

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM FOUNDATION
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

DECEMBER 31, 2023

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**UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM FOUNDATION
Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
University of Louisiana System Foundation
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of **University of Louisiana System Foundation (the Foundation) (a nonprofit organization)**, which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **University of Louisiana System Foundation** as of December 31, 2023, and the change in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am required to be independent of the Foundation, and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, I:

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

I am required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-relevant matters that I identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated November 19, 2024, on my consideration of **University of Louisiana System Foundation's** internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Foundation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Roslyn J. Johnson, LLC

Certified Public Accountant
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
November 19, 2024

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM FOUNDATION

Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2023

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash in bank - restricted	\$ 80,818
Cash in bank - unrestricted	125,899

Total Assets 206,717

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities

Accounts payable	38,108
Due to Nicholls State University	500

Total Current Liabilities 38,608

NET ASSETS

Without donor restrictions	118,568
With donor restrictions	49,541
Total Net Assets	<u>168,109</u>

Total Liabilities and Net Assets \$ 206,717

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statement.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM FOUNDATION

Statement of Activities
December 31, 2023

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenue and Other Support			
Contributions	\$ 149,354	\$ 263,846	\$ 413,200
Interest income	4,851	-	4,851
	<u>154,205</u>	<u>263,846</u>	<u>418,051</u>
Net Assets Released from Restrictions			
Satisfaction of program restrictions	<u>307,840</u>	<u>(307,840)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues and Other Support	<u>462,045</u>	<u>(43,994)</u>	<u>418,051</u>
Expenses			
Program	307,840	-	307,840
Management and General	187,644	-	187,644
Total Expenses	<u>495,484</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>495,484</u>
Change in Net Assets	(33,439)	(43,994)	(77,433)
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	<u>152,007</u>	<u>93,535</u>	<u>245,542</u>
Net Assets - End of Year	<u>\$ 118,568</u>	<u>\$ 49,541</u>	<u>\$ 168,109</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statement.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM FOUNDATION

**Statement of Functional Expenses
December 31, 2023**

	Supporting Activities		Program		Totals
	Management and General	Reginald F. Lewis Scholars	ATT		
Professional services	\$ 103,054	\$ 78,000			\$181,054
Travel costs	6,929	109,595			116,524
Special meals	27,925	7,669			35,594
Sponsorships	6,700	-			6,700
Other operating	14,230	2,767			16,997
Conference and special event	12,866	106,809			119,675
Scholarships	14,350	1,500	\$ 1,500		17,350
Media & printing	1,590	-			1,590
Total Expenses	\$ 187,644	\$ 306,340	\$ 1,500		\$495,484

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM FOUNDATION

Statement of Cash Flows

December 31, 2023

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Change in net assets	\$ (77,433)
Adjustment to reconcile net income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Increase (decrease) in:	
Accounts payable	<u>\$ 11,108</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(66,325)</u>
Net decrease in cash	(66,325)
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>273,042</u>
CASH AT END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 206,717</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statement.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM FOUNDATION

Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2023

Note 1 – Organization

University of Louisiana System Foundation (the Foundation) was incorporated in August 1987 under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 12:201. The Foundation was organized for the purpose of promoting the educational and cultural welfare of the University of Louisiana System, aiding students in continuing his or her studies within the System, and soliciting and accepting donations for the purpose of providing scholarships and activities in research. The Foundation currently has a Board of Directors comprised of six members, which represent the entire membership of the corporation.

In 2018, the University of Louisiana System (ULS) established the Reginald F. Lewis Educational Equity Initiative to house its strategic interventions, to recruit, retain, and graduate students prepared for life and career success at an unprecedented scale. Through the initiative, the University of Louisiana has established a Reginald F. Lewis Scholars Program designed to enhance the collegiate experience of black males across the UL System.

Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Accounting

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

B. Basis of Presentation

Financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standard's Board's (FASB) Accounting Standard Codification (ASC) 958, *Not-for-Profit Entities*. Under FASB ACS 958, **the Foundation** reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions. Net assets without donor restrictions include those net assets whose use by **the Foundation** is not restricted by donors, even though their use may be limited in other respects, such as by contract or board designation. Net assets with donor restrictions are those net assets received with donor-imposed restrictions limiting **the Foundation's** use of the assets. The Foundation at December 31, 2023 had net assets of \$49,541 with donor restrictions.

C. Net Assets Released from Restrictions

Expiration of temporary restrictions of net assets (i.e., the donor-stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time has elapsed) are reported as reclassifications between the applicable classes of net assets.

D. 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 certain 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. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Foundation's cash consist of interest-bearing demand deposits with a financial institution. At December 31, 2023, **the Foundation's** cash in the bank totaled \$206,717 as reported on the Statement of Financial Position. For purposes of reporting the statement of cash flows, **the Foundation** considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with original maturities of three month or less to be cash equivalents. **The Foundation** had no cash equivalents at December 31, 2023.

F. Contributions

Contributions represent cash donations to **the Foundation** and are recognized as support when received. Contributions received are recorded as net assets with donor restrictions or net assets without donor restrictions depending on the existence or nature of any donor restrictions.

G. Functional Expenses

Expenses included in the program services column on the statement of activities are those expenses that are directly identifiable with a specific program. Management and general expenses include those expenses that are not directly identifiable with any other specific functions but rather provide for the overall support and direction of **the Foundation**.

H. Income Taxes

Income taxes are not provided for in the financial statements since **the Foundation** is exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and similar state provisions.

I. Contributed Services

Professional accounting services, computer and informational services, and office space have been provided to **the Foundation** at no cost by the University Louisiana System. The contributions have not been recorded in the financial statements. **The Foundation** has no other employees.

J. Liquidity Management

As of December 31, 2023, **the Foundation** has financial assets of \$206,717 in cash, with \$49,541 subject to donor restrictions and the remaining balances of \$118,568, which could be made readily available within one year of the statement of financial position date to meet management and general expenditures. As part of its liquidity management, **the Foundation** has a policy to

structure its financial assets to be made available as management and general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations become due.

Note 3 – Concentration of Credit Risk

As of December 31, 2023, the **Foundation** has cash (book balances) totaling \$206,717. These deposits are stated at costs, which approximate market and are fully secured by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000.

Note 4 – Due to Nicholls State University

During the year the Foundation receives donations from Shell Oil intended for Nicholls State University. A total of \$500 is due to the University.

Note 5 – Board Designation of Net Assets

At December 31, 2023, **the Foundation's** Board has not designated any portion of net assets for specific purposes.

Note 6 – Board of Directors Compensation

The six members of the Board of Directors serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses in the discharge of their duties. There were no reimbursements made to board members during December 31, 2023.

Note 7– Subsequent Events

The Foundation is required to evaluate events or transactions that may occur after the statement of financial position date for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. **The Foundation** performed such an evaluation through November 19, 2024, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued and noted no subsequent events or transactions that occurred after the statement of financial position date requiring recognition of disclosure.

OTHER REPORTS

**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance
and Other Matters Based on An Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance
With Government Auditing Standards**

To the Board of Directors
University of Louisiana System Foundation
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of United States, the financial statements of **University of Louisiana System Foundation (The Foundation) (a nonprofit organization)**, which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statement of activities, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated November 19, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered the Foundation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control.

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

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November 19, 2024

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM FOUNDATION
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
December 31, 2023

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statement Audit

Type of auditor's report issued:		Unmodified	
Internal control over financial reporting:			
Material weakness (es) identified?	_____ Yes	_____ X	No
Significant deficiency (ies) identified ?	_____ Yes	_____ X	No
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	_____ Yes	_____ X	No
Management Letter Comments	_____ Yes	_____ X	No

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No findings or questioned costs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA SYSTEM FOUNDATION
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
December 31, 2023

No matters reported in prior year.