

COLBY COLLEGE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2017 and 2016



Colby College

Consolidated Financial Statements

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Trustees Colby College Waterville, Maine

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Colby College (the "College"), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related consolidated statements of activities, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

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





Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Colby College as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

October 21, 2017

Boston, Massachusetts

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COLBY COLLEGE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS June 30, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands)

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable (less allowance for doubtful accounts of	\$ 21,212	\$ 31,817
\$699 in 2017 and \$641 in 2016)	7,901	1,297
Funds held by trustee (Note 6)	5,956	8,333
Short-term investments (Note 3)	23,575	15,894
Prepaid expenses and other assets	2,282	2,146
Notes receivable (Note 1)	2,322	2,826
Pledges receivable (Note 2)	45,120	18,905
Investments, endowment	775,129	710,659
Investments, strategic investment fund	96,147	99,909
Investments, annuity and life income funds	30,515	30,908
Investments, funds held in trust by others	13,938	12,978
Investments, other	54,000	39,133
Total investments (Note 5)	969,729	893,587
Pledge of artwork collection	27,846	27,846
Land, buildings, equipment and works of art (Note 4)	375,831	343,269
Total assets	\$ 1,481,774	\$ 1,345,920
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 22,752	\$ 16,307
Student deposits	1,736	1,330
Government advances for student loans	1,745	2,326
Annuity obligations	11,878	12,239
Bonds payable (Note 6)	201,333	202,854
Post retirement benefit obligation (Note 7)	37,783	38,287
Asset retirement obligation (Note 12)	5,149	4,979
Total liabilities	282,376	278,322
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (Notes 5 and 10)		
NET ASSETS (Note 11)		
Unrestricted	385,291	358,054
Temporarily restricted	383,514	314,722
Permanently restricted	430,593	394,822
Total net assets	1,199,398	1,067,598
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 1,481,774	\$ 1,345,920

COLBY COLLEGE
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
for the year ended June 30, 2017 (with comparative information for the year ended June 30, 2016)
(in thousands)

		TEMPORARILY	PERMANENTLY	TO'	TAL
	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	2017	2016
Operating activities					
Operating revenues and other support					
Student charges	\$ 121,242			\$ 121,242	\$ 116,542
Student charges Student aid	(34,690)			. ,	
	86,552			(34,690) 86,552	(31,316)
Net student charges	80,552			86,552	85,226
Contributions	4,916			4,916	4,243
Endowment return utilized for operations	37,209			37,209	34,916
Strategic investment fund utilized for operations	4,800			4,800	3,400
Other investment income	594			594	386
Net assets released from restriction	6,874			6,874	6,842
Other revenue	5,544			5,544	4,937
Total operating revenues and other support	146,489			146,489	139,950
Funence					
Expenses Instruction and research	49,861			49,861	49.452
	49,861 17,518			49,861 17,518	49,452 17,247
Academic support	28,217			28,217	25,242
Student services	,			,	,
Institutional support	27,840			27,840	24,893
Auxiliary enterprises	21,302			21,302	19,935
Total operating expenses	144,738			144,738	136,769
Increase in net assets before non-operating activities	1,751			1,751	3,181
Increase in net assets from general operations (Note 1)	101			101	185
Decrease in net assets from depreciation	(11,000)			(11,000)	(10,782)
Amounts designated for facilities reserves, debt service,	(11,000)			(11,000)	(10,102)
strategic investment fund, endowment and student loans (Note 1)	12,650			12,650	13,778
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Non-operating activities					
Contributions	3,656	\$ 52,912	\$ 30,822	87,390	25,916
Net investment income	1,263	1,787	269	3,319	2,937
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	22,892	62,222	878	85,992	(16,590)
Endowment return utilized for operations	(37,209)			(37,209)	(34,916)
Strategic investment fund utilized for operations	(4,800)			(4,800)	(3,400)
LLC operating results	(408)			(408)	(288)
Postretirement benefit related changes other than net					
periodic benefit cost	3,030			3,030	(127)
Other, net	367	15		382	(1,866)
Net change in annuity and life income funds		(4,275)	3,502	(773)	(481)
Net assets released from restriction and reclassifications	36,695	(43,869)	300	(6,874)	(6,842)
Change in net assets from non-operating activities	25,486	68,792	35,771	130,049	(35,657)
Total change in net assets	27,237	68,792	35,771	131,800	(32,476)
Net assets, beginning of year	358,054	314,722	394,822	1,067,598	1,100,074
Net assets, end of year	\$ 385,291	\$ 383,514	\$ 430,593	\$ 1,199,398	\$ 1,067,598

COLBY COLLEGE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES for the year ended June 30, 2016 (in thousands)

	UNRESTRICTED		TEMPORARILY ED RESTRICTED		RMANENTLY ESTRICTED	TOTAL		
Operating activities								
Operating revenues and other support								
Student charges	\$	116,542				\$	116,542	
Student aid		(31,316)					(31,316)	
Net student charges		85,226					85,226	
Contributions		4,243					4,243	
Endowment return utilized for operations		34,916					34,916	
Strategic investment fund utilized for operations		3,400					3,400	
Other investment income		386					386	
Net assets released from restriction		6,842					6,842	
Other revenue		4,937					4,937	
Total operating revenues and other support		139,950					139,950	
Expenses								
Instruction and research		49,452					49,452	
Academic support		17,247					17,247	
Student services		25,242					25,242	
Institutional support		24,893					24,893	
Auxiliary enterprises		19,935					19,935	
Total operating expenses		136,769		_			136,769	
Increase in net assets before non-operating activities		3,181					3,181	
Increase in net assets from general operations (Note 1)		185					185	
Decrease in net assets from depreciation		(10,782)					(10,782)	
Amounts designated for facilities reserves, debt service,								
endowment and student loans (Note 1)		13,778					13,778	
Non-operating activities								
Contributions		956	\$ 16,023	\$	8,937		25,916	
Net investment income		2,391	298		248		2,937	
Net realized and unrealized losses		(4,398)	(11,104)		(1,088)		(16,590)	
Endowment return utilized for operations		(34,916)					(34,916)	
Strategic investment fund utilized for operations		(3,400)					(3,400)	
LLC operating results		(288)					(288)	
Postretirement benefit related changes other than net		(4.07)					(4.07)	
periodic benefit cost		(127)	0				(127)	
Other, net Net change in annuity and life income funds		(1,875) 10	9 (2,471)		1,980		(1,866) (481)	
Net assets released from restriction and reclassifications		29,979	(37,121)		300		(6,842)	
Net assets released nonrestriction and reclassifications		29,919	(37,121)		300		(0,042)	
Change in net assets from non-operating activities		(11,668)	(34,366)		10,377		(35,657)	
Total change in net assets		(8,487)	(34,366)		10,377		(32,476)	
Net assets, beginning of year		366,541	349,088		384,445		1,100,074	
Net assets, end of year	\$	358,054	\$ 314,722	\$	394,822	\$	1,067,598	

COLBY COLLEGE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands)

	2017	2016
Cash flows from operating activities		
Change in net assets	\$ 131,800	\$ (32,476)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used in operating activities		
Changes in:		
Accounts receivable	(6,604)	1,412
Short-term investments	(7,681)	20,123
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(136)	(332)
Pledges receivable	(26,215)	2,864
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,280	(1,320)
Student deposits	406	256
Post retirement benefit obligation	(504)	2,671
Depreciation	11,000	10,782
Accretion and other changes in asset retirement obligation	170	160
Amortization of bond premium and deferred financing costs	(291)	(292)
Write off of uncollectible notes receivable	()	1,000
Net realized and unrealized losses (gains) on investments	(85,992)	16,590
Contributions in kind and securities	(32,397)	(6,019)
Contributions restricted for investment	(20,177)	(14,971)
Investment income restricted for investment	(1,867)	(1,714)
Net cash used in operating activities	(35,208)	(1,266)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Collections of notes receivable	1,199	596
Notes receivable issued	(695)	(117)
Purchase of land, buildings and equipment	(37,509)	(21,124)
Purchase of investments	(118,695)	(204,491)
Proceeds from sale of investments	158,054	236,449
Net cash provided by investing activities	2,354	11,313
Cash flows from financing activities		
Payments on bonds payable	(1,230)	(1,120)
Contributions restricted for investment	20,177	14,971
Investment income restricted for investment	1,867	1,714
Change in annuity obligations	(361)	(716)
Change in government advances for student loans	(581)	(2,839)
Change in funds held by trustee	2,377	2,700
Net cash provided by financing activities	22,249	14,710
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(10,605)	24,757
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	31,817	7,060
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 21,212	\$ 31,817
Supplemental data:		
Interest paid, net of capitalized interest	\$ 8,076	\$ 7,423
Acquisition of land, buildings and equipment included in		
accounts payable	\$ 3,165	\$ 1,260

1. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

Colby College (the College) is a private, coeducational, liberal arts college located in Waterville, Maine providing academic, residential and other services to a diverse student population from across the United States and internationally.

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unrestricted net assets include all resources that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions of a more specific nature than those that obligate the College to utilize funds only in furtherance of its educational mission or for which donor restrictions have expired. Temporarily restricted net assets carry specific, donor-imposed restrictions on the expenditure or other uses of contributed funds and/or the investment return on these assets or are limited for use by law. Temporary restrictions may expire either because of the passage of time or because certain actions are taken by the College which fulfill the restrictions. Permanently restricted net assets are those that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions which never lapse, thus requiring that the funds be retained permanently. Generally, the donors of permanently restricted net assets permit the College to use all or part of the investment return on these assets.

Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the College and its wholly owned or controlled subsidiaries. The College has established various for-profit entities that are engaged in the purchase and restoration and development of real estate in Waterville, Maine. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated 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 the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from the estimates included in the financial statements. Significant management estimates include the allowance for doubtful notes, pledges and accounts receivable, fair value of certain investments, useful lives of buildings and equipment, fair value of the artwork pledge and artwork collection, interest in and obligations under split interest agreements, postretirement benefit obligation, asset retirement obligation and the allocation of common expenses over program functions.

Operations

Revenues received and expenses incurred in conducting the programs and services of the College are presented in the consolidated financial statements as operating activities. Student charges include the College's comprehensive fee, which is the equivalent of tuition, fees, room and board. Revenues and other support from operating activities are not restricted by donors or other external sources and are therefore classified in unrestricted net assets. At the discretion of the College, all or a portion of net assets from operations may be designated for general operations adjusted for depreciation, facilities reserves, debt service, addition to strategic investment funds, addition to unrestricted quasi-endowment or for student loan funds. Operating activities also include investment earnings from the College's working capital funds. Net assets released from restriction included in operating activities represent certain gifts and income used for operating expenses where the donor restriction was satisfied in the current year.

1. <u>Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued:</u>

Expiration of Donor-Imposed Restrictions and Changes in Donor Intent

Contributions and investment return with donor-imposed restrictions are reported as temporarily restricted revenues and are reclassified (released from restriction) to unrestricted net assets when an expense is incurred that satisfies the donor-imposed restriction. Contributions restricted for the acquisition of land, buildings and equipment are reported as temporarily restricted revenues. These contributions are reclassified to unrestricted net assets upon acquisition of the related assets. Net assets are reclassified when a change in donor intent occurs.

Endowment and Related Funds

Endowment investments include gifts that are subject to donor or legal restrictions as well as other unrestricted gifts and College funds, which are invested to provide support for College activities in accordance with Trustee direction. Generally, only investment return is made available for spending in accordance with a Trustee-approved endowment income utilization policy, except that some funds do allow for the expenditure of principal.

Endowment net assets classified as unrestricted include College funds and gifts from donors and any accumulated income thereon which may be expended but remains in the endowment by Trustee designation for the long-term support of College activities. Temporarily restricted endowment net assets include certain expendable gifts, and any income and appreciation of permanently restricted net assets not utilized in accordance with the spending formula approved by the Trustees. Permanently restricted endowment net assets include those funds that must be invested in perpetuity to provide a permanent source of income and can not be otherwise expended.

Most endowment and gift annuity funds are invested on a pooled basis using the unit share method. Total endowment investment yield (interest, dividends, rents and royalties) received for the year is distributed to fund accounts, in accordance with the terms or restrictions of the individual fund. The amounts distributed from endowment to operating accounts are considered endowment return utilized for operations.

The College has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of endowment assets. Under this policy, as approved by the Board of Trustees, endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that exceed a composite benchmark of asset class specific benchmarks weighted in accordance with the College's asset allocation targets. The College expects its endowment funds, over time, to provide an average annual real (inflation adjusted) return of approximately 6%. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount.

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the College relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The College targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

The maximum amount of endowment income utilization is determined by a spending formula approved by the Trustees. This formula is applied to all funds in the endowment pool, except those that specifically exclude the use of appreciation and certain donor restricted and board designated funds and funds where spending is limited by law, to determine the amounts which will be (a) utilized for operations, or (b) in certain cases added to principal. The amount available for use was set for 2016-17 at 5.50% and for 2015-16 at 5.30% of the market base defined as the average of the market values of the participating funds for the five preceding years adjusted to reflect gifts and

1. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued:

other additions received in subsequent years. In any year in which the amount of actual yield is not sufficient to meet the amount allocated, an amount is applied from the excess amounts of yield and net appreciation of the endowments in preceding years, if any, to compensate for this deficit in utilizable yield. In establishing this policy, the College considered the long-term expected return on its endowment. Accordingly, over the long term, the College expects the current spending policy to allow its endowment to grow at an average annual real (inflation adjusted) rate of approximately 1% to 2%. This is consistent with the College's objective to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets held in perpetuity or for a specified term as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return. In addition, the College has been authorized by the Board of Trustees for supplemental transfers from unrestricted endowment for additional expenses of the Advancement office. The total supplemental transfer authorized for 2016-17 was \$1,152,000. For 2017-18, a transfer of \$2,800,000 has been budgeted. These amounts are expected to be absorbed in the operating budget over a 10 year period.

Cash and Cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist principally of funds deposited in cash management accounts with maturities of three months or less at the time of purchase. A significant portion of cash and cash equivalents are held in money market mutual funds. Under ordinary circumstances, the College is allowed to withdraw all funds immediately; however, the trustees of the fund reserve the right to limit distributions under certain circumstances. The College has not experienced such limitations on these funds. Cash and cash equivalents held by investment managers are considered part of investments.

The College maintains its cash balances at several financial institutions, which at times may exceed federally insured limits. The College monitors its exposure associated with cash and cash equivalents and has not experienced any losses in such accounts.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are carried at their net realizable value. Management estimates the allowance for doubtful accounts by identifying troubled accounts and by using historical experience applied to an aging of accounts. Accounts receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible. Recoveries of accounts receivable previously written off are recorded as revenue when received.

Student Loans Receivable and Government Advances for Student Loans and Other Loans Receivable

Included in notes receivable are College funds loaned to students and funds advanced by the College via the Federal Perkins Loan Program (the Program).

Perkins funds may be reloaned by the College after collection, but in the event that the College no longer participates in the Program, the amounts are generally refundable to the Federal government. Funds advanced by the Federal government of \$1,745,000 and \$2,326,000 at June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, are classified as liabilities on the balance sheet. Loans receivable are carried at the original amount less an estimate made for doubtful receivables based on a review of all outstanding amounts on a periodic basis. Management determines this allowance for doubtful accounts by identifying troubled accounts and by using historical experience applied to an aging of accounts. Loans that are 15 days or more past due are assessed late fees. Interest and late fees are recorded when received. Perkins loans that are in default and meet certain requirements can be assigned to the Department of Education, which reduces the Government advances for student loans. During fiscal year 2017 and 2016, the College returned to the Department of Education (DOE) \$613,000 and \$2,800,000, respectively in Perkins loan funds that were considered to be excess liquid capital. The College also received \$105,000 and \$485,000, respectively in Perkins loan funds for its institutional share of the funds remitted to DOE.

1. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued:

Loans receivable are stated net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$509,000 and \$436,000 at June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Loans receivable are considered past due if any portion of the balance due is outstanding for more than 90 days. Loans past due or in default totaled \$989,000 and \$975,000 at June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Loans receivable are carried at their estimated net realizable value. Management estimates the allowance for credit losses based on historical losses, current economic conditions and the credit quality of the loans. Loans receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible. Recoveries of loans receivable previously written off are recorded as decreases in the allowance for credit losses. Interest income on loans receivable is recognized in the period earned. Interest is not recorded on loans that are significantly past due and considered uncollectible.

Split-Interest Agreements

Certain donors have established irrevocable split-interest agreements with the College, primarily charitable gift annuities, pooled income funds and charitable remainder trusts, whereby the donated assets are invested and distributions made to the donor and/or other beneficiaries in accordance with their respective agreements. Pooled income funds and charitable remainder trusts are invested separately. Charitable gift annuities are invested in the endowment pool with returns allocated on a ratable basis. The College separately tracks assets held in split-interest agreements and reports them at fair value as Investments, annuity and life income funds. The present value of the estimated future distributions to beneficiaries from these annuity agreements is recorded as a liability as of the dates the agreements are established; the liability is adjusted as distributions are made and for changes in the present value of estimated future distributions. The difference between the assets received and the liability for beneficiary payments is recognized as contribution revenue as of the dates the agreements are established. The initially recorded fair value of the donated investments is determined based on the underlying nature of the investments, which may utilize Level 1, 2, or 3 inputs while the initial measurement of the related obligations uses Level 2 inputs.

Charitable trusts, where an outside party serves as trustee, are recorded at fair value when notification of the trust's existence is received and the third-party trustee has provided sufficient reliable information to estimate the fair value, net of the present value of any estimated future payments to beneficiaries. The College reports these amounts as Investments, funds held in trust by others.

Donor contributions to split-interest agreements are recorded as contribution revenue in the non-operating section of the statement of activities in the year the gift is made. Subsequent changes in value are reported as net change in annuity and life income funds in the statement of activities. Discount rates used to determine the present value of estimated future payments to beneficiaries range from 2.79% - 10.00%.

Investments and Fair Value Measurements

The College reports certain assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring and nonrecurring basis depending on the underlying accounting policy for the particular item. Recurring fair value measurements include the College's investment accounts and funds held by trustees. Nonrecurring measurements include pledges, donated land, buildings and equipment, annuity obligations and asset retirement obligations. Fair value standards require an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs (such as quoted prices in active markets) and minimize the use of unobservable inputs (such as appraisals or valuation techniques) to determine fair value. In addition, the College

1. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued:

reports certain investments using the net asset value per share as determined by investment managers under the so called "practical expedient". The practical expedient allows net asset value (NAV) per share to represent fair value for reporting purposes when the criteria for using this method are met. Fair value measurement standards also require the College to classify financial instruments (but for those measured using NAV) into a three-level hierarchy, based on the priority of inputs to the valuation technique.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 – Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical investments as of the reporting date.

Level 2 – Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted market prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

Level 3 – Pricing inputs are unobservable and could include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the financial instruments. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment and estimation.

In some instances, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such instances, the level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The categorization of investments as level 3 is not necessarily indicative of the characterization of the underlying investments.

Market price is affected by a number of factors, including the type of instrument and the characteristics specific to the instrument. Instruments with readily available active quoted prices or for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices generally will have a higher degree of market price observability and a lesser degree of judgment used in measuring fair value. It is reasonably possible that changes in values of these instruments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect amounts reported in these financial statements. For more information on the fair value of the College's financial instruments, see Note 13 – Fair Value Measurements.

Funds Held by Trustee

Funds held by trustee consist primarily of unexpended debt proceeds and funds held for debt service that have been invested in accordance with the various resolutions and note agreements in connection with the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority Bonds. Unexpended funds are invested in cash, temporary investments and fixed income securities and are reported at cost which approximates fair value.

Strategic Investment Fund

The College has established a strategic investment fund to be used for capital projects approved by the Board of Trustees, to service other debt of the College, to fund strategic operating investments and for any other purposes as may be subsequently approved by the Board of Trustees. The strategic investment fund is reported at fair value using level 1 and 2 inputs and consists of a money market mutual fund and Treasury bills with maturities of fifteen months to thirty-six months at date of purchase. The amounts distributed from the strategic investment fund to operating accounts are considered strategic investment fund utilized for operations and were used primarily towards operating expenses and property acquisitions of the College.

1. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued:

Land, Buildings, Equipment and Works of Art

Land, buildings, equipment and works of art are stated at construction cost, acquisition cost or fair value at dates of gifts, less accumulated depreciation. Fair value of donated assets is effectively recorded using Level 3 market inputs on the date of accession. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Useful lives are as follows:

Buildings, building renovations and other	20-60
Improvements other than buildings	20
Furniture and equipment	5

The College considers its collections of works of art and rare books as inexhaustible because they have cultural, aesthetic or historical value that will be preserved and, therefore, does not depreciate those assets. If purchased, items accessioned into the collection are capitalized at cost, and if donated, they are capitalized at their fair value on the accession date (the date on which the item is accepted by the College). Gains or losses on the deaccession of collection items are classified on the consolidated statement of activities depending on donor restrictions, if any, placed on the item at the time of accession. The cost of repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred while major renewals and betterments are capitalized. Land, buildings and equipment are removed from the records in the year of disposal and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in the statement of activities.

Pledges Receivable

Pledges receivable include grants from foundations, governmental units and pledges from donors or other sources considered to be unconditional. Bequests are recognized as contributions at the time the College is notified of its valid interest in an estate by the appropriate court and the amount can be reasonably estimated. These amounts are recorded at fair value when initially pledged using Level 2 inputs. The initial recording for pledges expected to be collected in one year or more is arrived at by using the present value of a risk adjusted rate to account for the inherent risk associated with the expected future cash flows. Amortization of the discount is included in contributions revenue. Unconditional promises to give are periodically reviewed to estimate an allowance for doubtful accounts. Management estimates the allowance by a review of historical experience and a specific review of collection trends that vary from the plan on individual accounts. Conditional promises to give are not included as support until the conditions are substantially met.

Pledge of Artwork Collection

Pledge of artwork collection represents a pledge of certain artwork to the College. The pledge is recorded at the estimated fair value of the underlying assets as of the date of initial recognition of the pledge using Level 3 market inputs including appraisals. The pledge is expected to be satisfied within the next five years.

Student Deposits

Student deposits generally represent tuition and student deposits paid in advance, which are recognized as income when the related educational services are provided.

Student Charges

Student charges revenue is recognized as revenue as the related educational services are provided.

1. Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued:

Tax Status

The College is exempt from income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Certain of the College's investments and summer operations create unrelated business income, which is subject to tax. The College reflects investment income net of unrelated business income taxes. The College files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and various state jurisdictions. Any interest or penalties on underpayment of income taxes are classified as income tax expense. Given the limited taxable activities of the College, management has concluded that disclosures related to tax provisions are not necessary.

Uncertain Tax Positions

The College accounts for the effect of any uncertain tax positions based on a "more likely than not" threshold to the recognition of the tax positions being sustained based on the technical merits of the position under scrutiny by the applicable taxing authority. If a tax position or positions are deemed to result in uncertainties of those positions, the unrecognized tax effect is estimated based on a "cumulative probability assessment" that aggregates the estimated tax liability for all uncertain tax positions. The College has a number of tax positions, none of which result in an uncertainty requiring recognition. The College is not currently under examination by any taxing jurisdictions. The College's Federal and state tax returns are generally open for examination for three years following the date filed.

Asset Retirement Obligation

The asset retirement obligation represents a legal obligation to the College to perform an asset retirement activity in which the timing and/or method of settlement are conditional on a future event that may or may not be within the control of the College. Uncertainty with respect to the timing and/or method of settlement of the asset retirement obligation does not defer recognition of a liability. The obligation to perform the asset retirement activity is unconditional, and accordingly, a liability is initially recognized at the estimated fair value of the asset retirement obligation using Level 2 inputs that include discount rates and other observable inputs.

Contributions Revenue

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are initially recorded as revenue at fair value when verifiably committed. Fair value is determined at the date the revenue is recorded using Level 2 fair value inputs that includes risk adjusted discount rates and other observable inputs. Conditional contributions and intentions to give are generally recorded as revenue when the conditions have been met. Contributions are reflected as unrestricted, temporarily restricted or permanently restricted based on the existence or absence of donor restrictions. Amounts received with donor-imposed restrictions that are recorded as temporarily restricted contributions are reclassified to unrestricted net assets when the time or purpose restriction has been satisfied.

Subsequent Events

The College recognizes in the financial statements the effects of all subsequent events that provide additional evidence about conditions that existed at the date of the balance sheet, including estimates inherent in the process of preparing financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 21, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were issued and there were no events requiring adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

Reclassifications

Certain 2016 balances have been reclassified to conform with the 2017 presentation.

2. <u>Pledges Receivable:</u>

Unconditional pledges as of June 30 are expected to be realized in the following periods discounted based on appropriate rates (in thousands):

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
In one year or less	\$ 18,521	\$ 10,129
Between one year and five years	24,515	10,276
Greater than five years	10,603	<u>129</u>
	53,639	20,534
Less: present value discount	3,732	634
Less: allowance for uncollectible pledge	4,787	995
Net pledges receivable	<u>\$ 45,120</u>	<u>\$ 18,905</u>

In addition to the amounts noted above, the College has received intentions to give approximating \$14,084,000 and \$35,575,000 at June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, which have not been recorded in the consolidated financial statements. Total costs related to alumni and development activities approximated \$8,250,000 and \$6,505,000 during the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and are included in institutional support in the consolidated statements of activities.

3. Short-Term Investments:

Short-term investments are reported at fair value using observable Level 2 inputs of market quotes for similar instruments and consist of Treasury bills with maturities of six months to ten months at original date of purchase.

4. Land, Buildings, Equipment and Works of Art:

Land, buildings, equipment and works of art consist of the following as of June 30, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands):

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Land	\$ 194	\$ 194
Buildings and building renovations	296,665	293,557
Construction in progress	34,652	8,148
Improvements	38,897	38,586
Furniture and equipment	3,375	2,009
Works of art	160,128	148,436
Rare books	130	130
Other	1,482	1,168
Total	535,523	492,228
Less accumulated depreciation	159,692	148,959
	\$375,831	\$343,269

As of June 30, 2017, the College estimates that the unaudited replacement value of its buildings is approximately \$509,000,000. The College capitalizes the interest cost related to outstanding debt on qualifying assets. Interest costs capitalized for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 total \$422,000 and \$720,000, respectively.

5. <u>Investments:</u>

A summary of assets of the endowment investments and the annuity and life income investments at June 30, 2017 and 2016 follows (in thousands): $\frac{1}{2}$

Pooled Assets:	2017 Estimated <u>Fair Value</u>	2016 Estimated Fair Value
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 78,893	\$ 66,437
Accounts receivable and accrued income	φ 76,633 589	Ψ 00, 4 37
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Investments:		
Global equity funds	258,715	215,959
Hedge funds	185,583	166,237
Venture capital	105,609	103,621
Buyout funds	59,583	56,577
Real estate funds	24,708	37,987
Fixed income securitites	29,776	30,858
Natural resources	42,440	44,693
Total pooled investments	706,414	655,932
Total pooled assets	785,896	722,443
Other endowment assets:	0.000	
Cash and cash equivalents	2,300	4
Domestic equities	138	4
Real estate	1,275	1,677
Cash value of life insurance	236	222
Total other endowment assets	3,949	1,903
Total invested assets	789,845	724,346
Less annuity and life income assets pooled with		
endowment and similar funds	14,716	13,687
Total endowment and similar assets	\$ 775.129	\$ 710.659
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Assets of annuity and life income funds include: Separately invested assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 690	\$ 691
Domestic equities	11,126	11,682
Fixed income securities	3,932	4,796
Other	51	52
	15,799	17,221
Assets pooled with endowment and similar funds	14,716	13,687
Total annuity and life income funds	\$ 30,515	\$ 30,908

5. Investments, continued:

The Board of Trustees of Colby College has interpreted the Maine Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (Maine UPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, Colby College classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original gift value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the College in a manner consistent with Maine UPMIFA. Maine UPMIFA requires the College act in good faith in determining amounts to appropriate for expenditure with the care that an ordinary prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances, and shall consider certain factors outlined in the law.

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or Maine UPMIFA requires the College to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, deficiencies of this nature are reported in unrestricted net assets. Such deficiencies totaled \$0 and \$224,000 as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

5. <u>Investments, continued:</u>

The majority of the endowment investments are pooled on a fair value basis. Each individual fund subscribes to or disposes of units on the basis of the fair value per unit on the last business day of the month previous to that within which the transaction takes place. The changes in estimated fair value of net assets held in endowment and similar funds for the years ended June 30 were as follows (in thousands):

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	_			Temporarily		Permanently	
		<u>Unrestricted</u>		Restricted		Restricted	<u>Total</u>
Endowment investments,							
beginning of year	\$	199,147	\$	276,518	\$	234,994	\$ 710,659
Investment return:							
Investment income		1,898		5,775		269	7,942
Net gain in fair value		23,612		58,477		9	82,098
Total investment return		25,510		64,252		278	 90,040
Gifts		768		246		13,957	14,971
Distribution of endowment return to							
all funds		(12,179)		(26,782)			(38,961)
Investment expenses		(1,761)		(4,687)			(6,448)
Amounts designated to (from) endowmer	nt	2,300		(1,090)		121	1,331
Matured life income funds						3,502	3,502
Other changes, net		17		(90)		108	35
Endowment investments,							
end of year	\$	213,802	\$	308,367	\$	252,960	\$ 775,129
	_				16		
				Temporarily		Permanently	
		<u>Unrestricted</u>		Restricted		Restricted	<u>Total</u>
Endowment investments,							
beginning of year	\$	214,790	\$	312,782	\$	218,385	\$ 745,957
Investment return:							
Investment income		1,990		5,121		131	7,242
Net loss in fair value		(4,648)		(10,422)		(554)	(15,624)
Total investment return		(2,658)		(5,301)		(423)	 (8,382)
Gifts		298		195		14,750	15,243
Distribution of endowment return to							
all funds		(10,627)		(25,063)			(35,690)
Investment expenses		(1,340)		(5,569)			(6,909)
Amounts designated to (from) endowmer	nt	(1,048)		(926)		300	(1,674)
Matured life income funds		10		(323)		1,980	1,990
Other changes, net		(278)		400		2	124
Endowment investments,							
end of year	\$	199,147	\$	276,518	\$	234,994	\$ 710,659
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5. <u>Investments, continued:</u>

The endowment net asset composition by type of fund for the years ended June 30 is as follows (in thousands):

	2017							
				Temporarily		Permanently		
		<u>Unrestricted</u>		Restricted		Restricted		<u>Total</u>
Donor-restricted endowment funds			\$	308,367	\$	252,960	\$	561,327
Board-designated endowment funds	\$	213,802						213,802
Total investments, endowment	\$	213,802	\$	308,367	\$	252,960	\$	775,129
				201	.6			
				Temporarily		Permanently		
		Unrestricted		Restricted		Restricted		<u>Total</u>
Donor-restricted endowment funds			\$	276,518	\$	234,994	\$	511,512
Board-designated endowment funds	\$	199,147						199,147
Total investments, endowment	\$	199,147	\$	276,518	\$	234,994	\$	710,659

The yield per unit, exclusive of net gains (losses), computed on the weighted average of units outstanding, was \$2.33 and \$1.85 for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Spending per unit for current use, computed on units outstanding as of July 1, 2016 and July 1, 2015, was \$18.76 and \$16.18, respectively. The Board of Trustees has approved appropriations from the investment funds of \$37,789,000 for 2018, which the College expects to fund from normal liquidity in its portfolio. Certain funds management fees are embedded as a net cost against investment returns and, accordingly, the investment fees reported above relate only to those costs incurred directly by the College or reported separately by fund managers. Under certain unusual circumstances, investment managers may alter redemption provisions of their investment vehicles which could impact the ultimate liquidity of the funds.

Other investments, measured at fair value, at June 30, 2017 and 2016 consist of the following (in thousands):

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Cash and cash equivalents held for long-term purposes Employee mortgages and other (average interest rate 3.63%) Total investments, other	\$ 48,528 5,472 \$ 54,000	\$ 34,121 5,012 \$ 39,133
Investments, funds held in trust by others (See Note 1)	<u>\$ 13,938</u>	\$ 12,978
Investments, strategic investment fund (See Note 1)	\$ 96,147	<u>\$ 99,909</u>

6. Bonds Payable:

Bonds payable at June 30, 2017 and 2016 are as follows (in thousands):

Facilities Financing	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Revenue Bonds issued through the Maine Health and Higher Educational Facilities Authority (the Authority) for the acquisition, installation, construction, renovation and equipping of various academic and administrative facilities:		
Series 2012 Revenue Bonds, maturing through 2041 at		
fixed rates (ranging from 2.00% - 5.00%)	\$ 24,425	\$ 25,390
Series 2014A Revenue Bonds, maturing through 2044 at fixed rates (ranging from 3.00% - 5.00%)	66,315	66,580
Series 2014B Taxable Revenue Bonds, maturing through 2044 at fixed rates (ranging from 4.34% - 4.44%)	4,665	4,665
Series 2015 Taxable Bonds, maturing in 2055 at a fixed rate of 4.25%	100,800	100,800
Tate 01 4.25%	196,205	197,435
Unamortized premium (amortized over the life of the	100,200	101,100
related debt issue)	6,732	7,087
Unamortized debt issuance costs (amortized over the life of the related debt issue)	(1,604)	(1,668)
Total bonds payable	<u>\$201,333</u>	<u>\$202,854</u>

Maturities of outstanding bonds are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	Principal Amount (in thousands)
July 1, 2017	\$1,700
July 1, 2018	1,740
July 1, 2019	1,775
July 1, 2020	1,860
July 1, 2021	1,940
Thereafter	<u> 187,190</u>
	<u>\$196,205</u>

The College has pledged its gross revenues as collateral for its notes to the Authority. In addition, the College is required to maintain certain funds with the bond trustee. Funds held by bond trustee were as follows at June 30, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands):

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Debt Service Funds Construction Funds	\$ 5,956	\$ 5,499 2.834
	\$ 5,956	\$ 8,333

6. Bonds Payable, continued:

Total interest expense incurred by the College for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 is as follows (in thousands):

,	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Total interest cost	\$ 8,193	\$ 8,221
Less: Capitalized interest	<u> 422</u>	<u></u>
Net interest expense	<u>\$ 7,771</u>	<u>\$ 7,501</u>

The College maintains a line of credit agreement with a financial institution totaling \$40,000,000. At June 30, 2017 and 2016, there were no outstanding borrowings under this agreement. This agreement expires on December 31, 2017. The interest that would be charged under this facility is equal to 1.5% above the one month LIBOR rate (1.23% at June 30, 2017). The College is required to comply with certain financial covenants under this credit facility including liquidity and debt service coverage ratios. The College is also restricted in the amount of additional indebtedness it can incur. An annual fee is charged on the unused portion of the credit facility equal to 0.20%, paid quarterly. It is the College's intention to renew this credit facility under similar terms.

The College has established a separate fund within its unrestricted quasi endowment assets that is intended to build resources that will be used to retire the Series 2015 Taxable Bonds when they mature in 2055. The value of this fund was \$3,871,000 and \$1,960,000 at June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Bond issuance costs are capitalized and amortized on the straight-line basis over the life of the bonds. At June 30, 2017 and 2016, bond issuance costs total \$1,604,000 and \$1,668,000 net of accumulated amortization of \$255,000 and \$192,000. Amortization expense amounted to \$63,000 and \$63,000 for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

7. Postretirement Benefits:

The College provides medical benefits to eligible employees, as defined by the plan, who have 10 years of continuous service after age 40, and have reached a minimum age of 60 years. The following sets forth the plan status with amounts reported in the College's financial statements at June 30, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands):

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Change in Benefit Obligation		
Postretirement benefit obligation, beginning of year	\$ 38,287	\$ 35,616
Service cost	772	781
Interest cost	1,510	1,574
Plan participants' contributions	258	259
Actuarial loss (gain)	(1,845)	1,271
Benefits paid	(1,199)	(1,214)
Postretirement benefit obligation, end of year	<u>\$ 37,783</u>	<u>\$ 38,287</u>

7. Postretirement Benefits, continued:

The postretirement benefit obligation is funded as costs are incurred and accordingly, there are no plan assets.

Net periodic postretirement benefit cost for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 included the following components (in thousands):

		<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>
Service cost	\$	772	\$	781
Interest cost		1,510		1,574
Amortization of actuarial loss		1,199		1,176
Net postretirement benefit cost	<u>\$</u>	3,481	<u>\$</u>	3,531

Amounts recognized in non-operating activities for the years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 included the following components (in thousands)

		<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Net current period actuarial gain (loss) Amortization of transition obligation	\$	1,831	\$ (1,303)
Amortization of actuarial loss		<u> 1,199</u>	1,176
Postretirement benefit related changes other than net periodic benefit cost	<u>\$</u>	3,030	<u>\$(127)</u>

The estimated amounts for the postretirement benefit obligation that will be amortized from nonoperating activities into net periodic postretirement benefit cost over the next fiscal year are as follows (in thousands):

Amortization of actuarial (gain) loss \$ 816

The amounts that have not been recognized as components of net periodic postretirement benefit cost for the year ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 are as follows (in thousands):

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Net actuarial loss	<u>\$ 9,093</u>	\$ 12,137

Weighted-average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations and net periodic benefit cost for the years ended June 30 were as follows:

	<u>Benefit O</u>	<u>bligation</u>		Periodic fit Cost
Discount rate	<u>2017</u> 4.00%		<u>2017</u> 4.00%	<u>2016</u> 4.50%

7. Postretirement Benefits, continued:

The College expects to contribute \$1,038,000 to its postretirement benefit plan in 2018.

The following benefit payments, which reflect expected future service, as appropriate, are expected to be paid:

	Gross
	Benefit Payments
2018	\$1,038,000
2019	1,177,000
2020	1,357,000
2021	1,526,000
2022	1,625,000
2023-2027	9,422,000

The health care trend rate assumption used in determining the accumulated benefit obligation for 2017 was 9.41% pre 65 and post 65 gradually decreasing to 4.50% in 2025 and remaining at that level thereafter. The effect of increasing (decreasing) the health care cost trend rate by one percentage point in each year would be to increase (decrease) the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation as of June 30, 2017 by \$6,147,000 (\$5,000,000) and to increase (decrease) the aggregate of the service cost and interest cost components of net postretirement benefit cost for the year ended June 30, 2017 by \$452,000 (\$356,000).

The College uses a June 30 measurement date for its postretirement benefit plan.

8. Retirement Plans:

College employees participate in individual annuity contracts through the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and the College Retirement Equities Fund. Contributions for each annuity are made both by the participant and the College. The College's contribution amounted to approximately \$3,468,000 and \$3,342,000 in fiscal 2017 and 2016, respectively.

9. Guarantee Fund with Maine Employment Security Commission:

The College has elected to discharge its responsibility for unemployment insurance costs with the Maine Employment Security Commission based on actual charges rather than making periodic insurance payments. As collateral for payment, the College has purchased a surety bond in the amount of \$551,000.

10. Commitments and Contingent Liabilities:

Construction Commitments

The College has outstanding commitments of \$19,570,000 at June 30, 2017 to complete various construction projects in connection with the strategic plan of the College.

Legal

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

Employment Agreements

The College has employment agreements with certain faculty and staff that stipulate a variety of business terms typical in the education sector.

Other

The College outsources services in connection with its dining activities under long-term contracts with the supplier. Management believes this arrangement is under commercially reasonable terms.

11. Net assets:

Net assets comprise the following at June 30, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands):

		2017	
		Temporarily	Permanently
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	Restricted	<u>Restricted</u>
Compared an experience recognises	¢ (C 224)		
General operating reserves	\$ (6,331)		
LLC operations	2,218	\$ 1,081	
Unexpended restricted funds		9,151	
Loan funds	2,153		\$ 2,046
Endowment	213,802	308,367	252,960
Annuity and life income funds		18,631	
Strategic investment fund	(1,507)		
Funds for facilities	174,956	26,919	108,048
Pledges receivable		18,522	26,598
Assets restricted to investment in			
land, buildings, equipment and works of art			27,846
Funds held in trust by others		<u>843</u>	<u>13,095</u>
	<u>\$385,291</u>	<u>\$383,514</u>	<u>\$430,593</u>

11. Net assets, continued:

	2016		
		Temporarily	Permanently
	<u>Unrestricted</u>	Restricted	Restricted
General operating reserves	\$ (7,162)		
LLC operations	385	\$ 1,286	
Unexpended restricted funds		7,605	
Loan funds	1,495		\$ 1,975
Endowment	199,147	276,518	234,994
Annuity and life income funds		18,663	
Strategic investment fund	1,241		
Funds for facilities	162,948	726	108,048
Pledges receivable		9,172	9,733
Assets restricted to investment in			
land, buildings, equipment and works of art			27,846
Funds held in trust by others		<u>752</u>	12,226
	<u>\$358,054</u>	<u>\$314,722</u>	<u>\$394,822</u>

The College's net assets, including appreciation on endowment funds, are available for the following purposes (in thousands):

	2017				
	Temporarily I				
	Restricted	Restricted			
Operations (Various)	\$ 78,267	\$ 41,518			
Student aid	136,735	108,759			
Professorships (Instruction)	64,263	49,545			
Library (Academic Support)	7,840	2,655			
Lectureships (Instruction)	3,806	1,906			
Research	4,616	7,188			
Facilities	27,999	135,894			
Other purposes (Various)	<u>59,988</u>	83,128			
	<u>\$383,514</u>	<u>\$430,593</u>			

	2016			
	Temporarily Perma			
	Restricted	<u>Restricted</u>		
Operations (Various)	\$ 69,815	\$ 37,797		
Student aid	122,958	105,427		
Professorships (Instruction)	57,747	46,297		
Library (Academic Support)	7,231	2,649		
Lectureships (Instruction)	3,477	1,889		
Research	3,948	6,568		
Facilities	2,012	135,894		
Other purposes (Various)	<u>47,534</u>	<u>58,301</u>		
	<u>\$314,722</u>	<u>\$394,822</u>		

11. Net assets, continued:

See Note 6 for a description of the components and activity associated with endowment investments. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and Maine state law, unappropriated gains on permanently restricted endowment investments are included in temporarily restricted net assets. These amounts total approximately \$282,510,000 and \$251,470,000 in 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Net assets were released from donor restrictions as a result of incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or occurrence of events specified by the donors. Net assets released from restrictions for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 were for the following purposes (in thousands):

	2017	2016		
Student aid	\$ 15,580	\$	15,207	
Instruction	7,997		8,136	
Facilities	11,241		5,772	
Academic Support	3,263		3,378	
Research	1,737		1,507	
Student Services	1,716		1,313	
Other	 2,335		1,808	
Net assets released from restrictions	\$ 43,869	\$	37,121	

12. Asset Retirement Obligation:

The following sets forth the change in the asset retirement obligation during 2017 and 2016 (in thousands) consisting of obligations for asbestos contamination in several buildings and other potentially hazardous items.

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Asset retirement obligation, beginning of year Accretion expense Net changes to estimated cash flow	\$ 4,979 249 (79)	\$ 4,819 241 (81)
Asset retirement obligation, end of year	<u>\$ 5,149</u>	<u>\$ 4,979</u>

13. Fair Value Measurements:

The valuation of the College's financial instruments measured on a recurring basis using the fair value hierarchy consisted of the following at June 30:

						2017				
	_	Net Asset								
	_	Value		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		<u>Total</u>
Funds held by trustee			\$	5,956					\$	5,956
Short-term investments			-		\$	23,575			_	23,575
Investments:					-				_	
Cash and receivables				155,634						155,634
Fixed income direct holdings						98,702				98,702
Global equity funds	\$	152,580		108,162						260,742
Equity securities, other				15,750						15,750
Hedge funds		185,583								185,583
Venture capital funds		105,609								105,609
Buyout funds		59,583								59,583
Real Estate funds		24,708								24,708
Natural Resources funds		40,063		2,377						42,440
Investments, other	_					5,472	\$	15,506		20,978
		568,126		281,923		104,174		15,506		969,729
	\$_	568,126	\$	287,879	\$	127,749	\$	15,506	\$	999,260
	_					2016				
		Net Asset								
	_	Value		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		<u>Total</u>
Funda hald by twister			\$	0 222					\$	8,333
Funds held by trustee Short-term investments			Ψ_	8,333	ф	15,894			Φ_	15,894
Investments:					Ψ.	10,094			-	15,694
Cash and receivables				138,364						138,364
Fixed income direct holdings				130,304		91,305				91,305
Global equity funds	\$	117,245		100,441		31,303				217,686
Equity securities, other	Ψ	111,240		17,172						17,172
Hedge funds		166,237		11,112						166,237
Venture capital funds		103,621								103,621
Buyout funds		56,577								56,577
Real Estate funds		37,987								37,987
Natural Resources funds		44,161		532						44,693
Investments, other		,±0±		302		5,012	\$	14,933		19,945
	_	525,828	-	256,509	_	96,317	*	14,933		893,587
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	\$_	525,828	\$	264,842	\$	112,211	\$	14,933	\$	917,814

13. Fair Value Measurements, continued:

\$199,780,000 and \$283,482,000 of the investments measured at net asset value have redemption periods of less than 90 days and \$368,346,000 and \$242,346,000 have redemption periods over 90 days at June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

The following table provides a summary of changes in fair value of the College's Level 3 financial instruments for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 (in thousands):

	2017		
	Funds Held in Trust by Others Other Total		
Estimated fair value of investments at July 1, 2016 Unrealized gains Realized losses Purchases, issuances, sales and settlements	\$ 12,978 \$ 1,955 \$ 14,933 960 87 1,047 (173) (173)		
Purchases Sales Estimated fair value of investments	51 51 (352) (352)		
at June 30, 2017	\$ <u>13,938</u> \$ <u>1,568</u> \$ <u>15,506</u>		
	2016		
	Funds Held in Trust by Others Other Total		
Estimated fair value of investments at July 1, 2015 Unrealized losses Realized losses Purchases, issuances, sales and settlements	\$ 13,577 \$ 2,016 \$ 15,593 (599) (12) (611) (29) (29)		
Purchases Sales	64 64 (84) (84)		
Estimated fair value of investments at June 30, 2016	\$ <u>12,978</u> \$ <u>1,955</u> \$ <u>14,933</u>		

13. Fair Value Measurements, continued:

Unfunded commitments under various investment vehicles amounted to approximately \$62,828,000 at June 30, 2017.

Real estate and other investments include several gifts of real estate, insurance policies, collections and other illiquid assets for which the liquidation time-frame is difficult to determine. To estimate the fair value of these investments, management uses market and income valuation approaches which utilize valuation inputs that include third-party appraisals, evaluation of market conditions and the creditworthiness of the policy issuers.

U.S. Treasury bills, bonds and notes are valued using proprietary valuation models incorporating live data from active market makers and inter-dealer brokers as reposted on electronic communication networks. The valuation models incorporate benchmark yields, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, bids, offers and other data, all of which are considered to be Level 2 fair value inputs.

The fair value of Level 3 real estate and other investments is estimated using income and market approaches to valuation considering third party market data.

The College has determined that the carrying amount approximates fair value for funds held by trustees because of the short maturity of those instruments.