

**NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE FOUNDATION**

HENRY COUNTY



REGULAR AUDIT

**FOR YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2023**

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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Northwest State Community College Foundation, Henry County, prepared by Plattenburg & Associates, Inc., for the audit period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. 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 Northwest State Community College Foundation is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

December 11, 2023

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**NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
HENRY COUNTY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Northwest State Community College Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Northwest State Community College Foundation (the Foundation) (a nonprofit Foundation), a component unit of Northwest State Community College, which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as of June 30, 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Foundation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation’s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Foundation’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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 13, 2023, on our consideration of the Foundation’s internal control over financial reporting and 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 Foundation’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Plattenburg & Associates, Inc.

Plattenburg & Associates, Inc.

Cincinnati, Ohio

October 13, 2023

Northwest State Community College Foundation
Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2023

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 96,079
Marketable securities	6,726,592
Accounts receivable	7,885
Pledges receivable	<u>7,568</u>
 Total assets	 <u><u>\$ 6,838,124</u></u>

NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES:

Total liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>
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NET ASSETS:

Without donor restrictions	125,454
With donor restrictions	<u>6,712,670</u>
 Total net assets	 <u>6,838,124</u>
 Total liabilities and net assets	 <u><u>\$ 6,838,124</u></u>

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

Northwest State Community College Foundation
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT			
Contributions			
Individuals	\$ 4,675	\$ 213,324	\$ 217,999
Business organizations	251	169,133	169,384
Foundations	-	17,383	17,383
Nonfinancial contributions	113,526	18,508	132,034
Investment return	133,637	465,504	599,141
Net assets released from restrictions			
Restrictions satisfied by payments	626,864	(626,864)	-
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	878,953	256,988	1,135,941
 EXPENSES			
Program services			
Scholarships	461,454	-	461,454
Donations	86,664	-	86,664
Supporting services			
Management and general	137,111	-	137,111
Fundraising	79,075	-	79,075
TOTAL EXPENSES	764,304	-	764,304
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	114,649	256,988	371,637
BEGINNING NET ASSETS	10,805	6,455,682	6,466,487
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 125,454</u>	<u>\$ 6,712,670</u>	<u>\$ 6,838,124</u>

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

**Northwest State Community College Foundation
Statement of Functional Expenses
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023**

Expenses	Program Services	Support Services		Total
		Management and General	Fundraising	
Scholarships and loan expenditures to Northwest State Community College	\$ 461,454	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 461,454
Donations to Northwest State Community College	86,664	-	-	86,664
Professional service	-	3,785	-	3,785
Services provided by Northwest State Community College	-	62,483	51,043	113,526
Other	-	70,843	28,032	98,875
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 548,118	\$ 137,111	\$ 79,075	\$ 764,304

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

Northwest State Community College Foundation
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Unrestricted contributions	\$ 118,451
Restricted contributions	408,364
Investment return	218,243
Payments for management services & fundraising	(216,186)
Payments for scholarships and donations	(548,118)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(19,246)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Purchases of Marketable Securities	(581,858)
Sales of Marketable Securities	489,873
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	<u>(91,985)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(111,231)
Cash - beginning of year	<u>207,310</u>
Cash - end of year	<u>\$ 96,079</u>
Reconciliation of change in net assets to net cash used by operating activities:	
Change in Net Assets	\$ 371,637
Adjustments:	
Nonfinancial Contributions	132,034
Noncash Expenses	(132,034)
Net Unrealized Investment (Gain) Loss	(380,897)
Changes in Assets & Liabilities:	
(Increase)/Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(9,986)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ (19,246)</u>

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

NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 1 – REPORTING ENTITY

Northwest State Community College Foundation (Foundation) is a legally separate, tax-exempt organization supporting Northwest State Community College. The Foundation acts primarily as a fund-raising organization to supplement the resources that are available to the College in support of its programs. The Board of the Foundation is self-perpetuating and consists of graduates, community members and friends of the College. The majority of resources, or income thereon that the Foundation holds and invests are restricted to the activities of the College by its donors. Because these restricted resources held by the Foundation can only be used by, or for the benefit of, the College, the Foundation is considered a component unit of the College and is discretely presented in the College's financial statements.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICAN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

NATURE OF ACTIVITIES – Northwest State Community College Foundation (the Foundation) exists to provide financial assistance to the educational programs, services and facilities of Northwest State Community College. To that end, the Foundation solicits inter-vivos and testamentary gifts.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING – The financial statements of Northwest State Community College Foundation have been prepared on the accrual basis and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables and other liabilities.

BASIS OF PRESENTATION – The financial statement presentation of Northwest State Community College Foundation has adopted the provisions of FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) No. 958 *Not-for-Profit Entities*. Under ASC No. 958 the Foundation is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets as follows:

Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions (donors include other types of contributors, including makers of certain grants).

With Donor Restrictions

Net assets that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions (donors include other types of contributors, including makers of certain grants).

When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction expires or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the Statement of Activities as net assets released from restrictions.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS – For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Foundation considers all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of 3 months or less as cash and cash equivalents.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND PROMISES TO GIVE – Gifts received without donor stipulations are reported as revenue and net assets without donor restrictions. Gifts received with a donor stipulation that limits their use are reported as revenue and net assets with donor restrictions. When a donor-stipulated time restriction ends, or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Contributions that are originally restricted by the donor and for which the restriction is met in the same time period are recorded as revenue and net assets without donor restriction. Conditional promises are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met.

NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
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For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

NONFINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS – The Foundation has no employees or property. Substantially all clerical, management, and fund-raising duties are presently performed by employees of Northwest State Community College. Contributions of professional services are recognized at fair value if these contributions create or enhance nonfinancial assets, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided through contributions. Contributed services are valued and are reported at the estimated fair value based on current rates for similar services.

The Foundation utilizes equipment and facilities of the College which is deemed immaterial and not recognized in the financial statements.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, contributed nonfinancial assets recognized within the statement of activities included:

	<u>2023</u>
Fundraising Wages	\$ 51,043
Management and General Wages	62,483
Other	<u>18,508</u>
Total Nonfinancial Contributions	<u>\$ 132,034</u>

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

INCOME TAX STATUS – The Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that the Internal Revenue Service has determined to be exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

INVESTMENTS – Investments are comprised of mutual funds and are carried at fair market value. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets in the accompanying Statement of Activities.

EXPENSE ALLOCATION – Directly identifiable expenses are charged to programs and supporting services. Expenses related to more than one function are charged to programs and supporting services on the basis of management estimates.

Management and general expenses include those expenses that are not directly identifiable with any other specific function but provide for the overall support and direction of the Foundation.

FAIR VALUE OPTION – Management has elected the fair value option for pledges receivable. Management believes that the use of the fair value option for pledges receivable better reflects the value of the assets based on the anticipated investment return when the assets are realized in cash. Unrealized gains or losses on assets or liabilities for which the fair value option has been elected are reported in the Statement of Activities. The decision to elect the fair value option is determined on an instrument by instrument basis, and is irrevocable once elected. At this time, the Foundation has not elected to apply the fair value option to any other financial instrument, except investments.

NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 3 – MARKETABLE SECURITIES

The Foundation determines the fair market values of its financial instruments based on the fair value hierarchy established in ASC 820-10, *Fair Value Measurements*, which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the Foundation’s own assumptions based on market data and on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on market data and on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The Standard describes three levels within the hierarchy that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1 Inputs: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the entity has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

Level 2 Inputs: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 quoted prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 Inputs: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect a reporting entity’s own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

The fair value of investments held by the Foundation as June 30, 2023 is summarized as follows:

	Quoted Prices In Active Markets For Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observ- able Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Mutual Funds			
Avantis Emerging Markets (AVEEX)	\$49,369	\$0	\$0
DFA Emerging Markets (DFCEX)	316,024	0	0
DFA International Core (DFIEX)	1,108,648	0	0
DFA International Real Estate (DFITX)	183,583	0	0
DFA U.S. Core Equity 2 (DFQTX)	2,235,311	0	0
DFA Short Duration Real (DFAIX)	591,020	0	0
DFA Targeted Credit (DTCPX)	590,173	0	0
Stone Ridge Diversified (SRDAX)	329,781	0	0
Vanguard Core Bond Admir (VCOBX)	1,142,944	0	0
Vanguard Real Estate (VGSLX)	179,738	0	0
Total	\$6,726,592	\$0	\$0

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NOTE 4 – PLEDGES RECEIVABLE

Unconditional promises to give are valued at fair value based on the criteria in Note 2. Unconditional promises to give are discounted based on the Foundation’s current total investment return on its investment portfolio, but are not discounted below zero. Total unamortized discount is \$0 as of June 30, 2023. No allowance for uncollectible promises to give is considered necessary.

The fair value of the Foundation’s unconditional promises to give as of June 30, 2023 is as follows:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Less than one year	\$ 0	\$ 7,568	\$ 0
One to five years	0	0	0
Total	\$ 0	\$ 7,568	\$ 0

NOTE 5 – SUPPORT OF NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Not included in these financial statements is the Northwest State Community College, a component unit of the State of Ohio. The College is organized for the principal purpose of offering educational programs beyond high school, normally not exceeding two years duration, and leading to the award of an associate degree.

The Foundation contributes funds to the College for scholarships and other designated purposes. The contributions are subject to the approval by the Board of Directors of the Foundation. The College paid expenses related to the Foundation’s scholarships which were then reimbursed.

NOTE 6 – NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions are available for the following purposes or periods:

	2023
Time/Purpose Restricted - Northwest State Community College Support	
Student Scholarships	\$ 4,896,036
Loan funds	88,954
Capital Projects	17,495
Other	34,895
Donor Restricted Endowment	1,675,290
Total	\$ 6,712,670
<u>Donor-Restricted Endowment Fund</u>	

The Foundation’s endowment fund was established to support Northwest State Community College. The contributions to the endowment fund contain donor restrictions that stipulate the original principal is to be held and invested by the Foundation indefinitely, and income from the fund is to be expended for support. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, net assets associated with the endowment fund are classified and reported based on the existence of donor imposed restrictions.

The changes in endowment net assets for the year ending June 30, 2023 are as follows:

	2023
Endowment net assets, Beginning of Year	\$ 1,611,665
Contributions	63,625
Endowment net assets, End of Year	\$ 1,675,290

NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 6 – NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS (CONTINUED)

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (Ohio Revised Code §§ 1715.51 to 1715.59, hereafter UPMIFA) requires the Foundation to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. There were no fund deficiencies as of June 30, 2023.

The Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies for Foundation fund assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its Foundation fund assets while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the donor restricted endowment fund assets by not invading principal. The Foundation's spending and investment policies are designed to work together to achieve this objective. The investment policy establishes an achievable return objective through diversification of asset classes. The current long-term return objective is to exceed the rate of inflation (Consumer Price Index) by the average annual spending distribution percent, plus management fees over time on an annualized basis. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount.

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Foundation 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 Foundation targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk parameters.

The spending policy calculates the amount of money to be distributed annually from the Foundation's restricted and unrestricted funds in support of its programs. The current spending policy for each fund is 4.5% of a three-year rolling average of the market value of the Endowed fund. Accordingly, over the long term, the Foundation expects the current spending policy to allow its donor restricted endowment assets to grow annually. This is consistent with the Foundation's objectives to maintain the purchasing power of donor restricted endowment assets as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return.

Management has reviewed UPMIFA and recognizes the importance of the preservation of the donor restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations as well as the safeguarding of the original gifts to provide support to the Foundation in perpetuity. As a result, the Foundation classifies as restricted net assets (a) the original gifts donated to the donor restricted endowment fund, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the donor restricted endowment fund, and (c) earnings of the permanent donor restricted endowment fund made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the earnings are added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor restricted endowment fund that is classified as restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Foundation in a manner consistent with the standards of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA.

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

1. Duration and preservation of the donor restricted endowment fund
2. Purpose of the donor restricted endowment fund
3. General economic conditions
4. Possible effect of inflation or deflation
5. Expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
6. Other resources of the Foundation
7. Investment policy of the Foundation

NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

NOTE 7 – LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The following reflect the Foundation’s financial assets as of the date of the Statement of Financial Position, reduced by amounts not available for general use because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions within one year of the financial statement date.

	2023
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$96,079
Investments	6,726,592
Receivables	15,453
	6,838,124
Liabilities	0
Less amounts unavailable for general expenditures within one year, due to:	
Donor-restricted purpose or time	5,037,380
Donor-restricted to maintain as an endowment	1,675,290
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year total	\$125,454

As part of the Foundation’s liquidity management, the Foundation invests cash in excess of requirements in various types of investments.

NOTE 8 – NEW ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE

The Foundation has implemented ASC 842 Leases as of July 1, 2022. Management has determined that the Foundation does not have any agreements that meet the requirements of ASC 842 therefore no adjustments or changes to disclosures were required.

NOTE 9 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated events and transactions from June 30, 2023 through October 13, 2023, for possible recognition or disclosure in these financial statements. This date is the date these financials were available to be issued. Management concluded there were no subsequent events that required recognition or disclosure.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Directors
Northwest State Community College Foundation

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 Northwest State Community College Foundation (the Foundation) (a nonprofit Foundation), a component unit of Northwest State Community College, which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 13, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Foundation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation'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 a 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 was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. 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 or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Foundation's financial statements are free from 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 financial statements. 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 Foundation's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Plattenburg & Associates, Inc.

Plattenburg & Associates, Inc.
Cincinnati, Ohio
October 13, 2023

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

HENRY COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



Certified for Release 12/21/2023

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