other	-	6,791	6,791
Total purpose restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>3,829,029</u>	<u>3,829,029</u>
Total endowment funds	<u>-</u>	<u>12,760,252</u>	<u>12,760,252</u>
Other purpose restricted funds:			
Institutional loans	-	1,682,176	1,682,176
Other purposes	-	532,037	532,037
Contributions receivable	-	74,581	74,581
Total other purpose restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>2,288,794</u>	<u>2,288,794</u>
Total net assets	\$ <u>69,611,027</u>	\$ <u>15,049,046</u>	\$ <u>84,660,073</u>

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Note 13 - Net Assets (Continued)

	2024		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Detail of Net Assets			
Operating funds:			
Net investment in plant	\$ 5,351,487	\$ -	\$ 5,351,487
Net assets related to operations	55,757,898	-	55,757,898
Total operating funds	61,109,385	-	61,109,385
Endowment corpus:			
Academic support	-	1,280,976	1,280,976
Scholarships	-	3,461,432	3,461,432
Research	-	117,863	117,863
Clinical	-	1,000	1,000
Other	-	9,481	9,481
Total endowment corpus	-	4,870,752	4,870,752
Unexpended gain on donor-restricted endowment	-	3,239,262	3,239,262
Purpose restricted funds:			
Academic support	-	49,298	49,298
Scholarships	-	2,430,259	2,430,259
International education	-	1,024,892	1,024,892
Clinical	-	20,756	20,756
Institutional loans	-	107,641	107,641
Other	-	6,116	6,116
Total purpose restricted funds	-	3,638,962	3,638,962
Total endowment funds	-	11,748,976	11,748,976
Other purpose restricted funds:			
Institutional loans	-	1,614,837	1,614,837
Other purposes	-	795,066	795,066
Contributions receivable	-	160,110	160,110
Total other purpose restricted funds	-	2,570,013	2,570,013
Total net assets	\$ 61,109,385	\$ 14,318,989	\$ 75,428,374

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Note 13 - Net Assets (Continued)

Net assets released from temporary donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes, by occurrence of events specified by the donors, by the passage of time or in accordance with the College's spending policy were as follows for the years ended June 30:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Purpose restrictions		
Scholarships	\$ 206,529	\$ 338,979
Instruction and academic support	89,447	52,867
Other purpose restrictions	<u>251,652</u>	<u>302,692</u>
Operating net assets released from restrictions	<u>547,628</u>	<u>694,538</u>
 Purpose restrictions		
Scholarships	273,027	270,110
Instruction and academic support	152,786	145,379
Other purpose restrictions	<u>4,764</u>	<u>5,529</u>
Nonoperating net assets released from restrictions	<u>430,577</u>	<u>421,018</u>
 Total net assets released from restrictions	 \$ <u>978,205</u>	 \$ <u>1,115,556</u>

Note 14 - Commitments and Contingencies

Legal

Various legal cases arise in the normal course of the College's operations. The College believes that there are currently no outstanding cases which would have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the College.

Employment Agreement

The College has a number of long-term employment agreements with key employees that stipulate a variety of business terms typical in the education sector.

Other

All funds expended by the College in connection with government grants are subject to review or audit by governmental agencies. There were no reviews or audits in process by governmental agencies as of June 30, 2025.

Employee Retention Credit

The College determined it was eligible for the employee retention credit ("ERC") program during the fiscal year and has applied for \$1,096,082 in federal grants. The College will recognize as revenue the amount when received.

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Note 15 - Risks and Uncertainties Related to Federal Policy Changes

In 2025, various executive actions and policy changes proposed or enacted by the federal government have introduced uncertainty within the higher education sector. Several of these actions have directly or indirectly impacted the U.S. Department of Education's regulatory framework, federal student aid programs, and other areas that may materially affect the operational and financial outlook of institutions of higher education.

As a recipient of federal financial aid and other federally supported programs, the College is subject to the evolving regulatory and funding environment. Any future changes in federal policy may affect the College's access to funding or its compliance obligations.

Management is actively monitoring federal decision-making and proposed regulatory changes to assess potential impacts on the College's operations, financial aid administration, and broader strategic planning. The College will continue to evaluate developments at the federal level to respond appropriately to any changes that could affect its financial position, results of operations, or future enrollment.

Supplemental Information

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Schedule 1 - Consolidating Schedule of Financial Position

June 30, 2025

Assets	NECO	NECO Center for Eye Care	Eliminating Entries	Consolidated
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,945,140	\$ 222,646	\$ -	\$ 8,167,786
Accounts receivable, net	628,917	147,913	-	776,830
Loans receivable from NECO Center for Eye Care	409,110	-	(409,110)	-
Operating receivables from NECO	-	50,030	(50,030)	-
Prepayments and other assets	1,215,532	267,878	-	1,483,410
Restricted cash	892,477	-	-	892,477
Contributions receivable, net	74,581	-	-	74,581
Student loans, net	6,693,014	-	-	6,693,014
Investments	69,669,003	135,052	-	69,804,055
Operating lease right-of-use assets	229,308	403,651	-	632,959
Property and equipment, net	8,828,763	626,670	-	9,455,433
Total assets	<u>\$ 96,585,845</u>	<u>\$ 1,853,840</u>	<u>\$ (459,140)</u>	<u>\$ 97,980,545</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,929,034	\$ 143,190	\$ -	\$ 2,072,224
Deferred revenue	2,442,992	-	-	2,442,992
Loans payable to NECO	-	409,110	(409,110)	-
Operating payables due to NECO Center for Eye Care	50,030	-	(50,030)	-
Operating lease liability	254,749	448,434	-	703,183
Bonds payable	2,215,000	-	-	2,215,000
Refundable U.S. government grants	5,887,073	-	-	5,887,073
Total liabilities	<u>12,778,878</u>	<u>1,000,734</u>	<u>(459,140)</u>	<u>13,320,472</u>
Net assets:				
Without donor restrictions	68,829,381	781,646	-	69,611,027
With donor restrictions	14,977,586	71,460	-	15,049,046
Total net assets	<u>83,806,967</u>	<u>853,106</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,660,073</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 96,585,845</u>	<u>\$ 1,853,840</u>	<u>\$ (459,140)</u>	<u>\$ 97,980,545</u>

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Schedule 2 - Consolidating Schedule of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2025

	<u>NECO</u>	<u>NECO Center for Eye Care</u>	<u>Eliminating Entries</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>
Operating revenues:				
Student tuition and fees, net of student aid of \$1,586,234 in 2025	\$ 23,815,305	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,815,305
Education service/administrative	995,000	3,795,230	(4,790,230)	-
Contributions and bequests	962,610	16,138	-	978,748
Patient care	-	2,733,331	-	2,733,331
Professional service agreements	-	2,426,120	-	2,426,120
Grants and contracts	918,885	-	-	918,885
Interest income on other than investments	273,271	478	-	273,749
Other sources	93,200	9	-	93,209
Auxiliary enterprises	53,450	-	-	53,450
Total operating revenues	<u>27,111,721</u>	<u>8,971,306</u>	<u>(4,790,230)</u>	<u>31,292,797</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>430,470</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>430,577</u>
Total operating revenues and net assets released from restrictions	<u>27,542,191</u>	<u>8,971,413</u>	<u>(4,790,230)</u>	<u>31,723,374</u>
Operating expenses:				
Clinical instruction and patient care	-	8,984,735	(995,000)	7,989,735
Instruction	7,056,432	-	-	7,056,432
Research	1,184,478	-	-	1,184,478
Academic support	6,380,663	-	(3,795,230)	2,585,433
Student and auxiliary services	2,526,931	-	-	2,526,931
Institutional support and fundraising	<u>7,567,232</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,567,232</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>24,715,736</u>	<u>8,984,735</u>	<u>(4,790,230)</u>	<u>28,910,241</u>
Change in net assets from operating activities	2,826,455	(13,322)	-	2,813,133
Nonoperating activities:				
Net assets released from restrictions	(430,470)	(107)	-	(430,577)
Investment return	6,840,139	13,429	-	6,853,568
Change in value of annuity obligations	<u>(4,425)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,425)</u>
Change in net assets	9,231,699	-	-	9,231,699
Net assets as of beginning of year	<u>74,575,268</u>	<u>853,106</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,428,374</u>
Net assets as of end of year	<u>\$ 83,806,967</u>	<u>\$ 853,106</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 84,660,073</u>