

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 14, 2007

### NEW ISSUE

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*In the opinion of Bond Counsel, according to present State of Minnesota and federal laws, regulations and rulings, assuming compliance with certain covenants, the interest on the Bonds is not includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes or in taxable net income of individuals, estates and trusts for State of Minnesota income tax purposes, and is not an item of tax preference in determining federal or Minnesota alternative minimum tax applicable to individuals. Interest on the Bonds is subject to the State of Minnesota franchise tax applicable to corporations, including financial institutions, and is includable in the calculation of certain federal taxes imposed on corporations. The Bonds will not be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. (See "TAX EXEMPTION.")*

**\$8,170,000**

**Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority  
Revenue Bonds, Series Six-S  
(College of St. Scholastica, Inc.)  
(DTC Book Entry Only)**



**Dated Date: November 1, 2007**

**Interest Due: June 1 and December 1,  
commencing June 1, 2008**

The Bonds are to mature annually on December 1 as follows:

Year	Amount*	Interest Rate	Yield	CUSIP 60416H:	Year	Amount*	Interest Rate	Yield	CUSIP 60416H:
2008	\$260,000	4.000%	3.70%	LE 2	2013	\$320,000	4.125%	4.22%	LK 8
2009	\$270,000	4.000%	3.80%	LF 9	2014	\$330,000	4.250%	4.32%	LL 6
2010	\$280,000	4.000%	3.87%	LG 7	2015	\$345,000	4.375%	4.44%	LM 4
2011	\$295,000	4.000%	3.99%	LH 5	2016	\$360,000	4.375%	4.56%	LN 2
2012	\$305,000	4.000%	4.11%	LJ 1	2017	\$380,000	4.500%	4.64%	LP 7

\$2,200,000 5.00% Term Bond due December 1, 2022 Price 100.00% CUSIP 60416H LQ 5

\$2,825,000 5.00% Term Bond due December 1, 2027 Price 98.137% CUSIP 60416H LR 3

The Bonds are subject to optional redemption in whole or in part prior to maturity, as described herein. See "THE BONDS – Prior Redemption – Optional Redemption." The Bonds will also be subject to optional redemption in whole or in part in certain cases of damage to or destruction or condemnation of the Project Facilities described in the Loan Agreement and the Indenture. The Bonds will be subject to optional redemption in whole or in part in the event of a Determination of Taxability, as described herein. The Bonds maturing on December 1, 2022 and December 1, 2027 are subject to mandatory redemption in installments as described herein.

The Bonds will be issued as fully registered Bonds without coupons and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository of the Bonds. Individual purchases may be made in book entry form only, in the principal amount of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased. See "THE BONDS – Book Entry Only System" herein. Wells Fargo Bank, National Association will act as Trustee.

The Bonds are special obligations of the Authority payable solely from Loan Repayments made by or on behalf of the College of St. Scholastica, Inc. (the "College") pursuant to a Loan Agreement between the Authority and the College, or out of other amounts pledged pursuant to the Indenture as described herein. The Loan Repayments will be a general obligation of the College.

THE BONDS SHALL NOT BE LEGAL OR MORAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA NOR SHALL THEY CONSTITUTE A DEBT FOR WHICH THE FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE AUTHORITY OR THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, OR THE TAXING POWERS OF THE STATE, ARE PLEDGED. THE AUTHORITY HAS NO TAXING POWERS.

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued by the Authority and accepted by the Underwriter named below subject to the opinion as to validity and tax exemption of the Bonds by Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A., Duluth, Minnesota, Bond Counsel. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the College by Hanft Fride, a Professional Association, Duluth, Minnesota. The Bonds are expected to be available for delivery to the Underwriter at DTC on or about November 21, 2007.

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**RBC CAPITAL MARKETS**

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITER MAY OVER-ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE BONDS AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

No dealer, broker, sales representative or other person has been authorized by the Authority, the College, or the Underwriter to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this Official Statement and, if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Authority, the College or the Underwriter. The information contained herein, except as it relates to the Authority, DTC, and the Trustee and the tax-exemption of the interest on the Bonds has been obtained from the College and is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness. Information relating to DTC and the Trustee has been obtained from such persons and is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness. Information regarding the tax-exempt status of the Bonds has been provided by Bond Counsel. Except for information concerning the Authority, the information contained herein is not to be construed as a representation by the Authority. Information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall under any circumstances create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Authority or the College since the date hereof.

References in this Official Statement to laws, rules, regulations, agreements, and any other documents do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive. All references to such documents are qualified in their entirety by reference to the particular document, the full text of which may contain qualifications of and exceptions to statements made herein. Where full texts of such documents have not been included as appendices hereto, they will be furnished on request.

The Underwriter has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Underwriter has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as part of, their responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Underwriter does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

IN MAKING AN INVESTMENT DECISION INVESTORS MUST RELY ON THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE ISSUE AND THE TERMS OF THE OFFERING, INCLUDING THE MERITS AND RISKS INVOLVED.

The Bonds have not been registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission by reason of the provisions of Section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of any offer to buy, and there shall not be any sale of the Bonds by any person in any state in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale. The registration or qualification of these securities in accordance with applicable provisions of securities laws of the jurisdictions in which the Bonds may be registered or qualified and the exemption from registration or qualification in other jurisdictions shall not be regarded as a recommendation thereof. Neither these jurisdictions nor any of their agencies have passed upon the merits of the Bonds or the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement. Any representation to the contrary may be a criminal offense.

Certain of the parties involved in this financing have agreed to indemnify certain other parties for any untrue statement of a material fact contained in this Official Statement or any omission to state a material fact necessary to be stated in this Official Statement in order to make the statements contained herein not misleading.

THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONTAINS STATEMENTS WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED "FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS," MEANING THEY REFER TO POSSIBLE FUTURE EVENTS OR CONDITIONS. SUCH STATEMENTS ARE GENERALLY IDENTIFIABLE BY WORDS SUCH AS "PLAN," "EXPECT," "ESTIMATE," "BUDGET" OR SIMILAR WORDS. THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CERTAIN RESULTS OR OTHER EXPECTATIONS CONTAINED IN SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS INVOLVE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES AND OTHER FACTORS WHICH MAY CAUSE ACTUAL RESULTS, PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENTS DESCRIBED TO BE MATERIALLY DIFFERENT FROM ANY FUTURE RESULTS, PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENTS EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED BY SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. NEITHER THE UNIVERSITY NOR ANY OTHER PARTY EXPECTS OR INTENDS TO ISSUE ANY UPDATES OR REVISIONS TO THOSE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS IF OR WHEN EXPECTATIONS, OR EVENTS, CONDITIONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES ON WHICH SUCH STATEMENTS ARE BASED, OCCUR.

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## **OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

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### **MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY**

#### **REVENUE BONDS, SERIES SIX-S (COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA, INC.)**

**(DTC Book Entry Only)**

### **INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

This Official Statement provides information concerning the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority (the “Authority”) and the College of St. Scholastica, Inc. a Minnesota nonprofit corporation (the “College”), owner and operator of an institution of higher education located in Duluth, Minnesota, in connection with the issuance of the Authority’s \$8,170,000 Revenue Bonds, Series Six-S (College of St. Scholastica, Inc.) (the “Bonds,” the “Series Six-S Bonds” or the “Issue”).

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 136A.25 to 136A.42, Minnesota Statutes, as amended, by the provisions of which the Authority was created and is authorized to issue its obligations to assist institutions of higher education within the State of Minnesota to finance certain projects.

The Bonds are also issued pursuant to the Trust Indenture (the “Indenture”) between the Authority and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota as trustee (the “Trustee”). The Trustee will also be the Registrar and Paying Agent for the Issue.

Pursuant to a Loan Agreement between the College and the Authority relating to the Bonds, the College will covenant as a general obligation of the College to make Loan Repayments in amounts sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same shall become due.

The Bonds proceeds will be loaned to the College by the Authority and, along with available College funds, will be used to:

1. acquire, construct, improve and equip an approximately 38,000 square foot expansion of and renovation to the College’s Wellness Center on the College’s Duluth campus, for athletic and academic purposes.
2. fund a debt service reserve account, and
3. pay certain costs of issuance.

See “USE OF PROCEEDS” herein for a more detailed description of the Project.

The Bonds are secured by a pledge of the Loan Repayments, which is a general obligation of the College. Under the Loan Agreement, the College will agree to provide the funds necessary to make timely payment of the Loan Repayments.

The Bonds are also secured by the Reserve Account created under the Indenture and held by the Trustee. The Reserve Account will be funded in the amount of the Reserve Requirement from proceeds of the Bonds. (See “ACCOUNTS – Reserve Account” herein.)

**The Bonds shall not be legal or moral obligations of the State of Minnesota nor constitute a debt for which the faith and credit of the Authority or the State of Minnesota or the taxing powers of the State are pledged. The Authority has no taxing powers.**

The descriptions and summaries of various documents hereinafter set forth do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive, and reference is made to each document for the complete details of all terms and conditions. All statements herein are qualified in their entirety by reference to such documents. See Appendices IV and V for definitions of certain words and terms used herein and for a description of certain provisions of the documents hereinafter referred to.

## **RISK FACTORS**

**No person should purchase Bonds without carefully reviewing the following information which sets forth some, but not all, of the factors which may affect the Owner's receipt of payments of the principal of or interest on the Bonds.**

### **Risk of Insufficient Collateral**

The Bonds are secured solely by (a) a pledge by the Authority to the Trustee of amounts payable by the College under the Loan Agreement, and (b) amounts in the Reserve Account and other accounts and funds which will be held by the Trustee and applied to the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds. The Bonds are not secured by a mortgage on or security interest in any real property or personal property. If an Event of Default occurs, there can be no assurance that security for the Bonds will be sufficient to pay the principal, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds.

### **Adequacy of Revenues**

Payment of principal and interest on the Bonds is intended to be made from the College's Loan Repayments. The College's ability to make Loan Repayments will be dependent on its ability to receive sufficient unrestricted revenues in excess of expenditures. Such revenues and expenditures are subject to many conditions and factors, some of which may be beyond the control of the College and may change in the future to an extent that cannot be presently determined.

### **Competition**

There is intense competition among institutions of higher education for students both nationally and within the upper Midwest region from which the College draws the majority of its students. Universities and colleges compete principally based on location, net tuition rates, degree offerings, and academic reputation. To the extent that competitors have or achieve an advantage with respect to any of these factors, the College could be adversely affected. In addition, competitive pressures could result in tuition reductions, the inability to raise tuition, or increases in financial aid in the form of discounted tuition, which could adversely affect the College's unrestricted net assets.



## **Reliance on Tuition**

The adequacy of the College's revenues will be largely dependent on the amount of future tuition revenue the College receives. Such revenue in turn will depend primarily on the College's ability to charge sufficient rates for tuition and to maintain enrollment levels. Future enrollment levels will depend on the number of students applying to the College and accepting offers of admission. A number of factors, including, without limitation, levels of tuition rates and other fees, competition from other colleges, a change in the number of college age students and changing general economic conditions will influence the number of applicants to the College.

## **Financial Aid**

More than 98% of the College's full-time students who apply for financial aid currently receive some form of financial aid covering at least a portion of tuition and fees and living expenses. See Appendix I, "THE COLLEGE – Financial Aid" herein. No assurance can be given that federal and state financial aid will continue to be funded at current levels or that the College will continue to fund its internal or institutional student aid at current levels. Curtailment of such aid could cause a decline in enrollment, which could in turn have an adverse effect on the College's revenues.

## **Damage or Destruction**

Although the College will be required to obtain certain insurance as set forth in the Loan Agreement, there can be no assurance that the College will not suffer losses for which insurance cannot be or has not been obtained or that the amount of any such loss will not exceed the coverage of such insurance policies.

## **Nature of Pro Forma Debt Service Coverage**

Certain historical operating revenue for the College and computed pro forma debt service coverage is provided in Appendix I under the caption "Annual Debt Service for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 and *Pro Forma* Coverage Statement." The pro forma coverage is merely a mathematical computation as reflected in the applicable table, and constitutes no assurance as to the future sufficiency of College revenues to satisfy College operations and Bond and other debt service requirements.

## **Limited Obligation**

No entity or person other than the College is, or shall be, in any way liable or responsible for any payments to be made under the Loan Agreement, the Trust Indenture, or the Bonds or the other obligations of the College under such documents. Accordingly, for payment of principal and interest on the Bonds, holders of the Bonds must look solely to the Loan Repayments to be made by the College under the Loan Agreement and the Reserve Account and other funds, if any, the Trustee holds under the Indenture.

## **Bankruptcy**

The ability of the Trustee to exercise rights under the Loan Agreement and the Indenture may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar laws or equitable principles related to or affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights.

## **Construction Risks**

The College has entered into a guaranteed maximum price contract for the Project. See “USE OF PROCEEDS” herein. However, construction of the Project is subject to ordinary risks associated with new construction, such as risks of cost overruns, noncompletion and delays due to a variety of factors, including, among other things, site difficulties, necessary design changes or final detailing, labor shortage or strife, delays in and shortages of materials, weather conditions, fire, and casualty. Any delays in construction may adversely impact the College's ability to complete the Project by the expected completion date, which may result in, among other things, cost overruns.

## **Derivative Products**

Although the College has not yet done so, it may enter into interest rate swaps or other similar arrangements in the future. Under certain market conditions, termination of an interest rate swap agreement prior to its expiration may require the College to pay a termination fee to the counterparty to the agreement and such payment could be material to the College.

## **Other Possible Risk Factors**

The occurrence of any of the following events, or other unanticipated events, could adversely affect the operations of the College:

- (1) Inability to control increases in operating costs, including salaries, wages and fringe benefits, supplies and other expenses, without being able to obtain corresponding increases in revenues.
- (2) Adoption of federal, State or local legislation or regulations having an adverse effect on the future operating or financial performance of the College.
- (3) International events, including any acts of war and terrorism, which may have adverse effects on enrollment and investments.

See also “TAX EXEMPTION – Minnesota Tax Considerations” herein.

## **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

In order to assist the Underwriter in complying with SEC Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Rule”), the College will enter into an undertaking (the “Undertaking”) with the Trustee for the benefit of beneficial owners of the Bonds to provide certain financial information and operating data relating to the College to certain information repositories annually, and to provide notices of the occurrence of any of the events enumerated in the Rule to such repositories or the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and to the Minnesota state information depository, if any. The specific nature of the Undertaking, as well as the information to be contained in the annual report or the notices of material events is set forth in the Continuing Disclosure Agreement to be executed by the College at the time the Bonds are delivered, a copy of which is available from the College or the Trustee. Appendix III, “ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION,” contains a summary of the financial information and operating data to be provided annually. The Continuing Disclosure Agreement may be amended under certain circumstances as permitted by the Rule. Furthermore, the College has reserved its right to modify the terms of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement if a court of competent jurisdiction or the College determines that such modification is required by the Rule. The College has never

failed to comply with any previous undertakings under the Rule to provide annual reports or notices of material events. A failure by the College to comply with the Undertaking will not constitute an event of default on the Bonds (although holders may have other remedies in the event of noncompliance). Nevertheless, such a failure must be reported in accordance with the Rule and must be considered by any broker, dealer or municipal securities dealer before recommending the purchase or sale of the Bonds in the secondary market. Consequently, such a failure, or the information supplied by the College pursuant to the Undertaking, may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

## THE BONDS

### General

The Bonds will be dated November 1, 2007 and will mature annually each December 1, commencing December 1, 2008, as set forth on the cover page of this Official Statement. The Bonds are being issued in denominations of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof not exceeding the amount maturing in any maturity, and shall be fully registered as to principal and interest. Interest on the Bonds will be payable on each June 1 and December 1, commencing June 1, 2008.

### Book Entry Only System

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

For further detail on DTC, see Appendix VI, "The Depository Trust Company."

### Prior Redemption

#### Mandatory Redemption

Bonds maturing on December 1, 2022 and December 1, 2027 shall be called for redemption on December 1 in the years as described immediately below at the principal amount thereof to be redeemed, without premium, plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption, from moneys in the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account, in the respective amounts set forth below.

Term Bonds maturing December 1, 2022:		Term Bonds maturing December 1, 2027:	
<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$395,000	2023	\$510,000
2019	\$420,000	2024	\$535,000
2020	\$440,000	2025	\$565,000
2021	\$460,000	2026	\$590,000
2022*	\$485,000	2027*	\$625,000

\* Stated maturity

The Bonds or portions thereof to be so redeemed shall be selected by the Trustee by lot or in such other random manner as the Trustee shall determine.

The Bonds, to be retired pursuant to the mandatory redemption provisions set forth above, may, at the option of the College, be reduced by the principal amount of any Bonds of such maturity which at least 45 days prior to such redemption:

- (1) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or
- (2) have been purchased or redeemed (other than through operation of the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account) and canceled by the Trustee and not theretofore applied as a credit against such mandatory redemption obligations.

#### Optional Redemption

At the College's request, the Authority may elect to prepay on December 1, 2017 and on any day thereafter Bonds maturing on or after December 1, 2018. Redemption may be in whole or in part and if in part in such order of maturity as the College directs and selected by random means within a maturity. All prepayments shall be at a price of par plus accrued interest.

#### Extraordinary Optional Redemption

The Bonds will also be subject to optional redemption at par and accrued interest in integral multiples of \$5,000, as a whole or in part, in certain cases of damage to or destruction or condemnation of the Project Facilities, and upon a Determination of Taxability as provided in the Loan Agreement (see "THE BONDS – Determination of Taxability" and "SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS – The Loan Agreement").

#### Partial Redemption

If fewer than all Bonds of a maturity are called for redemption, the Authority will notify DTC of the particular amount of such maturity to be prepaid. DTC will determine by lot the amount of each participant's interest in such maturity to be redeemed and each participant will then select by lot the beneficial ownership interests in such maturity to be redeemed.

In the case of Bonds of denominations greater than \$5,000, if less than all of the principal of such Bonds then outstanding is to be called for redemption, then for all purposes in connection with redemption, each \$5,000 of principal amount shall be treated as though it were a separate Bond of the denomination of \$5,000 bearing the number borne by such fully registered Bond and a subnumber assigned by the Trustee. Interest shall cease to accrue on the portion of the principal amount of such Bond represented by such \$5,000 unit or units of principal amount on and after the date fixed for redemption provided that funds sufficient for payment of the redemption price shall have been deposited with the Trustee and available for the redemption of said \$5,000 unit or units on the date fixed for redemption, and in such event, such Bond shall not be entitled to the benefit or security of the Indenture or the Loan Agreement to the extent of the portion of its principal amount (and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption and applicable premium, if any) represented by such \$5,000 unit or units of principal amount, nor shall new Bonds be thereafter issued corresponding to said unit or units.

#### Notice of Redemption

Notice of any redemption shall be mailed to the registered Owners at their addresses shown on the registration books of the Authority and maintained by the Trustee not less than thirty days, and if more than 60 days, then again not less than 30 nor more than 60 days, before the date fixed for such payment. If moneys are available at the office of the Trustee to pay the

redemption price on the date of redemption, any Bonds thus called shall not bear interest after the call date and, except for the purpose of payment by application of the funds so deposited, shall no longer be secured by the Indenture.

### **Determination of Taxability**

If a Determination of Taxability is made that the interest payable on the Bonds is subject to federal income taxes by reason of the application of the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder in effect on the date of issuance, the Bonds shall bear additional interest equal to two percent (2.00%) per annum above the basic interest rate from the Date of Taxability effective until the date on which the principal of the Bonds is paid. **If a Determination of Taxability should occur, any monetary damages or loss resulting from or incident thereto shall be limited to the increased interest rate on the Bonds.** See "TAX EXEMPTION" herein and Appendix IV, "DEFINITION OF CERTAIN TERMS."

The College will have the option to prepay the Loan on the next date for which due notice of redemption can be given, in full or in part and on any date thereafter following a Determination of Taxability at a price of par and accrued interest (including additional interest from the Date of Taxability and without a premium).

### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The Bonds proceeds will be loaned to the College by the Authority and, along with available College funds, will be used to:

1. acquire, construct, improve and equip an approximately 38,000 square foot expansion of and renovation to the College's Wellness Center on the College's Duluth campus, for athletic and academic purposes.
2. fund a debt service reserve account, and
3. pay certain costs of issuance.

The College has retained TKDA as the architect for the Project and Oscar J. Boldt Construction as the contractor for the Project. The College has entered into a maximum guaranteed price contract with the contractor. Construction will begin on the Project in November of 2007 and is expected to be completed by October of 2008.

### **SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS**

#### Sources of Funds

Par Amount of Six-S Bonds	\$8,170,000
Net original issue discount	(64,830)
Accrued interest	<u>21,270</u>
Total Sources:	<u>\$8,126,440</u>

#### Uses of Funds

Deposit to Construction Account	\$7,300,000
Deposit to Debt Service Reserve Fund	656,250
Deposit to Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account	21,270
Costs of Issuance, including Underwriter discount	<u>148,920</u>
Total Uses:	<u>\$8,126,440</u>

In the event Bond issuance costs including Underwriter's discount exceed 2% of the Bond proceeds, defined as par less original issue discount, such excess shall be paid by the College from other than Bond proceeds.

## **SOURCE OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS**

### **General**

The Bonds will be special obligations of the Authority payable solely from Loan Repayments made by the College as required by the Loan Agreement or out of other amounts pledged therefor under the Indenture including moneys and investments in the Reserve Account. The Reserve Account will be fully funded to the Reserve Requirement from proceeds of the Bonds.

The Bonds are secured by the pledge of the Loan Repayments, which are a general obligation of the College, the Reserve Account and other funds the Trustee holds under the Indenture. The College will agree pursuant to the terms of the Loan Agreement and the Indenture to make payments directly to the Trustee in such amounts and at such times as to assure that the Trustee has sufficient funds with which to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. The College agrees to make such payments out of its operating funds or any other moneys legally available.

The College covenants and agrees to charge tuition fees, other fees, rentals and charges which, together with the general funds or any other moneys legally available, will be sufficient at all times to make the Loan Repayments and other payments required under the Loan Agreement; to meet current operation and maintenance expenses of the Project Facilities; and to pay all other obligations of the College as they become due.

**The Bonds shall not be legal or moral obligations of the State of Minnesota nor shall they constitute a debt for which the faith and credit of the Authority or the State of Minnesota, or the taxing powers of the State, are pledged. The Authority has no taxing powers.**

The Bonds will not be secured by the General Bond Reserve of the Authority (see "ACCOUNTS – General Bond Reserve Account").

### **Financial Covenants**

The College will also covenant in the Loan Agreement that so long as the Bonds shall remain outstanding:

- a. The Revenue/Expenditure Test must be met in at least two of the preceding three complete Fiscal Years.
- b. At June 30, 2008 and at the end of each Fiscal Year thereafter, Unrestricted Liquid Funds shall be not less than five percent (5%) of Total Expenses. Within 120 days after the end of each Fiscal Year, the College shall furnish to the Trustee a certificate of an Authorized College Representative showing the Unrestricted Liquid Funds as of the end of the Fiscal Year. If at the end of any Fiscal Year, Unrestricted Liquid Funds do not equal or exceed five percent (5%) of Total Expenses, the College shall obtain (from gifts, removal of encumbrance or restriction, sale of tangible property or otherwise) additional Unrestricted Liquid Funds at least equal to the amount of the deficiency as promptly as possible, but in any event within 180 days after the close of the Fiscal Year, and shall report the same to the Trustee, but proceeds of borrowed funds or from the sale of tangible property leased back by the College for a term of more than two years

or with a repurchase option shall not be included in computation of amounts eligible to cure the deficiency.

- c. The College shall incur no Funded Debt (except for a refunding or refinancing of Funded Debt which does not increase the Maximum Annual Debt Service and further excepting indebtedness for capital projects for which the College has secured funds on hand or written and signed pledges of gifts in an amount equal to 80% of the estimated cost of such project), unless the Debt Service Coverage Ratio for the most recent Fiscal Year for which audited financial statements are available was at least 120%; provided that, if the additional Funded Debt proposed to be incurred is to finance student housing, student dining, student union or other revenue producing facilities, there shall be added to the amount of Net Income Available for Debt Service for such Fiscal Year the estimated amount of Net Income Available for Debt Service to be derived from such facility in the first fiscal year following the estimated date of completion of such facility as estimated in a report of an Independent Management Consultant to the College and the Trustee; and provided further that if the Board of Trustees has increased tuition, student fees or other rates or charges at or after the end of such Fiscal Year, for purposes of this paragraph, there shall be added to Net Income Available for Debt Service for such Fiscal Year the amount of such increase net of increased operating expenses, as estimated in a report of an Independent Management Consultant to the College and the Trustee; and proved further that if the Additional Funded Debt proposed to be incurred is to finance equipment or facilities which will produce savings in operating costs of the College, as estimated in a report of an Independent Management Consultant to the College and the Trustee, there shall be added to the amount of Net Income Available for Debt Service for such Fiscal Year, the estimated net savings to be derived from such equipment or facilities in the first Fiscal Year following the estimated date of acquisition or construction of such equipment or facilities.

For purpose of these covenants, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“Adjusted Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets” means the Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets, as reported in the Statement of Activities section of the audited financial statements of the College, adjusted to: (a) exclude depreciation and amortization expense and include (as a reduction to unrestricted net assets) the cost of current year equipment acquisitions which have been funded through operations and capitalized; (b) exclude net assets released from restriction representing acquisition of land, buildings and equipment and not funded through operations; (c) exclude extraordinary gains or losses; (d) exclude Total Return; and (e) include an amount determined by the College’s Endowment Spending Policy.

“Debt Service Coverage Ratio” means for any particular period, the ratio (expressed as a percentage) determined by dividing Net Income Available for Debt Service by Maximum Annual Debt Service.

“Endowment Spending Policy” means the spending policy approved from time to time by the College’s governing board as applied to endowment funds and long-term investment funds.

“Funded Debt” means indebtedness for borrowed money having a maturity date of more than two years from the date of creation thereof and which, under generally accepted accounting principles, is shown on the balance sheet as a liability, including obligations whenever payable if renewable pursuant to the terms thereof or of a revolving loan agreement for a period of more than two years from the date of creation thereof and including lease rental obligations which, under generally accepted accounting principles, are shown on the balance sheet as a liability.

“Investment in Plant” means Property, Plant and Equipment, Net, plus Debt Acquisition Costs, less Bonds and Capital Leases Payable, each as reported in the Statements of Financial Position section of the audited financial statements of the College.

“Maximum Annual Debt Service,” as used above, means the largest total amount of principal and interest on Funded Debt payable by the College in any future Fiscal Year during which Bonds will (if paid at their stated maturity dates or redeemed in accordance with a mandatory sinking fund schedule) be outstanding and subject to adjustments in accordance with Section 6.14 of the Loan Agreement.

“Net Income Available for Debt Service” means Adjusted Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets plus interest payments on Funded Debt.

“Revenue/Expenditure Test” means the Adjusted Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets shall not be less than zero.

“Total Expenses” means the Unrestricted Total Expenses and Losses as reported in the Statement of Activities section of the audited financial statements of the Corporation.

“Total Return” is the sum of interest and dividends, realized gain and loss and unrealized gain and loss on endowment funds and long-term investment funds.

“Unrestricted Liquid Funds” means the Unrestricted Net Assets, as reported in the Statements of Financial Position section of the audited financial statements of the College, reduced by Investment in Plant.

For purposes of (a), (b) and (c) above, all capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in the Loan Agreement shall have the meanings provided for audits of colleges and universities, as applied by the College's auditors in the report of the College's financial statements. If any such term is no longer utilized in the financial statements, the College shall obtain from its auditor the substantially equivalent term in the financial statements or have the auditor determine the amounts in the financial statements that would be reported under this Section and obtain from such auditor a certificate or opinion as to such equivalency or determination directed to the Authority and the College.

## **ACCOUNTS**

### **Summary**

The Indenture will provide for the creation of certain trust accounts into which the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds and revenues received as Loan Repayments under the Loan Agreement are to be deposited. These accounts include a Construction Account, a Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account, a Reserve Account, and a Redemption Account. The net proceeds of original issue and sale of the Bonds are to be deposited into the Construction Account, the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account, and the Reserve Account, as described below. Following Bond Closing, amounts received by the Trustee from the College as Loan Repayments are to be deposited into the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account, the Reserve Account, and the Redemption Account and used, to the extent needed, to redeem or pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due.

### **Construction Account**

There shall be deposited initially into the Construction Account certain proceeds of the Bonds, except as otherwise required to be deposited into the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account and the Reserve Account. The College will agree in the Loan Agreement to provide for payment of all costs of the Project in excess of the proceeds of the Bonds available therefor and to pay out of available general funds all costs of issuance of the Bonds (including underwriting discount) in excess of 2.00% of the proceeds of the Bonds (principal less original



issue discount according to the reoffering scale). Upon receipt of proper documentation, the Trustee will reimburse or pay for the account of the College costs incurred in connection with the Project. When work on the Project has been completed and the Project Equipment has been installed and a certificate to that effect has been furnished to the Trustee, any balance in the Construction Account shall be deposited into the Redemption Account or the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account under certain conditions.

### **Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account**

Deposits shall be made to the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account from transfers of amounts in other Accounts, as permitted by the Indenture, and from Loan Repayments made by the College. Deposits into the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account shall be made at least two (2) Business Days prior to each Interest Payment Date in amounts equal to interest and, if applicable, principal due on such Interest Payment Date.

The moneys and investments in the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account will be irrevocably pledged to and shall be used by the Trustee, from time to time, to the extent required, for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds as and when such principal and interest shall become due and payable and for that purpose only.

### **Reserve Account**

There shall be initially deposited into the Reserve Account from Bond proceeds the amount of the Reserve Requirement irrevocably pledged to the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, as may be required from time to time. All amounts paid by the College as Loan Repayments not deposited or required to be deposited into the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account or the Redemption Account will be deposited into the Reserve Account in order to maintain the Reserve Account in an amount not less than the Reserve Requirement.

In the event that a withdrawal of funds from the Reserve Account reduces the balance therein to a sum less than the Reserve Requirement, the College shall immediately restore the deficiency, provided that if such funds are withdrawn in order to make any rebate payment required to be made by the Authority under the Loan Agreement, the Authority shall restore such deficiency or shall reimburse the College for amounts so withdrawn. Investments in the Reserve Account shall be valued at market value. Investments in the Reserve Account shall be valued by the Trustee not less frequently than as of the first day of the calendar month next preceding June 1, 2008 and semiannually thereafter. If upon any valuation date, the amount on deposit in the Reserve Account (exclusive of accrued but unrealized interest on moneys or investments therein) is more than the lesser of the Reserve Requirement or the amount permitted for a reasonably required reserve fund under the Arbitrage Regulations, the Trustee shall forthwith transfer the excess to the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account. If on any valuation date the amount on deposit in the Reserve Account is less than the Reserve Requirement, then (unless the value of the amount on deposit exceeds the amount allowed for a reasonably required reserve fund under the Arbitrage Regulations) such deficiency shall be restored to an amount equal to the amount of the Reserve Requirement within not less than 30 days.

Interest and income in the Reserve Account shall be transferred first to the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account to the extent the amount on deposit in the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account is less than the amount permitted for a bona fide debt service fund under the Arbitrage Regulations, and second to the Redemption Account any excess interest and income. When the moneys and investments in the Reserve Account shall be sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on all outstanding Bonds when due, such moneys and investments shall be transferred, as appropriate, into the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account or the Redemption Account; provided that the Trustee is authorized, in its discretion, to use funds and

investments in the Reserve Account to pay the amount of any rebate due the United States in respect of the Bonds under Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code if the College or the Authority shall have failed to pay or provide for the payment thereof under the Loan Agreement.

### **Redemption Account**

There shall be deposited into the Redemption Account all other amounts required to be deposited therein pursuant to any provision of the Loan Agreement or the Indenture.

Amounts on deposit to the credit of the Redemption Account shall be used, first, to make up deficiencies in the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account; second, to create and maintain the Reserve Requirement in the Reserve Account; and, third, for the redemption of outstanding Bonds at the request or direction of the College for the purchase of outstanding Bonds on the market at prices not exceeding the redemption price on the next available date for redemption. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee is authorized in its discretion to use funds and investments in the Redemption Account to pay the amount of any rebate due the United States in respect of the Bonds under Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code if the College or the Authority shall have failed to pay or provide for the payment thereof under the Loan Agreement.

### **Authorized Investments**

Moneys on deposit to the credit of the Construction Account, the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account, the Reserve Account and the Redemption Account shall be invested by the Trustee only in investments as authorized by law from time to time. For more detail on authorized investments, see Appendix V, "SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS – The Indenture – Accounts."

## **GENERAL BOND RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Pursuant to its General Bond Resolution adopted October 31, 1972, the Authority has established and maintains a General Bond Reserve Account. **The Bonds will not be secured by the General Bond Reserve Account and Bondholders will have no right to require the Authority to apply moneys or investments in the General Bond Reserve Account to the payment of the Bonds or interest thereon.**

## **FUTURE FINANCING**

The College regularly improves and expands its physical plant and incurs long-term financing as needed for these purposes. The College does not anticipate financing any such projects with debt within the next twelve months.

## **THE AUTHORITY**

The Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority was created by Chapter 868, Laws of Minnesota, 1971 (Sections 136A.25 through 136A.42, Minnesota Statutes), for the purpose of assisting institutions of higher education within the State in the construction and financing of projects. The Authority consists of eight members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. A representative of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and the President of the Minnesota Private College Council, who is a non-voting member, are also members of the Authority.

Marianne T. Remedios has been the Executive Director of the Authority since 2000.

Elaine J. Yungerberg has been Assistant Executive Director of the Authority since 1993.

The Authority is authorized and empowered to issue revenue bonds whose aggregate outstanding principal amount at any time shall not exceed \$950 million. The Authority has had 165 issues (including refunded and retired issues) totaling over \$1 billion, of which approximately \$744 million is outstanding as of November 1, 2007. Bonds issued by the Authority are payable only from the loan repayments, rentals, and other revenues and moneys pledged for their payment. The bonds of the Authority do not represent or constitute a debt or pledge of the faith or credit or moral obligation of the State.

Educational institutions eligible for assistance by the Authority are generally private nonprofit educational institutions authorized to provide a program of education beyond the high school level. Under current statutory authority, public community and technical colleges in the State are also eligible for assistance, but only in financing of child-care and parking facilities. In addition, pursuant to special legislation, the Authority has twice issued bonds on behalf of a public community college for housing purposes. Sectarian institutions are not eligible for assistance; however, the fact that an institution is sponsored by a religious denomination does not of itself make the institution sectarian. Application to the Authority is voluntary.

The scope of projects for which the Authority may issue bonds is broad, including buildings or facilities for use as student housing, academic buildings, parking facilities, day-care centers, and other structures or facilities required or useful for the instruction of students, or conducting of research, in the operation of an institution of higher education.

While the Authority retains broad powers to oversee planning and construction, it is current policy to permit the institution almost complete discretion with respect to these matters.

The Authority is also authorized to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of refunding bonds of the Authority and to refinance other debt for capital improvements.

The operations of the Authority are financed solely from fees paid by the participating institutions; it has no taxing power.

Bond issuance costs, including fees of bond counsel, the financial advisor and trustee, are paid by the participating institution.

### **FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

The Authority has retained Springsted Incorporated, Public Sector Advisors, of Saint Paul, Minnesota, as financial advisor (the "Financial Advisor") in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. In preparing the Official Statement, the Financial Advisor has relied upon College officials and other sources who have access to relevant data to provide accurate information for the Official Statement, and the Financial Advisor has not been engaged, nor has it undertaken, to independently verify the accuracy of such information. The Financial Advisor is not a public accounting firm and has not been engaged by the Authority to compile, review, examine or audit any information in the Official Statement in accordance with accounting standards. The Financial Advisor is an independent advisory firm and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities and therefore will not participate in the underwriting of the Bonds.

## **UNDERWRITING**

The Bonds are being purchased by RBC Dain Rauscher Inc., doing business under the name RBC Capital Markets (the "Underwriter"). The Underwriter has agreed to purchase the Bonds at a purchase price of \$8,050,020.20 (representing the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds less an underwriter's discount of \$55,147.50 and less net original issue discount of \$64,832.30), plus accrued interest.

The Underwriter intends to offer the Bonds to the public initially at the offering price set forth on the front cover of this Official Statement, which may subsequently change without any requirement of prior notice. The Underwriter reserves the right to join with dealers and other underwriters in offering the Bonds to the public. The Underwriter may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing the Bonds into investment trusts) at prices lower than the public offering prices. The Underwriter may also receive a fee for conducting a competitive bidding process regarding the investment of certain bond proceeds.

The College has agreed in the Bond Purchase Agreement to indemnify the Underwriter and the Authority against certain civil liabilities, including certain potential liabilities under federal securities laws.

## **RATING**

As noted on the cover hereof, Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") has assigned a long-term rating of "Baa2" to the Bonds. Further information concerning the rating is available from Moody's.

There is no assurance that such rating will continue for any given period of time or that it may not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by the rating agency if, in its judgment, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward change in or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

## **LITIGATION**

The Authority and the College are unaware of any pending or threatened litigation which would affect the validity of the Bonds, the tax-exempt nature of the Bonds, the authority of either party to enter into the Bond-related documents or the ability of either to perform as described herein, or materially affect the ability of the College to pay the principal of or interest on the Bonds as the same become due.

## **LEGALITY**

The Bonds will be subject to the unqualified approving opinion as to validity and tax exemption by Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A., Duluth, Minnesota, as Bond Counsel. A legal opinion in substantially the form set out in Appendix II herein will be delivered at Bond Closing.

Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the College by Hanft Fride, a Professional Association, Duluth, Minnesota. Mr. William M. Burns, an attorney with Hanft Fride, is an emeritus member of the College's Board of Trustees.

## **TAX EXEMPTION**

### **Federal Tax Considerations**

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), establishes certain requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds in order that interest on the Bonds be and remain excludable from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. These requirements include, but are not limited to, (1) provisions relating to the expenditure of Bond proceeds, (2) provisions which prescribe yield and other limits relative to the investment of the proceeds of the Bonds and other amounts, (3) provisions which require that certain investment earnings be rebated periodically to the Federal government and (4) provisions relating to the ownership and operation of the facilities financed or refinanced by the Bonds. Noncompliance with such requirements may cause interest on the Bonds to become includable in gross income for purposes of Federal and State income taxation retroactive to their date of original issue, irrespective in some cases of the date on which such noncompliance is ascertained.

The Loan Agreement and the Indenture contain provisions (the "Tax Covenants") including covenants of the Authority and the College, pursuant to which, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, such requirements can be satisfied. The Tax Covenants do not relate to all the continuing requirements referred to in the preceding paragraph. If a Determination of Taxability occurs, however, whether or not as a result of violation of any of the Tax Covenants, the outstanding Bonds are subject to optional redemption without premium, and the Bonds shall bear additional interest at a rate of two percent (2%) per annum from the Date of Taxability until the respective dates on which the principal of the Bonds is paid. (See "SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS – The Loan Agreement – Determination of Taxability" in Appendix V). A determination that interest on the Bonds is includable in the computation of the alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals under the Code is not a Determination of Taxability.

Assuming compliance with the Tax Covenants and on the basis of the certifications to be furnished at Bond Closing, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, under present laws and rulings, interest on the Bonds is not includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. Interest on the Bonds is not treated as a preference item in determining federal alternative minimum taxable income of individuals and corporations. However, the interest is includable in "adjusted current earnings" for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum taxable income of corporations.

The Code imposes a branch profits tax equal to 30% of the "dividend equivalent amount" which is measured by "earnings and profits" effectively connected to the United States, net of certain adjustments. Included in the earnings and profits of a United States branch of a foreign corporation is income that would be effectively connected with a United States trade or business if such income were taxable, such as the interest on the Bonds.

In addition, interest on the Bonds is includable in the net investment income of foreign insurance companies for purposes of Section 842(b) of the Code. In the case of a property, casualty or other insurance company subject to the tax imposed by Section 831 of the Code, the amount which otherwise would be taken into account as losses incurred under Section 832(b)(5) of the Code must be reduced by an amount equal to 15% of the interest on the Bonds that is received or accrued during the taxable year. In addition, passive investment income, including interest on the Bonds, may be subject to federal income taxation under Section 1375 of the Code for an S corporation that has Subchapter C earnings and profits at the close of the taxable year if more than 25% of its gross receipts are passive investment income.

The Code further provides that interest on the Bonds is includable in the calculation of modified adjusted gross income in determining whether Social Security or railroad retirement payments are to be included in taxable income of individuals.

### **Minnesota Tax Considerations**

Assuming compliance with the Tax Covenants and on the basis of the certifications to be furnished at Bond Closing, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, under present laws and rulings, interest on the Bonds is not includable in the taxable income of individuals, estates and trusts for Minnesota income tax purposes. Interest on the Bonds is not treated as a preference item in determining the Minnesota alternative minimum tax applicable to individuals, estates and trusts. However, the interest is subject to the Minnesota franchise tax imposed on corporations, including financial institutions, measured by taxable income and the alternative minimum tax base.

Minnesota, like many other states, generally taxes interest on obligations of governmental issuers in other states. In 1995, Minnesota enacted a statement of intent, codified at Minn. Stat. §289A.50, subd. 10, that interest on obligations of Minnesota governmental units and Indian tribes be included in the net income of individuals, estates and trusts for Minnesota income tax purposes, if a court determines that Minnesota's exemption of such interest and its taxation of interest on obligations of governmental issuers in other states unlawfully discriminates against interstate commerce. This provision applies to taxable years that begin during or after the calendar year in which any such court decision becomes final, irrespective of the date upon which the obligations were issued. In January 2006, the Kentucky Court of Appeals held, in *Davis v. Department of Revenue*, that the state's exemption of interest on its own bonds and those of its political subdivisions and its taxation of interest on the bonds of other states and their political subdivisions unlawfully discriminates against interstate commerce. The Kentucky Supreme Court declined to review this decision. Kentucky officials have sought United States Supreme Court review of the *Davis* decision. In 1994, the Ohio Court of Appeals had reached the opposite conclusion on this legal issue, upholding a similar Ohio statute, in *Shaper v. Tracy*.

The United States Supreme Court has decided to consider the appeal of the *Davis* decision in its term beginning October of 2007. If the United States Supreme Court affirms the *Davis* decision, it is likely that Minnesota's tax treatment of state and local government bonds would also be held to be unconstitutional. A challenge of Minnesota's treatment of state and local government bonds is possible even in the absence of a decision by the United States Supreme Court. If Minnesota's treatment of state and local government bonds were held to unlawfully discriminate against interstate commerce, the court would have to decide upon a remedy for the tax years at issue in the case. Even if the remedy applied to those and other years preceding the decision were to exempt other states' bond interest rather than to tax Minnesota bond interest, application of the 1995 statute to subsequent years could cause interest on the Bonds to become taxable by Minnesota and the market value of the Bonds to decline.

### **Original Issue Premium**

Certain maturities of the Bonds have been sold to the public at an amount in excess of their stated redemption price at maturity. Such excess of the purchase price of a Bond over its stated redemption price at maturity constitutes premium on such Bond. A purchaser of a Bond must amortize any premium over such Bond's term using constant yield principles, based on the purchaser's yield to maturity. As premium is amortized, the purchaser's basis in such Bond is reduced by a corresponding amount, resulting in an increase in the gain (or decrease in the loss) to be recognized for federal income tax purposes upon a sale or disposition of such Bond prior to its maturity. Even though the purchaser's basis is reduced, no federal income tax

deduction is allowed. Purchasers of any Bonds at a premium, whether at the time of initial issuance or subsequent thereto, should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to the determination and treatment of premium for federal income tax purposes and with respect to state and local tax consequences of owning such Bonds.

### **Original Issue Discount**

The dollar amount of the initial offering price to the public of the Bonds with stated maturities in the years 2012 through 2017, inclusive, and the Term Bonds maturing in 2027 (the "Discount Bonds") is less than the principal amount of such maturities. The difference between the initial public offering price of each such Discount Bond (assuming a substantial amount of the Discount Bonds is sold at such price) and its principal amount represents original issue discount. Under existing laws, regulations, rulings and decisions, Bond Counsel is of the opinion with respect to the Discount Bonds that the amount of original issue discount constitutes tax-exempt interest to the extent that it is deemed to accrue to an owner for federal and State of Minnesota income tax purposes (other than Minnesota corporate franchise taxes measured by taxable income and the alternative minimum tax base). Original issue discount is deemed to accrue for such purposes on the basis of a constant yield to maturity taking into account semiannual compounding. The amount of original issue discount that accrues during any accrual period to a holder of a Discount Bond who acquires the Discount Bond in this offering generally equals (i) the issue price of such Discount Bond plus the amount of original issue discount accrued in all prior accrual periods, multiplied by (ii) the yield to maturity of such Discount Bond (determined on the basis of compounding at the close of each accrual period and properly adjusted for the length of the accrual period), less (iii) any interest payable on such Discount Bond during such accrual period. The amount of original issue discount so accrued in a particular accrual period will be considered to be received ratably on each day of the accrual period, will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes to the same extent as stated interest and will increase the holder's tax basis in such Discount Bond. Any gain realized by a holder from a sale, exchange, payment or redemption of a Discount Bond would be treated as gain from the sale or exchange of such Discount Bond. An owner of a Discount Bond who disposes of it prior to maturity should consult such owner's tax advisor as to the amount of original issue discount accrued over the period held and the amount of taxable gain or loss upon the sale or other disposition of such Discount Bond prior to maturity.

It is possible under the applicable provisions governing state and local income taxation in states other than Minnesota that interest on Discount Bonds may be taxable in the year of accrual, and may be deemed to accrue earlier than under federal law. Bondholders who acquire the Bonds at a discount should consult their tax advisors with respect to the state and local tax consequences of owning the Discount Bonds.

**Bondholders should consult their tax advisors with respect to collateral consequences arising from the receipt of interest on the Bonds, including without limitation the calculations of alternative minimum tax or foreign branch profits tax liability, or the inclusion of social security or other retirement payments in taxable income.**

### **NOT QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS**

The Bonds will not be "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 relating to the ability of financial institutions to deduct from income for federal income tax purposes, interest expense that is allocable to carrying and acquiring tax-exempt obligations.

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## THE COLLEGE

The College of St. Scholastica (the “College”), located in Duluth, Minnesota, is a co-educational, four-year, independent liberal arts college. The College was founded in 1912 by the Benedictine Sisters Benevolent Association and is shaped by its Benedictine heritage. The College offers programs in the liberal arts and sciences and professional career fields. The entire College community is committed to an educational process that requires students to meet rigorous academic standards, to broaden the scope of their knowledge, and to be accountable to both self and society.

The College serves more than 3,300 full-time and part-time students. The small community enables each student to participate in academics, extracurricular activities, and recreational activities. The College's 13:1 student-teacher ratio makes it easier to seek individualized help and encouragement.

The College also offers an accelerated degree evening program in the Minnesota cities of Duluth, Brainerd, St. Cloud, Saint Paul, and Rochester. The College has consortium agreements through which students may enroll in courses at other colleges in the region. Opportunities to study abroad exist with the College's study center in Louisburgh, Ireland; with the College's affiliation with Lincoln University College in Buenos Aires, Argentina; at a new liberal arts college near Hong Kong, China; in a Russian language exchange program in Petrozavodsk, Karelia, Russia; at the Curnevaca Center for Intercultural Dialogue on Development in Mexico; and exchange programs in Leipzig, Germany, and Lille, France.

Graduates of the College have been recognized for their academic and professional preparation. For the year ending June 2006, 99.1 percent of graduates either secured employment or enrolled in graduate school within six months of graduation. *U.S. News & World Report* magazine's 2008 “America's Best Colleges” rankings put the College in the top tier of Midwestern colleges for academic excellence and affordability.

### Governance

The current By-Laws provide for a Board of Trustees of not less than 27 persons, including the President of the College, the President of the Benedictine Sisters Benevolent Association, a student appointed by the Student Senate, a faculty member elected by the Faculty Assembly, the President of the Alumni Association, and a representative of the staff of the College. At all times, at least 25% of the voting Trustees must be members of the Benedictine Sisters Benevolent Association.

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Sr. Sarah Smedman, O.S.B.	Director of Continuing Education and Life Development, St. Scholastica Monastery, Duluth, Minnesota
Elizabeth Stauber-Johnson, Ph.D.	Former Assistant Professor, Department of Education, University of Wisconsin-Superior, Superior, Wisconsin
Louise Town	Neurologist (retired), Bloomington, Minnesota

## **President**

Dr. Larry Goodwin became the eleventh President of the College in 1999. Prior to his appointment as President, he served as Interim President from 1998 to 1999, Dean of Faculty from 1987 to 1998, and also as Vice President for Academic Affairs from 1993 to 1998. Prior to joining the College, Dr. Goodwin was the acting Associate Academic Dean at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he also taught for ten years. Dr. Goodwin received a Ph.D. in Theology from The University of Chicago in 1976.

## **Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of Faculty**

Dr. Elizabeth Domholdt joined the College in 2005 as Vice President for Academic Affairs. Prior to coming to the College she was a professor and dean at the Krannert School of Physical Therapy at the University of Indianapolis. She received her BS in Physical Therapy from the University of Michigan and her MS in Health Occupations Education and EdD in Higher Education from Indiana University.

## **Vice President for Finance**

Patrick Flattery, Vice President for Finance, is also the chief financial officer and treasurer for the College. Prior to his joining the College in 1999, Mr. Flattery was the Director of Business and Finance for the Duluth Public Schools in Duluth, Minnesota. Mr. Flattery is a Certified Public Accountant and earned his BA in Accounting in 1978 from the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

## **Academic Information – Undergraduate Program**

The College operates on a conventional semester system. A full-time student is defined as one enrolled for a minimum of 12 semester credit hours; 128 semester credits are required for graduation, of which one third are general education credits.

The academic program consists of three parts: general education requirements, a major, and open electives. The major prepares the student for graduate school or for a profession and is normally selected by the end of the sophomore year. Elective courses allow students to pursue particular interests. The general education program includes a system of area distribution requirements, a First-Year Program, and an upper-division writing course elective.

## **Admission Requirements**

The College seeks to identify and admit students who have a strong probability of success in a demanding curriculum and rigorous academic major. Historically, the student who successfully demonstrates academic aptitude in high school or in a home school curriculum, has above average ACT and/or SAT scores, and ranks in the upper half of his or her senior class is admitted to the College. Transfer students must demonstrate similar success in the college-level environment, with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for admission consideration. The College welcomes students from differing ethnic, religious, racial, economic, and geographic backgrounds.

## **Majors and Degrees**

The College offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in the following majors: Accounting, Advertising and Public Relations, Biochemistry, Biology, Catholic Studies, Chemistry, Communication, Computer Science/Information Systems, Applied Economics, Elementary and Middle Education, Educational Media and Technology (Licensure), English, Exercise Physiology, Health Information Management, Health Sciences, History, Humanities, Journalism, Languages and International Studies, Management, Marketing, Mathematics, Music, Natural Sciences, Nursing, Ojibwe Language and Culture Education, Organizational Behavior, Psychology, Social Sciences, Social Studies, Social Work, Theatre Management, and Theology and Religious Studies.

Pre-professional programs include the fields of Dentistry, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine.

Minors are available in most of the major fields as well as in American Indian Studies, Art, French, German, Gerontology (certificate), Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Philosophy, Photography, Political Science, Russian, Spanish, Theatre, and Women's and Gender Studies.

## Graduate Programs

The College offers Master of Education (M.Ed.) and Master of Arts (MA) degrees including M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, M.Ed. in Educational Media and Technology, MA in Computer Information Systems, MA in Exercise Physiology, MA in Health Information Management, MA in Management, MA in Nursing, MA in Occupational Therapy, DNP in Nursing, and DPT in Physical Therapy.

## Campus and Buildings

The College's campus is located on 186 acres on a ridge overlooking Lake Superior in a residential area of Duluth, Minnesota.

Tower Hall, constructed in the years 1912-26, served all the needs of the College in its early years, including student housing. Today the campus consists of the Mitchell Auditorium, including a 500-seat music hall; the Science Center; Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel; the Myles Reif Recreation Center; the College Library; the St. Scholastica Theatre; Tower Hall; Somers Residence Hall that also includes a wing of residence hall suites; and the Wellness Center, a student fieldhouse & fitness center. Eight apartment complexes – Cedar, Groves, Birch, Maple, Pine, Willow, Scanlon and Kerst – provide additional on campus student housing.

Adjoining the campus are the St. Scholastica Monastery, the home of the Benedictine Sisters; the Benedictine Health Center, which serves the needs of the Duluth area and provides many health science and behavioral arts and sciences students with opportunity to obtain practical experience; and Westwood, a continuous care facility for senior citizens.

## Housing

The College currently has 1,025 beds available on campus. For the 2006-07 academic year, an average of 1,025 beds were occupied, resulting in a 100.0% occupancy rate. Approximately 50% of the students at the College's Duluth campus lived in student housing on campus.

## Student Body

The College's actual head count enrollment and full-time equivalent fall enrollment is:

Year - <u>Fall of</u>	<u>Head Count</u>	<u>FTE</u>	Undergraduate <u>FTE</u>
2002	2,518	2,323	1,423
2003	2,841	2,622	1,640
2004	3,015	2,761	1,763
2005	3,249	2,951	1,979
2006	3,309	2,987	2,063
2007	3,259	2,973	2,059

The average ACT score for first year students is 23 as of the most recent academic year.

Undergraduate applications, acceptances and matriculations:

The following table shows undergraduate application, acceptances and matriculations as of the fall term for each of the following years:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Applications	1,175	1,338	1,459	1,520	1,518
Acceptances	1,036	1,193	1,268	1,335	1,335
Matriculations	413	448	490	496	494

Graduation rate for first year students graduating in four years:

<u>Entering Year</u>	<u>4-year Graduation rate</u>
1999	53.6%
2000	52.6%
2001	55.1%
2002	56.8%
2003	57.5%

Retention from first year to second year for the past five years has been:

Fall 2002 to Fall 2003	82.0%
Fall 2003 to Fall 2004	83.4%
Fall 2004 to Fall 2005	77.0%
Fall 2005 to Fall 2006	81.6%
Fall 2006 to Fall 2007	82.6%

## **Tuition and Fees**

The College meets the costs of its educational programs primarily through tuition and fees. The following table lists the schedule of charges for a full-time resident student for the past five years:

	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>2007-2008</u>
Annual Tuition	\$ 19,192	\$ 20,630	\$ 22,110	\$ 23,434	\$ 24,840
Housing:					
Somers Residence Hall:					
Double room (with board)	5,668	5,916	6,216	6,514	6,684
Suite (with board)	5,568	5,812	6,396	6,792	7,062
Apartments:					
Grove Apartments	2,764	2,874	3,060	3,240	3,438
Cedar, Scanlon or Kerst 2BR	3,465	3,604	4,096	4,418	4,640
Scanlon or Kerst 4BR			4,320	4,758	5,112
Pine, Maple, Willow, and Birch Apartments	3,238	3,368	3,870	4,256	4,512
Health Service Fee	110	130	130	140	150
Total for Student in Somers Hall (double room w/board)	\$ 24,970	\$ 26,676	\$ 28,456	\$ 30,088	\$ 31,674

In addition, students taking certain courses are charged laboratory fees.

**2007/2008 Undergraduate Rate Comparison of Minnesota Private Colleges  
(Ranked by Comprehensive Charges)**

<u>College/University</u>	<u>Tuition and Required Fees</u>	<u>Room and Board</u>	<u>Comprehensive Charges*</u>
Carleton College	\$36,156	\$9,489	\$45,645
Macalester College	\$33,694	\$8,220	\$41,914
St. Olaf College	\$30,600	\$7,900	\$38,500
Gustavus Adolphus College	\$28,535	\$6,775	\$35,310
College of Saint Benedict	\$26,570	\$7,430	\$34,000
Hamline University	\$26,541	\$7,372	\$33,933
University of St. Thomas	\$26,274	\$7,312	\$33,586
College of St. Catherine	\$25,942	\$7,518	\$33,460
Saint John's University	\$26,530	\$6,870	\$33,400
Minneapolis College of Art & Design	\$27,200	\$6,110	\$33,310
Bethel University	\$24,510	\$7,380	\$31,890
<b>College of St. Scholastica</b>	<b>\$24,990</b>	<b>\$6,684</b>	<b>\$31,674</b>
Augsburg College	\$24,539	\$6,902	\$31,441
Concordia University (St. Paul)	\$23,496	\$6,776	\$30,272
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	\$22,398	\$6,130	\$28,528
Concordia College (Moorhead)	\$22,350	\$5,700	\$28,050
Bethany Lutheran College	<u>\$17,760</u>	<u>\$5,278</u>	<u>\$23,038</u>
Average	\$26,358	\$7,051	\$33,409

*These are "standard," fulltime, academic year charges for new entering students. Several colleges have differential tuition for upper-level students or other policies that result in some variation across class levels and students.*

*NOTE: Comprehensive charges are reduced for many students through financial assistance. Ninety-one percent of private college students apply for and receive financial assistance, with the amounts and types of aid determined in relation to family resources, calculated need, government formulas and financial aid funding and other factors. Typical assistance provided to students includes Federal and State grants (if applicant qualifies), institutional grants, loans and work-study determined in relation to the student's needs and other factors.*

*Source: The Minnesota Private College Council*

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## Financial Aid

More than 98 percent of full-time students at the College who apply for financial aid receive some form of aid; the average award is more than \$15,300. The following table is a five-year trend of financial aid by category received from both College and non-College funds:

<u>Source</u>	<u>2002-2003</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
Federal	\$ 2,065,043	\$ 2,377,354	\$ 2,471,981	\$ 2,306,944	\$ 2,598,624
State	3,261,449	3,005,894	2,886,431	2,838,768	3,052,039
College	10,311,142	13,257,506	15,457,069	18,918,422	20,948,306
Private	734,998	384,366	614,890	678,167	703,065
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 16,372,632</b>	<b>\$ 19,025,120</b>	<b>\$ 21,430,371</b>	<b>\$ 24,742,301</b>	<b>\$ 27,302,034</b>
Loans	\$ 17,304,734	\$ 19,900,361	\$ 22,882,443	\$ 26,220,667	\$ 29,244,246
Workstudy	886,826	993,944	1,030,191	1,384,968	1,451,847
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 34,564,192</b>	<b>\$ 39,919,425</b>	<b>\$ 45,343,005</b>	<b>\$ 52,347,936</b>	<b>\$ 57,998,127</b>

Number of full-time students receiving financial aid	1,623	1,721	2,365	2,491	2,458
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## Faculty and Staff

The College employs a total of 620 persons. Of these, 135 are full-time faculty; this number includes six school deans. Average salaries by full-time faculty rank are:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average Salary</u>	<u>Percent Tenured</u>
Professor	21	\$ 74,320	95 %
Associate Professor	30	\$ 64,702	83 %
Assistant Professor	65	\$ 52,756	23 %
Instructor	17	\$ 43,442	0 %
Assistant Instructor	2	\$ 40,385	0 %

The College has entered into two collective bargaining agreements with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 70, covering the wages, hours, and working conditions for its maintenance and janitorial employees. The current three-year agreements cover approximately twenty-five employees and expire June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2010, respectively. The College has never experienced an employee work stoppage.

## Pension Plans

All employees of the College meeting age and service requirements are covered under two contributory defined contribution retirement plans. Pension expense totaled \$1,499,200 and \$1,559,700 for the years ended June 30, 2006 and 2007, respectively.



## Investments

Following is a five-year history of the net assets of the College's Permanently Restricted Net Assets held as endowment funds and Unrestricted Net Assets held as long-term investments (quasi-endowment funds) at market value:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Endowment	Long-Term Investment (Quasi- Endowment)	Total
2003	\$ 10,720,767	\$ 5,017,112	\$ 15,737,879
2004	\$ 11,909,421	\$ 6,967,176	\$ 18,876,597
2005	\$ 13,387,339	\$ 8,146,780	\$ 21,534,119
2006	\$ 13,976,011	\$ 9,977,285	\$ 23,953,296
2007	\$ 14,685,827	\$ 13,965,438	\$ 28,651,265

As of September 30, 2007, the total of the College's endowment and quasi-endowment, based on unaudited figures, was \$28,771,255.

The net assets described above reflect a portion of the College's Total Net Assets and are the funds that are subject to the College's Endowment Spending Policy. The College's Endowment Spending Policy has followed the total return concept for its endowment funds and long-term investment funds. Under this concept, endowment income and long-term investment income to be distributed and spent for operational purposes is established as a percentage of the average of the previous twelve quarter-end values of that portion of Total Net Assets described above. This percentage is determined annually by the Board of Trustees, and for fiscal years 2006 and 2007 the percentages were 3.0% and 4.0%, respectively. Based on this formula and spending rate, the total distributable income for the years ended June 30, 2006 and 2007 was \$464,050 and \$698,881, respectively.

## Gifts and Grants

Gifts and grants revenues received from federal, state and private sources for the past five years have been as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted
2003	\$ 4,528,560	\$1,487,101	\$ 605,209
2004	\$ 4,097,245	\$2,053,585	\$ 707,167
2005	\$4,194,698	\$1,852,291	\$ 972,395
2006	\$4,346,250	\$ 625,443	\$ 465,585
2007	\$4,850,987	\$1,089,178	\$ 737,397

## Capital Campaign

The College Board of Trustees approved a comprehensive capital campaign in early 2001. During its formative phase, the College recruited key volunteers across the nation from its current and former trustees, alumni and alumnae leadership, parents, and friends. The campaign goals were to increase current annual giving programs, secure current and restricted gifts for capital needs, and strengthen the endowment, as well as to significantly increase participation in the College's estate gift planning program.

The size of the campaign was originally \$28 million; this amount was subsequently increased to \$31 million by the Board of Trustees. The campaign ended during 2006-07 exceeding its fundraising goal, having raised over \$34.6 million. Of this amount, \$20.9 million has been received in cash and \$13.7 million is in pledges and planned gifts.

## **Presentation of Financial Statements**

Appendix VII sets forth the financial statements of the College for fiscal years ended June 30, 2006 and 2005, audited by Virchow, Krause & Company, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, Minneapolis, Minnesota and prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The firm has not participated in the preparation of this Official Statement and expresses no opinion on its contents.

## **Summaries of Unrestricted Funds Revenues, Expenditures and Transfers**

The table on the next page sets forth the statement of activities (unrestricted portion only) prepared in accordance with GAAP for the Fiscal Years 2002 through 2006. For more complete information of the College for the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2006 and 2005, see Appendix VI of this Official Statement.

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**COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA, INC.**  
**Statement of Unrestricted Activities**

**For the Years Ended June 30,**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>					
Tuition & Fees	\$36,379,285	\$43,019,007	\$48,202,609	\$54,756,734	\$59,377,259
Less: Scholarships and grants	(11,498,457)	(14,195,299)	(16,660,790)	(20,229,464)	(22,434,895)
Net tuition and fees	24,880,828	28,823,708	31,541,819	34,527,270	36,942,364
Government grants	3,757,345	3,644,671	3,776,596	3,506,208	4,226,109
Private gifts	771,215	452,574	418,102	840,042	624,878
Endowment income	(235,766)	1,166,837	493,782	953,906	1,642,438
Contributed services, net of expenses	135,984	147,814	111,151	157,714	145,958
Other sources	804,103	957,188	951,836	1,222,009	1,386,439
Investment income	200,242	91,828	158,516	359,465	653,440
Sales of services of auxiliary enterprises	4,031,809	4,555,700	4,988,769	6,156,198	6,564,893
	34,345,760	39,840,320	42,440,571	47,722,812	52,186,519
Net assets released from restrictions	1,140,637	2,782,349	3,237,020	2,235,080	2,789,353
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	35,486,397	42,622,669	45,677,591	49,957,892	54,975,872
<b>EXPENSES AND LOSSES</b>					
Program expenses					
Instruction	16,772,802	18,719,513	18,509,483	18,871,208	20,752,985
Public service	3,626,467	3,657,484	1,921,658	1,980,387	2,097,328
Academic support	3,459,202	3,965,207	4,266,759	4,809,300	4,948,817
Student services	4,429,547	4,988,349	8,584,797	8,920,056	9,478,657
Auxiliary enterprises	3,109,515	3,750,677	4,431,181	5,092,595	5,615,819
Support expenses					
Institutional support	3,213,213	3,722,921	6,132,527	6,918,345	6,704,657
Allocable expenses					
Operation and maintenance of plant	1,991,595	2,199,969	2,411,015	2,651,114	2,763,375
Depreciation and amortization	1,273,454	1,345,998	1,668,735	2,232,630	2,447,830
Interest expense	427,710	508,434	768,980	1,185,155	1,293,484
Less: Allocated expenses	(3,692,759)	(4,054,401)	(4,848,730)	(6,068,899)	(6,504,689)
Loss on disposal of plant facilities	8,202	0	6,221	(2,775)	(5,095)
Total Expenses and Losses	34,618,948	38,804,151	43,852,626	46,589,116	49,593,168
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Before Extraordinary Loss</b>	867,449	3,818,518	1,824,965	3,368,776	5,382,704
<b>Extraordinary Loss / Change in Accounting Principle</b>	(31,051)	0	0	(1,011,819)	0
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>	836,398	3,818,518	1,824,965	2,356,957	5,382,704
NET ASSETS -- Beginning of Year	28,172,542	29,008,940	32,827,458	34,652,423	37,009,380
<b>NET ASSETS -- END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$29,008,940</b>	<b>\$32,827,458</b>	<b>\$34,652,423</b>	<b>\$37,009,380</b>	<b>\$42,392,084</b>

Source: Audited financial statements of the College

## **Long-Term Debt of the College**

The College's total long-term debt outstanding as of September 30, 2007 is as follows:

- 1) \$5,960,000 Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series Five-J, dated May 1, 2001; interest rates on outstanding bonds range from 4.875% to 5.25%; final maturity due December 1, 2014; \$3,615,000 is outstanding. The full faith and credit of the College secure the bonds.
- 2) \$11,705,000 Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series Five-R, dated May 1, 2003; interest rates on outstanding bonds range from 3.25% to 5.00%; final maturity due December 1, 2032; \$11,085,000 is outstanding. The full faith and credit of the College secure the bonds.
- 3) \$12,000,000 Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds, Series Six-A, dated December 9, 2004; interest rates are reset daily; final maturity due December 1, 2034, \$12,000,000 is outstanding. The full faith and credit of the College and a letter of credit issued by M&I Marshall & Ilsley Bank secure the bonds.

As of September 30, 2007 the College's total long-term debt outstanding was \$26,700,000. The College's total long-term debt will increase by the principal amount of the Bonds upon issuance.

## **Annual Debt Service for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 and *Pro Forma* Coverage Statement**

The following table shows, for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 (i) the actual annual debt service on the Bonds; (ii) the College's annual debt service with respect to its other outstanding long-term indebtedness; (iii) the College's combined total annual debt service; and (iv) the amount of coverage for the combined annual debt service provided by the "amount available for debt service" for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2007, as further detailed in footnote (d) of the table.

This table is intended merely to show the relationship of the College's Fiscal Year 2007 revenues available for the payment of debt service to a pro forma statement of the College's combined annual debt service based on actual outstanding debt service and an assumed interest rate with respect to the Bonds. It is not intended and should not be considered a projection of the College's future revenues, expenses, debt service or debt service coverage. There is no assurance that the College's future revenues, expenses, debt service and debt service coverage or the respective relationships thereof will correspond to the revenues, expenses and debt service or the respective relationships thereof shown by or reflected in the following table.

Annual Debt Service for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009  
and *Pro Forma* Coverage Statement

(1) Fiscal Year	(2) Estimated Debt Service on the Bonds (a)	(3) Outstanding Long-term Debt Service (b)	(4) Combined Long-term Debt Service (c)	(5) Amount Available for Debt Service (d)	(6) Estimated Coverage (times) (e)
2008	\$223,311	\$1,993,236	\$2,216,547	\$6,865,816	3.10
2009	637,619	1,995,945	2,633,564	6,865,816	2.61
	<u>\$860,930</u>	<u>\$3,989,181</u>	<u>\$4,850,111</u>		

(a) Rates are actual rates obtained on the November 8, 2007 pricing date with an average coupon of 4.86%.

(b) Outstanding debt includes the College's Series Six-A variable rate bonds. Interest on the Series Six-A Bonds is estimated at 3.7%, based on the approximate average rate on the Series Six-A Bonds for 12 months through September 11, 2007.

(c) Column (2) plus column (3).

(d) Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2007 Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets \$ 5,382,704

Plus:

Depreciation and amortization 2,447,830

Interest expense 1,293,484

Unrealized losses on investments --

Less:

Net assets released for equipment and buildings (39,297)

Equipment acquired, funded through operations and capitalized (576,467)

Unrealized gains on investments (1,642,438)

Amount available for Debt Service \$6,865,816

(e) Column (5) divided by column (4)

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**PROPOSED FORM OF LEGAL OPINION**

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**MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY  
 REVENUE BONDS, SERIES SIX-S  
 (COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA, INC.)**

We have acted as bond counsel in connection with the issuance by the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority (the "Authority") of its fully registered (initially book-entry) Revenue Bonds, Series Six-S (College of St. Scholastica, Inc.), in the aggregate principal amount of \$8,170,000 (the "Bonds"), dated November 1, 2007. The Bonds mature on December 1 in the years 2008 through 2017 and on December 1, 2022 and 2027, and bear interest at the interest rates per annum specified in the Indenture (defined below) for each maturity subject to an increase in such interest rates in the event of a Determination of Taxability. The Bonds are subject to optional, mandatory and extraordinary redemption prior to maturity as provided in the Indenture.

The Bonds are issued for the purpose of funding a loan from the Authority to the College of St. Scholastica, Inc. (the "College"), a Minnesota nonprofit corporation, located in Duluth, Minnesota, in order to finance the costs of the acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipping of an approximately 38,500 square foot expansion of and renovation to the College's Wellness Center facilities for athletic and academic purposes, as further described in the Loan Agreement. We have examined executed counterparts of the Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") between the Authority and the College and the Trust Indenture (the "Indenture") between the Authority and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as Trustee (the "Trustee") each dated as of November 1, 2007, one or more opinions of Hanft Fride, a Professional Association, as counsel to the College, the form of the Bonds prepared for execution, and such other documents as we deemed necessary for the purpose of the following opinion.

As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon certified proceedings, documents and certifications furnished to us by public officials and officials of the College without undertaking to verify such facts by independent investigation. We have also relied upon the opinions of Hanft Fride, a Professional Association, as counsel to the College, as to the Loan Agreement having been duly authorized and executed and being binding upon the College, as to the corporate organization, tax-exempt status, good standing and powers of the College, and as to title to the Project Site (as defined in the Loan Agreement and Indenture), all without examining the records of the College or original title records or abstracts of title.

Except as set forth in our opinion to RBC Dain Rauscher Inc., doing business under the name RBC Capital Markets, dated the date hereof, we have not been engaged or undertaken to verify the accuracy, completeness or sufficiency of the Official Statement or other offering material relating to the Bonds, and we express no opinion relating thereto (except to the extent, if any, stated in the Official Statement).

Based on our examination, we are of the opinion, as of the date hereof, as follows:

1. The Authority is an agency of the State of Minnesota with authority under Sections 136A.25 to 136A.42, Minnesota Statutes, to issue the Bonds, to loan the proceeds thereof to the College and to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement and the Indenture to secure the Bonds.
2. The Loan Agreement and the Indenture are valid and binding instruments of the parties thereto, enforceable in accordance with their terms.
3. The Bonds are secured by the assignment of the loan repayments payable by the College under the Loan Agreement to the Trustee, scheduled to be made in amounts and at times sufficient (if timely paid in full) to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due, and by the pledge of the funds and investments held by the Trustee under the Indenture and by the pledge of funds and rights to payment held by the Trustee, as assignee, under the Loan Agreement.
4. Assuming compliance with certain covenants in the Loan Agreement and Indenture, under existing laws, regulations, rulings and decisions as presently construed, the interest on the Bonds is not includable in gross income for purposes of federal income taxation or in taxable income of individuals, estates and trusts for purposes of Minnesota income taxation. Interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference required to be included in the computation of "alternative minimum taxable income" for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax applicable to individuals under Section 55 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") or Minnesota alternative minimum tax applicable to individuals, trusts and estates. Interest on the Bonds, however, is includable in "adjusted current earnings" for purposes of the computation of "alternative minimum taxable income" of corporations under Section 55 of the Code and is subject to the Minnesota franchise tax imposed upon corporations, including financial institutions, measured by taxable income and the alternative minimum tax base. The Bonds are not arbitrage bonds within the meaning of Section 148 of the Code. The Bonds are "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Section 141(a) and "qualified 501(c)(3) bonds" within the meaning of Section 145 of the Code. Ownership of the Bonds will result in disallowance of a deduction for a portion of the interest expense of a "financial institution" under Section 265(b) of the Code. Reference is made to the caption "Tax Exemption" in the Official Statement for a description of the effect of certain provisions of the Code relating to, among other things, the branch profits tax imposed on foreign corporations, losses incurred by property and casualty insurance companies, Subchapter C earnings of S corporations, net investment income of foreign corporations, and the taxability of Social Security and railroad retirement benefits.

The rights of the holders of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds, the Indenture and the Loan Agreement may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and



receivership proceedings and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights heretofore or hereafter enacted to the extent constitutionally applicable and their enforcement may also be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in accordance with principles of equity.

Dated: November \_\_, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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## ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION

The Annual Report Date will be 270 days after each fiscal year end, commencing with the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. The Annual Report will contain:

1. Audited financial statements for the most recent complete fiscal year.
2. The following financial and operating data contained in Appendix I to the Final Official Statement:
  - a. Information as of the end of the most recent complete academic or fiscal year, as appropriate, of the matters covered by the Sections entitled:
    - Student Body
    - Tuition and Fees
    - Financial Aid
    - Faculty and Staff
    - Investments
  - b. Information as to gifts, bequests and grant support for the most recent complete fiscal year.
  - c. Information as to any publicly announced capital campaign, including stated goals and progress toward the goals.
  - d. An update of footnote (e) on the Annual Debt Service for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009 and *Pro Forma* Coverage Statement provided in the Official Statement.

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## DEFINITION OF CERTAIN TERMS

*Account or Accounts:* One or more of the Accounts created under Article IV or V of the Indenture.

*Act:* Sections 136A.25 through and including 136A.42, Minnesota Statutes, as amended.

*Arbitrage Regulations:* All regulations and proposed regulations from time to time issued and in effect under Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code (and former Section 103(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954), including without limitation Treasury Regulations Sections 1.148-1 to 1.150-1.

*Authority:* The Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority.

*Authorized Authority Representative:* The person at the time designated to act on behalf of the Authority by written certificate furnished to the Corporation and the Trustee, containing the specimen signature of such person and signed on behalf of the Authority by its Chair, Secretary or Executive Director or any officer authorized to act on behalf of the foregoing officers. Such certificate may designate an alternate or alternates and in that case, specimen signatures for the alternates shall be provided as well.

*Authorized Denominations:* \$5,000 and any integral multiples thereof.

*Authorized Institution Representative:* The Vice President for Finance or any other person at the time designated to act on behalf of the Corporation by written certificate furnished to the Authority and the Trustee, containing the specimen signature of such person and signed on behalf of the Corporation by the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson or Secretary of its Board of Trustees or by the President or a Vice President of the Corporation. Such certificate may designate an alternate or alternates and in that case, the certificate shall set forth the specimen signatures of such alternate(s).

*Authorized Investments:* Investments authorized for moneys in the Accounts created under Articles IV and V of the Indenture and described in Section 5.04 thereof.

*Beneficial Owner:* With respect to any authorized denomination of a Bond in Book-Entry Form, each person who beneficially owns such Bond in such authorized denomination and on whose behalf, directly or indirectly, such authorized denomination of Bond is held by the Depository pursuant to the Book-Entry System.

*Board of Trustees:* The Board of Trustees of the Corporation, including any Executive Committee or other committee authorized to act for such board.

*Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account:* The Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account established under Section 5.01 of the Indenture.

*Bond Closing:* The original issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds.

*Bond Purchase Agreement:* The Bond Purchase Agreement, related to the Bonds among the Authority, the Underwriter and the Corporation.

*Bond Resolution:* The Series Resolution of the Authority adopted on October 17, 2007, authorizing the Bonds, as the same may be amended, modified or supplemented by any amendments or modifications thereof.

*Bond Year:* With respect to the Bonds, (a) the period from the Issue Date to the close of business on December 1, 2007, and (b) each succeeding 12-month period ending at the close of business on December 1 of each year in which the outstanding Bonds, if paid at their stated maturity dates, will be outstanding.

*Bonds:* The Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series Six-S (College of St. Scholastica, Inc.).

*Book-Entry Form:* All Bonds, if such Bonds are all held (i) in the name of the Depository (or its nominee) with each Stated Maturity evidenced by a single Bond certificate or (ii) with the approval of the Corporation, Authority and Trustee, in any similar manner for which Beneficial Owners do not receive Bond certificates evidencing their beneficial ownership in any Bond.

*Book-Entry System:* A system of recordkeeping, securities clearance and funds transfer and settlement maintained for securities by the Depository and Participants (or Indirect Participants).

*Building Equipment:* Those items of goods, equipment, furnishings, furniture, inventory, machinery or other tangible personal property now or hereafter owned by the Corporation and located on the Project Site acquired from funds other than the proceeds of the Bonds.

*Business Day:* Any day other than Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday in the State of Minnesota or any other day that the Depository or banks in Minnesota are not open for business.

*College or Corporation:* The College of St. Scholastica, Inc., a Minnesota nonprofit corporation, as owner and operator of the Institution, its successors and assigns.

*Construction Account:* The Construction Account established under Section 4.02 of the Indenture.

*Continuing Disclosure Agreement:* The Continuing Disclosure Agreement between the Trustee and the Corporation, dated as of November 1, 2007.

*Date of Taxability:* That date as of which the interest on the Bonds shall be so determined to be includable in the gross income of the Owners thereof; provided, that no Bond shall bear additional interest for any period for which the statute of limitations shall be a bar to the assertion or collection of a deficiency of federal income taxes from the Owner of such Bond.

*Depository:* DTC or any other person who shall be a Holder of all Bonds directly or indirectly for the benefit of Beneficial Owners and approved by the Authority, College and Trustee to act as the Depository; provided any Depository shall be registered or qualified as a “clearing agency” within the meaning of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

*Determination of Taxability:* A Notice of Deficiency issued by the Internal Revenue Service or a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction to the effect that the interest payable on the Bonds is includable in gross income for purposes of federal income taxation by reason of the application of the provisions of Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code, related sections and regulations thereunder, in effect on the date of issuance of the Bonds, as more fully provided in the Loan Agreement. A determination that interest on the Bonds is includable in the computation of any alternative minimum tax is not a Determination of Taxability.

*DTC:* The Depository Trust Company in New York, New York, its successors or assigns.

*Event of Default:* An Event of Default described in the Indenture or Loan Agreement and summarized in this Official Statement in the sections entitled “SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS –

THE INDENTURE – Events of Default” and “SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS – THE LOAN AGREEMENT – Events of Default.”

*Financial Journal:* *The Bond Buyer* or any other newspaper or journal devoted to financial news published in the English language in Minneapolis or Saint Paul, Minnesota, or in the City of New York, New York.

*Fiscal Year:* The College’s fiscal year, and shall initially mean the 12-month period commencing on July 1 in each year.

*General Bond Resolution:* The General Bond Resolution adopted by the Authority on October 31, 1972, and any amendments thereto.

*Holder, Bondholder or Owner:* The person in whose name a Bond shall be registered except if any Bond is in Book-Entry Form, with respect to any consent or approval of a Holder of Bonds, the terms shall mean the Beneficial Owner.

*Indenture:* The Trust Indenture between the Authority and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee, dated as of November 1, 2007, under which the Bonds are authorized to be issued, and including any indenture supplemental hereto.

*Independent:* When used with reference to an attorney, engineer, architect, certified public accountant, consultant, insurance consultant or other professional person, means a person who (i) is in fact independent, (ii) does not have any material financial interest in the Corporation or the Institution or the transaction to which such Certificate or opinion relates (other than the payment to be received for professional services rendered), and (iii) is not connected with the Authority or the Corporation or Institution as an officer, employee or member of the Authority, the Corporation or Institution or Board of Trustees of the Corporation.

*Independent Management Consultant:* An Independent certified public accountant, Independent financial consultant or Independent management consultant having a favorable reputation for skill and experience in studying and reporting on operations of private nonprofit institutions of higher education satisfactory to the Authority.

*Institution:* The College of St. Scholastica, a Minnesota institution of higher education with its main campus located in Duluth, Minnesota, owned (or leased) and operated by the Corporation.

*Internal Revenue Code:* The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and amendments thereto.

*Issue Date:* The date on which the Bonds are delivered to the original purchaser thereof upon original issuance.

*Loan Agreement:* The Loan Agreement between the Authority and the College relating to the Bonds, dated as of November 1, 2007, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

*Loan Repayments:* The payments described in clauses (a), (b), (c) and (f) of Section 4.02 of the Loan Agreement.

*Net Proceeds:* When used with respect to proceeds of insurance or a condemnation award, moneys received or receivable by the College as owner or lessee and the Trustee as secured party pursuant to the Indenture, less the cost of recovery (including attorneys’ fees) of such moneys from the insuring company or the condemning authority, plus investment earnings thereon.

*Outstanding:* When used as of any particular time with reference to Bonds, without regard to capitalization of such term, means (subject to the provisions of Section 9.03 of the Indenture

pertaining to Bonds held by the Authority and the Corporation) all Bonds theretofore authenticated and delivered by the Trustee under the Indenture except: (i) Bonds theretofore cancelled by the Trustee or surrendered to the Trustee for cancellation; (ii) Bonds for the payment or redemption of which funds or direct obligations of or obligations fully guaranteed by the United States of America in the necessary amount shall have theretofore been deposited with the Trustee (whether upon or prior to the maturity or the redemption date of such Bonds), provided that if such Bonds are to be redeemed prior to the maturity thereof, notice of such redemption shall have been given pursuant to Article III of the Indenture, or provision satisfactory to the Trustee shall have been made for the giving of such notice; and (iii) Bonds in lieu of or in substitution for which other Bonds shall have been authenticated and delivered by the Trustee pursuant to the terms of Section 2.07 of this Indenture pertaining to replacement of Bonds.

*Permitted Encumbrances:* As of any particular time, (i) liens for ad valorem taxes and special assessments not then delinquent, (ii) utility, access and other easements and rights of way, mineral rights, restrictions and exceptions that an Independent engineer certifies will not interfere with or impair the use of or operations being conducted in the Project Facilities, (iii) such minor defects, irregularities, encumbrances, easements, rights of way and clouds on title as normally exist with respect to properties similar in character to the Project Facilities (including, with respect to Project Equipment, purchase money security interests and equipment leases), and as do not in the aggregate, in the opinion of Independent Counsel, materially impair the property affected thereby for the purposes for which it was acquired or is held by the College, (iv) those additional encumbrances set forth in Exhibit C to the Loan Agreement and (v) liens granted by the College to secure Funded Debt allowed under the Loan Agreement.

*Project:* The acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipping of an approximately 38,500 square foot expansion of and renovation to the Wellness Center facilities for athletic and academic purposes to be owned and operated by the College and located on the Project Site.

*Project Buildings:* The Wellness Center and the addition thereto which are to be improved or constructed with the proceeds of the Bonds, including investment earnings thereon.

*Project Equipment:* All fixtures, equipment and other personal property of a capital nature acquired with the proceeds of the Bonds, including investment earnings thereon.

*Project Facilities:* The Project Site, the Project Buildings and the Project Equipment as the same may at any time exist.

*Project Site:* Those portions of land described on Exhibit A to the Loan Agreement which are owned by the College, and on which any Project Buildings are or will be located or otherwise improved as part of the Project.

*Reference Rate:* The interest rate per annum announced from time to time by Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as its prime or reference rate, regardless of whether that interest rate is actually charged to any customer of said bank.

*Reserve Account:* The Reserve Account established under the Indenture.

*Reserve Requirement:* The least of (i) the maximum amount of principal of and interest on the Bonds that accrues and is payable in any remaining Bond Year or (ii) 10 percent of the principal amount of the Bonds or (iii) 125 percent of the average annual debt service of the Bonds.

*Trustee, Registrar, Paying Agent:* Wells Fargo Bank, National Bank, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

*Trust Estate:* The interest of the Authority in the Loan Agreement assigned under Granting Clause I of the Indenture; the revenues, moneys, investments, contract rights, general



intangibles and instruments and proceeds and products and accessions thereof as set forth in Granting Clause II of the Indenture; and additional property held by the Trustee pursuant to Granting Clause III of the Indenture.

*Underwriter:* RBC Dain Rauscher Inc., doing business under the name RBC Capital Markets, as original purchaser of the Bonds.

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**SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTS**

**THE LOAN AGREEMENT**

The following is a summary of certain provisions of the Loan Agreement. This summary does not purport to be complete and reference is made to the full text of the Loan Agreement for a complete recital of its terms. Certain words and terms used in this summary are defined in "DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS," Appendix IV, contained herein.

**Construction of Project**

The College represents that construction, acquisition and installation of the Project will be substantially completed by no later than October 1, 2008, subject only to "force majeure," as provided in the Loan Agreement. The College may apply to the Authority at any time to delete from the Project any building, system or equipment proposed to be acquired, constructed or improved as part of the Project, or to add any building, system or equipment to the Project, or both, and upon approval of the Authority, the description of the Project shall accordingly be amended by a supplement to the Loan Agreement executed by the Authority and the College, a copy of which shall be furnished to the Trustee, provided that no such amendment of the description of the Project shall be approved if the Project, as so amended, will not constitute an authorized "project" under the Act or will adversely affect the tax exempt status of interest on the Bonds and an Opinion of Counsel to such effect is furnished. The College agrees that it has previously paid or will itself pay all costs relating to the acquisition, construction, improving and equipping of the Project, including costs of issuance of the Bonds, to the extent such payments and costs exceed the proceeds of the Bonds, including investment earnings in the Construction Account.

**Loan Repayments**

Under the Loan Agreement, the College agrees to make Loan Repayments in amounts and at times sufficient to provide for payment in full of all principal of and interest and premium, if any, on the Bonds when due. To provide for such payments the College covenants to pay for the account of the Authority in the following amounts:

- (a) at least two (2) Business Days prior to each June 1 and December 1, commencing June 1, 2008, into the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account a sum which will be equal to the amount payable as interest on the Bonds on the next succeeding interest payment date, or the amount payable as principal (whether at maturity or mandatory sinking fund redemption) on such principal payment date; provided however, that there shall be credited against such obligations (i) the net amount of funds and investments then on deposit to the credit of the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account; and (ii) any credits permitted by Sections 5.01, 5.02, 5.03 or 5.04 of the Indenture (relating to the transfer to the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account of certain investment earnings and certain excess funds); and
- (b) on or prior to a date established for the optional redemption or mandatory redemption and prepayment of the Bonds, into the Redemption Account such amount, if any, as shall be necessary and sufficient to provide for the redemption of any Bonds called for redemption from the Redemption Account; and

- (c) forthwith into the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account or Redemption Account, as appropriate, the amount of any deficiency in the event that the funds on deposit in the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account or Redemption Account on any Bond principal or interest payment date are for any reason insufficient to pay principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds then due or then to become due (whether at maturity, or by call for redemption, or by acceleration of maturity); and
- (d) into the Reserve Account any amounts required to be deposited therein by Section 5.02 of the Indenture; and
- (e) into any fund or account designated by the Trustee funds in the amount determined by the Trustee to be necessary to comply with the provisions of Section 6.09(f) of the Loan Agreement and Section 5.05 of the Indenture (relating to arbitrage rebate); and

There is reserved to the College the right to prepay all or part of the Loan and to redeem Bonds prior to their maturity in certain events as described under "THE BONDS."

As additional payments the College agrees to pay the annual fee of the Authority, fees and expenses of the Trustee, rebate of certain excess investment earnings to the United States, and certain other expenses.

### **Use of Project Facilities**

The College agrees to use the Project Facilities as educational facilities, in compliance with law and ordinance requirements, and not as facilities for sectarian instruction or religious worship, nor primarily in connection with a program of a school or department of divinity for any religious denomination. The College agrees not to permit use of the Project Facilities in such manner or to such an extent as would result in loss of the tax-exemption of interest on the Bonds under the Internal Revenue Code or loss of the College's status as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

### **Maintenance of Project Facilities**

The College agrees that, so long as there are Bonds outstanding, the College will keep the Project Facilities in good repair and good operating condition at its own cost, making such repairs, modifications, and replacements as are necessary so that the Project will remain a "project" under the Act and interest on the Bonds will be exempt from federal income taxation. The College may lease or sublease or enter into agreements in the ordinary course of business for the use of the Project Facilities, (i) so long as the tax-exempt status of the Bonds will not be affected thereby, (ii) such lease, sublease or use agreement shall not be inconsistent with the Loan Agreement, the Indenture or the Act, (iii) the College shall remain fully obligated under the Loan Agreement as if such lease, sublease or use agreement had not been made, and (iv) in the case of any lease to or occupancy by persons who are not students, employees or faculty, an opinion of Bond Counsel is provided to the Trustee to the effect that tax exemption of the interest on the Bonds is not adversely affected.

### **Operating Expenses and Liens**

The College will pay all utility charges and other charges arising from the operations of the Project Facilities which, if unpaid, would become a lien on the Project Facilities; provided, that the College may in good faith contest such utility and other charges and any mechanics' or other liens filed or established against the Project Facilities, and in such event may permit the items so contested to remain undischarged and unsatisfied during the period of such contest and any appeal therefrom

unless the Authority or the Trustee shall notify the College that, in the opinion of Independent Counsel, by nonpayment of any such items the Project Facilities or any part thereof will be subject to loss or forfeiture, in which event the College shall promptly pay and cause to be satisfied and discharged all such unpaid items.

### **Taxes and Other Governmental Charges**

The College will pay all taxes, special assessments, license fees and governmental charges of any kind that may at any time be lawfully assessed or levied against, or with respect to the operations of the College, or the Project Facilities or any improvements, equipment or related property installed or bought by the College therein or thereon, or the Bonds, the Loan Agreement, the Indenture, or the interest of the Authority, the Trustee, or the Bondholders therein.

The College may, at its expense, in good faith contest any such taxes, assessments, license fees and other charges and may permit the taxes, assessments, license fees or other charges so contested to remain unpaid during the period of such contest and any appeal therefrom unless the Authority or the Trustee shall notify the College that, in the opinion of independent counsel, by nonpayment of any such items the Project Facilities or any part thereof, or the revenue therefrom will be subject to loss or forfeiture, in which event such items shall be paid promptly.

### **Insurance**

The College is required to maintain, or cause to be maintained, insurance, with certain deductible amounts, as follows:

- (a) Insurance against loss and/or damage to the Project Facilities and contents, under a policy or policies covering such risks as are ordinarily insured against by similar institutions, including fire and extended coverage in an amount not less than 80% of the full insurable replacement value of the Project Facilities, with a deductible amount of up to \$500,000.
- (b) Comprehensive general public liability insurance including blanket contractual liability and personal injury liability and automobile insurance in the minimum amount for each occurrence of \$5,000,000 and aggregate for each year of \$5,000,000 with a deductible amount of up to \$500,000 and against liability for property damage in the minimum amount for each occurrence of \$500,000.
- (c) Workers' compensation insurance in such amount as is customarily carried by organizations in like activities of comparable size and liability exposure to the College, provided that the College may be self-insured with respect to all or a part of its liability for workers' compensation.

Upon the written request of the College, the Trustee (i) may permit modifications to such insurance requirements and deductible amounts, including permission for the College to be self-insured in whole or in part for any comprehensive general public liability insurance, upon such terms and conditions as the Trustee may require, and (ii) shall permit modifications to such insurance requirements and deductible amounts, including permission for self-insurance for (a) and (b) above, in accordance with the recommendation of an independent insurance consultant employed by the College and satisfactory to the Trustee.

The College is required to furnish to the Trustee policies or certificates or binders evidencing the required insurance. Each required policy shall contain a provision that the insurer will not

cancel or modify the policy without giving written notice to the College and the Trustee at least thirty days before the cancellation or modification becomes effective.

### **Damage or Destruction**

If the Project Facilities shall be damaged or partially or totally destroyed there shall be no abatement in the Loan Repayments, and to the extent that the claim for loss resulting from such damage or destruction is not greater than \$1,000,000, the College will promptly repair, rebuild or restore the property damaged or destroyed with such changes, alterations and modifications (including the substitution and addition of other property) as will not impair the character or significance of the Project Facilities as educational facilities. To the extent that the claim for loss resulting from such damage or destruction exceeds \$1,000,000, the College shall either repair, rebuild or restore the damaged facilities, or redeem and prepay the Bonds in whole or in part as more fully provided in the Loan Agreement.

If the Bonds are redeemed, the available Net Proceeds shall be used for redemption or purchase of outstanding Bonds.

### **Condemnation**

If at any time before the Bonds have been fully paid (or provision for payment thereof has been made in accordance with the Indenture), title to the Project Facilities, shall be taken in any proceeding involving the exercise of the right of eminent domain, the College shall either redeem the Bonds in whole or in part or rebuild or restore such facilities, as more fully provided in the Loan Agreement.

If the Bonds are to be redeemed, the available Net Proceeds with respect to any Project Facilities which the College elects not to repair, rebuild or restore shall be used for redemption or purchase of outstanding Bonds.

### **Removal or Release of Project Equipment and Building Equipment**

The College may remove or release Project Equipment and Building Equipment from the Project Facilities if no Default exists and upon the following conditions:

- (a) the College may substitute equipment and related property for any Project Equipment and Building Equipment, provided that such substitution shall not materially impair the character or revenue producing significance or value of the Project Facilities;
- (b) the College may release any equipment from the definition of Project Equipment (with or without the physical removal thereof) without substitution therefor, provided that the College pays a sum equal to the then value of such Project Equipment as determined by an independent engineer selected by the College, to the Trustee for deposit in the Redemption Account for the redemption and prepayment of the Bonds; provided that if the depreciated book value of any item of Equipment so removed was less than \$100,000, such release without substitution and such deposit to the Redemption Account may be effected without such determination of value and Certificate by an independent engineer upon such showing by the College as may be satisfactory to the Trustee; and
- (c) the College may remove any Building Equipment without substitution therefor provided that such removal will not materially impair the character or revenue producing significance or value of the Project Facilities.

In connection with (a) and (b) above, if the depreciated book value of the Project Equipment or, in connection with (c) above, the depreciated book value of Building Equipment, to be substituted, removed or released equals or exceeds \$100,000 the College will deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by the Authorized Institution Representative stating that the substitution, removal, or release, as the case may be, of such equipment will not materially impair the character or revenue producing significance of the Project Facilities.

### **Indemnification**

The College agrees to hold the Authority, its members and employees, harmless against any claim, cause of action, suit or liability for any loss or damage to property or any injury to or death of any person that may be occasioned by any cause whatsoever pertaining to the Project Facilities and the use thereof, including that caused by any negligence of the Authority or anyone acting in its behalf, provided that the indemnity shall be effective only to the extent of any loss that may be sustained by the Authority in excess of the net proceeds received by the Authority from any insurance carried with respect to the loss sustained.

The College agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Authority against any and all losses, claims, damages or liability to which the Authority may become subject under law, and to reimburse the Authority for any out-of-pocket legal and other expenses (including reasonable counsel fees) incurred by the Authority in connection with investigating any such losses, claims, damages, or liabilities or in connection with defending any actions, insofar as the same relate to information furnished to the Authority by the College in connection with the sale of the Bonds.

### **Existence and Accreditation of College**

The College agrees that during the term of the Loan Agreement it will maintain its existence as a nonprofit corporation and will maintain the Institution's existence as a nonprofit institution of higher education under the laws of Minnesota, accredited as such by recognized accrediting agencies, and that it will not dissolve or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets or all or substantially all the assets of the Institution, or consolidate with or merge into another corporation, or permit one or more other corporations to consolidate with or merge into it, except upon the conditions provided in the Loan Agreement. The conditions are the following: (a) If the surviving, resulting or transferee corporation or institution, as the case may be, is other than the Institution, such surviving, resulting or transferee corporation shall assume in writing all of the obligations of the College in the Loan Agreement and shall be either a state university or college or a nonprofit corporation operating or authorized to operate an institution of higher education under the laws of Minnesota, eligible to be a participating nonprofit institution under the Act, and complies and will comply with the provisions of the Loan Agreement against unlawful discrimination and requiring that the Institution be nonsectarian; and (b) the College shall furnish to the Trustee an opinion of bond counsel that such consolidation, merger or transfer shall have no effect upon the tax-exempt nature of the interest on the Bonds under the Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder.

### **\$150,000,000 Limitation on Outstanding Non-Hospital Bonds**

The College has represented that the sum of the principal amount of the Bonds, plus the respective outstanding aggregate principal amounts of all tax-exempt bonds issued on behalf of or for the benefit of the College and all organizations under common management or control with the College (other than qualified hospital bonds), within the meaning of Section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code, does not exceed \$150,000,000, excluding nonhospital bonds issued on or after August 5, 1997, to finance expenditures incurred after August 5, 1997. Under the Loan Agreement, in no event will the College affiliate or consolidate with or merge into another

corporation or sell or otherwise transfer to another institution all or substantially all of its assets or the assets of the Institution as an entirety if the effect of any such transaction would be to adversely affect the tax exempt status of the Bonds, such as by exceeding limitations on the outstanding aggregate principal amounts of all tax-exempt bonds issued by or on behalf of the College or such other resulting entity, and all organizations under common management or control with the College or such resulting entity (other than qualified hospital bonds), within the meaning of Section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code.

### **Institution to be Nonsectarian**

The College agrees that the Institution will continue to be nonsectarian; will not require or forbid attendance by students or any other persons at religious worship or acceptance of any religious creed; and will not promulgate the distinctive doctrines, creeds or tenets of any particular religious sect.

### **Federal Income Tax Status**

The College represents that it presently is and agrees that it shall take all appropriate measures to assure that it remains an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, exempt from income taxes under Section 501(a) of such Code.

### **Determination of Taxability**

In the event a Determination of Taxability is made at any time that interest payable on the Bonds is includable in gross income for purposes of federal income taxation under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder as in effect at the date of issuance of the Bonds, the Bonds shall bear additional interest at the rate of two percent (2%) per annum from the Date of Taxability until the respective dates on which the principal of the Bonds is paid. In addition, in the event of such Determination of Taxability, the Bonds shall be subject to optional redemption, in whole or in part, on the next date for which due notice can be given or any date thereafter and the redemption price therefor shall be equal to par plus accrued interest (including additional interest from the Date of Taxability).

### **Other Covenants**

The College further agrees to comply with all applicable laws and regulations against unlawful discrimination, and not to discriminate on account of religion, race, color, creed or national origin in the use of the Project Facilities; to provide and file such financing statements and other instruments of further assurance as the Authority or the Trustee may request; to perform all obligations imposed by the Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder with respect to the non-arbitrage status of the Bonds; and to observe all applicable State laws and regulations, including those of the Authority and the Minnesota Office of Higher Education subject to the right of contest. The College agrees to indemnify the Authority from losses arising from certain representations made by the College regarding the absence of hazardous waste on the Project Facilities.

The Authority further agrees to comply with the applicable rebate requirements imposed under Section 148(f) of the Internal Revenue Code with respect (but only with respect) to amounts paid by the College to the Authority as the Authority's annual fee under the Loan Agreement and any income earned or imputed therefrom.



## Events of Default

Following are Events of Default under Section 7.01 of the Loan Agreement:

- (a) If the College shall fail to make any Loan Repayment when due and either (i) the moneys on deposit in the Bond and Interest Sinking Fund Account, Reserve Account and Redemption Account on a Bond principal or interest payment date are insufficient to pay when due principal and interest on the Bonds, or (ii) such failure shall continue for five (5) Business Days after notice from the Trustee or the Authority to the College that such payment has not been made; or
- (b) If the College shall fail to comply with the provisions of Section 6.09(f) of the Loan Agreement (relating to arbitrage calculation and rebate requirements); or
- (c) If the College shall fail to maintain the balance in the Reserve Account in the amount of the Reserve Requirement as defined in Section 5.02 of the Indenture, provided failure to comply with such requirement shall not become an Event of Default unless the College fails to restore such deficiency within a period of thirty (30) days after written notice specifying such deficiency and requesting that it be remedied is given to the College by the Authority or the Trustee; or
- (d) If the College shall fail to observe and perform for reasons other than force majeure any other covenant, condition or agreement on its part under the Loan Agreement for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice, specifying such default and requesting that it be remedied, is given to the College by the Authority or the Trustee provided that failure to comply with Section 6.14(b) of the Loan Agreement shall not become an Event of Default unless the College fails to restore the deficiency within 180 days from the close of the Fiscal Year in which such deficiency was reported; or
- (e) If the College files a petition in voluntary bankruptcy, or for the composition of its affairs or for its corporate reorganization under any state or Federal bankruptcy or insolvency law, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or consents in writing to the appointment of a trustee or receiver for itself or for the whole or any substantial part of the property of the College; or
- (f) If a court of competent jurisdiction shall enter an order, judgment or decree against the College in any insolvency, bankruptcy, or reorganization proceeding, or appointing a trustee or receiver of the College or of the whole or any substantial part of the property of the College, and such order, judgment or decree shall not be vacated or set aside or stayed within ninety days from the date of the entry thereof; or
- (g) If, under the provisions of any other law for the relief or aid of debtors, any court of competent jurisdiction shall assume custody or control of the College or the College or of the whole or any substantial part of the property of the College, and such custody or control shall not be terminated within ninety days from the date of assumption of such custody or control.

The term "force majeure" as used above includes the following: acts of God; strikes, lockouts or other employee disturbances; acts of public enemies; orders, regulations or laws of any kind of the government of the United States of America or of the State of Minnesota or any of their departments, agencies, political subdivisions or officials, or any civil or military authority; insurrections; riots; epidemics; landslides; lightning; earthquakes; fires; hurricanes; tornadoes; storms; floods; washouts; droughts; arrests; restraint of government and people; civil disturbances; explosions, breakage or accident to machinery, transmission pipes or canals; partial or entire failure of utilities; or any other cause or event not reasonably within the control of the College. The provisions of paragraph (d) above, are subject to the further limitation that if

the Default can be remedied but not within a period of thirty days after notice and if the College has taken all action reasonably possible to remedy such default within such thirty-day period, the default shall not become an Event of Default for so long as the College shall diligently proceed to remedy such default and in accordance with any directions or limitations of time made by the Trustee. The College agrees, however, to use its best efforts to remedy with all reasonable dispatch any cause or causes preventing the College from carrying out its agreements.

#### **Remedies on Default**

Whenever any Event of Default shall have happened, and be subsisting, the Loan Agreement provides that any one or more of the following steps may be taken:

- (a) The Trustee may declare all or any amount of Loan Repayments thereafter to become due under and payable for the remainder of the term of the Loan Agreement to be immediately due and payable, whereupon the same shall become immediately due and payable.
- (b) The Trustee (or the Authority with respect to certain sections of the Loan Agreement) may take whatever action at law or in equity which may appear necessary or desirable to collect the payments then due and thereafter to become due under the Loan Agreement.
- (c) The Trustee may take whatever action in law or equity which appears necessary or desirable to enforce the security provided by or enforce any provision of the Loan Agreement or the Indenture in accordance with the provisions thereof.

Any amounts collected by the Trustee pursuant to action taken under the foregoing paragraphs shall be applied first to advances and expenses, second to payment of the Bonds as provided in Section 7.04 of the Indenture and any excess to the College.

#### **Amendments**

Except as otherwise provided in the Loan Agreement or in the Indenture, subsequent to issuance of the Bonds and so long as any Bonds are outstanding, the Loan Agreement may not be amended without the prior written consent of the Trustee.

## **THE INDENTURE**

The following constitutes a summary of certain provisions of the Trust Indenture (the "Indenture"). This summary does not purport to be complete and reference is made to the full text of the Indenture for a complete recital of its terms. Certain words and terms used in this summary are defined in "DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS," Appendix IV, contained herein.

### **Granting Clauses**

Pursuant to the Indenture, the Authority grants to the Trustee, as security for the Holders of the Bonds, the following:

- (a) all right, title and interest of the Authority under the Loan Agreement and all Loan Repayments and other sums due under the Loan Agreement, except the rights of the Authority to fees, expenses, indemnity and advances;
- (b) a first lien on and pledge of (i) the moneys and investments in the Accounts covenanted to be paid and maintained under the Indenture, (ii) the moneys and investments in the Construction Account not paid out for Project Costs, and (iii) all accounts, contract rights, general intangibles, moneys and instruments arising therefrom or relating thereto and all proceeds and products of and accessions to any thereof; and
- (c) any and all other property of every name and nature from time to time conveyed, mortgaged, assigned or transferred, or in which a security interest is granted, by the Authority or the College or by anyone in behalf of them or with their written consent, to the Trustee.

### **Accounts**

Bond proceeds, revenues and other funds derived under the Loan Agreement or Indenture shall be deposited into accounts held by the Trustee as described in "ACCOUNTS," contained in the body of this Official Statement.

Moneys on deposit to the credit of the Accounts shall be invested by the Trustee only in investments as authorized by law from time to time which currently and generally are as follows: Direct obligations of the United States government and certain obligations issued or guaranteed by certain of its agencies; direct and general obligations of states rated at least in the rating category of "AA" or "Aa" or political subdivisions of states rated at least in the rating category of "AAA" or "Aaa"; revenue bond obligations of states and their political subdivisions insured by municipal bond insurance and rated "AAA" or "Aaa"; mutual funds or unit trusts which invest solely in the foregoing obligations of the United States government, its agencies, states and their political subdivisions or in certain repurchase agreements; constant dollar value money market funds that invest solely in the types of obligations or repurchase agreements in which the foregoing mutual funds may invest and which are rated in the highest rating category by a national credit rating agency; time deposits of insured state or national banks fully insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; certain guaranteed investment contracts issued by a bank or insurance company rated at least in the highest two rating categories of a nationally recognized rating agency; certain types of repurchase agreements; and certain commercial paper maturing in 270 days or less. Section 5.04 of the Indenture sets forth further restrictions as to type and maturity of investments.

## **Trustee's Right to Payment**

The Trustee shall have a first lien, with right of payment prior to payment of interest on or principal of the Bonds, for reasonable compensation, expenses, advances and counsel fees incurred in and about the execution of the trusts created by the Indenture and exercise and performance of the powers and duties of the Trustee under the Indenture, and the cost and expenses incurred in defending against any liability in the premises of any character whatsoever (unless such liability is adjudicated to have resulted from the negligence or willful default of the Trustee).

## **Covenants of the Authority**

Under the Indenture the Authority covenants, among other things, to perform its various undertakings and agreements; not to extend the maturity of any of the Bonds or the time of payment of any claims for interest; to take such action or cause and permit the Trustee to take such action as may be necessary and advisable to enforce the covenants, terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement, if such action shall, in the discretion of the Trustee, be deemed to be in the best interests of the Authority or the Bondholders; to comply with the applicable arbitrage rebate requirements under Section 148(f) of the Code and regulations thereunder; to keep proper books, accounts and records; and not to issue or permit to be issued any Bonds under the Indenture in any manner other than in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and not to suffer or permit any default to occur under the Indenture. Under the Act, and it is expressly agreed that, the Authority has no obligation to make any advance or payment or incur any expense or liability from its general funds for performing any of the conditions, covenants or requirements of the Indenture or from any funds other than Loan Repayments or moneys in the Accounts established by the Indenture.

## **Events of Default**

The following are Events of Default under the Indenture:

- (a) If payment of the principal of any of the Bonds, when the same shall become due and payable (whether at maturity or by proceedings for redemption or by declaration of acceleration or otherwise), shall not be made; or
- (b) If payment of any interest on the Bonds when the same shall become due and payable (in which case interest shall be payable to the extent permitted by law on any overdue installments of interest, in each case at the interest rate borne by the Bonds in respect of which such interest is overdue) shall not be made; or
- (c) If the Authority shall default in the due and punctual performance of any of the covenants, conditions, agreements and provisions contained in the Bonds or in the Indenture, or in any supplemental indenture on the part of the Authority to be performed, and such default shall have continued for a period of sixty days after written notice, specifying such default and requiring the same to be remedied, shall have been given to the Authority and to the College (giving the College the privilege of curing such default in the name of the Authority, if permitted by law) by the Trustee, which may give such notice in its discretion and shall give such notice upon written request of the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding; or
- (d) If any "event of default" on the part of the College, as that term is defined in the Loan Agreement, shall occur and be continuing.

## **Remedies**

Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Trustee may, and upon written request of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Bonds outstanding shall, by notice in writing delivered to the Authority, declare the principal of all Bonds then outstanding and the interest accrued thereon immediately due and payable, and such principal and interest shall thereupon become and be immediately due and payable subject, however, to the right of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Bonds then outstanding by written notice to the Authority and to the Trustee, to annul such declaration and destroy its effect at any time if all covenants with respect to which default shall have been made shall be fully performed or made good, and all arrears of interest upon all Bonds outstanding and the reasonable expenses and charges of the Trustee, its agents and attorneys, and all other indebtedness secured by the Indenture (except the principal of any Bonds which have not then attained their stated maturity and interest accrued on such Bonds since the last interest payment date) shall be paid, or the amount thereof shall be paid to the Trustee for the benefit of those entitled thereto.

In the case of the breach of any of the covenants or conditions of the Loan Agreement or the Indenture, the Trustee, anything therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding and without any request from any Bondholder (subject, however to its rights to indemnity and notice provided in the Indenture) shall be obligated to take such action or actions for the enforcement of its rights and the rights of the Bondholders and the rights of the Authority under the Loan Agreement as due diligence, prudence and care would require and to pursue the same with like diligence, prudence and care.

Upon the happening and continuance of an Event of Default, the Trustee may, and shall upon the written request of the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of outstanding Bonds, proceed forthwith by suit or suits at law or in equity or by any other appropriate remedy to enforce payment of the Bonds, to enforce application to payment of the Bonds the funds, revenues and income appropriated thereto by the Indenture and by the Bonds, to enforce any such other appropriate legal or equitable remedy as the Trustee, being advised by counsel, deem most effectual to protect and enforce any of its rights or any of the rights of the Bondholders. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee need not proceed upon any such written request of the Bondholders as aforesaid, unless such Bondholders shall have offered to the Trustee security and indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred therein or thereby.

## **Concerning the Trustee**

The Trustee has no responsibility to use its own funds under the Indenture, but it may make advances at a rate equal to the Reference Rate of Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, which advances are given priority of payment. The Trustee also has a lien with right of payment prior to payment of Bond interest or principal for reasonable compensation, expenses, advances and counsel fees. The responsibilities of the Trustee prior to an Event of Default are limited to express provisions of the Indenture, and at all times the Trustee shall not be liable unless it acts negligently or in bad faith. The Trustee is not required to institute suit or take other steps to enforce its rights and powers unless indemnified to its satisfaction against all costs and expenses. The Trustee and its officers and directors are authorized to acquire and hold Bonds and otherwise deal with the Authority or the College to the same extent as if it were not Trustee. Provision is made for the succession or replacement of the Trustee by another corporate Trustee with a minimum capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$10 million in event of merger, resignation, or removal by Holders of a majority in principal amount of outstanding Bonds, or in the event of disability, by the Authority or a court. Provision is also made for removal of the Trustee by Bondholders or the Authority, at the request of the College, provided that the Authority may, but is not required to remove the Trustee with or without the request of the College if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or a

default which with the passage of time or the giving of notice will become an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing. The Authority may not remove a successor Trustee properly appointed by the Bondholders.

### **Concerning the Bondholders**

No Bondholder shall have any right to institute any proceeding in equity or at law for the enforcement of the Indenture or for any remedy under the Loan Agreement unless a default has occurred of which the Trustee has been notified or of which it is deemed to have notice; nor unless also such default shall have become an Event of Default and the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of Bonds outstanding shall have made written request to the Trustee and shall have offered it reasonable opportunity either to proceed to exercise the powers granted or to institute such action, suit or proceeding in its own name; nor unless also they shall have offered to the Trustee indemnity as provided in the Indenture; and no one or more Bondholders shall have the right to affect, disturb, or prejudice the lien of the Indenture by his or their action or to enforce any right thereunder except in the manner therein provided, and that all proceedings at law or in equity shall be instituted and maintained in the manner therein provided and for the equal benefit of the Holders of all Bonds outstanding.

The Trustee upon the written request of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Bonds at the time outstanding shall waive any default under the Indenture and its consequences, except a default in the payment of the principal of the Bonds at the date of maturity specified therein; provided, however, that a default in the payment of interest on the Bonds shall not be waived unless, prior to such waiver, all arrears of interest, and all expenses of the Trustee shall have been paid or shall have been provided for by deposit with the Trustee of a sum sufficient to pay the same. In case of any such waiver, the Authority, the Trustee and the Holders of the Bonds shall be restored to their former positions and rights respectively. No waiver of any default or Event of Default, whether by the Trustee or by the Bondholders, shall extend to or shall affect any subsequent default or Event of Default or shall impair any rights or remedies consequent thereon.

Provision is made for meetings of Bondholders, proof of ownership of Bonds and execution of consents and other instruments by Bondholders.

### **Defeasance**

If the Authority and the College shall:

- (a) pay or cause to be paid the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on the outstanding Bonds at the time and in the manner stipulated therein and in the Indenture, or
- (b) provide for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the outstanding Bonds by depositing with the Trustee at or at any time before maturity an amount either in cash or direct obligations of the United States in such aggregate face amount, bearing interest at such rates, and maturing on such dates sufficient to pay the entire amount due or to become due for principal and premium, if any, and interest to maturity of all Bonds outstanding, or
- (c) deliver to the Trustee (1) proof that notice of redemption of all of the outstanding Bonds not surrendered or to be surrendered to it for cancellation has been given or waived, or that arrangements have been made insuring that such notice will be given or waived; or (2) a written instrument executed by the College for the Authority and expressed to be irrevocable, authorizing the Trustee to give such notice for and on

behalf of the Authority; or (3) file with the Trustee a waiver of such notice of redemption signed by the Holders of all such outstanding Bonds, and in any case, deposit with the Trustee before the date on which such Bonds are to be redeemed, the entire amount of the redemption price, including interest accrued and to accrue, and premium, if any, either in cash or direct obligations of the United States of America in such aggregate face amount, bearing interest at such rates and maturing at such dates as shall be sufficient to provide for the payment of the redemption price on the date such Bonds are to be redeemed and on any interest payment dates, or

- (d) surrender to the Trustee for cancellation all Bonds for which payment is not so provided,

and shall also pay or provide for the payment of all unpaid fees and expenses of the Trustee and the rebate of all amounts due or to become due to the United States under Section 148(f) of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder, then at the request of the Authority or the College all the Trust Estate shall revert to the Authority and the College as their interests appear, and the entire estate, right, title and interest of the Trustee, and of registered owners of Bonds in respect thereof, shall thereupon cease, determine and become void; and the Trustee in such case, upon cancellation of all Bonds for the payment of which cash or government obligations shall not have been deposited in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture, shall, upon receipt of a written request of the Authority and of a certificate of the Authority and an opinion of counsel as to compliance with conditions precedent, and at its cost and expense, execute to the Authority, or its order, proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction of the Indenture and surrender to the Authority or its order, all cash and deposited securities, if any (except that held for the payment of the Bonds), which shall then be held thereunder.

When the Authority or the College shall have deposited at any time with the Trustee in trust for the purpose, in the manner provided, or left with it if previously so deposited, cash or direct obligations of the United States of America sufficient to pay the principal of any Bonds (and premium, if any) when the same become due, either at maturity or otherwise, or at the date fixed for the redemption thereof and to pay all interest with respect thereto at the due date of such interest or to the date fixed for redemption, for the use and benefit of the Holders thereof, then upon such deposit all such Bonds shall cease to be entitled to any lien, benefit or security of the Indenture except the right to receive the funds so deposited, and such Bonds shall be deemed not to be outstanding thereunder; and from and after such redemption date or maturity, interest on such Bonds so called for redemption shall cease to accrue.

### **Supplemental Indentures**

The Authority and the Trustee may enter into such supplemental indentures as shall by them be deemed necessary or desirable for any one or more of the following purposes, among others:

- (a) to correct the description of any property conveyed or pledged by the Indenture or intended so to be, or to assign, convey, pledge or transfer and set over to the Trustee additional property for the benefit and security of the Holders and owners of all Bonds under the Indenture;
- (b) to add to the covenants and agreements of the Authority or to surrender any right or power reserved to or conferred upon the Authority;
- (c) to evidence the succession of any other department, agency, body or corporation to the Authority;
- (d) to cure any ambiguity or to correct or supplement any defective or inconsistent provision contained in the Indenture or in any supplemental indentures or to make such other provisions in regard to matters or questions arising under the Indenture or

any supplemental indenture as the Authority may deem necessary or desirable and which shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the Indenture or any supplemental indenture and which shall not impair the security of the same; and

- (e) to modify the Indenture as authorized by the Bondholders.

In addition and subject to the provisions set forth below, the Holders of not less than 51% in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding shall have the right to consent to and approve such supplemental indentures as shall be deemed necessary or desirable by the Authority for the purpose of modifying, altering, amending, adding to or rescinding in any particular, any of the terms or provisions of the Indenture or in any supplemental indenture; provided, however, that such provision shall not be construed as permitting without the consent of the Holders of all Bonds directly or indirectly affected (a) an extension of the maturity of any Bond, or (b) a reduction in the principal amount of any Bond or the redemption premium or the rate of interest thereon, or (c) the creation of a lien upon or a pledge of revenues ranking prior to or on a parity with the lien or pledge created by the Indenture, or (d) a preference or priority of any Bond over any other, or (e) a reduction in the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds the Holders of which are required to consent to such supplemental indenture or the Loan Agreement as set forth in the Indenture.

### **Amendments to the Loan Agreement**

The Authority and the College with the consent of the Trustee may, without the consent of or notice to any of the Bondholders, consent to and (if requested) execute any amendment, change or modification of the Loan Agreement as may be required (a) by the provisions of the Loan Agreement or Indenture, (b) for the purpose of curing any ambiguity or formal defect or omission, (c) so as to add additional rights acquired in accordance with the provisions of the Loan Agreement, or (d) in connection with any other change therein which, in the judgment of the Trustee, is not to the prejudice of the Trustee or the Holders of the Bonds.

Except for amendments, changes or modifications provided for in the preceding paragraph, neither the Authority nor the Trustee may consent to any amendment, change or modification of the Loan Agreement without the written approval or consent of the Holders of not less than 51% in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds at the time outstanding, given and procured as provided in the Indenture. However, the Indenture does not permit a reduction in, or a postponement of, the Loan Repayments under the Loan Agreement without the consent of the Holders of all the Bonds then outstanding.

### **Registration**

The Bonds shall be fully registered as to principal and interest at the principal corporate trust office of the Trustee, which shall also perform the functions of registrar and paying agent. Bonds may be transferred and exchanged by surrender to the Trustee with a written authorization by the registered Holder or his authorized attorney satisfactory to the Trustee subject to such reasonable regulations as the Trustee may prescribe and shall be without expense to the Holder, except as to any taxes or other governmental charges required to be paid. If the Bonds are no longer in book entry form, Bonds may be exchanged for a new Bond or Bonds of the same series, aggregate principal amount, maturity and interest rate of any Authorized Denominations. Payment of principal will be at the principal corporate trust office of the Trustee and interest shall be by check or draft of the Trustee mailed (or, pursuant to an agreement with the Trustee, by wire transfer) to the registered Owner at his address as shown on the registration books of the Trustee, subject to applicable procedures while in book entry form.



## THE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

The following is a summary of certain provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement. This summary does not purport to be complete and reference is made to the full text of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement for a complete recital of its terms.

The College has undertaken the responsibility for continuing disclosure to bondholders as described below, and the Authority shall have no liability to the holders of the Bonds or any other person with respect to continuing disclosure.

The College has covenanted for the benefit of holders of the Bonds to provide certain financial information and operating data by not later than 270 days following the end of the College's fiscal year commencing with fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and to provide notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events, if material.

The Continuing Disclosure Agreement will be executed and delivered by the College, the Disclosure Agent and the Authority, for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds in order to enable the Underwriter to reasonably determine an "undertaking" has been entered into sufficient to assure compliance with the ongoing disclosure requirements of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(5).

### Definitions

"Annual Report" means, with respect to the Reporting Party, a document or set of documents which contains (or includes by reference as provided in Section 2 hereof) financial and operating data with respect to the Reporting Party described in Exhibit "A" of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement.

"Annual Report Date" means, with respect to each Annual Report, the date so designated in Exhibit "A" thereto.

"Disclosure Representative" means, with respect to the Reporting Party, the person identified in Section 10 of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement hereof as the recipient of notices to be sent hereunder or such other person as the Reporting Party shall designate by written notice to the Trustee.

"Listed Events" shall mean any of the events listed below.

"National Repository" shall mean, as of the date of determination, any Nationally Recognized Municipal Securities Information Repository for purposes of the Rule.

"Participating Underwriter" shall mean RBC Capital Markets.

"Reporting Party" shall mean, subject to release as provided in "Termination" below, the College; together with any successors or assigns as provided in Section 4 hereof.

"Repository" shall mean each National Repository and each State Repository, if any.

"Rule" shall mean Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as in effect on the date hereof.

"State Repository" shall mean any public or private repository or entity designated by the State of Minnesota as a state repository for the purpose of the Rule. As of the date of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement.

## **Provisions of Annual Report**

On or before the Annual Report Date, the College shall cause the Annual Report to be delivered to the Authority, the Trustee and each Repository. To the extent included in an Annual Report, the financial statements shall be audited and prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Each Annual Report may incorporate any information on file with each Repository or the Commission, instead of setting forth the information in the annual report. Concurrently with the delivery of the Annual Report to the Trustee, there shall be delivered a written certificate from the Reporting Party stating whether or not the Annual Report has been provided to each Repository.

If the Trustee has not received an Annual Report by January 1 of each year, commencing with January 1, 2009, together with the certification by the Reporting Party described above, the Trustee shall promptly notify the Disclosure Representative of the failure to receive the Annual Report and the certification.

## **Reporting of Listed Events**

The Trustee shall promptly notify the Reporting Party of any of the following occurrences (each, a "Listed Event") of which it has actual knowledge; and no later than three Business Days after receiving actual notice of the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Reporting Party shall notify the Trustee in writing of the Listed Event:

- (i) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (ii) Non-payment related defaults;
- (iii) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (iv) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties (this is not applicable to the Bonds);
- (v) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform (this is not applicable to the Bonds);
- (vi) Adverse tax opinions or events affecting the tax-exempt status of the security;
- (vii) Modifications to rights of security holders;
- (viii) The giving of notice to redeem any Bonds other than for a sinking fund redemption;
- (ix) Defeasances;
- (x) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities (this is not applicable to the Bonds) and;
- (xi) Rating changes.

No later than five Business Days after either (i) the Reporting Party has received notice from the Trustee of a Listed Event or (ii) the Reporting Party is required to give notice of a Listed Event to the Trustee, the Reporting Party shall give notice of the occurrence of the Listed Event, if material, to each Repository or MSRB.

The Trustee shall promptly give notice to each Repository or MSRB of a failure of the Reporting Party to provide the Annual Report on or before the Annual Report Date.

## **Termination of Reporting Obligation**

The Reporting Party's obligations under the Continuing Disclosure Agreement shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds.

## **Amendment**

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, the Reporting Party and the Trustee may amend any provision of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement (and the Trustee shall agree to any amendment so requested by the Reporting Party so long as, in the judgment of the Trustee, its burdens or liabilities are not increased thereby), subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the amendment is in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law or change in the identity, nature or status of the Reporting Party or type of business conducted;
- (b) the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, after giving effect to the amendments, would have complied with the requirements of the Rule as of the date of the Official Statement, after taking into account any subsequent amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and
- (c) the Trustee either determines, in its discretion, that the amendment does not materially impair the interest of the Holders of the Bonds or obtains the consent of Holders of at least 51% in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding.

In addition, any Annual Report containing amended operating data or financial information shall explain, in narrative form, the reasons for the amendment and the impact of the change in the type of operating data or financial information.

## **Additional Information**

Nothing in the Continuing Disclosure Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the Reporting Party from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in the Continuing Disclosure Agreement or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by the Continuing Disclosure Agreement.

## **Default**

In the event of a failure of the Reporting Party to provide a timely Annual Report or to report the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Trustee or any Holder of Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the Reporting Party to provide the reports. In the event of a failure of the Reporting Party to comply with provisions (with regard to the Annual Report and Reporting of Listed Events) or a challenge to the adequacy of any report, the Trustee may (and, at the request the Holders of at least 51% of the aggregate principal amount of Bonds then outstanding, shall) take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the Reporting Party to comply with its obligations under the Continuing Disclosure Agreement.

**Beneficiaries**

This Agreement shall inure solely to the benefit of the parties hereto, the Participating Underwriter and the Holders from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

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## THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for securities that its participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC, in turn, is owned by a number of Direct Participants of DTC and members of the National Securities Clearing Corporation, Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, and Emerging Markets Clearing Corporation (NSCC, FICC, and EMCC, also subsidiaries of DTCC), as well as by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange LLC, and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com) and [www.dtc.org](http://www.dtc.org).

Purchases of Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds within a maturity are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such maturity to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor such other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Issuer or Bond Registrar as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Payment of principal, interest, and redemption premium, if any, on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co. or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts, upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Issuer or its agent on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC (nor its nominee), the Bond Registrar, or the Issuer, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal, interest, and redemption premium, if any, to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Bond Registrar, Issuer, or the Issuer's agent. Disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Issuer or its agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained, certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The Authority, at the College's direction, may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book entry system has been obtained from DTC, which is solely responsible for such information. The Authority, the College and the Underwriter take no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

**COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA, INC.  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS INCLUDING  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**JUNE 30, 2007 AND 2006**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees  
College of St. Scholastica, Inc.  
Duluth, Minnesota

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the College of St. Scholastica, Inc. as of June 30, 2007 and 2006, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the College's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing 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 over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the College of St. Scholastica, Inc. at June 30, 2007 and 2006 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the College of St. Scholastica, Inc. adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 47, *Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations*, in 2006.

*Virchow Krause & Company, LLP*

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
September 13, 2007

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**Virchow, Krause & Company, LLP**

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**COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA, INC.**

**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
June 30, 2007 and 2006

<b>ASSETS</b>		
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,986,726	\$ 6,696,191
Student accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$253,000 and \$311,100	1,260,784	1,379,063
Grants receivable	398,830	371,618
Contributions receivable	762,281	963,845
Other receivables	636,519	226,240
Inventories	49,937	49,304
Prepaid expenses and other assets	473,142	415,099
Student notes receivable, net of allowance for doubtful notes of \$226,400 and \$218,800	4,392,369	4,348,531
Investments held by trustee	1,560,907	1,561,116
Investments	27,973,982	23,857,192
Debt acquisition costs	418,698	440,681
Construction in progress	296,757	454,716
Property, plant and equipment, net	<u>52,270,726</u>	<u>53,118,474</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 100,481,658</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 93,882,070</u></b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,105,958	\$ 1,204,350
Accrued liabilities	5,248,621	4,695,565
Deposit accounts	754,789	1,036,413
Deferred revenue	2,218,914	1,730,061
Bonds and capital leases payable	26,722,183	27,490,323
Annuities payable	219,407	222,839
Funds held for others	209,577	136,217
U.S. government grants refundable	4,067,152	4,074,636
Other grants refundable	<u>37,523</u>	<u>24,350</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>40,584,124</u>	<u>40,614,754</u>
 <b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted	42,392,084	37,009,380
Temporarily restricted	2,338,462	1,850,545
Permanently restricted	<u>15,166,988</u>	<u>14,407,391</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>59,897,534</u>	<u>53,267,316</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 100,481,658</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 93,882,070</u></b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA, INC.**

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
Year Ended June 30, 2007  
With Comparative Totals for 2006

	2007			2006 Total
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	
<b>REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>				
Tuition and fees	\$ 59,377,259			\$ 59,377,259
Less: Scholarships and grants	(22,434,895)			(20,229,464)
Net tuition and fees	36,942,364			34,527,270
Government grants	4,226,109			3,506,208
Private gifts	624,878	\$ 1,089,177	\$ 737,398	1,931,070
Endowment income	1,642,438	2,060,082		2,283,498
Contributed services, net of expenses of \$507,561 and \$518,587	145,958			157,714
Other sources	1,386,439	102,820		1,361,041
Investment income	653,440	6,247		367,300
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises	6,564,893			6,156,198
Adjustment in actuarial liability for annuities payable		18,944	22,199	27,477
	52,186,519	3,277,270	759,597	50,317,776
Net assets released from restrictions	2,789,353	(2,789,353)		
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	54,975,872	487,917	759,597	50,317,776
<b>EXPENSES AND LOSSES</b>				
Program expenses				
Instruction	20,752,985			18,871,208
Public service	2,097,328			1,980,387
Academic support	4,948,817			4,809,300
Student services	9,478,657			8,920,056
Auxiliary enterprises	5,615,819			5,092,595
Support expenses				
Institutional support	6,704,657			6,918,345
Allocable expenses				
Operation and maintenance of plant	2,763,375			2,651,114
Interest expense	1,293,484			1,185,155
Depreciation, amortization and accretion expense	2,447,830			2,232,630
Less: Allocated expenses	(6,504,689)			(6,068,899)
Gain on disposal of plant facilities	(5,095)			(2,775)
Total Expenses and Losses	49,593,168			46,589,116
Change in Net Assets Before Cumulative Effect of Change in Accounting Principle	5,382,704	487,917	759,597	3,728,660
Cumulative Effect of Change in Accounting Principle				(1,011,819)
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	5,382,704	487,917	759,597	2,716,841
NET ASSETS - Beginning of Year	37,009,380	1,850,545	14,407,391	50,550,475
<b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>	\$ 42,392,084	\$ 2,338,462	\$ 15,166,988	\$ 53,267,316

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA, INC.**

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
Year Ended June 30, 2006

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>				
Tuition and fees	\$ 54,756,734			\$ 54,756,734
Less: Scholarships and grants	(20,229,464)			(20,229,464)
Net tuition and fees	34,527,270			34,527,270
Government grants	3,506,208			3,506,208
Private gifts	840,042	\$ 625,443	\$ 465,585	1,931,070
Endowment income	953,906	1,329,592		2,283,498
Contributed services, net of expenses of \$447,674	157,714			157,714
Other sources	1,222,009	139,032		1,361,041
Investment income	359,465	7,835		367,300
Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises	6,156,198			6,156,198
Adjustment in actuarial liability for annuities payable		17,073	10,404	27,477
	47,722,812	2,118,975	475,989	50,317,776
Net assets released from restrictions	2,235,080	(2,235,080)		
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	49,957,892	(116,105)	475,989	50,317,776
<b>EXPENSES AND LOSSES</b>				
Program expenses				
Instruction	18,871,208			18,871,208
Public service	1,980,387			1,980,387
Academic support	4,809,300			4,809,300
Student services	8,920,056			8,920,056
Auxiliary enterprises	5,092,595			5,092,595
Support expenses				
Institutional support	6,918,345			6,918,345
Allocable expenses				
Operation and maintenance of plant	2,651,114			2,651,114
Interest expense	1,185,155			1,185,155
Depreciation, amortization and accretion expense	2,232,630			2,232,630
Less: Allocated expenses	(6,068,899)			(6,068,899)
Gain on disposal of plant facilities	(2,775)			(2,775)
Total Expenses and Losses	46,589,116			46,589,116
Change in Net Assets Before Cumulative Effect of Change in Accounting Principle	3,368,776	(116,105)	475,989	3,728,660
Cumulative Effect of Change in Accounting Principle	(1,011,819)			(1,011,819)
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	2,356,957	(116,105)	475,989	2,716,841
NET ASSETS - Beginning of Year	34,652,423	1,966,650	13,931,402	50,550,475
<b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 37,009,380</b>	<b>\$ 1,850,545</b>	<b>\$ 14,407,391</b>	<b>\$ 53,267,316</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA, INC.

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
Years Ended June 30, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 6,630,218	\$ 2,716,841
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash flows from operating activities		
Cumulative effect due to change in accounting principle		1,011,819
Depreciation, amortization and accretion	2,447,830	2,232,630
Gain on sale of property	(5,095)	(2,775)
Gains on endowment investments	(3,350,485)	(1,937,504)
Actuarial adjustment of annuities payable	14,582	8,242
(Decrease) increase in allowance for student accounts receivable	(58,100)	68,600
Increase in allowance for student notes receivable	7,600	3,200
Loan cancellations, assignments and write-offs	64,583	61,820
Change in assets and liabilities		
Student accounts receivable	176,379	50,021
Grants receivable	(27,212)	123,485
Contributions receivable - operations	156,621	274,983
Other receivables	(410,279)	40,661
Inventories	(633)	(1,521)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(58,043)	54,795
Accounts payable	20,230	217,815
Accrued liabilities	492,153	(536,123)
Deposit accounts	(281,624)	233,784
Deferred revenue	488,853	156,201
Funds held for others	73,360	23,246
Contributions under split-interest agreements	(1,906)	
Contributions restricted for long-term investment and plant	(764,932)	(465,585)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	<u>5,614,100</u>	<u>4,334,635</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchases of endowment investments	(3,731,540)	(3,215,994)
Sales of endowment investments	3,087,020	2,868,255
Purchases of other investments, net	(121,785)	(83,938)
Withdrawals from deposits with trustee, net	209	4,021,394
Purchases of property, plant, and equipment	(1,472,764)	(5,714,919)
Disbursements of loans to students	(867,846)	(1,040,588)
Repayments of loans from students	751,825	876,866
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	<u>(2,354,881)</u>	<u>(2,288,924)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Repayments of principal on indebtedness	(768,140)	(955,304)
Contributions received restricted for long-term investment and plant	809,875	588,672
Increase in refundable grants	5,689	11,724
Proceeds from issuance of split-interest agreements	5,000	
Payments to annuitants	(21,108)	(14,773)
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	<u>31,316</u>	<u>(369,681)</u>
<b>Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>3,290,535</b>	<b>1,676,030</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - Beginning of Year</b>	<b><u>6,696,191</u></b>	<b><u>5,020,161</u></b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR</b>	<b><u>\$ 9,986,726</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,696,191</u></b>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information		
Interest paid, net of capitalized interest of \$66,489 in 2006	\$ 1,297,163	\$ 1,174,330
Noncash investing and financing activities		
Property, plant and equipment acquired through accounts payable	196,809	315,431

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA, INC.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2007 and 2006

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### NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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The College of St. Scholastica, Inc., an independent liberal arts college, offers accredited bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs. The accounting policies of the College of St. Scholastica, Inc. (the "College") reflect practices common to universities and colleges and conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The more significant accounting policies are summarized below:

**General** - The College maintains its accounts in accordance with the principles and practices of fund accounting. Fund accounting is the procedure by which resources for various purposes are classified for accounting purposes in accordance with activities or objectives specified by donors.

These financial statements, which are presented on the accrual basis of accounting, have been prepared to focus on the College as a whole and present balances and transactions according to the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. This has been accomplished by classification of fund balances and transactions into three classes of net assets - permanently restricted, temporarily restricted or unrestricted, as follows:

***Permanently Restricted Net Assets*** - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the College. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the College to use all or part of the income earned on related investments for general or specific purposes.

***Temporarily Restricted Net Assets*** - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that will be met by action of the College and/or the passage of time.

***Unrestricted Net Assets*** - Net assets not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Revenues are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in unrestricted net assets. Gains and losses on investments and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or by law. Expirations of temporary restrictions on net assets (i.e., the donor-stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed) are reported as reclassifications between the applicable classes of net assets.

Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of gift.

Income and net gains on investments of endowment and similar funds are reported as follows:

- as increases in permanently restricted net assets if the terms of the gift require that they be added to the principal of a permanent endowment fund;
- as increases in temporarily restricted net assets if the terms of the gift impose restrictions on the use of the income;
- as increases in unrestricted net assets in all other cases.

COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
June 30, 2007 and 2006

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**NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

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Losses from investments on permanently restricted endowment funds are reported as reductions in temporarily restricted assets to the extent of prior accumulated earnings reported as such, if any, with the remaining net losses reported as reductions in the unrestricted quasi-endowment funds.

**Temporarily Restricted Net Assets** - With respect to temporarily restricted net assets, the College has adopted the following accounting policies:

**Reporting as Temporarily Restricted Revenues** - Contributions received with donor-imposed restrictions that are met in the same year as received are reported as revenues of the temporarily restricted net asset class, and a reclassification to unrestricted net assets is made to reflect the expiration of such restrictions.

**Release of Restrictions on Net Assets for Acquisition of Land, Buildings and Equipment** - Contributions of land, buildings and equipment are reported as revenues of the unrestricted net asset class. Contributions of cash or other assets to be used to acquire land, buildings and equipment are reported as revenues of the temporarily restricted net asset class; the restrictions are considered to be released at the time such long-lived assets are placed in service.

**Cash Equivalents** - The College considers all highly liquid investments, except those held for long-term investment, with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

**Receivables** - An allowance for doubtful accounts is recorded annually based on historical experience and management's evaluation of receivables at the end of each year. Bad debts are expensed when deemed uncollectible. Receivables are generally unsecured.

**Inventories** - Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market, determined on a first-in, first-out basis.

**Investments Held by Trustee** - Investments held by trustee include amounts restricted for debt service as required by the related trust indentures as well as construction funds for various current and future plant projects.

**Debt Acquisition Costs** - Costs of bond issuance are deferred and amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the bond issue.

**Physical Plant and Equipment** - Physical plant assets are stated at cost at date of acquisition less accumulated depreciation. The College depreciates its assets on the straight-line basis over estimated useful lives as follows: buildings, 40 - 60 years; automotive - 5 years; equipment - 5 years; and library books - 10 years. Normal repair and maintenance expenses are charged to operations as incurred. The College capitalizes physical plant additions in excess of \$5,000.

COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
June 30, 2007 and 2006

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**NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

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**Revenues** - Tuition, housing and related revenue is recognized over the period of instruction. Certain revenue related to summer education and adult programs is deferred and recognized as revenue in the same period expenses are recognized. Students are generally billed for courses prior to the start of the course.

**Government Grants Refundable** - Funds provided by the United States Government under the Federal Perkins Loan Program are loaned to qualified students and may be reloaned after collections. These funds are ultimately refundable to the government and are included as liabilities in the statements of financial position. Revenues from other government grants are recognized as they are earned in accordance with the agreement.

**Grants to Specified Students** - Amounts received from state and federal agencies designated for the benefit of specified students are considered agency transactions and, therefore, are not reflected as revenues and expenses of the College. The amounts of such grants were \$3,002,155 and \$1,864,984, respectively, during the year ended June 30, 2007. The amounts of such grants were \$2,799,650 and \$1,713,186, respectively, during the year ended June 30, 2006.

**Income Taxes** - The Internal Revenue Service has determined that the College is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is also exempt from state income tax. However, any unrelated business income may be subject to taxation.

**Contributed Services** - Services provided for the College by persons subject to religious vows of poverty are recorded as contributed services. The computation of the value of the contribution of those services represents the difference between the amounts paid to or on behalf of the religious personnel and the comparable compensation that would be paid to a lay person.

**Functional Allocation of Expenses** - The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Accordingly, certain expenses have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

**Pension Plans** - All employees of the College of St. Scholastica, Inc. meeting age and service requirements are covered under two contributory defined contribution retirement plans. Pension expense totaled \$1,559,700 and \$1,499,200 for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

**Employee Medical Plan** - The College provides medical benefits through a self-insured plan which is available to all employees of the College for certain medical expenses. Estimates for claims incurred but not reported have been accrued by the College.

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



COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
June 30, 2007 and 2006

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**NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

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**Fund-Raising and Advertising Expenses** - Fund-raising expenses approximated \$1,410,100 and \$1,245,200 for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Advertising expenses approximated \$1,164,800 and \$1,249,800 for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The College expenses advertising costs at the time incurred.

**Fair Value of Financial Instruments** - The College records financial instruments at cost, with the exception of investments in marketable equity and debt securities which are reflected in the financial statements at market value and those items received as gifts which are valued at fair value at the date of gift. The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, other receivables, prepaid expenses, funds held for others, accounts payable, accrued liabilities, deposits and deferred revenue approximate fair value because of the short maturity of these financial instruments. The carrying amounts of contributions receivable are recorded at fair value using appropriate discount rates.

A reasonable estimate of the fair value of the receivables from students under government loan programs and grants refundable to the government for student loans could not be made because the notes receivable are not saleable and can only be assigned to the U. S. Government or its designee. The fair value of receivables under institutional loan programs approximates carrying value.

The carrying amounts of the actuarial liability for annuities payable are based on life expectancies, quoted market prices, and the present value discount included in the carrying amount. The carrying amounts of long-term debt approximate fair value because these financial instruments bear interest at rates which approximate current market rates for notes with similar maturities and credit quality.

Investments in securities traded on national or international securities exchanges are carried at fair value based on values provided by external investment managers or quoted market values. Investments in hedge funds, offshore fund vehicles, fund of funds and similar nonmarketable equity interests consist primarily of investments that are not readily marketable. Investments in these categories, which are managed externally, are valued utilizing the most current information provided by the general partner or investment manager. These valuations generally reflect discounts for illiquidity and consider variables such as financial performance of investments, recent sales prices of investments and other pertinent information. Where applicable, independent appraisers are utilized to assist in the valuation. These values are determined under the direction of, and subject to approval by, management and the Investment Committee of the College of St. Scholastica, Inc.

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions about the effects of matters that are inherently uncertain. The accounting policies considered potentially significant in this respect are the valuation of the hedge funds, offshore fund vehicles, fund of funds and similar nonmarketable equity interests. Values for these instruments are often estimated using techniques such as discounted cash flow analysis and comparisons to similar instruments. Estimates developed using these methods are subjective and require judgment regarding significant matters such as the amount and timing of future cash flows and the selection of discount rates that appropriately reflect market and credit risks. Estimates, by their nature, are based on judgment and available information. Changes in assumptions could have a significant effect on the fair value of the instruments. Actual results could differ from these estimates and could have a material impact on the financial statements.

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**NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**Cumulative Effect of Change in Accounting Principle** - In March 2005, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FASB Interpretation No. 47, "*Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations*," (FIN 47). FIN 47 clarifies the term "conditional" as used in SFAS No. 143, "*Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations*." This interpretation refers to a legal obligation to perform an asset retirement activity even if the timing and/or settlement is conditional on a future event that may or may not be within the control of an institution. Accordingly, the College must record a liability for the conditional asset retirement obligation if the fair value of the obligation can be reasonably estimated. FIN 47 is effective for fiscal years ending after December 15, 2005. Subsequent to initial recognition, the College records period-to-period changes in the ARO liability resulting from the passage of time and revisions to either the timing or the amount of the original estimate of undiscounted cash flows. The College owns certain buildings that contain encapsulated asbestos material. An expense of \$1,070,077 was recorded in the June 30, 2006 financial statements for asbestos clean-up costs, including \$58,258 related to fiscal year 2006 and \$1,011,819 for years prior to 2006 as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle as required by FIN 47.

**Reclassifications** - Certain amounts appearing in the 2006 financial statements have been reclassified to conform with the 2007 presentation. The reclassifications have no effect on reported amounts of total net assets or change in total net assets.

**NOTE 2 - RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON NET ASSET BALANCES**

Permanently restricted net assets consist of the following at June 30, 2007 and 2006:

	2007	2006
Endowment funds	\$ 14,685,827	\$ 13,976,011
Annuity, life income and similar funds	94,243	70,138
Contributions receivable	<u>386,918</u>	<u>361,242</u>
	<u>\$ 15,166,988</u>	<u>\$ 14,407,391</u>

Temporarily restricted net assets consist of the following at June 30, 2007 and 2006:

Gifts and other unexpended revenues and gains available for:		
Scholarships, instruction and other departmental support	\$ 1,041,715	\$ 873,695
Quasi-endowment funds	838,147	532,809
Acquisition of buildings and equipment	59,866	
Annuity, life income and similar funds	75,657	56,713
Contributions receivable	<u>323,077</u>	<u>387,328</u>
	<u>\$ 2,338,462</u>	<u>\$ 1,850,545</u>

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**NOTE 2 - RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON NET ASSET BALANCES (Continued)**

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At June 30, 2007 and 2006, the College's unrestricted net assets were allocated as follows:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Operations	\$ 2,565,275	\$ 708,332
Long-term investment (quasi-endowment funds)	13,127,291	9,444,476
Loans to students	732,277	787,740
Investment in plant	<u>25,967,241</u>	<u>26,068,832</u>
	<u>\$ 42,392,084</u>	<u>\$ 37,009,380</u>

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**NOTE 3 - NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS**

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Net assets were released from temporary donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of events specified by the donors as follows for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Scholarships, instruction and other departmental support	\$ 2,750,056	\$ 2,235,080
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	<u>39,297</u>	
	<u>\$ 2,789,353</u>	<u>\$ 2,235,080</u>

These assets were reclassified to unrestricted net assets.

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**NOTE 4 - CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE**

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Contributions receivable include the following unconditional promises to give at June 30, 2007 and 2006:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Unrestricted - completed plant projects	\$ 55,508	\$ 222,145
Temporarily restricted - operations	94,047	168,863
Temporarily restricted - scholarships and other departmental support	222,671	254,329
Temporarily restricted - plant projects	30,836	
Permanently restricted - endowment	<u>410,581</u>	<u>385,101</u>
Gross unconditional contributions to give	813,643	1,030,438
Less: Allowance	(18,287)	(26,584)
Unamortized discount	<u>(33,075)</u>	<u>(40,009)</u>
Net Unconditional Contributions Receivable	<u>\$ 762,281</u>	<u>\$ 963,845</u>

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**NOTE 4 - CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE (Continued)**

Contributions receivable at June 30, 2007 are expected to be paid as follows:

Amounts due in:	
Less than one year	\$ 530,851
One to five years	266,792
More than five years	<u>16,000</u>
	<u>\$ 813,643</u>

Contributions due in more than one year were discounted at an interest rate of 5% at June 30, 2006 and 2005. Contributions due in less than one year were not discounted.

**NOTE 5 - INVESTMENTS HELD BY TRUSTEE**

The following summarizes the College's investments held by trustee at June 30, 2007 and 2006:

	2007		2006	
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 112,766	\$ 112,766	\$ 467,611	\$ 467,611
Federal government obligations	<u>1,448,141</u>	<u>1,475,346</u>	<u>1,093,505</u>	<u>1,133,361</u>
	<u>\$ 1,560,907</u>	<u>\$ 1,588,112</u>	<u>\$ 1,561,116</u>	<u>\$ 1,600,972</u>

**NOTE 6 - INVESTMENTS**

The following summarizes the College's investments at June 30, 2007 and 2006:

	2007		2006	
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 1,510,802	\$ 1,510,802	\$ 1,524,858	\$ 1,524,858
Equity funds	15,652,593	12,818,640	15,649,469	14,190,654
Bond funds	2,247,318	2,364,496	2,152,150	2,251,597
Alternative investments	7,950,183	6,328,733	4,368,729	3,670,000
Other	<u>613,086</u>	<u>589,872</u>	<u>161,986</u>	<u>151,292</u>
	<u>\$ 27,973,982</u>	<u>\$ 23,612,543</u>	<u>\$ 23,857,192</u>	<u>\$ 21,788,401</u>

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**NOTE 6 - INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

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The investments were allocated as follows:

	2007		2006	
	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Endowment	\$ 27,387,064	\$ 23,118,767	\$ 23,392,060	\$ 21,369,335
Annuity	389,307	319,379	349,690	314,318
Unrestricted	<u>197,611</u>	<u>174,397</u>	<u>115,442</u>	<u>104,748</u>
	<u>\$ 27,973,982</u>	<u>\$ 23,612,543</u>	<u>\$ 23,857,192</u>	<u>\$ 21,788,401</u>

Total investment return on endowment funds for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 follows:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Dividends and interest, net of fees of \$110,722 and \$107,076	\$ 352,035	\$ 345,994
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments reported at fair value	<u>3,350,485</u>	<u>1,937,504</u>
	<u>\$ 3,702,520</u>	<u>\$ 2,283,498</u>

Included in alternative investments are hedge funds, offshore fund vehicles, fund of funds and similar nonmarketable equity interests. These investments were entered into to diversify the College's portfolio and to improve overall investment consistency. The College's hedge fund investments are with fund-of-funds vehicles, by which a single investment is pooled in a diversified program of hedge fund strategies, which are monitored by independent third-party managers. As of June 30, 2007, the College has commitments to make further investments in one of its nonmarketable equity interests totaling \$1,440,000. The College's management, the Investment Committee of the Board of Trustees and the College's external investment consultants perform a quarterly review of hedge fund managers in order to evaluate the risk associated with these investments. In addition, the College monitors its portfolio mix to ensure that it is in accordance with Board policy. Gains on these investments amounted to \$922,588 and \$478,824 for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and are included with endowment income in the Statements of Activities.

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**NOTE 7 - CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS**

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Construction in progress at June 30, 2007 consists of costs primarily for the upgrade of Somers courtyard, Tower Hall front steps, and engineering/design associated with an expansion planned to the Wellness/Reif complex. The first two projects are expected to be completed by Fall 2007 and the Wellness/Reif expansion is expected to be completed by Fall 2008.

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**NOTE 8 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

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Property, plant and equipment consists of the following at June 30, 2007 and 2006:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Land and land improvements	\$ 697,821	\$ 697,821
Buildings	65,786,324	64,840,027
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	6,124,384	6,080,665
Library books and materials	5,165,771	4,928,557
Automotive equipment	<u>485,405</u>	<u>435,535</u>
	78,259,705	76,982,605
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(25,988,979)</u>	<u>(23,864,131)</u>
	<u>\$ 52,270,726</u>	<u>\$ 53,118,474</u>

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**NOTE 9 - EARLY RETIREMENT AND TERMINATION BENEFITS**

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The College has provided early retirement and termination benefits to certain faculty and staff. No additional costs were incurred during the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006. The obligation is included in accrued liabilities on the statement of financial position and totaled \$19,691 and \$40,530 for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

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**NOTE 10 - BONDS PAYABLE**

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The following is a summary of bonds payable outstanding at June 30, 2007 and 2006:

	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series Six-A	\$ 12,000,000	\$ 12,000,000	\$ 12,000,000
Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Revenue Bonds, Series Five-R	11,705,000	11,085,000	11,260,000
Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series Five-J	5,960,000	<u>3,615,000</u>	<u>4,055,000</u>
		<u>\$ 26,700,000</u>	<u>\$ 27,315,000</u>

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**NOTE 10 - BONDS PAYABLE (Continued)**

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The College has loans outstanding with the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority (the Authority) in connection with revenue bonds issued by the Authority:

- The Series Six-A Revenue Bonds were issued during fiscal 2005 to finance construction of a two building student apartment complex (Scanlon Hall and Kerst Hall). The Series Six-A bonds have a variable rate which is established daily by the Remarketing Agent (Piper Jaffray & Co.). The interest rate at June 30, 2007 was 3.91%. The bonds mature in annual installments of \$200,000 to \$775,000 on December 1 through 2034. The bonds are secured by the general obligation of the College and with a letter of credit which has an initial expiration date of December 9, 2009, but may be extended for successive one-year periods through December 9, 2019.
- The Series Five-R Revenue Bonds were issued during fiscal 2003 to finance construction of a new student apartment complex (Cedar Hall) and a new student fieldhouse (the Wellness Center). In addition, a portion of these bonds were used to finance the refunding of the outstanding principal balance of the Series Three-N Revenue Bonds. The outstanding Series Three-N Revenue Bonds, in the principal amount of \$1,705,000, were redeemed in June 2003. The Series Three-N Revenue Bonds were used to finance construction of an addition to Somers Hall. The Series Five-R bonds have interest rates varying from 3.25% to 5.00% and mature in annual installments of \$185,000 to \$735,000 on December 1 through 2032. The bonds are secured by the general obligation of the College, the reserve account and other funds held by the trustee under the indenture.
- The Series Five-J Revenue Refunding Bonds were issued during fiscal 2001 to finance the refunding of the outstanding principal balances of the Series Two-T and Three-E Revenue Bonds. The outstanding Series Two-T Revenue Bonds, in the principal amount of \$3,540,000, were redeemed in December 2001. The outstanding Series Three-E Revenue Bonds, in the principal amount of \$2,390,000, were redeemed in June 2001. The Series Two-T Revenue Bonds were issued to finance the construction of Birch, Maple and Willow apartments, certain renovation of Tower Hall and the installation of new telephone and computer systems. The Series Three-E Revenue Bonds were issued to finance the construction of the Auditorium and Student Union, the Tower Hall addition and the Theater renovation and expansion. The Series Five-J bonds have interest rates varying from 4.875% to 5.25% and mature in annual installments of \$460,000 to \$490,000 on December 1 through 2008 with payments of \$1,630,000 and \$1,035,000 due December 1, 2011 and 2014, respectively. The term bonds maturing in the years 2011 and 2014 are subject to annual sinking fund payments on December 1 in the years 2009 through 2014 in amounts varying from \$325,000 to \$580,000. The bonds are secured by the general obligation of the College, the reserve account and other funds held by the trustee under the indenture.
- The bonds issued under the Authority include certain financial covenants which include meeting a Revenue/Expenditure Test, as defined, for at least two of preceding three complete fiscal years, achieving a debt service coverage ratio, requiring that the Board-controlled unrestricted liquid funds shall not be less than \$1,200,000 and limiting the College's ability to incur additional long-term debt.

The maturities of all long-term debt for each of the five years subsequent to June 30, 2007 approximate: \$845,000; \$885,000; \$930,000; \$980,000 and \$1,030,000, respectively.

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**NOTE 11 - LEASES**

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**Operating Leases** - In 1987, the College entered into a lease agreement with the Benedictine Sisters Benevolent Association (B.S.B.A.) to lease facilities currently used by the College for administration offices, classrooms and other educational purposes. The property includes Tower Hall and certain other facilities or areas to be used by the College or on a shared basis with the B.S.B.A. The lease term is 99 years for a fee of \$1 per year. In 1989, in consideration of a \$1,000,000 payment by the College, the lease was amended and supplemented by adding additional portions of Tower Hall and land. Additional property was leased to the College on a comparable basis, without additional consideration, in 1993 to facilitate further remodeling and expansion of College facilities. The lease will automatically renew for 50 years if no default, cancellation or termination has occurred by a date one year prior to expiration, but will terminate no later than January 1, 2136. The cost of operating the leased buildings, shared by the College and the B.S.B.A., is related to their respective use. The B.S.B.A. will not subject Tower Hall to indebtedness in addition to amounts outstanding as of March 16, 1974.

The College has operating leases for computer equipment, copiers and building space. Rental expense associated with these operating leases totaled \$1,033,800 and \$980,250 for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Subsequent to June 30, 2007, the College entered into additional operating leases for equipment. Future minimum lease payments for the five years subsequent to June 30, 2007, including the leases entered into after June 30, 2007, approximate: \$898,300; \$668,600, \$583,100; \$487,900 and \$407,800, respectively.

**Capital Lease** - During the year ended June 30, 2005, the College entered into a capital lease agreement for hardware and software for the implementation of a campus-wide informational data warehouse system. The lease expires in August 2007 and bears interest at 5.26%. The monthly principal payment varies from \$9,055 to \$13,128. The balance outstanding on the lease at June 30, 2007 and 2006 was \$22,183 and \$175,323, respectively.

The hardware and software obtained through the lease totaling \$407,028 are included in equipment, furniture and fixtures in the financial statements. Amortization expense for these assets totaled \$135,676 for each of the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006. Accumulated amortization for these assets amounted to \$339,190 and \$203,514 for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

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**NOTE 12 - SAINTS-HILLTOPPERS ARENA, INC.**

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In March 1998, the College, along with The Marshall School, created Saints-Hilltoppers Arena, Inc. ("the Arena"). This nonprofit corporation was created to oversee the operations of an arena that is used by both the College and The Marshall School. The President of the College and the Head of Marshall School both serve on the Board of Directors of the Arena. In addition, the College and the School each appoint three board members. Two additional members are selected by the Arena's Board of Directors. Upon dissolution of the Arena, one half of the assets would be remitted to the College. The College is not considered to have control over the Arena, and accordingly, the College's financial statements do not include the activity of the Arena.



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**NOTE 13 - CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES**

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The College administers various charitable gift annuities. A charitable gift annuity provides for payment of a fixed amount over a specified period of time to the designated annuity beneficiary. Assets held under charitable gift annuities are recorded at fair value in the College's statement of financial position. On an annual basis, the College revalues the annuity contract reserve to make distributions to the annuitants based on actuarial assumptions. The present value of the estimated future payments is calculated using a discount rates ranging from 4.2% to 7.0% and applicable mortality rates.

The College received \$1,900 of gift value relating to split-interest agreements for the year ended June 30, 2007. No gifts were received under split-interest agreements during the year ended June 30, 2006. Total assets held by the College under split-interest agreements totaled \$389,707 and \$349,690 at June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

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**NOTE 14 - CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK**

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Financial instruments that potentially subject the College to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash, short-term investments, marketable securities, other investments and accounts receivable. The College places substantially all of its cash and liquid investments with high-quality financial institutions and limits the amount of credit exposure to any one financial institution; however, cash balances may periodically exceed federally insured limits. Marketable securities, consisting of both debt and equity instruments, are generally placed in a variety of managed funds administered by different investment managers in order to limit credit risk. Student notes and receivables and other receivables are due from a variety of sources concentrated primarily in the Midwestern United States. In addition, the College's students receive a substantial amount of support from state and federal student financial assistance programs which are subject to audit by governmental agencies. A significant reduction in the level of this support, if this were to occur, could have an adverse effect on the College's programs and activities.

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