

# The Academy for Urban Scholars Franklin County, Ohio

*Reports Issued Pursuant to Government Auditing  
Standards*

For the Fiscal Year Ended  
June 30, 2014





# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Directors  
The Academy for Urban Scholars  
1808 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43203

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the The Academy for Urban Scholars, Franklin County, prepared by Rea & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The The Academy for Urban Scholars is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost".

Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

April 17, 2015

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THE ACADEMY FOR URBAN SCHOLARS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY

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December 31, 2014

To the Board of Directors  
The Academy for Urban Scholars  
Franklin County, Ohio  
1808 East Broad Street  
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING  
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Academy for Urban Scholars, Franklin County, Ohio (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 31, 2014.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Hea & Associates, Inc.*

Medina, Ohio

# **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014



*“I am a Winner”*

**The Academy for Urban Scholars**

**Columbus, Ohio**

**The Academy for Urban Scholars  
Columbus, Ohio**

**Comprehensive Annual Financial Report  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

**Prepared by Brian G. Adams MBA, CMA, CFM, CrFA**

THE ACADEMY FOR URBAN SCHOLARS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

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# Introductory Section

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December 31, 2014

The Academy for Urban Scholars  
Members of the Board of Directors

We are pleased to present the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the Academy for Urban Scholars (the School) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The CAFR is designed to assist and guide the reader in understanding its contents. The report consists of three major sections:

Introductory Section The Introductory Section includes the Transmittal Letter, a list of our Board members an organizational chart, and GFOA Certificate of Achievement.

Financial Section The Financial Section consists of the Independent Auditor's Report, Management's Discussion and Analysis, and the Basic Financial Statements as well as the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements that provide an overview of the School's financial position and operating results.

Statistical Section The Statistical Section includes selected financial and demographic information about the School on a multi-year basis.

The School's management is responsible for the reliability of the data presented and the completeness of the presentation, including all disclosures. To the best of our knowledge, the enclosed data is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the School. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the School's financial activities have been included.

Further, the School has established a comprehensive framework of internal controls that is designed to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of its financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the School's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatements.

Ohio law requires independent audits be performed on all financial operations of the School either by the Auditor of State or an independent public accounting firm in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS). Rea & Associate's, Inc. rendered an opinion on the School's financial statements as of June 30, 2014 and the Independent Auditor's Report on the Basic Financial Statements is included in the Financial Section herein.

As required by GASB Statement No. 34, "Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments", management is also responsible for preparing a discussion and analysis of the School. This Letter of Transmittal is designed to complement the Management's Discussion and Analysis and should be read in conjunction with it. This discussion follows the Independent Auditor's Report and provides an assessment of the School's finances for fiscal year 2014 and the outlook for the future.

### Profile of the Government

Ohio charter schools began operating after the passage of a 1997 State law. Charter schools, commonly referred to as “community schools” in Ohio, and are public, non-profit, non-sectarian schools established to operate independently of any School District. These schools also are exempt from many of the education laws of the State allowing them to bring innovation and efficiency to the traditional education model. More importantly, the passage of this law made the concept of school choice a reality in Ohio. As required by law, each of these community schools must have a sponsor. Effective July 1, 2011, the School entered into a contract with a sponsor, Buckeye Community Hope Foundation (BCHF). BCHF provides oversight and advisory services to 40 community schools throughout the State.

The Academy for Urban Scholars was created to offer students ages 16-22, a fresh opportunity to return to the academic arena with a network of support designed to foster their academic achievement, mentor them in the acquisition of marketable 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, and nurture their overall development and social-emotional maturity. Students will achieve remarkable results through researched based curricula and instructional techniques, and a structure of self-discipline and respect.

The School, which first opened its doors in July 2011 is located in the City of Columbus, Ohio and is run by a five member Board of Directors. The School is in its third year of operations and looks to consistent enrollment as a measure of its success. The School has contracted with the National Center for Urban Scholars (NCUS) to aid the School in the areas of fundraising and building community partnerships. The National Center for Urban Scholars founded the school with a philosophy to first meet the educational needs of each student and to ensure they receive a quality education. We believe all students should always be challenged to learn. Our educational philosophy can be designed and built based upon all students having the ability to learn. *“It’s not too late to graduate!”*

### Economic Issues

Since the enactment of community school legislation, the School has been funded solely on the per pupil funding set forth by State of Ohio (see Statistical Section for historical funding levels). The school has seen an increase in the base level per pupil funding amount. However, this amount is still less than the amount that traditional school districts in the State receive per pupil, primarily because community schools are not authorized by statute to levy taxes in the communities that they operate in. By comparison, the Columbus City School District receives over \$18,000 in average per pupil funding (as reported by the district for fiscal year 2013) from all sources whereas the School (which is also located in the City of Columbus) receives only \$8,191 from all sources.

As discussed later, the School was funded on 242 full-time equivalent students for fiscal year 2014. As of the date of this letter, it is expected that the School will maintain that enrollment with the possibility of a slight decline consistent with declines seen in other schools throughout the State. Obviously, any decline in enrollment would have a direct corresponding impact to current year revenues.

### Awards and Acknowledgements

The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious national award, recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports. The School was awarded its first award from the Government Finance Officer’s Association of the United States of America and Canada (GFOA).

In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and effectively organized CAFR, whose contents conform to program standards. The CAFR must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current report, which is included herein, will conform to the high standards required by the Certificate of Achievement program.

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was prepared by the fiscal management team for the School. Their commitment to this process has helped to make this report possible. We would also like to thank Ms. Broadnax and other members of the Board of Directors and Finance Committee for their support in this endeavor. It is truly appreciated.

The Academy for Urban Scholars  
Letter of Transmittal  
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Finally, we would like to thank our School community for entrusting us with the education of your children. You are the reason we are here. We are committed to bettering our students, their parents, and the communities we serve by providing the very best alternative in public education.

Sincerely,



Brian G. Adams MBA, CMA, CFM, CGFM  
Fiscal Officer/Internal Auditor  
The Academy for Urban Scholars



Tonya Broadnax  
President, Board of Directors  
The Academy for Urban Scholars

The Academy for Urban Scholars  
Board of Directors  
June 30, 2014

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Tonya Broadnax  
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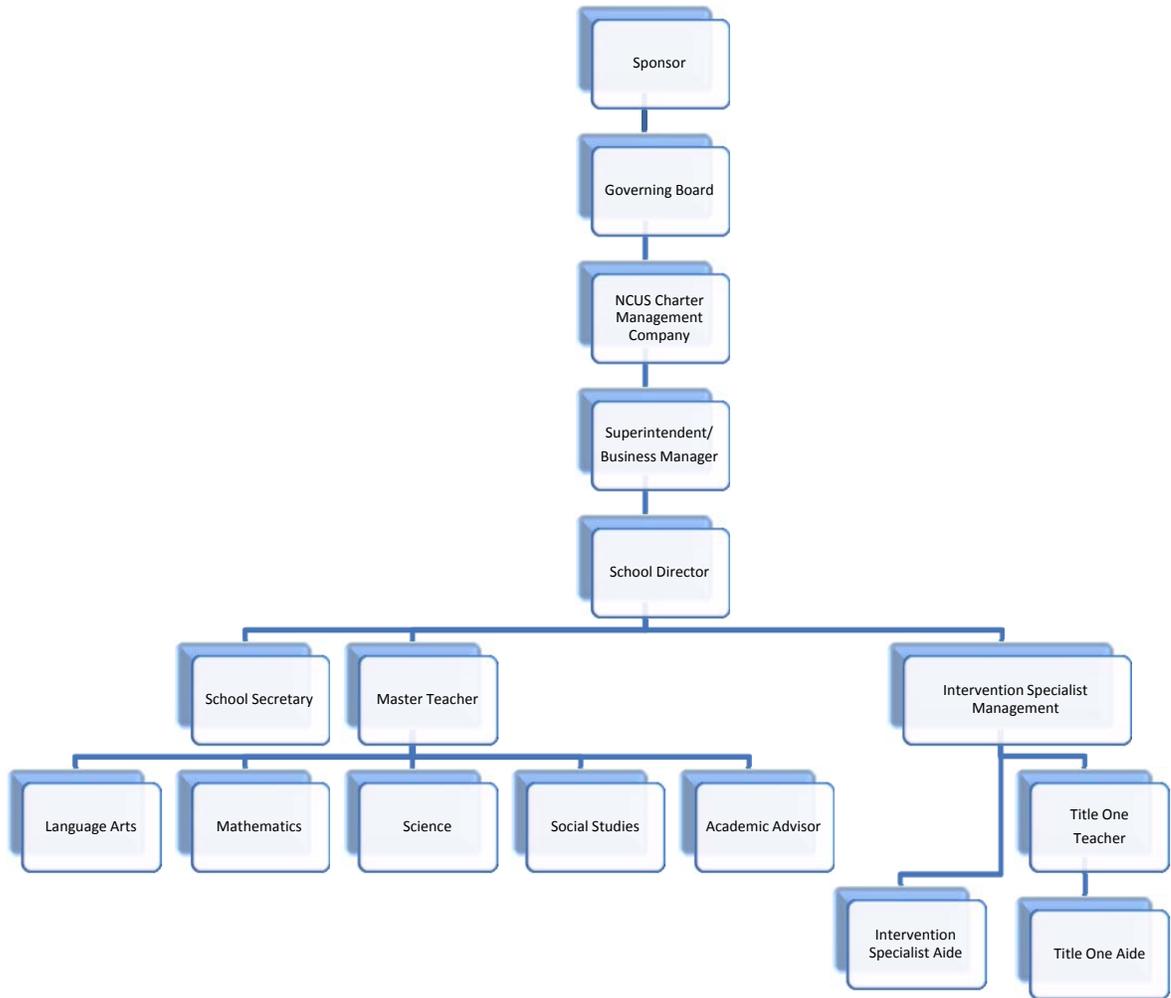
**The Academy for Urban Scholars**

**Ohio**

For its Comprehensive Annual  
Financial Report  
for the Fiscal Year Ended

**June 30, 2013**

Executive Director/CEO



# Financial Section

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December 31, 2014

To the Board of Directors  
The Academy for Urban Scholars  
Franklin County, Ohio  
1808 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43203

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Academy for Urban Scholars, Franklin County, Ohio (the "School") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the School's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 School's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the School as of June 30, 2014, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Other Matters***

***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-6 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

***Other Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School's basic financial statements. The introductory section and statistical section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 31, 2014 on our consideration of the School's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Hea & Associates, Inc.*

Medina, Ohio

**THE ACADEMY FOR URBAN SCHOLARS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

The discussion and analysis of the Academy for Urban Scholars (the School) financial performance provides an overall review of the School's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the School's financial performance as a whole; readers should also review the transmittal letter, the basic financial statements and the notes to the basic financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School's financial performance.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments* issued June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

**Financial Highlights**

- In total, net position increased \$123,838, which represents a 41.9 percent increase from 2013. The increase is the result of increased enrollment in 2014, resulting in increased revenues outpacing increased expenses.
- Total assets increased \$80,334, which represents a 21.9 percent increase from 2013. This was primarily due to an increase in cash and due from other school.
- Total liabilities decreased \$43,504, which represents a 61.0 percent decrease from 2013. The decrease is primarily due to decreases in accounts payable from the prior year.

**Using this Financial Report**

This report consists of three parts, the MD&A, the basic financial statements, and notes to those statements. The basic financial statements include a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, and a Statement of Cash Flows.

The School uses enterprise presentation for all of its activities.

**Statement of Net Position**

The Statement of Net Position answers the question of how the School did financially during 2014. This statement includes all assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term using the accrual basis of accounting and economic resources focus, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. This basis of accounting takes into account all revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when the cash is received or paid.

**THE ACADEMY FOR URBAN SCHOLARS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

Table 1 provides a summary of the School's net position for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

**(Table 1)  
Statement of Net Position**

	2014	2013
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets	\$225,564	\$111,009
Noncurrent Assets	221,359	255,580
Total Assets	446,923	366,589
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current Liabilities	27,255	69,245
Long-Term Liabilities	569	2,083
	27,824	71,328
<b>Net Position</b>		
Investment in Capital Assets	213,759	247,980
Unrestricted	205,340	47,281
Total Net Position	\$419,099	\$295,261

Total assets increased \$80,334, which represents a 21.9 percent increase from 2013. This was primarily due to an increase in cash and due from other school. Liabilities decreased \$43,504, which represents a 61.0 percent decrease from 2014. The decrease is primarily due to decreases in accounts payable from the prior year.

**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position**

Table 2 shows the changes in net position for fiscal years 2013 and 2014, as well as a listing of revenues and expenses. This is important because it tells the reader that, for the school as a whole, whether the financial position of the school has increased or decreased. The cause of this may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the current laws in Ohio restricting revenue growth, facility conditions, required educational programs and other factors.

**THE ACADEMY FOR URBAN SCHOLARS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

**(Table 2)  
Change in Net Position**

	2014	2013
<b>Operating Revenues</b>		
State Aid	\$1,658,868	\$ 1,465,935
Casino Aid	13,189	4,352
Facilities Funding	22,242	-
Other Operating	41,309	32,419
<b>Non-Operating Revenue</b>		
Federal Grants	244,652	366,041
Investment Income	27	19
Total Revenues	1,980,287	1,868,766
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Salaries	649,795	489,836
Fringe Benefits	196,915	133,524
Purchased Services	858,868	937,224
Materials and Supplies	39,772	97,906
Depreciation	58,626	29,635
Other	51,962	34,678
<b>Non-Operating Expenses</b>		
Interest and Fiscal Charges	511	1,166
Total Expenses	1,856,449	1,723,969
 Change in Net Position	 \$ 123,838	 \$ 144,797

Operating revenues were \$1,735,608 which represents 88% of total revenue. Operating expenses were \$1,855,938 which represents over 99% of total expenses. The schools' most significant expense, Purchased Services, represents 46% of total expenses. Purchased services will be explained further in note 9, to the basic financial statements. Revenues and expenses both increased in fiscal year 2014 due to the increase in enrollment.

**Budgeting Highlights**

Unlike other public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Rev. Code Chapter 5705, unless specifically provided in the community school's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the School and its Sponsor does prescribe a budgetary process. The School has developed a one year spending plan and a five-year projection that is reviewed by the Board of Directors. The five-year projections are also submitted to the Sponsor and the Ohio Department of Education.

**THE ACADEMY FOR URBAN SCHOLARS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

**Capital Assets**

At the end of fiscal year 2014, the School had \$213,759, invested in capital assets, net of depreciation. The asset purchases were leasehold improvements, computers and equipment. For more information on capital assets, see Note 5 to the basic financial statements.

**Debt**

At June 30, 2014, the School had \$2,083 in capital lease payable. See Note 10 to the basic financial statements for further explanation.

**Current Financial Issues**

The Academy for Urban Scholars received revenue for 242 students in 2014 and continues to enroll students on a daily basis. State law governing community schools allows for the School to have open enrollment across traditional school district boundaries. The School receives its support almost entirely from State Aid. Per pupil revenue from State Aid for the School averaged \$7,008 in fiscal year 2014 with no increase in State Basic Aid planned in fiscal year 2014. The School receives additional revenues from grant subsidies.

On July 1, 2012, the School entered into an agreement with National Center for Urban Solutions, as its management company for the fiscal year to provide management services to the school. The school paid the Operator \$388,800 for the fiscal year.

On July 1, 2012, the School contracted with the Buckeye Community Hope Foundation (BCHF) as its sponsor. State law allows sponsors to assess the schools up to 3 percent of State revenues as an oversight fee. The school paid BCHF three percent of State Aid as its sponsorship fee in fiscal year 2014.

**Contacting the School's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our readers with a general overview of the School's finances and to show the School's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Brian G. Adams, Fiscal Officer for the Academy for Urban Scholars, 65 E. Wilson Bridge Road, Worthington, OH 43085 or e-mail at [badams@ocscltd.com](mailto:badams@ocscltd.com).

**THE ACADEMY FOR URBAN SCHOLARS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2014**

**Assets**

Current Asset

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 96,070
Accounts Receivable	20,821
Intergovernmental Receivable	13,373
Prepays	35,300
Due from Other School	<u>60,000</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>225,564</u>

Noncurrent Assets

Leasehold Deposits	7,600
Depreciable Capital Assets, net	<u>213,759</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>221,359</u>

Total Assets	<u>446,923</u>
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**Liabilities**

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	10,980
Capital Lease Payable, due within one year	1,514
Intergovernmental Payable	<u>14,761</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>27,255</u>

Long-Term Liabilities

Capital Lease Payable, due in more than one year	<u>569</u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>569</u>

Total Liabilities	<u>27,824</u>
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**Net Position**

Investment in Capital Assets	213,759
Unrestricted	<u>205,340</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 419,099</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**THE ACADEMY FOR URBAN SCHOLARS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES,  
EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

<b>Operating Revenues</b>	
State Aid	\$1,658,868
Casino Aid	13,189
Facilities Funding	22,242
Other Operating Revenue	<u>41,309</u>
 Total Operating Revenues	 <u>1,735,608</u>
 <b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Salaries	649,795
Fringe Benefits	196,915
Purchased Services	858,868
Materials and Supplies	39,772
Depreciation	58,626
Other Operating Expenses	<u>51,962</u>
 Total Operating Expenses	 <u>1,855,938</u>
 <b>Operating Loss</b>	 <u>(120,330)</u>
 <b>Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	
Grants	244,652
Interest and Fiscal Charges	(511)
Investment Income	<u>27</u>
 Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	 <u>244,168</u>
 Change in Net Position	 <u>123,838</u>
 Net Position Beginning of Year	 <u>295,261</u>
 Net Position End of Year	 <u><u>\$ 419,099</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**THE ACADEMY FOR URBAN SCHOLARS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

**INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

**CASH FLOWS FROM (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Cash Received from State of Ohio	\$1,694,299
Cash Received from Other Operating Sources	41,309
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(649,795)
Cash Payments for Employee Benefits	(196,915)
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(944,153)
Other Cash Payments	<u>(51,962)</u>
 Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	 <u>(107,217)</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Cash Received from Grants	<u>264,292</u>
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**CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

Cash Payments for Capital Assets	(24,405)
Interest Paid-Capital Lease Payable	(511)
Principal Payments-Capital Lease Payable	<u>(1,262)</u>
 Net Cash Used for Capital Financing Activities	 <u>(26,178)</u>

**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES**

Cash Payments Loans to School	(60,000)
Interest Income	27
Net Cash Used for Investing Activities	<u>(59,973)</u>

**Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents** 70,924

**Cash and Cash Equivalents Beginning of Year** 25,146

**Cash and Cash Equivalents End of Year** \$ 96,070

**RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING GAIN (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Operating Gain (Loss) \$ (120,330)

**ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

Depreciation	58,626
 Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Accounts Receivable	(7,171)
Prepaid Items	(2,900)
Deposits	6,800
Accounts Payable	(45,868)
Intergovernmental Liabilities	<u>3,626</u>

Net Cash Provided by (Used for) Operating Activities \$ (107,217)

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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**THE ACADEMY FOR URBAN SCHOLARS  
FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2014**

**1. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL AND REPORTING ENTITY**

The Academy for Urban Scholars (the School) is a federal 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, state nonprofit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code Chapters 3314 and 1702 to maintain and provide a school exclusively for any educational, literary, scientific and related teaching service. The School, which is part of the State's education program, is independent of any school district. The School may sue and be sued, acquire facilities as needed, and contract for any services necessary for the operation of the School.

The School contracts with National Center of Urban Solutions as its operator to provide management services to the school (see note 17 for details).

In July of 2014, the School contracted with Buckeye Community Hope Foundation (BCHF) for five year (ending June 30, 2016) to be its sponsor (see note 15 for details).

The School operates under a self-appointing, five-member Board of Directors (the Board). The School's Code of Regulations specify that vacancies that arise on the Board will be filled by the appointment of a successor director by a majority vote of the then existing directors. The Board is responsible for carrying out the provisions of the contract with the Sponsor, which include, but are not limited to, state-mandated provisions regarding student population, curriculum, academic goals, performance standards, admission standards, and qualifications of teachers. The facility is staffed with teaching personnel who provide services to 242 students.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The basic financial statements of the School have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental nonprofit organizations. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the School's accounting policies are described below.

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The School's basic financial statements consist of a Statement of Net Position, a Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, and a Statement of Cash Flows. Enterprise fund reporting focuses on the determination of the change in net position, financial position and cash flows.

Auditor of State of Ohio Bulletin No. 2000-005 requires the presentation of all financial activity to be reported within one enterprise fund for year-end reporting purposes. Enterprise accounting is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent is that the costs (expenses) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**B. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Enterprise accounting uses a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and deferred outflows of resources and all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are included on the Statement of Net Position. Operating statements present increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in total net position. The accrual basis of accounting is utilized for reporting purposes. Revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

**C. Budgetary Process**

Unlike traditional public schools located in the State of Ohio, community schools are not required to follow budgetary provisions set forth in Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705, unless specifically provided in the School's contract with its Sponsor. The contract between the School and its Sponsor requires a detailed school budget for each year of the contract. In addition, the Board adopted an operating budget at the beginning of fiscal year 2014. However, the budget does not have to follow the provisions of Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705, except for section 5705.391 as it relates to five-year forecasts.

**D. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

All cash received by the School is deposited in accounts in the School's name and reflected as Cash and Cash Equivalents on the Statement of Net Position. The school did not have any investments during fiscal year 2014.

**E. Prepaid Items**

The School records payments made to vendors for services that will benefit future periods as prepaid items using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of the purchase and an expense is recorded in the year in which the services are consumed.

**F. Intergovernmental Revenues**

The School currently participates in the State Foundation Program. Revenues received from these programs are recognized as operating revenues (foundation and special education payments) in the accounting period in which they are earned and become measurable. Funding from these programs is listed as State, Facilities and Casino Aid on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Change in Net Position.

Grants are recognized as non-operating revenues in the accounting period in which all eligibility requirements have been met.

Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the School must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the School on a reimbursement basis.

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**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**F. Intergovernmental Revenues (continued)**

Resources where the timing requirement is not met are recorded as a liability to the funding source, and reported as a non-operating expense. Resources received prior to the period of use are deferred.

Amounts awarded under the above programs for the 2014 school year totaled \$1,938,951.

**G. Capital Assets and Depreciation**

For purposes of recording capital assets, the Board has a capitalization threshold of \$1,000.

The capital assets are recorded on the accompanying Statement of Net Position at cost, net of accumulated depreciation at \$213,759. Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method over five years for "Computers and Equipment", and ten years for "Leasehold Improvements".

**H. Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position invested in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the School or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The School does not have any restricted net position at June 30, 2014.

**I. Operating Revenues and Expenses**

Operating revenues are those revenues that are generated directly from the School's primary activities. For the School, these revenues are primarily State Aid payments. Operating expenses are necessary costs incurred to provide the goods and services that are the primary activities of the School. Revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating

**J. Use of Estimates**

In preparing the financial statements, management is sometimes required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at 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.

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**3. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

**Deposits with Financial Institutions**

At June 30, 2014, the carrying amount of the School deposits is \$96,070, and the bank balance is \$128,931, of which all was covered by federal depository insurance based on the criteria described in GASB Statement No. 40, "Deposits and Investment Risk Disclosures", as of June 30, 2014.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of bank failure, the School's deposits may not be returned. The School has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of state statute. According to state law, public depositories must give security for all public funds on deposits. All deposits are collateralized with eligible securities in amounts equal to at least 105 percent of the carrying value of the deposits. Such collateral, as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, is held in single financial institution collateral pools at Federal Reserve Banks, or at member banks of the federal reserve system, in the name of the respective depository bank and pledged as a pool of collateral against all of the public deposits it holds or as specific collateral held at the Federal Reserve Bank in the name of the School.

**4. INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLE**

At June 30, 2014, the School had an intergovernmental receivable in the amount of \$13,373 for monies for food service, CCIP, and other federal and state grants due but not received by year end. The intergovernmental receivable is collectible in the next operating cycle.

**5. CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION**

For the year ended June 30, 2014, the School's capital assets consisted of the following:

	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Deletions</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Capital Assets Being Depreciated:</b>	<b><u>6/30/2013</u></b>	<b><u>          </u></b>	<b><u>          </u></b>	<b><u>6/30/2014</u></b>
Leasehold Improvements	\$ 215,676	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 215,676
Computers & Equipment	<u>65,360</u>	<u>24,405</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,765</u>
<b>Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated</b>	<b><u>281,036</u></b>	<b><u>24,405</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>305,441</u></b>
<b>Less Accumulated Depreciation:</b>				
Leasehold Improvements	(17,973)	(43,135)	-	(61,108)
Computers & Equipment	<u>(15,083)</u>	<u>(15,491)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(30,574)</u>
<b>Total Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<b><u>(33,056)</u></b>	<b><u>(58,626)</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>(91,682)</u></b>
<b>Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated Net</b>	<b><u>\$ 247,980</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (34,221)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 213,759</u></b>

**6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/RECEIVABLE**

Accounts Payable in the amount of \$10,980 consists of obligations at June 30, 2014 incurred during the normal course of conducting operations. Accounts Receivable in the amount of \$20,821 consists of receivables at June 30, 2014 earned during the normal course of conducting operations.

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**7. PREPAIDS/DEPOSITS**

Prepaid Expenses in the amount of \$35,300 represents the July 2014 management fee expense paid on June 30, 2014 per the management agreement. The agreement calls for management fees to be paid on the last day of the month prior to the month fees are due.

Deposits in the amount of \$7,600 represent leasehold deposits to the landlord during the execution of the lease.

**8. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Property and Liability** - The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft or damage to, or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The School had zero claims over the past three years, nor has there been any reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year. For the year ended 2014, the school contracted with the Hartford Insurance Company for the following insurance coverage:

Commercial General Liability per occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
Commercial General Liability aggregate	4,000,000
Director and Officers Liability	1,000,000
Employment Practices Liability	1,000

**9. PURCHASED SERVICE EXPENSES**

For the year ended June 30, 2014, the schools largest expense, purchased services consisted of the following:

Professional and Technical Services	\$ 574,705
Property Services	129,935
Travel Mileage/Meals	45,046
Communications	29,010
Utilities	23,217
Contracted Trade Services	31,029
Pupil Transportation	11,100
Other Purchased Services	<u>14,826</u>
	<u><u>\$ 858,868</u></u>

**10. CAPITALIZED LEASE OBLIGATIONS**

The school entered into a capitalized lease for the acquisition of equipment. The lease meets the criteria of a capital lease as defined by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 13 "Accounting for Leases", which defines a capital lease generally as one which transfers benefit and risk of ownership to the lessee. This capital lease has been recorded as a capital asset at the present value of the minimum lease payments as of the inception date. The capital lease is recorded as Equipment of \$5,000. The School paid \$1,262 in principal and \$511 in interest for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

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**10. CAPITALIZED LEASE OBLIGATIONS (continued)**

Future commitments related to the capital lease are:

Fiscal Year	Capital Lease
2015	\$ 1,773
2016	589
Total	2,362
Less: Amount Representing Interest	(279)
Present Value of minimum payments	\$ 2,083

**11. OPERATING LEASES – LESSEE DISCLOSURE**

Beginning February 2013, the School leased space located at 1808 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43203, from Kohr Royer, Griffith Inc. The term of the lease is for 5 years ending January 31, 2018, at \$7,600 per month. The School paid \$91,200 for fiscal year 2014.

**12. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS**

**A. School Employees Retirement System**

**Plan Description** – The School contributes to the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer pension plans. SERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. SERS issues a publicly available, stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report can be obtained on SERS’ website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employer/ Audit Resources.

**Funding Policy** - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS’ Retirement Board up to a statutory maximum amount by the SERS’ Retirement Board. The Retirement Board acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B and Health Care Fund) of the System. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the allocation to pension and death benefits is 13.10 percent. The remaining .90 percent of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is allocated to the Health Care and Medicare B Funds. The schools’ contributions to SERS for the years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$19,336, \$22,266 and \$17,138 respectively, which equaled the required contributions each year.

**B. State Teachers Retirement System**

**Plan Description** – The School contributes to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), which is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report, which may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio website at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org).

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**12. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS (Continued)**

**B. State Teachers Retirement System (continued)**

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan, and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on member's lifetime contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DB Plan and the DC Plan.

In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. The DB portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60; the DC portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

**Funding Policy** - For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, plan members were required to contribute 11 percent of their annual covered salaries. The School was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. For fiscal year 2014, the portion used to fund pension obligations was also 13 percent. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 11 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The above is the latest information available.

The School's required contribution for pension obligations to STRS for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012, was \$69,504, \$45,529, and \$23,249 of which 100% has been contributed.

**C. Social Security System**

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the School Employees Retirement System or the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio have an option to choose Social Security or the School Retirement System. As of June 30, 2014, there were no members that elected Social Security. The contribution rate is 6.2 percent of wages.

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**13. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**A. School Employee Retirement Systems**

In addition to a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined pension plan the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS) administers two post employment benefit plans.

**Medicare Part B**

Medicare B plan reimburse Medicare B premiums paid by eligible retirees and beneficiaries as set forth in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3309.69. Qualified benefits recipients who pay Medicare Part B premiums may apply for and receive a monthly reimbursement from SERS. The reimbursement amount is limited by statute to the lesser of the January 1, 1999 Medicare Part premium or the current premium. The Medicare Part B premium for calendar year 2014 was \$104.90 for most participants, but could be as high as \$335.70 per month depending on their income. SERS' reimbursement for retirees was \$45.50.

The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates a portion of the current employer contribution rate to the Medicare B Fund, For fiscal 2014, the actuarial required allocation is .74 percent. The Schools' contributions for the years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$165, \$129 and \$129, respectively, which equaled the required contributions each year.

**Health Care Plan**

ORC 3309.375 and 3309.69 permit SERS to offer health care benefits to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. SERS offers several types of health plans from various vendors, including HMO's, PPO's, Medicare Advantage, and traditional indemnity plans. A prescription drug program is also available to those who elect health coverage. SERS employs two third-party administrators and a pharmacy benefit manager to manage the self-insurance and prescription drug plans, respectively.

The ORC provides the statutory authority to fund SERS' postemployment benefits through employer contributions. Active members do not make contributions to the postemployment benefit plans.

The Health Care Fund was established under, and is administered in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code 105(e). Each year after the allocation for statutorily required benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer 14 percent contribution to the Health Care Fund. For the year ended June 30, 2014, the health care allocation is .16 percent. An additional health care surcharge on employers is collected for employees earning less than the actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. Statutes provides that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS-covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS-covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For the fiscal year June 30, 2014, the minimum compensation level was established at \$20,525. The surcharge added to the unallocated portion of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is the total amount assigned to the Health Care Fund. The Schools' contributions assigned to health care for the years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$1,036, \$254 and \$647 respectively.

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**13. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)**

**A. School Employee Retirement Systems (Continued)**

The SERS Retirement Board establishes the rules for the premiums paid by the retirees for health care coverage for themselves and their dependents or their surviving beneficiaries. Premiums vary depending on the plan selected, qualified years, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

The financial reports of SERS' Health Care and Medicare B plans are included in its *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. The report can be obtained on SERS' website [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under Employers/Audit Resources.

**B. State Teachers Retirement System**

**Plan Description** – The School contributes to the cost sharing multiple employer defined benefit Health Plan administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS Ohio. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the report of STRS Ohio which may be obtained by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) or by calling (888) 227-7877.

**Funding Policy** - Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer the Plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Active employee members do not contribute to the Plan. All benefit recipients pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For 2014, STRS Ohio allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The School's contributions for health care for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 was \$5,346, \$3,252 and \$1,661, respectively, all of which has been contributed for all fiscal years.

**14. CONTINGENCES**

**A. Grants**

Amounts received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor. Any disallowed costs may require refunding to the grantor. Amounts which may be disallowed, if any, are not presently determinable. However, in the opinion of the School, any such adjustments will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the School.

**B. Full Time Equivalency**

The Ohio Department of Education conducts reviews of enrollment and full-time equivalency (FTE) calculations made by the schools. These reviews are conducted to ensure the schools are reporting accurate student enrollment data to the State, upon which state foundation funding is calculated. The conclusions of this review could result in state funding being adjusted. Adjustments to the state funding received during fiscal year 2014 are immaterial and will be included in the financial activity for fiscal year 2015.

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**15. SPONSORSHIP FEES**

The School contracted with the Buckeye Community Hope Foundation as its sponsor effective July 1, 2011. The School pays the Sponsor three percent of the State Aid. Total fee expense for fiscal year 2014 was \$49,631. The contract is for five years ending June 30, 2016. The Sponsor provides oversight, monitoring and technical assistance for the School.

**16. TAX EXEMPT STATUS**

The School was approved under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a tax exempt organization.

**17. AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL CENTER FOR URBAN SOLUTIONS (NCUS)**

The School entered into a management agreement with the National Center for Urban Solutions. The term of the contract is for 2 years beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2015. NCUS is responsible and accountable to the School's Board of Directors for the administration and day-to-day operations of the school. Responsibilities include (but not limited to) student recruitment, budget development, personnel management, curriculum development/oversight, and facilities management. The school pays NCUS a fixed fee of \$32,400 per month for fiscal year 2014. Total fees paid for fiscal year 2014 were \$388,800.

**18. CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

For 2014, the School has implemented GASB Statement No. 65, which establishes accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify, as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities and recognizes, as outflows of resources or inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities. GASB Statement No. 65 also provides other financial reporting guidance related to the impact of the financial statement elements deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, such as changes in the determination of the major fund calculations and limiting the use of the term deferred in financial statement presentations. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 65 did not have an effect on the financial statements of the School.

**19. LOANS WITH AFFILIATES**

In October 2013, the school entered into a promissory note for outstanding payroll reimbursements that had accumulated in the amount of \$60,000 with The Academy for Urban Scholars Youngstown. The promissory note has an interest rate of 5.0 percent with flexible payment terms and is recorded on the Statement of Net Position as due from school.

# Statistical Section

# STATISTICAL SECTION

This part of the **Academy for Urban Scholars'** comprehensive annual financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements and note disclosures says about the School's overall financial health.

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This schedule contains information to help the reader understand the changes in revenues by grant source.

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This schedule offers information to help the reader understand the funds invested in capital assets versus the unrestricted funds remaining for future expenditures.

- Net Position

### ***Demographic and Economic Information***

These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the School's financial activities take place.

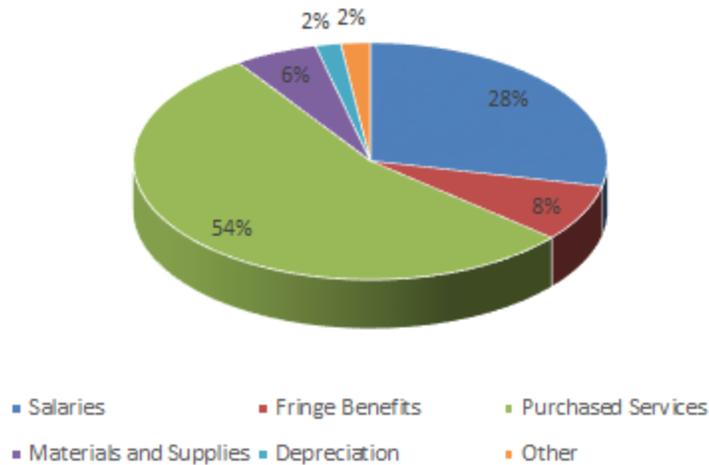
- Student Population by Resident District
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**Sources:** Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the comprehensive annual financial reports for the relevant year. The School implemented GASB Statement 34 for the year ended June 30, 2011.

The Academy for Urban Scholars  
 Operating Expenses by Category  
 Last Three Fiscal Years

	<u>Fiscal Years</u>		
	2014	2013	2012
Salaries	\$ 649,795	\$ 489,836	\$ 265,659
Fringe Benefits	\$ 196,915	\$ 133,524	\$ 62,517
Purchased Services	\$ 858,868	\$ 937,224	\$ 784,334
Materials and Supplies	\$ 39,772	\$ 97,906	\$ 32,706
Depreciation	\$ 58,626	\$ 29,635	\$ 3,421
Other	\$ 51,962	\$ 34,678	\$ 24,296
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,855,938</b>	<b>\$1,722,803</b>	<b>\$1,172,933</b>
Enrollment	242	219	166
Per Pupil Expenditure	\$ 7,670	\$ 7,867	\$ 7,066

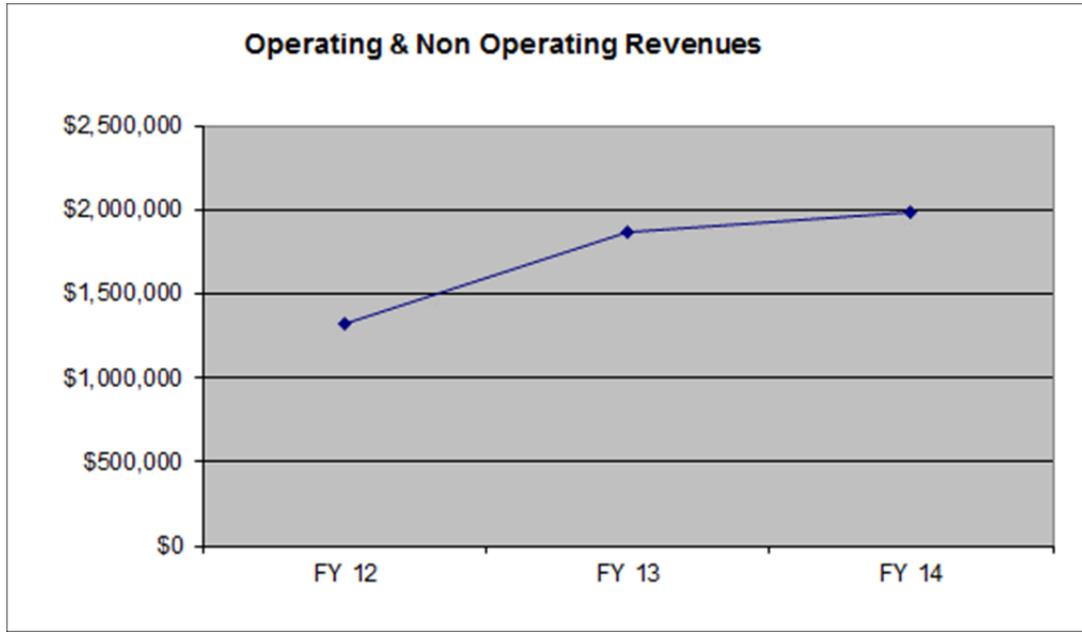
**Operating Expenses by Category**



Source: School Financial Records

The Academy for Urban Scholars  
 Operating and Non-Operating Revenues  
 Last Three Fiscal Years

<u>Year</u>	<u>State Aid(1)</u>	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
2014	\$1,694,299	\$244,652	\$41,336	<b>\$1,980,287</b>
2013	\$1,470,287	\$366,041	\$32,438	<b>\$1,868,766</b>
2012	\$1,094,548	\$218,246	\$10,603	<b>\$1,323,397</b>



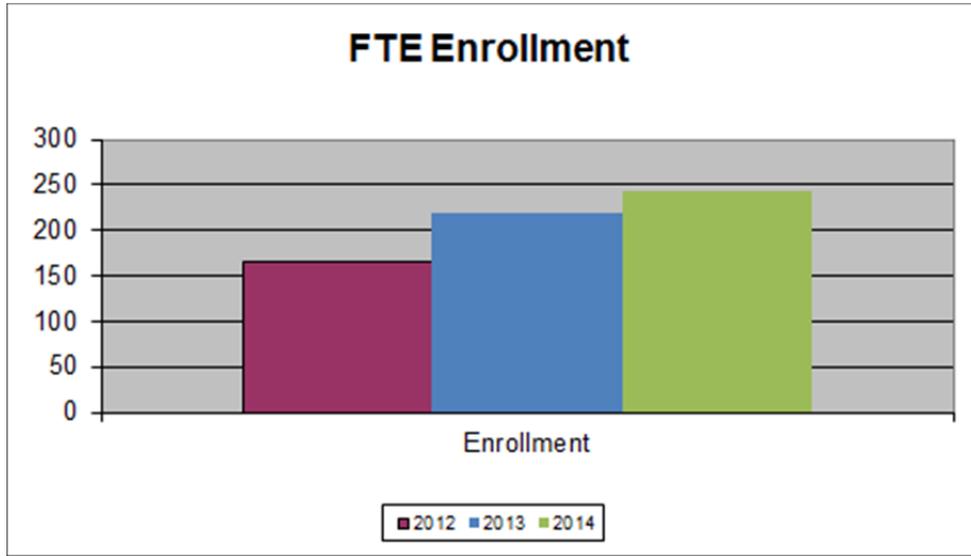
**Source: School Financial Records**

(1) Includes Casino and Facilities Aid funding

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Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Enrollment  
Last Three Fiscal Years

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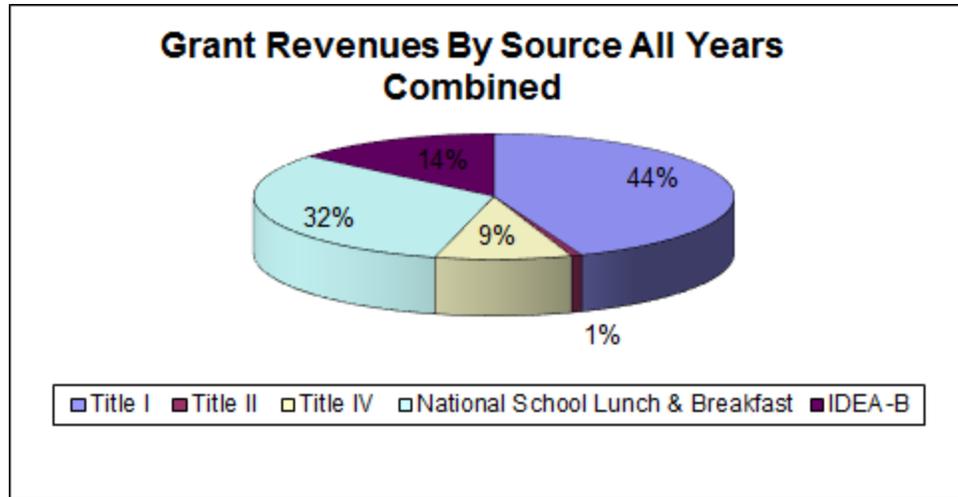
<u>Year</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
2014	242
2013	219
2012	166



Source: School Financial Records

The Academy for Urban Scholars  
 Grant Revenues by Source  
 Last Three Fiscal Years

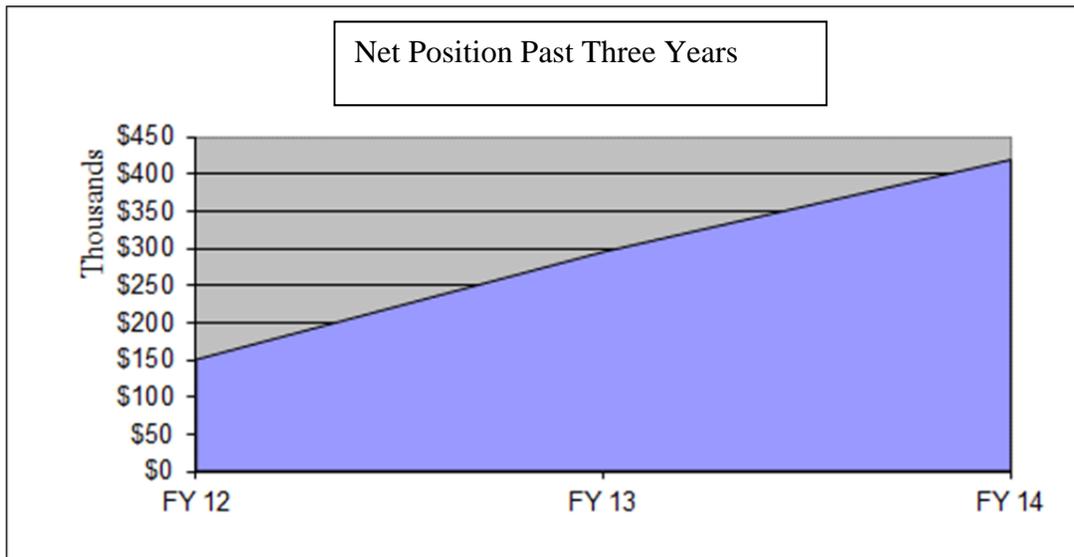
<u>Year</u>	<u>Title I</u>	<u>Title II</u>	<u>Title IV</u>	<u>National School Lunch &amp; Breakfast</u>	<u>IDEA-B</u>	<u>Total</u>
2014	\$ 150,573	\$ 1,582	\$ -	\$ 38,538	\$ 53,959	\$ 244,652
2013	\$ 163,753	\$ 1,817	\$ -	\$ 134,266	\$ 56,294	\$ 356,129
2012	\$ 45,520	\$ 2,322	\$ 75,000	\$ 89,228	\$ 6,177	\$ 218,246



Source: School Financial Records

The Academy for Urban Scholars  
 Net Position  
 Last Three Fiscal Years

<u>Year</u>	<u>Investment in Capital Assets</u>	<u>Unrestricted Net Position</u>	<u>Total Net Position</u>	<u>Change in Net Position</u>
2014	\$ 213,759	\$ 205,340	\$ 419,099	\$ 123,838
2013	\$ 247,980	\$ 47,281	\$ 295,261	\$ 144,797
2012	\$ 23,868	\$ 126,596	\$ 150,464	\$ 150,464

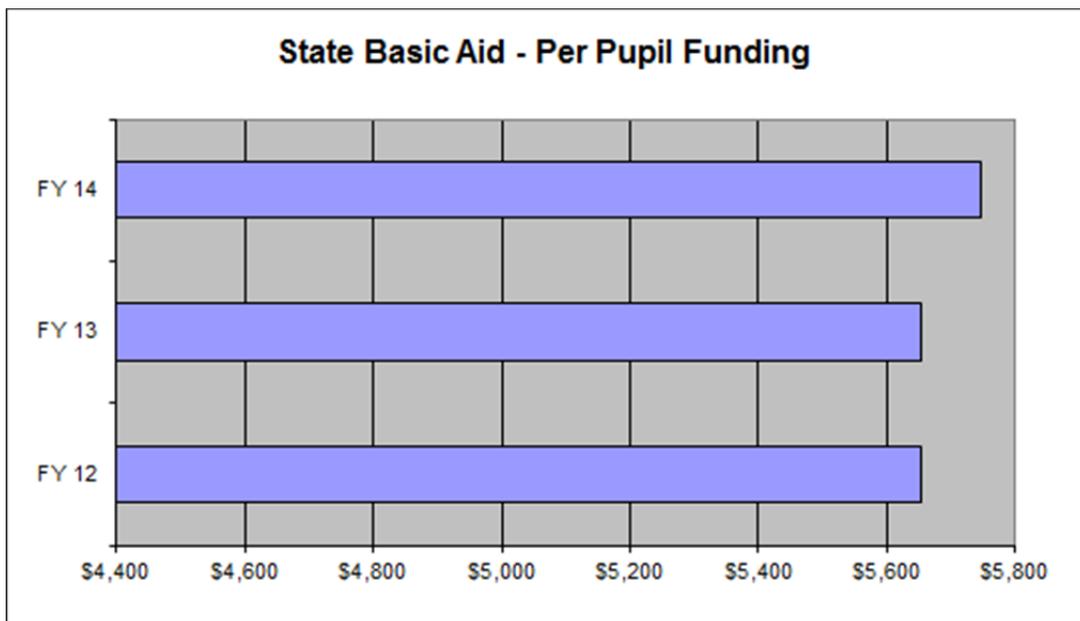


Source: School Financial Records

The Academy for Urban Scholars  
State Basic Aid – Per Pupil Funding Amount  
Last Three Fiscal Years

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Per Pupil Funding</u>
2014	\$ 5,745
2013	\$ 5,653
2012	\$ 5,653



**Note 1:** In addition to the above, the School also receives other sources of State Aid including (but not limited to) Career Based Intervention Funding, Poverty Based Assistance, Parity Aid, and Special Education funding. The revenues have collectively been identified on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position as “State Aid”.

**Source:** Ohio Department of Education

The Academy for Urban Scholars  
Student Population by Resident District  
2014 Fiscal Year

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<u>Resident District</u>	<u>%</u>
Columbus	89.81%
Groveport Madison	2.34%
Reynoldsburg	1.68%
Southwestern	1.49%
Whitehall	2.44%
All Other Districts	2.24%

**Note 1:** The School has open enrollment and draws its population from a large surrounding area. The traditional school district that the student resides in is referred to as the “Resident District”.

Districts representing less than 1 percent of the student population are combined under the heading “All other Districts”.

**Source:** Ohio Department of Education website.

The Academy for Urban Scholars  
Miscellaneous Statistics

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**School Address:** 1808 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43203

**Square Footage:** 10,200 sq. ft.

**Date of Incorporation:** 03/10/2010

**Number of FY 14  
Instructional Staff:** 12

**Total FY 14 Staff:** 17

**Student/Instructional  
Staff Ratio:** 20:1

**Percent of  
Free/Reduced Lunch:** 99%

**Source: School Records**

The Academy for Urban Scholars  
Principal Employers

Table 22

City of Columbus, Ohio  
Largest Employers in the Greater Columbus Area  
Ranked by Number of Full-time Employees

2013		2004					
Rank	Name of Employer	FTEs	% to Total	Rank	Name of Employer	FTEs	% to Total
1.	Ohio State University	27,656	2.89%	1.	State of Ohio	26,037	N.A.
2.	State of Ohio	23,677	2.47%	2.	Federal Government/United States Postal Service	17,656	N.A.
3.	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	19,200	2.00%	3.	Ohio State University	17,361	N.A.
4.	OhioHealth Corp	19,182	2.00%	4.	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	12,130	N.A.
5.	Kroger Co.	17,397	1.81%	5.	Nationwide	11,293	N.A.
6.	Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co.	11,300	1.18%	6.	OhioHealth	8,398	N.A.
7.	Mount Carmel Health System	8,410	0.88%	7.	Columbus Public Schools	8,024	N.A.
8.	City of Columbus	8,385	0.87%	8.	City of Columbus	7,919	N.A.
9.	Columbus City Schools	8,293	0.87%	9.	Limited Brands	7,200	N.A.
10.	Nationwide Children's Hospital	7,822	0.82%	10.	Honda of America Mfg., Inc.	6,350	N.A.
11.	L Brands, Inc.	7,800	0.81%	11.	Franklin County	6,218	N.A.
12.	McDonald's Corp.	7,622	0.80%	12.	Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.	6,100	N.A.
13.	Honda of America Mfg., Inc.	7,300	0.76%	13.	Mount Carmel Health	5,558	N.A.
14.	Franklin County	6,130	0.64%	14.	Kroger Co.	4,502	N.A.
15.	Huntington Bancshares, Inc.	5,330	0.56%	15.	Wendy's International	4,500	N.A.
16.	Giant Eagle Inc.	4,260	0.44%	16.	American Electric Power Company, Inc.	3,900	N.A.
17.	Cardinal Health Inc.	4,165	0.43%	17.	Huntington Bancshares, Inc.	3,500	N.A.
18.	Bob Evans Farms Inc.	3,571	0.37%	18.	SBC Ohio	3,000	N.A.
19.	DLA Land and Maritime	3,400	0.35%	19.	Ross Products, division of Abbott Laboratories	2,800	N.A.
20.	American Electric Power Company Inc.	3,383	0.35%	20.	Children's Hospital, Inc.	2,706	N.A.
21.	Excel Inc.	2,875	0.30%	21.	Medco Health Solutions, Inc.	2,528	N.A.
22.	Abercrombie & Fitch Co.	2,725	0.28%	22.	South-Western City Schools	2,516	N.A.
23.	Group Management Services Inc.	2,592	0.27%	23.	Battelle	2,368	N.A.
24.	South-Western City Schools	2,471	0.26%	24.	Retail Ventures Inc.	2,170	N.A.
25.	Alliance Data Systems Corp.	2,434	0.25%	25a.	Big Lots, Inc.	2,100	N.A.
				25b.	Discover Financial Services, Inc.	2,100	N.A.

(1) Federal Government employees includes: 13,300 Federal Government and US Postal Service FTEs; 2,284 Defense Supply Center FTEs; and 2,072 Defense Finance & Accounting Service Center FTEs.

Source of FTEs and Rank: "Top 100 Largest Area Employers", Business First of Columbus. ©Copyright 2013, Business First of Columbus Inc. All rights reserved. Reprinted with permission.

Source of 2013 % to Total: City of Columbus, City Auditor. Percentage calculated using Columbus MSA labor force number from Table 23 of 976,100 less Morrow County labor force of 17,500, which is included in the Columbus MSA, but not considered in the Business First Largest Employers statistics.

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**ACADEMY FOR URBAN SCHOLARS**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
MAY 7, 2015**