

# **Stark State College**

**Basic Financial Statements  
June 30, 2014**





# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
Stark State College  
6200 Frank Avenue NW  
North Canton, OH 44720

We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Stark State College, Stark County, prepared by Ciuni & Panichi, 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 Stark State College is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

January 26, 2015

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# Stark State College

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

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## Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Trustees  
Stark State College  
North Canton, Ohio

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Stark State College (the "College"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the College'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 College'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 College'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 respective financial position of the business-type activities of the College, as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Emphasis of Matter***

*Implementation of New Accounting Standards*

As described in Note 12 to the basic financial statements, in 2014, the College adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, and as a result restated their December 31, 2013 net position due to the reclassification of debt issuance costs to an expense in the period incurred rather than amortizing over the life of the debt. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

***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 through 12 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 Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 19, 2014, on our consideration of the College'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 College's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Cini & Parichi, Inc.*

Cleveland, Ohio  
December 19, 2014

**STARK STATE COLLEGE**  
Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

The discussion and analysis of the basic financial statements of Stark State College (the "College") provide an overview of financial activities for the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013. Management has prepared the financial statements and the related note disclosures along with this discussion and analysis. The responsibility for the completeness and fairness of this information rests with the preparers.

**Using this Annual Report**

The College is reporting its financial position in accordance with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, and GASB Statement No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for Public Colleges and Universities—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 34*, as amended by GASB Statements No. 37 and 38. Comparative condensed financial information has been presented for the current year and the prior year.

This report consists of three basic financial statements: the Statement of Net Position, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, and the Statement of Cash Flows. These statements provide information on the College as a whole, and present a snapshot of the College's finances. The following functions are included in the College's basic financial statements:

- Instruction
- Research
- Public Service
- Academic Support
- Student Services
- Institutional Support
- Plant Operations
- Student Aid
- Bookstore Operations

These statements can help the reader understand what the financial health of the College is at the end of the fiscal year, as well as indicating the changes in financial position since the end of the prior year. Over time, increases in net position, which are the result of the College's keeping expenses lower than revenues, indicate a strengthening of the College's financial health.

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The Statement of Net Position acts much like a consolidated balance sheet does for a business. It shows the book value of all asset categories, and compares them to the amount of liabilities, with the residual difference, called net position, being detailed by the type of commitment which gave rise to the underlying assets.

| <b>Condensed Statements of Net Position</b> |                   |                                |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| (in thousands)                              |                   |                                |
|   | <u>2014</u>       | <u>2013</u><br><u>Restated</u> |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                               |                   |                                |
| Current Assets                              |                   |                                |
| Cash & cash equivalents                     | \$ 23,273         | \$ 26,954                      |
| Investments                                 | 9,997             | -                              |
| Student accounts receivable, net            | 6,020             | 5,689                          |
| Intergovernmental receivables               | 1,963             | 1,511                          |
| Other current assets                        | <u>3,350</u>      | <u>2,760</u>                   |
| Total current assets                        | 44,603            | 36,914                         |
| Non-current Assets                          |                   |                                |
| Capital assets, net                         | 90,763            | 91,241                         |
| Other non-current assets                    | <u>2,657</u>      | <u>2,458</u>                   |
| Total non-current assets                    | <u>93,420</u>     | <u>93,699</u>                  |
| Total assets                                | 138,023           | 130,613                        |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET POSITION</b>       |                   |                                |
| Current Liabilities                         |                   |                                |
| Accounts payable & accrued liabilities      | 2,159             | 2,612                          |
| Unearned revenue                            | 1,825             | 2,334                          |
| Other current liabilities                   | <u>3,541</u>      | <u>3,551</u>                   |
| Total current liabilities                   | 7,525             | 8,497                          |
| Long-term Liabilities                       | <u>17,461</u>     | <u>18,289</u>                  |
| Total liabilities                           | 24,986            | 26,786                         |
| <b>NET POSITION</b>                         |                   |                                |
| Net investment in capital assets            | 73,768            | 73,573                         |
| Restricted                                  | 1,044             | 718                            |
| Unrestricted                                | <u>38,225</u>     | <u>29,536</u>                  |
| Total net position                          | <u>113,037</u>    | <u>103,827</u>                 |
| Total liabilities and net position          | <u>\$ 138,023</u> | <u>\$ 130,613</u>              |

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The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position acts as a statement of the College's operations. Revenues and expenses on the accrual basis of accounting are detailed by operating type, and the reconciliation between the beginning and ending net position is presented.

| <b>Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position</b> |                   |                                |                            |                |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| (in thousands)  |                   |                                |                            |                |
|   | <b>2014</b>       | <b>2013</b><br><b>Restated</b> | <b>Increase (Decrease)</b> |                |
|   |                   |                                | <b>\$</b>                  | <b>%</b>       |
| <b>REVENUES</b>   |                   |                                |                            |                |
| Operating Revenues  |                   |                                |                            |                |
| Tuition and fees, net   | \$ 28,847         | \$ 30,250                      | \$ (1,403)                 | -4.64%         |
| Federal grants and contracts  | 2,398             | 2,372                          | 26                         | 1.10%          |
| Auxiliary enterprises: bookstore  | 10,676            | 11,447                         | (771)                      | -6.74%         |
| Other operating revenues  | <u>2,930</u>      | <u>2,460</u>                   | <u>470</u>                 | <u>19.11%</u>  |
| Total operating revenues  | 44,851            | 46,529                         | (1,678)                    | -3.61%         |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>   |                   |                                |                            |                |
| Operating Expenses  |                   |                                |                            |                |
| Educational and general   | 88,424            | 93,490                         | (5,066)                    | -5.42%         |
| Auxiliary enterprises: bookstore  | <u>8,731</u>      | <u>9,630</u>                   | <u>(899)</u>               | <u>-9.34%</u>  |
| Total operating expenses  | <u>97,155</u>     | <u>103,120</u>                 | <u>(5,965)</u>             | <u>-5.78%</u>  |
| Operating loss  | (52,304)          | (56,591)                       | 4,287                      | -7.58%         |
| <b>NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>                                      |                   |                                |                            |                |
| State appropriations  | 27,865            | 26,171                         | 1,694                      | 6.47%          |
| Federal grants  | 32,052            | 34,831                         | (2,779)                    | -7.98%         |
| Other non-operating income  | 536               | 834                            | (298)                      | -35.73%        |
| Other non-operating expenses  | <u>(808)</u>      | <u>(825)</u>                   | <u>17</u>                  | <u>-2.06%</u>  |
| Net non-operating revenues (expenses)   | <u>59,645</u>     | <u>61,011</u>                  | <u>(1,366)</u>             | <u>-2.24%</u>  |
| Income before other revenues,<br>expenses, gains or losses                    | 7,341             | 4,420                          | 2,921                      | 66.09%         |
| Capital appropriations, gifts & grants  | <u>1,869</u>      | <u>5,991</u>                   | <u>(4,122)</u>             | <u>-68.80%</u> |
| Increase in net position  | 9,210             | 10,411                         | (1,201)                    | -11.54%        |
| Net position, beginning of year - Restated                                    | <u>103,827</u>    | <u>93,416</u>                  | <u>10,411</u>              | <u>11.14%</u>  |
| Net position, end of year   | <u>\$ 113,037</u> | <u>\$ 103,827</u>              | <u>\$ 9,210</u>            | <u>8.87%</u>   |

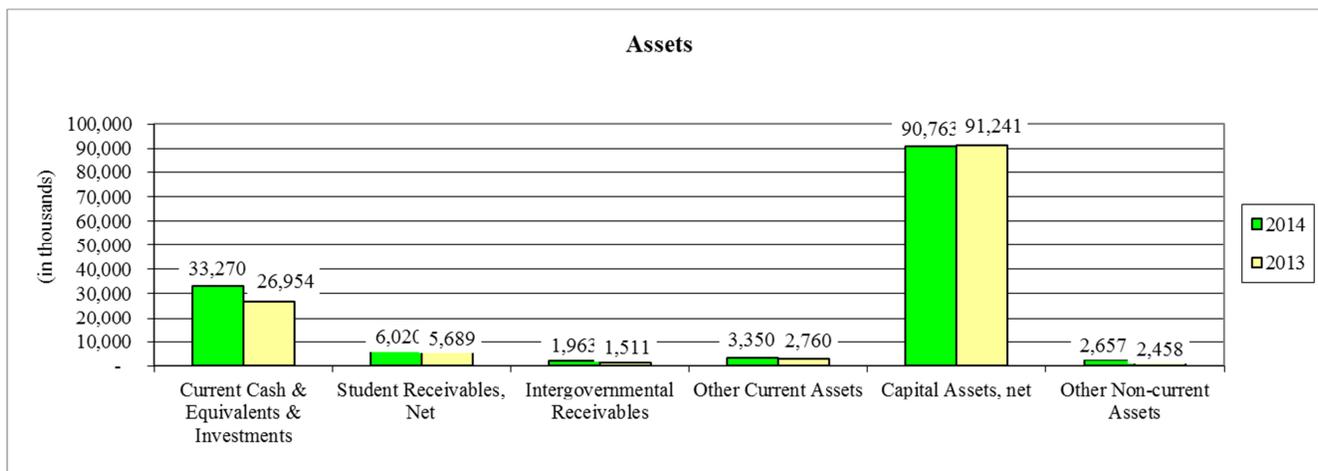
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The Statement of Cash Flows presents the sources and uses of all cash transactions conducted by the College, broken down by type of functional activity. This statement assists the reader in determining the College's ability to generate future cash flows, meet its obligations as they become due and assess the need for additional funding or financing.

| <b>Condensed Statements of Cash Flows</b>             |                  |                  |                            |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| (in thousands)  |                  |                  |                            |                  |
|   | <u>2014</u>      | <u>2013</u>      | <b>Increase (Decrease)</b> |                  |
|   |                  |                  | \$                         | %                |
| Net cash used by operating activities                 | \$ (50,992)      | \$ (53,913)      | \$ 2,921                   | -5.42%           |
| Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities | 60,466           | 61,826           | (1,360)                    | -2.20%           |
| Net cash used by capital financing activities         | (3,146)          | (4,599)          | 1,453                      | -31.59%          |
| Net cash used by investing activities                 | <u>(10,025)</u>  | <u>(12)</u>      | <u>(10,013)</u>            | <u>83441.67%</u> |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash                       | (3,697)          | 3,302            | (6,999)                    | -211.96%         |
| Cash, beginning of year                               | <u>27,008</u>    | <u>23,706</u>    | <u>3,302</u>               | <u>13.93%</u>    |
| Cash, end of year                                     | <u>\$ 23,311</u> | <u>\$ 27,008</u> | <u>\$ (3,697)</u>          | <u>-13.69%</u>   |

**Analysis of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position**

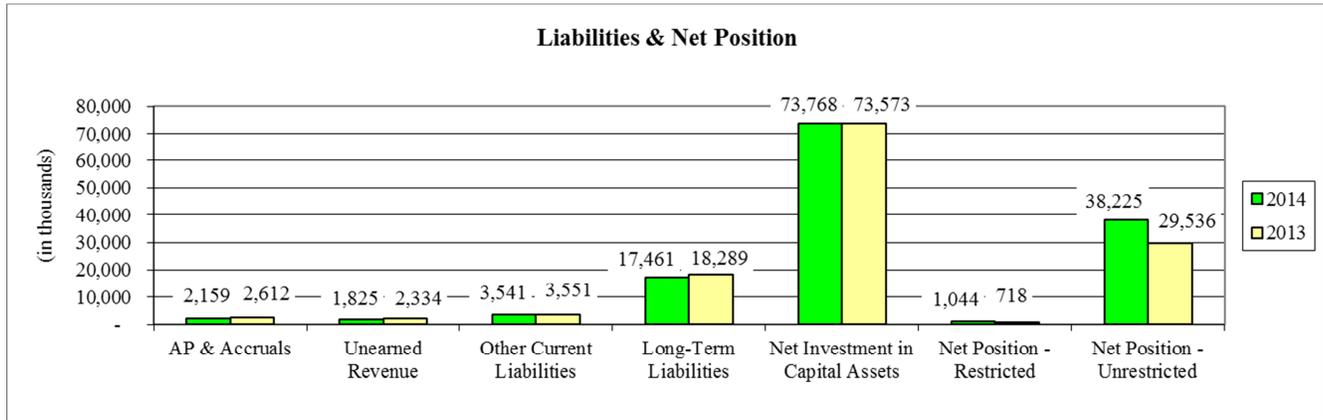
Total assets increased by \$7,410,000 during the year to a year-end amount of \$138,023,000. Of this amount, \$478,000 was related to decreases in net capital assets. Total cash and cash equivalents, including restricted cash classified as other non-current assets, decreased by \$3,697,000, while investments, including restricted investments classified as other non-current assets, increased \$9,997,000 for a net increase of \$6,300,000 between cash and investments. Student Accounts and Intergovernmental Receivables combined to increase by \$783,000. Other Current and Non-current Assets, excluding restricted cash and investments classified as non-current assets, had a net increase of \$806,000.



Total liabilities decreased since the beginning of the year by \$1,800,000 to a year-end amount of \$24,986,000. The non-current long-term liabilities decreased \$828,000 to \$17,461,000 due to debt payments on approximately \$20,000,000 in long-term construction bonds. Current liabilities decreased by \$972,000 to \$7,525,000 due to less unearned revenue as a result of lower summer enrollment and lower accounts payable.

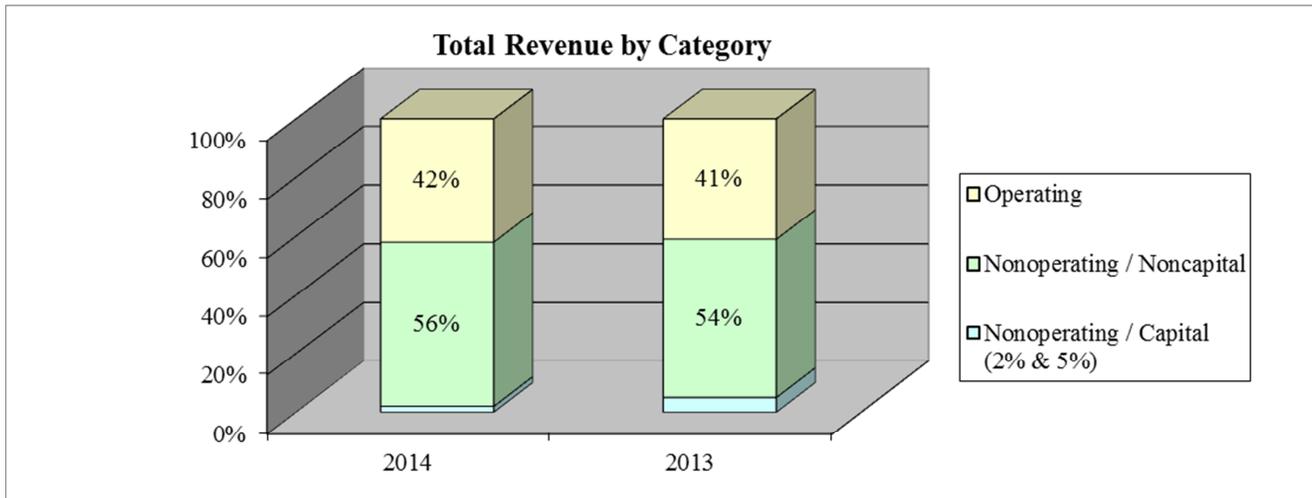
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Total net position increased \$9,210,000, of which \$8,689,000 was related to the increase in unrestricted net position, and \$326,000 was related to the increase in restricted net position. The positive change in unrestricted net position was the result of favorable operating results combined with lesser outlays of cash for capital projects from operating funds compared to prior years, which are presented in the analysis of the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position.



**Analysis of Revenues**

The following chart provides categorical ratios of the College's revenue as a whole for the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013:



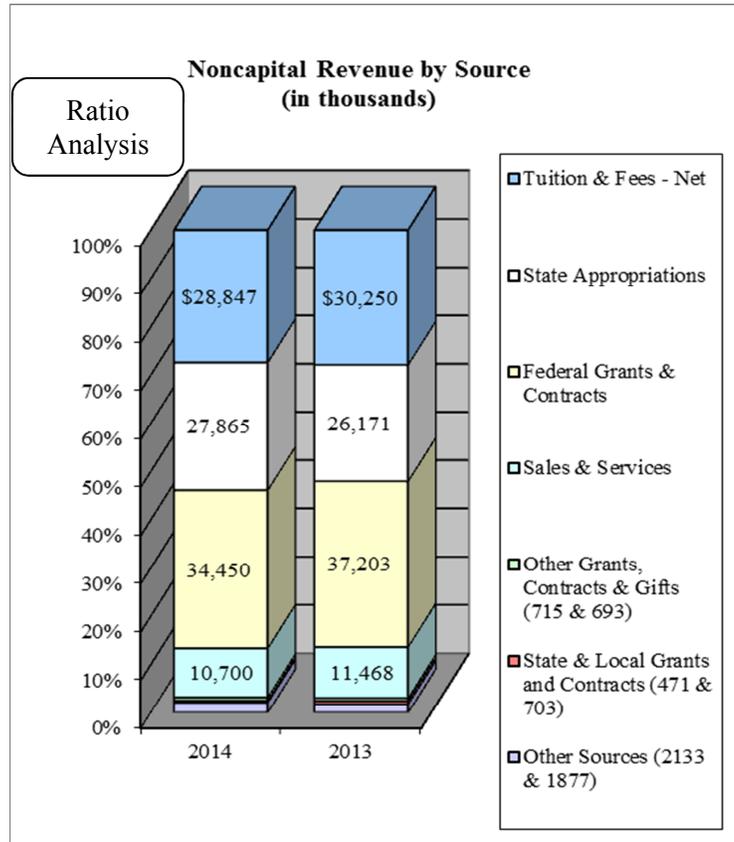
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The State Share of Instruction appropriation is the statutory burden of the State of Ohio for operating the College. This is classified as non-operating revenue under generally accepted accounting principles, and it accounted for 26% and 23% of total revenue in 2014 and 2013, respectively. Other revenue includes capital appropriations, which is a subset of non-operating revenue.

A traditional comparison of College revenue focuses on non-capital revenue. These are the funds which are spent for ongoing operations. The total of these revenues decreased \$3,061,000 this year (2.8%). This analysis will focus on the traditional revenues used for ongoing operations which are comparable to prior years' financial statements.

The Board of Trustees increased tuition for the Summer 2013 semester from \$147.00 per credit hour to \$150.30. The tuition rate change increased revenue by \$981,000. However, net tuition and fees declined \$1,403,000 due to enrollment decline and higher scholarship allowances.

The State's General Revenue Fund portion of the Share of Instruction appropriation, which is the primary source of state funding dedicated to support the operations of the College, increased from prior year levels by \$1,694,000 (6.5%) because the College grew more than the average rate of growth during the prior two years compared to other Ohio two-year colleges.

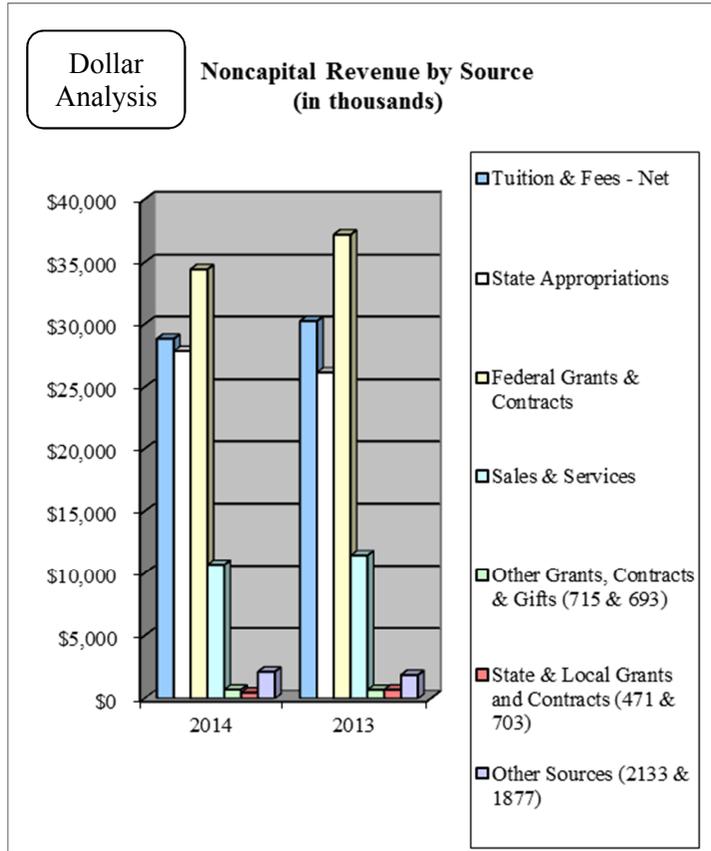


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Sales & Services, which include Auxiliary enterprise revenue from the College bookstore, increased this year by \$771,000 (6.7%) due to increased sales of technology products, textbook price inflation and gasoline card sales, along with increased sales of non-textbook items, which were somewhat offset by changes to the sales mix of new versus used textbooks.

Decreases in Federal grants totaling \$2,753,000 (7.4%) were due mainly to the decline in total federal student aid that matched the enrollment decline.

Other non-capital revenue consisting of State/Local/Other Grants, Contracts and Other Sources decreased in total by \$172,000 (5.2%) due mainly to increased rental income, offset in part by decreases in interest earnings and corporate training grants.

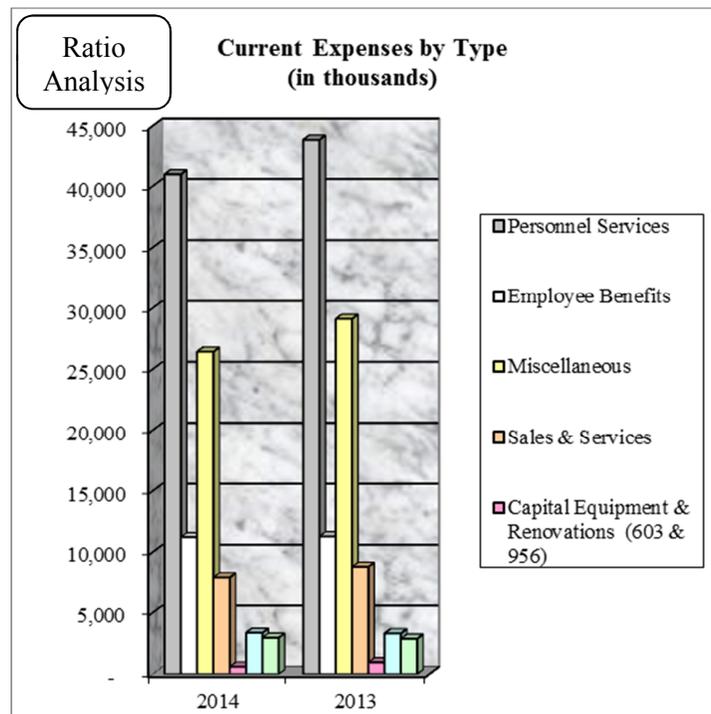


**Analysis of Expenses**

This analysis focuses on the College's operating budget categories; known as current expenses, which are normally reported in fund financial statements.

These expenses approximate the College's expenses reported in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position adjusted for depreciation and reduced by the capital equipment & renovations category, which were plant fund activities. Although total enrollment declined 4.0%, expenses decreased 6.7% due to aggressive cost cutting measures.

Total salary and wages decreased 6.6% following a year in which an additional one-time payment of 3.5% for all continuing employees was made in June 2013 in lieu of granting pay raises in FY2014. The College increased the usage of part-time instructors. Many full-time positions were vacated and the employees were not replaced compared to the prior fiscal year.



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Additionally, all part-time hourly employees had been limited to working no more than an average of 29 hours per week for the entire year, compared to on six months starting in January 2013 for the prior fiscal year.

Employee benefits decreased 0.6% from the prior year. Although health care premiums increased 5%, the reduced levels of faculty and staff held total costs to levels below the prior year, decreasing the average net benefit cost per labor unit. The Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation returned premiums to the College of \$117,420 in FY2013, which did not recur in FY2014.

Miscellaneous expenses decreased 9.2% over the prior year. Student aid, which encompassed 85% of the College's miscellaneous expenses, decreased by 9.2% from the prior year. Grants from outside entities were the source for most of these costs. Bad debt write-offs, professional services and software costs decreased between 15% - 23% due to aggressive cost control programs and budget constraints implemented during the school year. Other miscellaneous expenses increased slightly, including the cost of outside counsel, due to the implementation of new procedures related to the Affordable Care Act and Other Expenses.

Sales and Services expenses decreased by 9.8% due to increased bookstore sales. This was primarily the result of increasing sales of computers, prepaid gasoline cards, and clothing. The College continued to shift the sales mix of new books towards used books, which lowered the average cost of textbooks. Also, textbook manufacturers increased the use of bundled software, requiring many students to purchase new books at a higher cost.

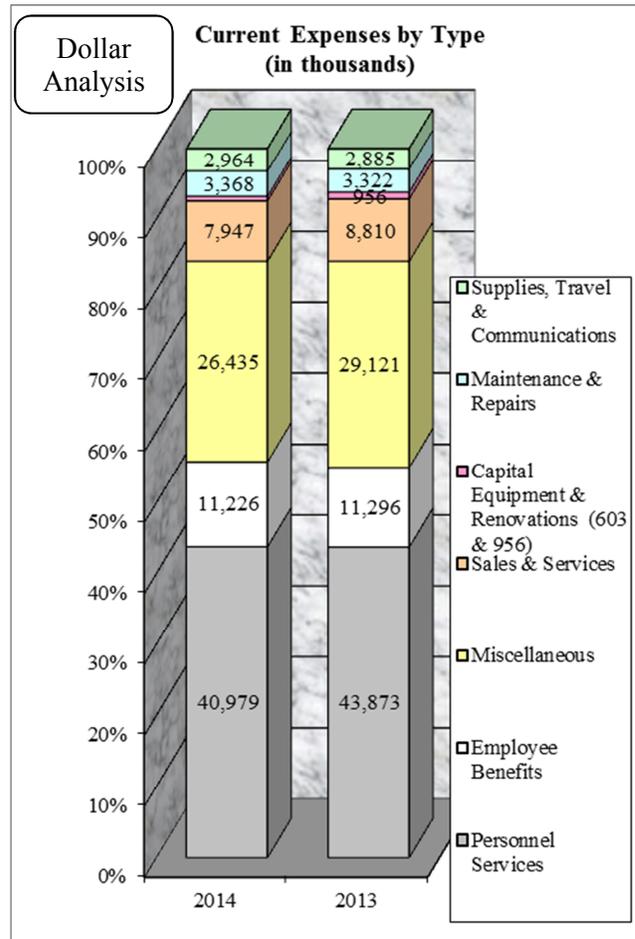
Maintenance and Repairs increased 1.4% over the prior year as expiring contracts for software support and building rentals renewed at higher rates, and increased maintenance costs were incurred to refresh the main campus. These cost increases were partially offset by decreases in equipment rental and repairs.

Equipment purchases from current funds decreased 36.9% from the prior year as plant funds were utilized to make major IT and scientific equipment purchases. Previously, the College had multiple federal grants in the fuel cell development and equipment had been purchased from Current Funds, which did not recur in 2013.

Communication expenses increased by 11.2% from the prior year. Printing and advertising were increased for marketing efforts.

The College reduced operating supplies paid through the College's general fund by 3.3%, which is in line with the decline in enrollment. Material costs for minor renovation projects by the Maintenance Department fell as fewer projects were done this year.

The College reduced travel costs paid for through the College's general fund by 4.0% costs. The Instructional Division developed additional in-house training which avoided travel expenses.



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**Analysis of Cash Flows**

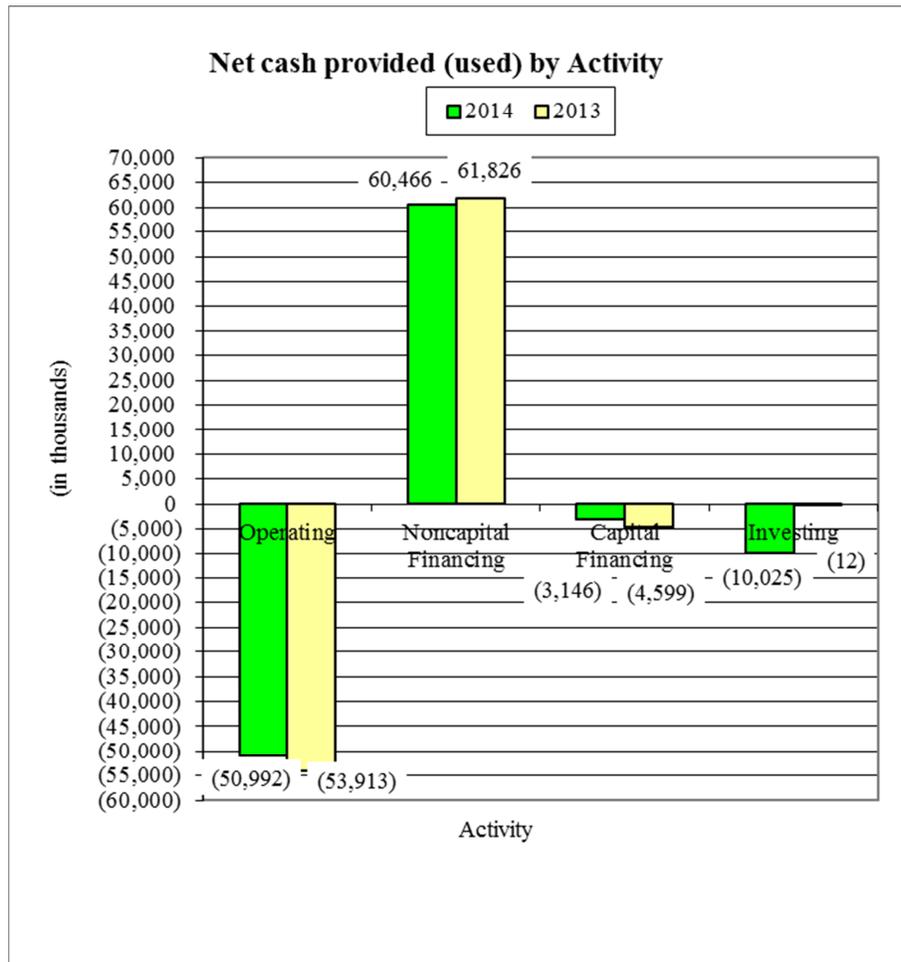
The College's liquidity decreased during the year, due to the investment of \$10,000,000 in securities to improve the return on investment for interim funds. Cash flows from operations were less than cash flows coming in from noncapital non-operating categories. State General Revenue funding for general operations increased over the prior year. By definition, noncapital financing activities include the subsidy from the Board of Regents called State Share of Instruction (SSI). The State GRF portion of this line item increased due to the College's proportional enrollment compared to all other state assisted two-year colleges over the past two years.

Operating activities provided greater net cash flow in total from the prior year. Gross tuition and fees decreased this year primarily because of decreases in enrollment, which were offset in part by increased tuition rates and a new fee structure, and successful new bookstore sales initiatives. All categories of the use of cash declined, including payments for labor and payments to suppliers, and student aid. Other sources of receipts decreased modestly.

Noncapital financing decreased slightly. Although there was additional support from the state of Ohio's General Revenue Fund, it was offset by lower inflows from grants than during the prior year.

Capital financing activities provided proceeds from state appropriations, Federal and state grants and gifts. Bond proceeds declined to a negligible amount as the construction funded by the bonds was substantially completed. Fewer cash outflows were required for facilities projects. Capital funds were used for the renovation of space in the Phase II building for new Engineering Division offices. Additional capital outlays were used for the purchase of a building for the new Oil & Gas Campus in Canton, Ohio.

Cash used by investing activities increased from relatively little to over \$10 million as a result of switching investment of some interim funds from Star Ohio, a money market fund operated by the Ohio Treasurer, to government securities to improve the rate of return without sacrificing safety.



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**Final Analysis**

Dr. Para M. Jones became the fourth President of Stark State College on January 31, 2012. With Dr. Jones' leadership, the Board of Trustees is committed to establishing new programs in emerging technologies that can increase enrollment and promote economic development in the College's service area. It is also committed to providing greater access through a revitalized satellite plan, academic outreach in Summit and Portage Counties and distance learning. Current initiatives include the creation of a \$10 million Oil & Gas Training Campus in Canton to prepare the region for the oil and gas boom that has started to occur.

The College is dependent on the State of Ohio for funding, and state revenue has been meeting the budget projections to this point of the year. The Legislature has maintained near level funding for higher education while limiting the ability of institutions to raise fees. This has forced the College to increase productivity in the classroom, increase cost saving measures, and institute changes to the student fee schedule, change staffing strategies and implement large-scale cost reductions. The College is maintaining its position despite the current state of the state government's funding scheme for higher education. The College has provided for the maintenance and security of its facilities and systems by establishing a new fee for this purpose.

During the Fall 2014 academic term, almost every Ohio two-year college declined in enrollment compared to the prior academic year. Enrollment has been down at the College by over 10% to this point in the year. This is a little worse than the average among the two-year institutions in Ohio. Management has developed a wide-ranging set of contingency options to consider in the event of a continuing downturn in enrollment with the intent of not compromising its philosophy, goals, objectives and values. These plans include budget controls and labor redeployment planning.

Management firmly believes that its ability to manage the overall financial position of the College is strong, and that the College has demonstrated improvement in its financial condition during the past year. The College's enrollment, reserves and cash position are sufficient to endure worsening conditions into the near term.

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Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2014

**Assets**

Current assets

|                                  |    |                   |
|----------------------------------|----|-------------------|
| Cash & cash equivalents          | \$ | 23,273,371        |
| Investments                      |    | 9,997,339         |
| Student accounts receivable, net |    | 6,020,360         |
| Intergovernmental receivables    |    | 1,962,436         |
| Other receivables, net           |    | 799,638           |
| Prepaid expenses                 |    | 531,226           |
| Insurance reserve                |    | 902,899           |
| Inventory                        |    | 1,115,899         |
| Total current assets             |    | <u>44,603,168</u> |

Non-current assets

|                                    |  |                   |
|------------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Restricted cash & cash equivalents |  | 37,601            |
| Restricted investments             |  | 1,860             |
| Endowment investments              |  | 273,507           |
| Prepaid expenses                   |  | 26,757            |
| Insurance reserve                  |  | 2,317,785         |
| Capital assets, net                |  | <u>90,762,602</u> |
| Total non-current assets           |  | <u>93,420,112</u> |

|              |    |                           |
|--------------|----|---------------------------|
| Total assets | \$ | <u><u>138,023,280</u></u> |
|--------------|----|---------------------------|

(continued)

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

**STARK STATE COLLEGE**  
Statement of Net Position (continued)  
June 30, 2014

**Liabilities**

Current liabilities

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Accounts payable & accrued liabilities | \$ 2,159,201 |
| Unearned revenue                       | 1,824,435    |
| Accrued salaries & wages               | 1,378,163    |
| Insurance claims payable               | 902,899      |
| Deposits held for others               | 158,221      |
| Long-term liabilities, current portion | 1,101,862    |
| Total current liabilities              | 7,524,781    |

Non-current liabilities

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Long-term liabilities         | 17,461,004 |
| Total non-current liabilities | 17,461,004 |

Total liabilities 24,985,785

**Net Position**

Net investment in capital assets 73,768,435

Restricted for:

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Non-expendable                  |         |
| Scholarships                    | 307,057 |
| Expendable                      |         |
| Student grants and scholarships | 11,086  |
| Public service                  | 9,939   |
| Instructional departments       | 342,143 |
| Student services                | 219,504 |
| Capital projects                | 133,818 |
| Student loans                   | 18,351  |
| Institutional support           | 1,880   |

Unrestricted 38,225,282

Total net position 113,037,495

Total liabilities and net position \$ 138,023,280

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

**STARK STATE COLLEGE**  
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

**Revenues**

Operating revenues:

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Student tuition and fees (net of scholarship allowances of \$13,770,450) | \$ 28,846,955 |
| Federal grants and contracts   | 2,397,948     |
| State and local grants and contracts                                     | 382,546       |
| Non-governmental grants and contracts                                    | 518,400       |
| Sales and services of educational departments                            | 24,319        |
| Auxiliary enterprises: bookstore   | 10,675,514    |
| Other operating revenues   | 2,005,092     |
| Total operating revenues   | 44,850,774    |

**Expenses**

Operating expenses:

Educational and general

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Instruction                        | 33,767,762 |
| Academic support                   | 5,299,027  |
| Student services                   | 6,829,338  |
| Institutional support              | 11,398,407 |
| Operation and maintenance of plant | 5,733,119  |
| Student aid                        | 20,934,454 |
| Public service                     | 905,614    |
| Depreciation                       | 3,556,120  |
| Auxiliary enterprises: bookstore   | 8,731,192  |
| Total operating expenses           | 97,155,033 |

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Operating loss | \$ (52,304,259) |
|----------------|-----------------|

(continued)

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**STARK STATE COLLEGE**

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position (continued)

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

**Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)**

|   |    |                   |
|---|----|-------------------|
| State appropriations                    | \$ | 27,864,904        |
| Federal grants                          |    | 32,051,674        |
| State and local grants                  |    | 88,000            |
| Gifts                                   |    | 197,392           |
| Investment income                       |    | 2,661             |
| Interest on capital asset-related debt  |    | (808,458)         |
| Other non-operating revenues (expenses) |    | 249,096           |
| Net non-operating revenues (expenses)   |    | <u>59,645,269</u> |

Income before other revenues, expenses, gains, or losses 7,341,010

Capital appropriations 1,868,997

Increase in net position 9,210,007

**Net Position**

|  |    |                           |
|--|----|---------------------------|
| Net position, beginning of year - Restated (See Note 12) |    | <u>103,827,488</u>        |
| Net position, end of year                                | \$ | <u><u>113,037,495</u></u> |

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

**STARK STATE COLLEGE**  
Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

**Cash Flows from Operating Activities**

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Tuition and fees                            | \$ 27,587,345 |
| Grants and contracts                        | 3,608,488     |
| Payments to suppliers                       | (20,982,507)  |
| Payments to employees and for benefits      | (53,027,929)  |
| Payments for student aid                    | (20,934,454)  |
| Loans issued to students                    | (3,000)       |
| Auxiliary enterprise charges: bookstore     | 10,627,671    |
| Sales and service of educational activities | 23,504        |
| Other receipts                              | 2,108,554     |
| Net cash used by operating activities       | (50,992,328)  |

**Cash Flows from Non-capital Financing Activities**

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| State appropriations                                  | 27,864,904   |
| Gifts and grants for other than capital purposes      | 32,586,162   |
| Stafford, PLUS, NEALP and other loans received        | 78,949,964   |
| Stafford, PLUS, NEALP and other loans disbursed       | (78,949,964) |
| Agency transactions                                   | 15,273       |
| Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities | 60,466,339   |

**Cash Flows from Capital Financing Activities**

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Capital appropriations                        | 1,323,914   |
| Capital grants and gifts received             | 13,343      |
| Purchases of capital assets                   | (2,845,757) |
| Principal paid on capital debt and leases     | (828,750)   |
| Interest paid on capital debt and leases      | (808,458)   |
| Net cash used by capital financing activities | (3,145,708) |

**Cash Flows from Investing Activities**

|                                       |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Realized loss on sale of investments  | 17,552       |
| Interest on investments               | (32,958)     |
| Purchase of investments               | (10,009,552) |
| Net cash used by investing activities | (10,024,958) |

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Net decrease in cash    | (3,696,655)   |
| Cash, beginning of year | 27,007,627    |
| Cash, end of year       | \$ 23,310,972 |

(continued)

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**STARK STATE COLLEGE**  
Statement of Cash Flows (continued)  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

**Reconciliation of net operating revenues (expenses) to  
net cash used by operating activities:**

|  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Operating loss   | \$ (52,304,259)               |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash<br>used by operating activities: |                               |
| Depreciation expense   | 3,556,120                     |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:   |                               |
| Receivables, net   | (459,103)                     |
| Inventories  | (408,254)                     |
| Other assets   | (183,424)                     |
| Accounts payable   | (643,759)                     |
| Unearned revenue   | (509,355)                     |
| Compensated absences   | (40,294)                      |
| Net cash used by operating activities  | <u><u>\$ (50,992,328)</u></u> |

**Non-cash Capital Financing Activities:**

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Increase in capital assets due to an increase in accounts payable | <u><u>\$ 231,987</u></u> |
|---|--------------------------|

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# STARK STATE COLLEGE

## Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2014

### 1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ENTITY

Stark State College (the “College”) was originally chartered in 1966 under provisions of the Ohio Revised Code as a Technical College. The College offers more than 230 associate degrees, options, one-year and career enhancement certificates in business and entrepreneurial studies; education and human services; engineering, industrial and emerging technologies; health sciences; information technologies; liberal arts; mathematics; and sciences. Degrees awarded are: associate of arts, associate of science, associate of applied science, associate of applied business and associate of technical studies. The College also offers associate degrees in conjunction with Kent State University. A wide range of short-term career enhancement certificates help employees improve skills and gain a competitive edge in a society with rapidly-changing technology. Career enhancement certificates lead to associate degrees and one-year certificates in various fields of study. The College also offers non-credit continuing education classes and customized contract-training services to companies and employees in the region. A seven-member Board of Trustees governs the College, which is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the College have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”). 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 College’s accounting policies are described below:

- A. Basis of Presentation – The College follows the “business-type activities” reporting requirements of GASB Statement No. 35. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements-and Management Discussion and Analysis- for Public Colleges and Universities*, the Statement of Net Position, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, and the Statement of Cash Flows are reported on a College-wide basis.
- B. Measurement Focus – The financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred. All significant interfund transactions have been eliminated.
- C. Operating and Non-Operating Revenues and Expenses – Operating revenues are those that generally result from exchange transactions such as payments received for providing goods and services and payments made for goods or services. Non-operating revenues and expenses result from capital and related financing activities, non-capital financing activities, including state appropriations, and investing activities.
- D. Unearned Revenue – Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Student tuition and fees for the summer session 2014 and all of the payments of student tuition and fees resulting from early registration for the fall session 2014 are included in unearned revenue.
- E. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources – In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resource (expense/expenditure) until then. In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The College did not have any deferred outflows or inflows at June 30, 2014.

**STARK STATE COLLEGE**  
Notes to Financial Statements  
June 30, 2014

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

- F. Investments – Except for non-participating investment contracts, investments are reported at fair value, which is based on quoted market prices. Non-participating investment contracts such as overnight repurchase agreements are reported at cost.

The College adheres to GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures, an amendment of GASB Statement No. 3*. This statement amends certain custodial risk provisions of GASB Statement No. 3 and addresses common deposit and investment risks related to credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk and foreign currency risk.

During fiscal year 2014, investments were limited to STAR Ohio, STAR Plus, repurchase agreement, U.S. Treasury and Agency items, mutual funds, corporate notes, savings accounts, and corporate stock.

For purposes of the presentation on the Statement of Net Position, investments with original maturities of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the College are considered to be cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months are reported as investments.

- G. Inventory – Inventory consists of merchandise in the College’s bookstore that is valued at cost on a first-in, first-out basis.
- H. Grants and Scholarships – Student tuition and fees are presented net of grants and scholarships applied directly to student accounts.
- I. Capital Assets – Land, land improvements, buildings and improvements, infrastructure, equipment, software and library books are stated at original acquisition costs. Donated capital assets are capitalized at estimated fair market value on the date of the gift. When capital assets are sold or otherwise disposed of, the net carrying value of such assets is removed from the accounts and the net investment in capital assets component of net position is adjusted accordingly. Capital assets, with the exception of land, are depreciated on the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Land Improvements          | 20 to 30 years |
| Buildings and Improvements | 7 to 40 years  |
| Equipment and Software     | 5 to 15 years  |
| Library Books              | 10 years       |
| Infrastructure             | 20 to 50 years |

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements which extend the useful life or increase the capacity or operating efficiency of the asset are capitalized at cost. Infrastructure assets consisting of roads and drainage systems are capitalized and reported. The College’s capitalization threshold is \$5,000 for equipment and software, \$25,000 for land improvements, \$50,000 for buildings, and \$250,000 for infrastructure.

- J. Insurance Reserve – The insurance reserve is based on a percentage of ownership in the Stark County Local School System – Health Benefit Plan, which is prepared by the Stark County Council of Governments.

**STARK STATE COLLEGE**  
Notes to Financial Statements  
June 30, 2014

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

K. Compensated Absences – Vacation leave and other compensated absences with similar characteristics are accrued as a liability as the benefits are earned by the employees if both of the following conditions are met:

1. The employees' rights to receive compensation are attributable to services already rendered.
2. It is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through paid time off or some other means.

Other compensated absences with characteristics similar to vacation leave are those which are not contingent on a specific event outside the control of the employer and employee.

Further, sick leave and other similar compensated absences are those which are contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee. The College has accrued a liability for these compensated absences using the termination method when the following criterion is met:

1. The benefits are earned by the employees and it is probable that the employer will compensate the employees for the benefits through cash payments conditioned on the employees' retirement ("termination payments").

The sick leave liability has been based on the College's past experience of making termination payments for sick leave.

L. Net Position – Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use. The College identifies restricted net position as either non-expendable or expendable. Non-expendable net position represents endowment contributions from donors that are permanently restricted as to principal. Expendable net position relates to grants and contract activity, whose use is subject to externally imposed restrictions. Unrestricted net position is not subject to restrictions and may be designated for specific purposes by the Board of Trustees. As of June 30, 2014, the College's restricted net position is \$1,043,778, none of which were restricted by enabling legislation.

M. Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

N. Public Entity Risk Pools – The College participates in the Stark County Schools Council of Governments Health Benefit Plan (the "Council"), which is a shared risk pool created pursuant to state statute, for the purpose of administering health care benefits. The Council is governed by an assembly, which consists of one representative from each participating entity (usually the superintendent or designee). The assembly elects officers for one-year terms to serve on the Board of Directors. The assembly exercises control over the operation of the Council. All Council revenues are generated from charges for services received from the participating entities, based on the established premiums for the insurance plans. Each entity reserves the right to terminate the plan in whole or in part, at any time. If it is terminated, no further contributions will be made, but the benefits under the insurance contract shall be paid in accordance with the terms of the contract.

# STARK STATE COLLEGE

## Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2014

### 3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

- A. Policies and Practices – It is the responsibility of the Business and Finance Department to deposit and invest the College’s idle funds. The College’s practice, with the exception of some endowment charitable gifts, is to limit investments to United States Treasury notes and bills, collateralized certificates of deposit and repurchase agreements, insured and/or collateralized demand deposit accounts or obligations of other United States agencies for which the principal and interest is guaranteed by the United States Government. The College does not enter into reverse repurchase agreements.

The investment and deposit of College monies is governed by the Ohio Revised Code. In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, only banks located in Ohio and domestic building and loan associations are eligible to hold public deposits. Also, the investment of the College’s funds are restricted to certificates of deposit, savings accounts, money market accounts and the State Treasurer’s Investment Pool (STAR Ohio), STAR Plus, obligations of the United States Government or certain agencies thereof and certain industrial revenue bonds issued by other governmental entities. The College may also enter into repurchase agreements with any eligible depository for a period not exceeding thirty days. Public depositories must give security for all public funds on deposit. These institutions may specifically collateralize individual accounts in lieu of amounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), or may pledge a pool of government securities with the face value of which is at least 105 percent of the total value of public monies on deposit at the institution. Repurchase agreements must be secured by the specific government securities upon which the repurchase agreements are based. These securities must be obligations of or guaranteed by the United States and mature or be redeemable within five years of the date of the related repurchase agreement. State law does not require security for the public deposits and investments to be maintained in the College’s name.

- B. Cash on Hand – At June 30, 2014, the College had \$16,030 in undeposited cash on hand, which is reported as “Cash and cash equivalents” on the Statement of Net Position.
- C. Deposits – At June 30, 2014, the reported amount of the College’s deposits was \$0 and the bank balance was \$2,409, which was covered by the FDIC insured limit.
- D. Investments – The College had the following investments and maturities as of June 30, 2014:

| <u>Investment Type</u>            | <u>Fair Value</u>    | <u>Investment Maturity (in years)</u> |                     |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                   |                      | <u>1</u>                              | <u>2 – 5</u>        |
| Insurance Reserve                 | \$ 3,220,685         | \$ 902,899                            | \$ 2,317,786        |
| Repurchase Agreement              | 8,266,508            | 8,266,508                             | -                   |
| STAR Ohio                         | 5,165                | 5,165                                 | -                   |
| STAR Plus                         | 15,023,268           | 15,023,268                            | -                   |
| U.S. Agencies                     | 10,003,698           | 9,999,449                             | 4,249               |
| Corporate Notes                   | 19,001               | -                                     | 19,001              |
| Mutual Funds–Treasury Obligations | 16,826               | 16,826                                | -                   |
| Mutual Funds                      | 47,305               | 47,305                                | -                   |
| Corporate Stock                   | 185,876              | 185,876                               | -                   |
|                                   | \$ <u>36,788,332</u> | \$ <u>34,447,296</u>                  | \$ <u>2,341,036</u> |

# STARK STATE COLLEGE

## Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2014

### 3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The College's Investment Policy prohibits the purchase of securities that will mature more than five years from the date of settlement.

Credit Risk: Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Investments had the following ratings by Standard & Poors and their percentage of total investments:

|                       |           |        |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------|
| CS                    | A+        | .03%   |
| CS                    | A         | .04%   |
| CS                    | AA        | .02%   |
| CS                    | A-        | .03%   |
| CS                    | AA-       | .01%   |
| CS                    | AA+       | .01%   |
| CS                    | AAA       | .01%   |
| CS                    | BB        | .01%   |
| CS                    | BBB+      | .03%   |
| CS                    | BBB       | .02%   |
| CS                    | BBB-      | .01%   |
| CS                    | Not Rated | .26%   |
| U.S. Agencies         | AA+       | .02%   |
| U.S. Agencies         | Aaa       | 26.52% |
| Mutual Funds          | AAf       | .05%   |
| Mutual Funds          | BBB+f     | .04%   |
| Mutual Funds          | AAAm      | .05%   |
| Mutual Funds          | Not Rated | .03%   |
| Corporate Notes       | AA-       | .01%   |
| Corporate Notes       | A+        | .04%   |
| Corporate Notes       | BBB+      | .01%   |
| STAR Ohio             | AAAm      | .01%   |
| STAR Plus             | Not Rated | 39.87% |
| Repurchase Agreements | Not Rated | 24.33% |
| Insurance Reserve     | Not Rated | 8.54%  |

Custodial Credit Risk: Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the College will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

Concentration of Credit Risk: The College places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer.

## STARK STATE COLLEGE

### Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2014

### 3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

STAR Ohio is an investment pool managed by the Ohio Treasurer's Office that allows governments within the State to pool their funds together for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's share price that is the price that the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2014.

STAR Plus is a cash management program endorsed by the Ohio Treasurer of State, which allows political subdivisions of the State of Ohio access to the Federally Insured Cash Accounts or FICA® program. The FICA program provides access to hundreds of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured banks via a single, convenient account with a custodial bank that is managed by an investment advisor registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

### 4. CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of the changes in capital assets and related accumulated depreciation for the year ended June 30, 2014, is as follows:

|  | Balance<br>6/30/2013 | Additions           | Disposals      | Transfers        | Balance<br>6/30/2014 |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Capital assets not being depreciated:      |                      |                     |                |                  |                      |
| Land                                       | \$ 6,068,586         | \$ -                | \$ -           | \$ -             | \$ 6,068,586         |
| Construction in progress                   | 1,410                | 1,933,011           | -              | (293,338)        | 1,641,083            |
| Software                                   | <u>5,603,047</u>     | <u>124,439</u>      | <u>-</u>       | <u>-</u>         | <u>5,727,486</u>     |
| Total capital assets not being depreciated | <u>11,673,043</u>    | <u>2,057,450</u>    | <u>-</u>       | <u>(293,338)</u> | <u>13,437,155</u>    |
| Capital assets being depreciated:          |                      |                     |                |                  |                      |
| Land improvements                          | 5,726,936            | 228,157             | -              | -                | 5,955,093            |
| Buildings and leasehold improvements       | 97,711,817           | 59,563              | -              | 293,338          | 98,064,718           |
| Equipment                                  | 7,590,692            | 732,574             | 266,376        | -                | 8,056,890            |
| Library books                              | 27,815               | -                   | 3,915          | -                | 23,900               |
| Infrastructure                             | <u>309,310</u>       | <u>-</u>            | <u>-</u>       | <u>-</u>         | <u>309,310</u>       |
| Total capital assets being depreciated     | <u>111,366,570</u>   | <u>1,020,294</u>    | <u>270,291</u> | <u>293,338</u>   | <u>112,409,911</u>   |
| Less accumulated depreciation for:         |                      |                     |                |                  |                      |
| Land improvements                          | 2,201,206            | 232,528             | -              | -                | 2,433,734            |
| Buildings and leasehold improvements       | 24,178,599           | 2,651,819           | -              | -                | 26,830,418           |
| Equipment                                  | 5,229,099            | 654,155             | 266,376        | -                | 5,616,878            |
| Library books                              | 22,283               | 2,172               | 3,915          | -                | 20,540               |
| Infrastructure                             | <u>167,448</u>       | <u>15,446</u>       | <u>-</u>       | <u>-</u>         | <u>182,894</u>       |
| Total accumulated depreciation             | <u>31,798,635</u>    | <u>3,556,120</u>    | <u>270,291</u> | <u>-</u>         | <u>35,084,464</u>    |
| Capital assets being depreciated, net      | <u>79,567,935</u>    | <u>(2,535,826)</u>  | <u>-</u>       | <u>293,338</u>   | <u>77,325,447</u>    |
| Capital assets, net                        | \$ <u>91,240,978</u> | \$ <u>(478,376)</u> | \$ <u>-</u>    | \$ <u>-</u>      | \$ <u>90,762,602</u> |

**STARK STATE COLLEGE**  
Notes to Financial Statements  
June 30, 2014

**5. LEASES**

Stark State College leases buildings and parking lots on a month-to-month basis and under long-term operating lease agreements. Rent expenses totaled \$636,079 during the year ended June 30, 2014.

Aggregate future minimum lease payments under these non-cancelable operating lease agreements are as follows for the years ending June 30:

|            |    |                         |
|------------|----|-------------------------|
| 2015       | \$ | 292,860                 |
| 2016       |    | 344,736                 |
| 2017       |    | 346,074                 |
| 2018       |    | 347,412                 |
| 2019       |    | 333,028                 |
| Thereafter |    | <u>2,452,476</u>        |
|            | \$ | <u><u>4,116,586</u></u> |

During the year, the College entered into a lease agreement for building space, which was not constructed as of June 30, 2014. The lease 15 year lease term commences on July 1, 2015, at which time the College will begin making monthly lease payments of \$10,575. These future minimum lease payments were included in the schedule above.

Stark State College leases its buildings, equipment and parking lots to companies for specific days and under long-term operating lease agreements. The property used for rental purposes under long-term operating lease agreements has an original prorated cost of \$102,213, and accumulated depreciation of \$49,604 at June 30, 2014. Rent income totaled \$1,413,479 during the year ended June 30, 2014.

Aggregate future minimum lease receipts under the non-cancellable operating lease agreements are \$4,200 for the year ending June 30, 2015.

**6. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

The College's long-term liabilities consisted of the following at June 30, 2014:

|                                   | June 30, 2013        |                  |                   | June 30, 2014        |                | Current          |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|
|                                   | <u>Balance</u>       | <u>Additions</u> | <u>Reductions</u> | <u>Balance</u>       | <u>Portion</u> |                  |
| 2010 Series A1 (Tax-Exempt Bonds) | \$ 5,312,917         | \$ -             | \$ 828,750        | \$ 4,484,167         | \$             | 843,750          |
| 2010 Series A2 (Taxable Bonds)    | 12,510,000           | -                | -                 | 12,510,000           |                | -                |
| Lease liability                   | -                    | 64,740           | -                 | 64,740               |                | -                |
| Compensated absences              | <u>1,544,253</u>     | <u>-</u>         | <u>40,294</u>     | <u>1,503,959</u>     |                | <u>258,112</u>   |
|                                   | <u>\$ 19,367,170</u> | <u>\$ 64,740</u> | <u>\$ 869,044</u> | <u>\$ 18,562,866</u> | <u>\$</u>      | <u>1,101,862</u> |

**Lease liability** – The College has two operating lease agreements which contain rent step increases in the terms of the agreement. In accordance with GAAP, the College expensed the leases on a straight-line basis and booked a lease liability for the portion of the rent expense that was unpaid as of June 30, 2014.

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**6. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (continued)**

**2010 Series A1 (Tax-Exempt Bonds)** – On August 31, 2010, the College issued \$7,635,000 of Series A1 Tax-Exempt Bonds for the purpose of financing part of the costs of various capital facilities of the College, including the construction of a business and entrepreneurship building, a classroom and lab addition to the Health Science building, a pedestrian bridge and a parking lot and atrium renovation.

**2010 Series A2 (Taxable Bonds)** – On August 31, 2010, the College issued \$12,510,000 of Series A2 Taxable Bonds for the purpose of financing part of the costs of various capital facilities of the College, including the construction of a business and entrepreneurship building, a classroom and lab addition to the Health Science building, a pedestrian bridge and a parking lot and atrium renovation.

The College pays a monthly Governmental Lease payment to the Ohio Treasurer of State to fund the State’s sinking bond fund as a requirement of the enabling legislation for the bonds under the State Community and Technical College Facilities Intercept Bond program. The Treasurer of State issues a monthly lease payment schedule at the beginning of each fiscal year for the following three fiscal years. The Treasurer of State makes the semiannual coupon payments on March 1 and September 1 and redemption payments on September 1 of each applicable year. The interest rates on the 2010 Series A1 Tax Exempt Bonds coupons range from 2.000% to 2.625%. The interest rates on the 2010 Series A2 Taxable Bonds coupons range from 4.450% to 5.970%.

Scheduled principal maturities and total debt service on the Series 2010 bonds for fiscal years subsequent to June 30, 2014 are as follows:

| Fiscal Years | 2010 Series A1 Bonds |           |           | 2010 Series A2 Bonds |           |          |           |           |            |           |           |    |            |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----|------------|
|              | Ending               | Principal | Interest  | Total                | Principal | Interest | Total     |           |            |           |           |    |            |
| 2015         | \$                   | 843,750   | \$        | 99,940               | \$        | 943,690  | \$        | 691,944   | \$         | 691,944   |           |    |            |
| 2016         |                      | 863,333   |           | 83,065               |           | 946,398  |           | 691,944   |            | 691,944   |           |    |            |
| 2017         |                      | 878,750   |           | 65,798               |           | 944,548  |           | 691,944   |            | 691,944   |           |    |            |
| 2018         |                      | 898,333   |           | 47,215               |           | 945,548  |           | 691,944   |            | 691,944   |           |    |            |
| 2019         |                      | 922,917   |           | 26,063               |           | 948,980  |           | 691,944   |            | 691,944   |           |    |            |
| 2020-2024    |                      | 77,084    |           | 2,023                |           | 79,107   |           | 4,989,583 |            | 2,994,295 | 7,983,878 |    |            |
| 2025-2029    |                      | -         |           | -                    |           | -        |           | 6,051,250 |            | 1,539,856 | 7,591,106 |    |            |
| 2030-2031    |                      | -         |           | -                    |           | -        |           | 1,469,167 |            | 94,475    | 1,563,642 |    |            |
|              |                      | \$        | 4,484,167 | \$                   | 324,104   | \$       | 4,808,271 | \$        | 12,510,000 | \$        | 8,088,346 | \$ | 20,598,346 |

**7. PENSION PLANS**

**A. State Teachers Retirement System**

State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (“STRS Ohio”) is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio is a statewide retirement plan for licensed teachers and other faculty members employed in the public schools of Ohio or any school, community school, college, university, institution or other agency controlled, managed and supported, in whole or in part, by the State or any political subdivision thereof.

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**7. PENSION PLANS (continued)**

**Plan Options** – New members have a choice of three retirement plan options. In addition to the Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, new members are offered a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan and a Combined Plan. The DC Plan allows members to allocate all of their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5% of earned compensation among various investment choices. The Combined Plan offers features of the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are allocated to investment choices by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. Contributions into the DC Plan and the Combined Plan are credited to member accounts as employers submit their payroll information to STRS Ohio, generally on a biweekly basis. DC and Combined Plan members will transfer to the DB Plan during their fifth year of membership unless they permanently selected the DC or Combined Plan.

**DB Plan Benefits** – Plan benefits are established under Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. Any member may retire who has (i) five years of service credit and attained age 60; (ii) 25 years of service credit and attained age 55; or (iii) 30 years of service credit regardless of age. The annual retirement allowance, payable for life, is the greater of the “formula benefit” or the “money-purchase benefit” calculation. Under the “formula benefit,” the retirement allowance is based on years of credited service and final average salary, which is the average of the member’s three highest salary years. The annual allowance is calculated by using a base percentage of 2.2% multiplied by the total number of years of service credit (including Ohio-valued purchased credit) times the final average salary. The 31<sup>st</sup> year of earned Ohio service credit is calculated at 2.5%. An additional one-tenth of a percent is added to the calculation for every year of earned Ohio service over 31 years (2.6% for 32 years, 2.7% for 33 years and so on) until 100% of final average salary is reached. For members with 35 or more years of Ohio contributing service, the first 30 years will be calculated at 2.5% instead of 2.2%. Under the “money-purchase benefit” calculation, a member’s lifetime contributions plus interest at specified rates are matched by an equal amount from other STRS Ohio funds. This total is then divided by an actuarially determined annuity factor to determine the maximum annual retirement allowance.

**DC Plan Benefits** – Benefits are established under Sections 3307.80 to 3307.89 of the Ohio Revised Code. For members who select the DC Plan, all member contributions and employer contributions at a rate of 10.5% are placed in an investment account. The member determines how to allocate the member and employer money among various investment choices. 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. Employer contributions into members’ accounts are vested after the first anniversary of the first day of paid service. 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.

**Combined Plan Benefits** – Member contributions are allocated by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund a defined benefit payment. A member’s defined benefit is determined by multiplying 1% of the member’s final average salary by the member’s years of service credit. The defined benefit portion of the Combined Plan payment is payable to a member on or after age 60. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age 50.

Eligible faculty of Ohio’s public colleges and universities may choose to enroll in either STRS Ohio or an alternative retirement plan (ARP) offered by their employer. Employees have 120 days from their employment date to select a retirement plan.

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**7. PENSION PLANS (continued)**

A retiree of STRS Ohio or another Ohio public retirement system is eligible for reemployment as a teacher following the elapse of two months from the date of retirement. Contributions are made by the reemployed member and employer during the reemployment. Upon termination of reemployment or age 65, whichever comes later, the retiree is eligible for an annuity benefit or equivalent lump-sum payment in addition to the original retirement allowance. A reemployed retiree may alternatively receive a refund of only member contributions with interest before age 65, once employment is terminated.

Benefits are increased annually by 3% of the original base amount for DB Plan participants.

The DB and Combined Plans offer access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the plans and their eligible dependents. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. By Ohio law, health care benefits are not guaranteed.

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 members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. A death benefit of \$1,000 is payable to the beneficiary of each deceased retired member who participated in the DB Plan. Death benefit coverage up to \$2,000 can be purchased by participants in the DB, DC or Combined Plans. Various other benefits are available to members' beneficiaries.

Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 11% for members and 14% for employers. The statutory maximum employee contribution rate was increased by one percent July 1, 2013, and will be increased one percent each year until it reaches 14% on July 1, 2016.

Contribution requirements and the contributions actually made for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 were 11% of covered payroll for members and 14% for employers. The College's employer contributions to STRS Ohio for fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$3,497,012, \$3,720,580, and \$3,882,130, respectively.

STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report. Additional information or copies of STRS Ohio's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report can be requested by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 E. Board St., Columbus, OH 43215-3771, by calling toll-free 1-888-227-7877, or by visiting the STRS Ohio Web site at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org).

**B. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans as described below:

1. The Traditional Pension Plan – a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan.
2. The Member-Directed Plan – a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20% per year). Under the Member-Directed Plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of member and (vested) employer contributions plus any investment earnings.

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**7. PENSION PLANS (continued)**

3. The Combined Plan – a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. Under the Combined Plan, OPERS invests employer contributions to provide a formula retirement benefit similar in nature to, but less than, the Traditional Pension Plan benefit. Member contributions, the investment of which is self-directed by the members, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the Member-Directed Plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost-of-living adjustments to members of the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits.

Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/investments/cafr.shtml>, writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215-4642, or by calling 614-222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. For 2014, member and employer contributions were consistent across all three plans.

The 2014 member contribution rate was 10%. The 2014 employer contribution rate was 14% of covered payroll. The College's employer contributions to OPERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were \$2,026,893, \$2,183,404, and \$2,082,122, respectively.

**C. Alternative Retirement Plan**

Ohio Amended Substitute House Bill 586 (Ohio Revised Code 3305.2) became effective March 31, 1998, authorizing an alternative retirement program for academic and administrative employees of public institutions of higher education, who were currently covered by the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) or the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio). The alternative retirement plan is a defined contribution plan under IRS Section 401(a).

Full-time employees have 120 days from their date of hire to make an irrevocable election to participate in an alternative retirement plan. Under this plan, employees who would have otherwise been required to be in OPERS or STRS Ohio who elect to participate in the alternative retirement program must contribute the employee's share of retirement contributions (10% OPERS, 11% STRS Ohio) to one of eight private providers approved by the State Department of Insurance. The legislation mandates that the employer must contribute 3.5% of the 14% employer contribution to STRS Ohio and .77% of the 14% employer contribution to OPERS with the remainder being sent to the ARP vendor selected by the employee. The College plan provides these employees with immediate plan vesting. The total employer contributions to the alternative retirement plan for the fiscal years June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$78,387, \$89,518, and \$76,066, respectively.

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**8. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

A. State Teachers Retirement System

STRS Ohio administers a pension plan that is comprised of: a Defined Benefit Plan; a self-directed Defined Contribution Plan and a Combined Plan that is a hybrid of the Defined Benefit Plan and the Defined Contribution Plan.

Ohio law authorizes STRS Ohio to offer a cost-sharing, multiple-employer health care plan. STRS Ohio provides access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the Defined Benefit or Combined Plans. Coverage under the current program includes hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums.

Pursuant to 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Retirement Board has discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the associated health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. All health care plan enrollees, for the most recent year, pay a portion of the health care costs in the form of a monthly premium.

STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties can view the most recent Comprehensive Annual Financial Report by visiting [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) or by requesting a copy by calling toll-free 1-888-227-7877.

Under Ohio law, funding for post-employment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. Of the 14% employer contribution rate, 1% of covered payroll was allocated to post-employment health care for the years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011. The 14% employer contribution rate is the maximum rate established under Ohio law. The College's employer contributions allocated to post-employment benefits for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013 and 2012 were approximately \$249,289, \$265,755, and \$274,350, respectively.

B. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) administers three separate pension plans: The Traditional Pension – a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan; the Member-Directed Plan – a defined contribution plan; and the Combined Plan – a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both the defined benefit and defined contribution plan.

OPERS maintains a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care plan, which includes a medical plan, prescription drug program and Medicare Part B premium reimbursement, to qualifying members of both the Traditional Pension and the Combined Plans. Members of the Member-Directed Plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits, including post-employment health care coverage.

In order to qualify for post-employment health care coverage, age-and-service retirees under the Traditional Pension and Combined Plans must have 10 or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit. Health care coverage for disability benefit recipients and qualified survivor benefit recipients is available. The health care coverage provided by OPERS meets the definition of an Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) as described in GASB Statement No. 45.

The Ohio Revised Code permits, but does not mandate, OPERS to provide the OPEB Plan to its eligible members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend the OPEB Plan is provided in Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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**8. POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)**

OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report. Interested parties may obtain a copy by visiting <https://www.opers.org/investments/cafr.shtml>, writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus OH 43215-4642, or by calling 614-222-5601 or 800-222-7377.

The Ohio Revised Code provides the statutory authority requiring public employers to fund post-retirement health care through their contributions to OPERS. A portion of each employer's contribution to OPERS is set aside for the funding of post-retirement health care benefits.

Employer contribution rates are expressed as a percentage of the covered payroll of active members. In fiscal year 2014, the College contributed at a rate of 14% of covered payroll. The Ohio Revised Code currently limits the employer contribution to a rate not to exceed 14% of covered payroll for state and local employer units. Active members do not make contributions to the OPEB Plan.

OPERS' Post-Employment Health Care plan was established under, and is administrated in accordance with, Internal Revenue Code 401(h). Each year, the OPERS Board of Trustees determines the portion of the employer contribution rate that will be set aside for funding of post-employment health care benefits. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the Traditional Plan was 1% during calendar year 2013. The portion of employer contributions allocated to health care for members in the Combined Plan was 1% during calendar year 2013. Effective January 1, 2014, the portion of employer contributions allocated to health care was raised to 2% for both plans, as recommended by the OPERS Actuary. The OPERS Board of Trustees is also authorized to establish rules for the retiree or their surviving beneficiaries to pay a portion of the health care benefits provided. Payment amounts vary depending on the number of covered dependents and the coverage selected. The College's employer contributions allocated to post-employment benefits for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were approximately \$144,778, \$623,830, and \$594,656, respectively.

Changes to the health care plan were adopted by the OPERS Board of Trustees on September 19, 2012, with a transition plan commencing January 1, 2014. With the recent passage of pension legislation under SB 343 and the approved health care changes, OPERS expects to be able to consistently allocate four percent of the employer contributions toward the health care fund after the end of the transition period.

**9. CONTINGENCIES**

**A. Federal and State Grants**

The College participates in certain state and federally-assisted grant programs. These programs are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. In the opinion of the College, no material grant disbursements will be disallowed.

**B. Litigation**

There are no claims pending against the College as of June 30, 2014.

# STARK STATE COLLEGE

## Notes to Financial Statements

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### 10. RISK MANAGEMENT

The College is exposed to various risks of loss related to tort, theft, damage to or destruction of assets, errors and omissions, employee injuries, and natural disasters. By maintaining comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers, the College has addressed these various types of risk. Settled claims have not exceeded this insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. There has not been a significant reduction of coverage from the prior fiscal year.

The College is a member of the Stark County Schools Council of Governments, a shared risk pool (see Note 2), which was established to provide a partially self-funded health benefits program to its members. The College pays a monthly premium to the Council of Governments for its health care coverage.

The insurance claims payable of \$902,899 is based on the requirements of GASB Statement No. 30, "Risk Financing Omnibus", which requires that a liability for unpaid claim costs, including estimates of costs relating to incurred but not reported claims, be reported. The claims liability is based on an estimate supplied by the Council of Governments. A summary of the claims liability during the past two fiscal years is as follows:

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Balance at<br/>July 1</u> | <u>Current Year<br/>Claims</u> | <u>Claim<br/>Payments</u> | <u>Balance at<br/>June 30</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2013               | \$ 796,280                   | \$ 5,647,742                   | \$ 5,579,337              | \$ 864,685                    |
| 2014               | 864,685                      | 5,654,720                      | 5,616,506                 | 902,899                       |

### 11. RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

The Stark State College Foundation (the "Foundation") is a not-for-profit organization, which operates under a separate board exclusively for the benefit of the College and is therefore not included in the College's June 30, 2014 financial statements. At June 30, 2014, the total net position of the Foundation was \$5,042,321. During the year ended June 30, 2014, the Foundation contributed \$386,508 to the College for scholarships, instructional equipment and supplies, professional development, student services, and buildings.

### 12. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

For fiscal year 2014, the College has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 65 "Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities." GASB Statement No. 65 established 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. The implementation of this statement resulted in bond issuance costs being expensed rather than being deferred. This change had the effect of restating the June 30, 2013 beginning net position from \$93,541,144 to \$93,416,686. The June 30, 2014 beginning net position was also restated from \$103,951,946 to \$103,827,488.

**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***

Board of Trustees  
Stark State College  
North Canton, Ohio

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 business-type activities of Stark State College (the "College"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the College's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 19, 2014, wherein we noted that the College implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, and restated their June 30, 2013 net position of the business-type activities, as disclosed in Note 12.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the College'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 College's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the College'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 College'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 may exist that have not been identified.

Board of Trustees  
Stark State College

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the College'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 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 College'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 College's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Cini & Parichi, Inc.*

Cleveland, Ohio  
December 19, 2014

**Independent Auditor’s Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program;  
Report on Internal Control over Compliance; and Report on the Schedule of  
Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133**

Board of Trustees  
Stark State College  
North Canton, Ohio

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited the Stark State College’s (the “College”) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the College’s major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2014. The College’s major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying schedule of findings.

***Management’s Responsibility***

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

***Auditor’s Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the College’s major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the College’s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the College’s compliance.

### ***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

In our opinion, the College complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2014.

### **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

Management of the College is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the College's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the College's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance 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 compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Board of Trustees  
Stark State College

**Report on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133**

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities of the College as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the College's basic financial statements. We issued our report thereon dated December 19, 2014, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements, wherein we noted that the College implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*, and restated their June 30, 2013 net position of the business-type activities, as disclosed in Note 12. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

*Cini & Panichi, Inc.*

Cleveland, Ohio  
December 19, 2014

# Stark State College

## Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

| Federal Grantor/<br>Pass-Through Grantor/<br>Program Title              | Federal<br>CFDA<br>Number | Pass-Through<br>Entity Identifying<br>Number | FY 2014<br>Expenditures |
|---|---------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| <b><u>U.S. Department of Education</u></b>                              |                           |  |                         |
| Student Financial Assistance Programs Cluster:                          |                           |  |                         |
| Federal Work-Study Program  | 84.033                    |  | \$ 333,518              |
| Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants                     | 84.007                    |  | 264,417                 |
| Federal Pell Grant Program  | 84.063                    |  | 31,744,356              |
| Federal Direct Student Loans  | 84.268                    |  | 57,802,693              |
| Total Student Financial Assistance Programs Cluster                     |                           |  | 90,144,984              |
| TRIO Cluster:   |                           |  |                         |
| TRIO - Student Support Services   | 84.042                    |  | 219,016                 |
| Upward Bound Math and Science Program                                   | 84.047                    |  | 254,242                 |
| Passed Through the Ohio Department of Education:                        |                           |  |                         |
| Upward Bound Math and Science Program                                   | 84.047                    | 063420-SSC UB                                | 2,192                   |
| Total TRIO Cluster  |                           |  | 475,450                 |
| Passed Through the Ohio Department of Education:                        |                           |  |                         |
| Vocational Education - Basic Grants to States                           | 84.048                    | 063420-CDP-P-2014                            | 369,606                 |
| Passed Through the Ohio Board of Regents:                               |                           |  |                         |
| Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network (OATN)                           |                           |  |                         |
| Secondary Career Technical Alignment Initiative                         | 84.048                    |  | 12,600                  |
| Total Federal Assistance - U.S. Department of Education                 |                           |  | 91,002,640              |
| <b><u>U.S. Department of Labor</u></b>                                  |                           |  |                         |
| Passed Through the Ohio Board of Regents:                               |                           |  |                         |
| HB-1 Technical Skills Training Grant                                    | 17.268                    |  | 159,497                 |
| Passed Through the Pennsylvania College of Technology:                  |                           |  |                         |
| Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant | 17.282                    |  | 739,282                 |
| Total Federal Assistance - U.S. Department of Labor                     |                           |  | 898,779                 |
| <b><u>National Science Foundation Program</u></b>                       |                           |  |                         |
| Education and Human Resources   | 47.076                    |  | 248,073                 |
| Passed Through the Pennsylvania College of Technology                   |                           |  |                         |
| Education and Human Resources   | 47.076                    | 1205004                                      | 1,242                   |
| Passed Through the Ohio State University Research Foundation            |                           |  |                         |
| Education and Human Resources   | 47.076                    | 60014486 & 0703087                           | 96,382                  |
| Total Federal Assistance - National Science Foundation                  |                           |  | 345,697                 |
| <b>Total Federal Assistance - All Sources</b>                           |                           |  | <b>\$ 92,247,116</b>    |

The accompanying notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards are an integral part of this schedule.

# **Stark State College**

## **Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

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### **Note 1: Significant Accounting Policies**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards (the “Schedule”) is a summary of the activity of the Stark State College’s federal awards programs. The Schedule has been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in the Schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the financial statements.

# Stark State College

## Schedule of Findings

OMB Circular A-133 Section .505

For the Year Ended June 30, 2014

### 1. Summary of Auditor's Results

|              |  |  |
|--------------|--|--|
| (d)(1)(i)    | Type of Financial Statement Opinion  | Unmodified   |
| (d)(1)(ii)   | Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?                  | No   |
| (d)(1)(ii)   | Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)? | No   |
| (d)(1)(iii)  | Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?                        | No   |
| (d)(1)(iv)   | Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?                       | No   |
| (d)(1)(iv)   | Were there any other significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?         | No   |
| (d)(1)(v)    | Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion   | Unmodified   |
| (d)(1)(vi)   | Are there any reportable findings under Section .510?  | No   |
| (d)(1)(vii)  | Major Programs   | <p>Student Financial Aid Cluster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CFDA # 84.033</li> <li>- CFDA # 84.007</li> <li>- CFDA # 84.063</li> <li>- CFDA # 84.268</li> </ul> <p>Career and Technical Education – Basic Grants to States:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CFDA # 84.048</li> </ul> <p>Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant (TAACCCT):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CFDA # 17.282</li> </ul> <p>Education and Human Resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CFDA # 47.076</li> </ul> |
| (d)(1)(viii) | Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs  | Type A: >\$300,000<br>Type B: All Others   |
| (d)(1)(ix)   | Low Risk Auditee?  | Yes  |

**Stark State College**

**Schedule of Findings (continued)  
OMB Circular A-133 Section .505**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

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**2. Findings Related to the Financial Statements  
Required To Be Reported In Accordance With GAGAS**

None noted.

**3. Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards**

None noted.

# Stark State College

## Schedule of Prior Year Findings OMB Circular A-133 Section .315(b)

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2014**

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| <b>Finding No.</b> | <b>Finding Summary</b>  | <b>Fully Corrected</b> | <b>Explanation</b>                                       |
|--------------------|---|------------------------|--|
| 2013-01            | <p>Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 34 Section 668.22(e)(2) provides that a student earns 100 percent of the amount of Title IV assistance disbursed if his or her withdrawal date is after the completion of more than 60 percent of the calendar days in the payment period. Pursuant to CFR 34 Section 668.22(g) the College must return unearned Title IV funds for students who do not complete 60 percent of the calendar days in the payment period and the return of these funds must be timely.</p> <p>There was a total of \$84,219 in unearned Title IV assistance, from a total of 93 students, in which the College did not return to the U.S. Department of Education within the requirements noted above.</p> | Yes                    | No noncompliance noted for the year ended June 30, 2014. |

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**STARK STATE COLLEGE**

**STARK 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  
FEBRUARY 5, 2015**