# Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan Direct Program

Financial Statements and Supplemental Information June 30, 2019

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#### Management's Discussion and Analysis (unaudited)

As investment manager of the Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan Direct Program (the Program), Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (Columbia) provides readers of the financial statements of the Program with this discussion and analysis of the Program's financial performance for the year ended June 30, 2019. You should consider the information presented in this section in conjunction with the Program's financial statements and notes to financial statements. The Program is comprised of 20 investment portfolios (the Portfolios) in which participants may invest through three different Investment Options.

#### **Financial Highlights**

The Program had an inflow of \$104.5 million in net contributions from participants during the year ended June 30, 2019.

The Program had an increase of \$74.1 million from investment operations during the year.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

The Program's financial statements are prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements- and Management's Discussion and Analysis- for State and Local Government*, as amended.

This report consists of two parts: management's discussion and analysis (this section) and the basic financial statements and supplementary information. The basic financial statements are composed of a Statement of Fiduciary Net Position and a Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position and Notes to Financial Statements that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed information.

The Statement of Fiduciary Net Position presents information on the Program's assets and liabilities. The difference between assets and liabilities is the net position as of June 30, 2019. The Program's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Contributions and redemptions are recognized on trade date; expenses and liabilities are recognized when services are provided, regardless of when cash is disbursed.

The Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position presents information showing how the Program's net position changed during the year. Changes in net position are recorded as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future years.

The Notes to Financial Statements provide additional information that is integral to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

#### Management's Discussion and Analysis, continued (unaudited)

#### **Financial Analysis**

**Net Position.** The following is a condensed Statement of Fiduciary Net Position as of June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2018.

	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018		
Investments	\$1,422,076,311	\$1,243,608,646		
Cash, receivables and other assets	4,150,826	1,618,090		
Total Assets	\$1,426,227,137	\$1,245,226,736		
Payables	<u>\$ 4,048,381</u>	\$ 1,622,159		
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 4,048,381</u>	<u>\$ 1,622,159</u>		
Total Net Position	\$1,422,178,756	\$1,243,604,577		

Net position represents cumulative contributions from participants plus net changes from operations less withdrawals.

The investments in the 20 Portfolios of the Program comprise 99.7% of total assets. Other assets consist of cash, receivables for securities sold, receivables for shares sold and receivables for accrued income. Liabilities consist of payables for securities purchased, payables for shares redeemed and payables for distributions of net investment income.

**Changes in Net Position**. The following is a condensed Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position for the year ended June 30, 2019 and the year ended June 30, 2018.

	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018
Additions:		
Contributions	\$ 980,242,534	\$ 443,857,849
Net change in appreciation (depreciation)		
in value of investments	(15,121,928)	29,887,325
Net realized gain (loss)	9,830,719	1,879,943
Capital gain distributions from underlying		
fund shares	50,802,379	29,970,376
Dividend and interest income	28,551,174	22,176,652
Total Additions	\$ 1,054,304,878	\$ 527,772,145
Deductions:		
Withdrawals	875,738,199	340,114,062
<b>Total Deductions</b>	\$ 875,738,199	\$ 340,114,062
Change in Net Position	178,566,679	187,658,083
Net Position, Beginning of Period	1,243,612,077(a)	1,055,946,494
Net Position, End of Period	\$ 1,422,178,756	\$1,243,604,577

(a) Includes initial capital investments into the Future Scholar 70% Equity Portfolio, the Future Scholar 40% Equity Portfolio and the Future Scholar 20% Equity Portfolio launched on November 16, 2018.



### **Report of Independent Auditors**

To the Office of the State Treasurer of the State of South Carolina, and Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC and Columbia Management Investment Distributors, Inc. (collectively the "Program Manager)

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statement of fiduciary net position and the statement of changes in fiduciary net position of the Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan Direct Program (the "Program") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Program's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of the Program as of June 30, 2019, and the changes in fiduciary net position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Program and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the entire South Carolina College Investment Trust Fund or the State of South Carolina as of June 30, 2019, and changes in net position for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the accompanying management's discussion and analysis on pages 1 through 2 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Program's basic financial statements. The supplementary schedules detailing the fiduciary net position, shares outstanding and net position value per share as of June 30, 2019 for each Portfolio and changes in fiduciary net position for the year then ended for each Portfolio are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary schedules detailing the fiduciary net position, shares outstanding and net position value per share as of June 30, 2019 for each Portfolio and changes in fiduciary net position for the year then ended for each Portfolio have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.



### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 19, 2019 on our consideration of the Program's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of 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 Program's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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### Assets

Investments, at value	\$ 1,422,076,311
Cash	151
Receivable for securities sold	877,605
Receivable for shares sold	1,821,335
Receivable for accrued income	1,410,890
Other assets	40,845
Total Assets	1,426,227,137
Liabilities	
Payable for securities purchased	2,284,415
Payable for shares redeemed	1,623,982
Payable for distributions of net investment income	139,984
Total Liabilities	4,048,381
Net position	1,422,178,756

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Additions	
Contributions - shares sold	980,242,534
Increase (decrease) from investment operations	
Dividend income	27,117,431
Interest income	1,433,743
Net realized gain(loss)	9,830,719
Capital gain distributions from underlying fund shares	50,802,379
Net change in appreciation (depreciation) in value of investments	(15,121,928)
Total Increase (decrease) from investment operations	74,062,344
Total additions	1,054,304,878
Deductions	
Withdrawals - shares redeemed	\$ 875,738,199
Net increase (decrease)	\$ 178,566,679
Net position at beginning of year	1,243,612,077(a)
Net position at end of year	\$ 1,422,178,756

(a) Includes initial capital investments into the Future Scholar 70% Equity Portfolio, the Future Scholar 40% Equity Portfolio and the Future Scholar 20% Equity Portfolio launched on November 16, 2018.

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

### FUTURE SCHOLAR 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN DIRECT PROGRAM Notes to Financial Statements June 30, 2019

#### Note 1. Organization

The Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan Direct Program (the Program), part of the South Carolina College Investment Trust Fund (the Trust Fund), was established by the Office of the State Treasurer of South Carolina (the Treasurer) to provide a tax-advantaged method to fund qualified higher education expenses of designated beneficiaries at eligible educational institutions. The Program has been designed to comply with the requirements for treatment as a "qualified tuition program" under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code). The Treasurer is responsible for administering the Program and selecting the Program Manager. Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (Columbia) and Columbia Management Investment Distributors, Inc. (collectively, the Program Manager), each a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. (Ameriprise Financial), serve as the Program Manager. The Program Manager and its affiliates are responsible for providing certain administrative, recordkeeping and investment services for the Program.

The Program is designed for self-directed investors and is offered only to account owners who are: (i) South Carolina residents; (ii) residents of other states but who have designated a South Carolina resident as Designated Beneficiary; (iii) employees of Ameriprise Financial and its affiliates, and employees of DST Asset Manager Solutions, Inc. (AMS); (iv) employees of the State of South Carolina and employees of a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, including school districts, regardless of residency; and (v) any other account owners whom the Treasurer and Program Manager deem eligible.

The Program consists of three investment options (collectively, "investments options"). Each Investment Option consists of three or more investment alternatives (each, a "Portfolio") among which contributions may be allocated. The age-based Investment Option has three Portfolios (i.e., Aggressive Risk Track Portfolio, Moderate Risk Track Portfolio, and Conservative Risk Track Portfolio). The target allocation Investment Option has seven Portfolios ranging from the Aggressive Growth Portfolio to the College Portfolio and the single-fund Investment Options includes ten separate Portfolios, each of which is a "Single-Fund Portfolio". Assets of Single-Fund Portfolios are invested in a single Underlying Fund. Assets of Target Allocation Portfolios are invested in a combination of Underlying Funds that have varying investment objectives. Assets of Aged-Based Portfolios are invested in a series of Target Allocation Portfolios are invested in a series of Ta

On November 14, 2018, Columbia invested \$2,500 each into three new portfolios, Future Scholar 70% Equity Portfolio, Future Scholar 40% Equity Portfolio and Future Scholar 20% Equity Portfolio which represented the initial capital for each portfolio at \$12 per share. Shares of the Portfolios were first offered as part of the age-based Investment Option on November 16, 2018.

The target allocation portfolios invest primarily in a mix of equity and fixed income funds (the Underlying Funds). The single fund portfolios invest in a single Underlying Fund, with the exception of the Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio, which also invests in book value synthetic guaranteed investment contracts (GIC)'s and the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio which invests all of its assets in an interest-bearing Bank Deposit Account. The Underlying Funds are advised by Columbia or its affiliates, BlackRock Fund Advisors or The Vanguard Group Inc. The Portfolios were invested in the following underlying investments as of June 30, 2019:

#### **Target Allocation Portfolios:**

**Future Scholar Aggressive Growth Portfolio** was invested in Institutional Class shares of Columbia Large Cap Index Fund, Columbia Mid Cap Index Fund, Columbia Small Cap Index Fund, Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund and Institutional Plus Class shares of Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund.

**Future Scholar Growth Portfolio** was invested in Institutional Class shares of Columbia Large Cap Index Fund, Columbia Mid Cap Index Fund, Columbia Small Cap Index Fund, Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund, Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund and Institutional Plus Class shares of Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund.

**Future Scholar 70% Equity Portfolio** (only available as a part of the age-based Investment Option) was invested in Institutional Class shares of Columbia Large Cap Index Fund, Columbia Mid Cap Index Fund, Columbia Small Cap Index Fund, Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund, Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund and Institutional Plus Class shares of Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund.

**Future Scholar Moderate Growth Portfolio** was invested in Institutional Class shares of Columbia Large Cap Index Fund, Columbia Mid Cap Index Fund, Columbia Small Cap Index Fund, Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund, Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund and Institutional Plus Class shares of Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund.

**Future Scholar Moderate Portfolio** was invested in Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund, Institutional Class shares of Columbia Large Cap Index Fund, Columbia Mid Cap Index Fund, Columbia Small Cap Index Fund, Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund, Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund and Institutional Plus Class shares of Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund.

**Future Scholar 40% Equity Portfolio** (only available as a part of the age-based Investment Option) was invested in Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund, Institutional Class shares of Columbia Large Cap Index Fund, Columbia Mid Cap Index Fund, Columbia Small Cap Index Fund, Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund, Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund and Institutional Plus Class shares of Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund.

**Future Scholar Moderately Conservative Portfolio** was invested in Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund, Institutional Class shares of Columbia Large Cap Index Fund, Columbia Mid Cap Index Fund, Columbia Small Cap Index Fund, Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund, Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund and Institutional Plus Class shares of Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund.

**Future Scholar 20% Equity Portfolio** (only available as a part of the age-based Investment Option) was invested in Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund, Institutional Class shares of Columbia Large Cap Index Fund, Columbia Mid Cap Index Fund, Columbia Small Cap Index Fund, Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund, Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund and Institutional Plus Class shares of Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund.

**Future Scholar Conservative Portfolio** was invested in Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund, Institutional Class shares of Columbia Large Cap Index Fund, Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund and Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund.

**Future Scholar College Portfolio** was invested in Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund, Institutional Class shares of Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund and Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund.

#### **Single Fund Portfolio:**

**Future Scholar Large Cap Index Portfolio** was invested in Institutional Class shares of Columbia Large Cap Index Fund.

**Future Scholar Mid Cap Index Portfolio** was invested in Institutional Class shares of Columbia Mid Cap Index Fund.

**Future Scholar Small Cap Index Portfolio** was invested in Institutional Class shares of Columbia Small Cap Index Fund.

**Future Scholar International Equity Index Portfolio** was invested in Institutional Plus Class shares of Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund.

**Future Scholar Bond Index Portfolio** was invested in Institutional Class shares of Vanguard Total Bond Market II Index Fund.

**Future Scholar Short Term Bond Index Portfolio** was invested in Institutional Class shares of Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund.

Future Scholar TIPS Bond ETF Portfolio was invested in iShares TIPS Bond ETF.

**Future Scholar Ultra Short Term Bond Portfolio** was invested in Institutional 3 Class shares of Columbia Ultra Short Term Bond Fund.

**Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio** was invested in book value synthetic guaranteed investment contracts (GIC) backed by one or more portfolios of short and intermediate-term investment grade bonds and Institutional 2 Class shares of Columbia Government Money Market Fund.

**Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio** was invested in an interest-bearing Bank Deposit account at Branch Banking and Trust Company.

Note 2. Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The Program is a private-purpose trust fund, which is a type of fiduciary fund. Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or agency capacity for others and therefore cannot be used to support a government's own programs. As a fiduciary fund, the Program's financial statements and supplementary information are prepared using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under this method of accounting, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flow.

#### **Use of Estimates**

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

#### **Investment Transactions and Investment Income**

Investment transactions are recorded on the trade date. Income dividends and any capital gain distributions received from the Underlying Funds are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Realized gains and losses on investment transactions are computed based on the specific identification of securities sold. The investment income earned by each Portfolio is reinvested in additional shares of its Underlying Fund(s). Investment income earned by the Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio and Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio is distributed and reinvested into additional shares of the Portfolio in order to maintain a net position value of \$1 per share. The reinvested net investment income is included in Contributions-shares sold in the Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position.

#### **Security Valuation**

Investments in the Underlying Funds are valued at their respective net asset values and are determined as of the close of the New York Stock Exchange (generally 4:00 PM Eastern time) on the valuation date. The Program's investments represent shares of the Underlying Funds, rather than individual securities and therefore are not subject to classification by custodial credit risk or disclosure of concentration of credit risk under GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*, as amended.

The Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio invests in book value synthetic GICs that are fully benefit-responsive and are reported at contract value, which is equal to contributions, less withdrawals and any applicable fees and charges, plus accrued interest at a rate of return based on a formula specified in the contract known as the "crediting rate."

The crediting rate, which is adjusted periodically, is designed to reflect the actual interest earned on the wrapped fixed income securities, as well as amortize the market value gain or loss of the wrapped assets backing the contract over the duration of those assets.

The Wrapper Agreements are a component of the Portfolio's investment contracts. The Wrapper Contracts are valued using a market approach methodology, which incorporates the difference between current market rates for contract level wrapper fees and the current wrapper fee associated with the contract. The difference is calculated as a dollar value and discounted at the prevailing interest rates as of the period end. There is no active trading market for Wrapper Agreements, and none is expected to develop; therefore, the Wrapper Agreements are considered illiquid. In performing fair value determination of the Portfolio's Wrapper Agreements, the Program considers the creditworthiness and the ability of the Wrapper Providers to pay amounts due under the Wrapper Agreements.

#### **Fair Value Measurements**

The Program categorizes its fair value measurements according to a three-level hierarchy that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by prioritizing that the most observable input be used when available. Observable inputs are those that market participants would use in pricing an investment based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are those that reflect the Program's assumptions about the information market participants would use in pricing an investment. An investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is deemed significant to the asset's or liability's fair value measurement. The input levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with investments at that level. For example, certain U.S. government securities are generally high quality and liquid, however, they are reflected as Level 2 because the inputs used to determine fair value may not always be quoted prices in an active market.

Fair value inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

• Level 1 – Valuations based on quoted prices for investments in active markets that the Program has the ability to access at the measurement date. Valuation adjustments are not applied to Level 1 investments.

• Level 2 – Valuations based on other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risks, etc.).

• Level 3 – Valuations based on significant unobservable inputs (including the Program's own assumptions and judgment in determining the fair value of investments).

Inputs that are used in determining fair value of an investment may include price information, credit data, volatility statistics, and other factors. These inputs can be either observable or unobservable. The availability of observable inputs can vary between investments, and is affected by various factors such as the type of investment, and the volume and level of activity for that investment or similar investments in the marketplace. The inputs will be considered by the Investment Manager, along with any other relevant factors in the calculation of an investment's fair value. The Program uses prices and inputs that are current as of the measurement date, which may include periods of market dislocations. During these periods, the availability of prices and inputs may be reduced for many investments. This condition could cause an investment to be reclassified between the various levels within the hierarchy.

Investments falling into the Level 3 category are primarily supported by quoted prices from brokers and dealers participating in the market for those investments. However, these may be classified as Level 3 investments due to lack of market transparency and corroboration to support these quoted prices. Additionally, valuation models may be used as the pricing source for any remaining investments classified as Level 3. These models may rely on one or more significant unobservable inputs and/or significant assumptions by the Investment Manager. Inputs used in valuations may include, but are not limited to, financial statement analysis, capital account balances, discount rates and estimated cash flows, and comparable company data.

Columbia's Valuation Committee (the Committee) is responsible for overseeing all valuation procedures. The Committee consists of voting and non-voting members from various groups within the Investment Manager's organization, including operations and accounting, trading and investments, compliance, risk management and legal.

The Committee meets at least monthly to review and approve valuation matters, which may include a description of specific valuation determinations, data regarding pricing information received from approved pricing vendors and brokers and the results of control policies and procedures (the Policies). The Policies address, among other things, instances when market quotations are or are not readily available, including recommendations of third party pricing vendors and a determination of appropriate pricing methodologies; events that require specific valuation determinations and assessment of fair value techniques; and the effectiveness of third party pricing vendors, including periodic reviews of vendors. The Committee meets more frequently, as needed, to discuss additional valuation matters, which may include the need to review back-testing results, review time-sensitive information or approve related valuation actions.

For investments categorized as Level 3, the Committee monitors information similar to that described above, which may include: (i) data specific to the issuer or comparable issuers, (ii) general market or specific sector news and (iii) quoted prices and specific or similar security transactions. The Committee considers this data and any changes from prior periods in order to assess the reasonableness of observable and unobservable inputs, any assumptions or internal models used to value those securities and changes in fair value. This data is also used to corroborate, when available, information received from approved pricing vendors and brokers. Various factors impact the frequency of monitoring this information (which may occur as often as daily). However, the Committee may determine that changes to inputs, assumptions and models are not required as a result of the monitoring procedures performed.

The following table is a summary of the inputs used to value the Program's investments at June 30, 2019:

	Level 1	Level2	Level3	Total (\$)
Investment Type	Quoted Prices in active Markets for Identical Assets (\$)	Other Significant Observable Inputs (\$)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (\$)	
Bank Deposit Account	43,008,344			43,008,344
Underlying funds	1,347,042,972			1,347,042,972
Total Investments	1,390,051,316			1,390,051,316

There were no transfers of financial assets between levels during the period.

The fair value standards are not applicable to the investment contracts, as they are reported at contract value rather than fair value.

The contract value, by issuer, as well as the fair value of each contract for the year ended June 30, 2019, are as follows:

	Contract Value (\$)	Fair Value (\$)	Wrapper Contracts at Fair Value (\$)
American General Life Insurance Company	8,153,990	8,265,927	_
Prudential Insurance Company of America	7,955,529	8,053,100	1,833
Transamerica Life Insurance and Annuity Company	7,957,317	8,051,370	
Voya Retirement and Insurance Company	7,958,159	8,054,577	1,833
Total	32,024,995	32,424,974	3,666

#### Shares

The beneficial interests of each account owner and beneficiary in the net position of the Portfolios are represented by shares. Once a contribution or withdrawal request is accepted and processed by the Program Manager, the activity is recorded based upon the next determined net position value per share. Net position value per share is determined each business day. There are no distributions of net investment income or realized gains to the Portfolios' account owners or beneficiaries of the Program in accordance with the Code. Also, any earnings on contributions are generally not subject to federal income tax when used to pay for qualified higher education expenses as defined in the Code.

#### **Federal Income Taxes**

The Program intends to qualify each year as a qualified tuition program under the Code, which provides exemption from federal income tax. Under South Carolina State law, the Trust Fund will not pay a South Carolina franchise tax or other tax based on income. Therefore, no provision for federal or state income taxes has been recorded. Amounts withdrawn for reasons other than payment of qualified higher education expenses generally will be subject to a 10% federal tax penalty on earnings in addition to the income tax that is due. These taxes would be payable directly by shareholders and are therefore not deducted from the assets of the Portfolios.

#### Indemnification

In the normal course of business, the Program enters into contracts that contain a variety of representations and warranties and which provide general indemnities. The Program's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown because this would involve future claims against the Program. Also, under the Program's organizational documents and by contract, the Program, the Treasurer, the State of South Carolina, Ameriprise Financial and its affiliates and Columbia and its affiliates are indemnified against certain liabilities that may arise out of actions relating to their duties to the Program. However, based on experience, the Program expects the risk of loss due to these representations, warranties and indemnities to be minimal.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In January 2017, The GASB issued GASB statement no. 84 Fiduciary Activities. The objective of this statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. This Statement describes four fiduciary funds that should be reported, if applicable: (1) pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, (2) investment trust funds, (3) private-purpose trust funds, and (4) custodial funds. Custodial funds generally should report fiduciary activities that are not held in a trust or equivalent arrangement that meets specific criteria. This Statement also provides for recognition of a liability to the beneficiaries in a fiduciary fund when an event has occurred that compels the government to disburse fiduciary resources. Events that compel a government to disburse fiduciary resources occur when a demand for the resources has been made or when no further action, approval, or condition is required to be taken or met by the beneficiary to release the assets. This statement is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018. Program management has reviewed the statement and determined it will have no impact on its financial statements.

#### **Note 3. Related Party Transactions**

The Treasurer has entered into a contract for program management services (the Management Agreement) with the Program Manager, pursuant to which the Program Manager provides overall program management services, including marketing services and investment management services. The Program Manager does not receive a fee for its services from the Portfolios. Transfer agent, legal, audit, printing and other expenses incurred by the Portfolios are also paid by the Program Manager.

#### **Underlying Investment Expenses**

The Program indirectly bears a pro rata share of the fees and expenses of the Underlying Funds in which it invests.

#### Note 4. Disclosure of Significant Risks and Contingencies

#### **Foreign Securities**

Certain Underlying Funds invest in foreign securities. There are certain additional risks involved when investing in foreign securities that are not inherent with investments in or exposure to securities of U.S. companies. These risks may involve foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, adverse political and economic developments and the possible prevention of currency exchange or other foreign governmental laws or restrictions. In addition, the

liquidity of foreign securities may be more limited than that of domestic securities. The following represents the value at June 30, 2019 of Underlying Funds, by Portfolio, which have the majority of their investments exposed to foreign securities.

Portfolio	Underlying Fund	Value (\$)
Future Scholar Aggressive Growth Portfolio	Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund	37,853,467
Future Scholar Growth Portfolio	Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund	20,853,854
Future Scholar Moderate Growth Portfolio	Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund	18,982,965
Future Scholar Moderate Portfolio	Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund	11,750,385
Future Scholar Moderately Conservative Portfolio	Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund	6,417,798
Future Scholar International Equity Index Portfolio	Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund	11,073,681
Future Scholar 70% Equity Portfolio	Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund	9,673,719
Future Scholar 40% Equity Portfolio	Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund	7,194,145
Future Scholar 20% Equity Portfolio	Vanguard Developed Markets Index Fund	2,496,533

#### **Interest Rate and Credit Risk**

Certain Underlying Funds invest in fixed-income securities. Investing in fixed-income securities may involve certain risks, including the credit quality of individual issuers, possible prepayments, market or economic developments and yields and share price fluctuations due to changes in interest rates. The Underlying Funds in which the Portfolios invest are not rated by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

In the event that investments in the Future Scholar Bank Deposit Portfolio exceed the maximum amount covered by FDIC insurance (currently \$250,000, which includes the total of all deposit balances held by the Account Owner at BB&T), there is the risk of loss of the amount over that limit in the event of a bank failure. To the extent that FDIC insurance applies (i.e., up to the first \$250,000 of the total balances held by the Account Owner at BB&T), the Portfolio is primarily subject to Income Risk and Interest Rate Risk.

Income Risk. This is the risk that the return of the underlying Bank Deposit Account will vary from week to week because of changing interest rates.

Interest Rate Risk. This is the risk that the return of the underlying Bank Deposit Account will decline because of falling interest rates.

#### **Non-Payment Risk**

Certain Underlying Funds may invest in senior loans, which like other corporate debt obligations are subject to the risk of non-payment of scheduled interest and/or principal. Nonpayment would result in a reduction of income to the underlying fund, a reduction in the value of the senior loan experiencing non-payment and a potential decrease in the net asset value of the Underlying Fund.

#### **Investment Contract Risk**

The Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio's ability to maintain a stable value is dependent on issuers of Investment Contracts. It is possible that one or more of these issuers become uncreditworthy, insolvent or unable to honor its obligations under the relevant Investment Contract. Similarly, Investment Contract issuers have the right to terminate their Investment Contracts under various circumstances, some of which may be outside of the

Portfolio's control and due to certain changes in the regulatory environment. If one of these instances were to occur and the Portfolio was not able to find a substitute Investment Contract issuer or otherwise achieve a stable value for that portion of the Portfolio's assets, the Portfolio's Share value might fall and Account Owners might experience a loss.

#### Note 5. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated the events and transactions that have occurred through the date the financial statements were issued and noted no items requiring adjustment of the financial statements or additional disclosure.

#### Note 6. Information Regarding Pending and Settled Legal Proceedings

Ameriprise Financial and certain of its affiliates have historically been involved in a number of legal, arbitration and regulatory proceedings, including routine litigation, class actions, and governmental actions, concerning matters arising in connection with the conduct of their business activities. Ameriprise Financial believes that the Portfolios are not currently the subject of, and that neither Ameriprise Financial nor any of its affiliates are the subject of, any pending legal, arbitration or regulatory proceedings that are likely to have a material adverse effect on the Portfolios or the ability of Ameriprise Financial or its affiliates to perform under their contracts with the Portfolios. Ameriprise Financial is required to make 10-Q, 10-K and, as necessary, 8-K filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission on legal and regulatory matters that relate to Ameriprise Financial and its affiliates. Copies of these filings may be obtained by accessing the SEC website at www.sec.gov.

There can be no assurance that these matters, or the adverse publicity associated with them, will not result in increased fund redemptions, reduced sale of fund shares or other adverse consequences to the Portfolios. Further, although we believe proceedings are not likely to have a material adverse effect on the Portfolios or the ability of Ameriprise Financial or its affiliates to perform under their contracts with the Portfolios, these proceedings are subject to uncertainties and, as such, we are unable to estimate the possible loss or range of loss that may result. An adverse outcome in one or more of these proceedings could result in adverse judgments, settlements, fines, penalties or other relief that could have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or results of operations of Ameriprise Financial.

### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (unaudited)

The following information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of The Future Scholar 529 College Savings Plan Direct Program (the Program). It shows financial information relating to the investment portfolios, which were included in the Program during the year ended June 30, 2019.

		88		AggressiveFuture ScholarFutureGrowthGrowth70%		Growth		gressive Future Scholar Future Sch Growth Growth 70% Equ		ture Scholar 0% Equity Portfolio
Assets	Φ	107 741 007	¢	100.052.402	¢	(0.072.440				
Investments, at value Cash	\$	187,741,897	\$	129,063,423	\$	68,973,440				
Receivable for securities sold		507,665		259,048		30,938				
Receivable for shares sold		40,567		107,647		35,632				
Receivable for accrued income		41,280		58,685		47,883				
Other assets										
Total Assets		188,331,409		129,488,803		69,087,893				
Liabilities										
Payable for securities purchased		40,430		57,949		47,241				
Payable for shares redeemed		548,233		381,566		66,570				
Payable for distributions of net investment income										
Total Liabilities		588,663		439,515		113,811				
Net position	_	187,742,746		129,049,288		68,974,082				
Shares outstanding		5,814,719		4,146,829		5,349,078				
Value per share	\$	32.29	\$	31.12	\$	12.89				

	Fu	Growth Moderate 40%		Moderate		iture Scholar 40% Equity Portfolio
Assets	<b>.</b>		<i>•</i>		<b>.</b>	
Investments, at value	\$	158,187,877	\$	129,428,929	\$	103,813,709
Cash				-		
Receivable for securities sold		—		3,814		
Receivable for shares sold		684,823		37,883		24,889
Receivable for accrued income		146,396		147,425		139,594
Other assets		40,845				
Total Assets		159,059,941		129,618,051		103,978,192
Liabilities						
Payable for securities purchased		630,310		147,436		158,029
Payable for shares redeemed		199,378		48,826		14,590
Payable for distributions of net investment income		_		_		_
Total Liabilities		829,688		196,262		172,619
Net position		158,230,253		129,421,789		103,805,573
Shares outstanding		5,574,590		4,881,727		8,093,132
Value per share	\$	28.38	\$	26.51	\$	12.83

	I	Future ScholarModeratelyFuture ScholarConservative20% EquityPortfolioPortfolio		0% Equity	Future Scholar Conservative Portfolio	
Assets						
Investments, at value	\$	129,232,405	\$	98,492,855	\$	128,851,428
Cash						
Receivable for securities sold		—				6,110
Receivable for shares sold		14,192		45,936		22,795
Receivable for accrued income		199,754		170,929		248,449
Other assets						
Total Assets		129,446,351		98,709,720		129,128,782
Liabilities						
Payable for securities purchased		204,061		177,034		248,493
Payable for shares redeemed		9,900		39,846		28,905
Payable for distributions of net investment income						
Total Liabilities		213,961		216,880		277,398
Net position		129,232,390		98,492,840		128,851,384
Shares outstanding		6,024,439		7,753,516		7,261,882
Value per share	\$	21.45	\$	12.70	\$	17.74

	Future Scholar College Portfolio		Future Scholar Large Cap Index Portfolio		Scholar Large Cap Mid C lege Index Inde		uture Scholar Mid Cap Index Portfolio
Assets							
Investments, at value	\$	48,358,047	\$	69,461,218	\$	43,831,518	
Cash							
Receivable for securities sold						2,953	
Receivable for shares sold		102,655		139,026		35,431	
Receivable for accrued income		101,842					
Other assets							
Total Assets		48,562,544		69,600,244		43,869,902	
Liabilities							
Payable for securities purchased		130,694		113,408			
Payable for shares redeemed		73,805		25,618		38,384	
Payable for distributions of net investment							
income		_					
Total Liabilities		204,499		139,026		38,384	
Net position		48,358,045		69,461,218		43,831,518	
Shares outstanding		4,433,087		2,021,220		984,248	
Value per share	\$	10.91	\$	34.37	\$	44.53	

	\$	Future Scholar Small Cap Index Portfolio		ture Scholar tternational quity Index Portfolio		ture Scholar 3ond Index Portfolio
Assets	<b>*</b>				÷	
Investments, at value	\$	23,904,622	\$	11,073,681	\$	5,138,517
Cash		—				
Receivable for securities sold				-		67,077
Receivable for shares sold		8,886		2,638		25,787
Receivable for accrued income		—				11,966
Other assets						
Total Assets		23,913,508		11,076,319		5,243,347
Liabilities						
Payable for securities purchased		6,886		2,638		11,967
Payable for shares redeemed		2,000				92,864
Payable for distributions of net investment						
income						
Total Liabilities		8,886		2,638		104,831
Net position		23,904,622		11,073,681		5,138,516
Shares outstanding		733,840		759,142		439,207
Value per share	\$	32.57	\$	14.59	\$	11.70

	SI B	ture Scholar hort Term ond Index Portfolio	Future Scholar TIPS Bond ETF Portfolio		TermTIPS BondindexETF			ture Scholar Ultra Short Term Bond Portfolio
Assets								
Investments, at value	\$	4,801,612	\$	1,540,637	\$	3,239,856		
Cash		—		151				
Receivable for securities sold		—						
Receivable for shares sold		747						
Receivable for accrued income		8,964				6,991		
Other assets								
Total Assets		4,811,323		1,540,788		3,246,847		
Liabilities								
Payable for securities purchased		9,711		—		6,991		
Payable for shares redeemed								
Payable for distributions of net investment income						_		
Total Liabilities		9,711				6 001		
Total Liaonnies		9,711				6,991		
Net position		4,801,612		1,540,788		3,239,856		
Shares outstanding		434,231		146,207		301,675		
Value per share	\$	11.06	\$	10.54	\$	10.74		

	Future Scholar Legacy Capital Preservation Portfolio			ture Scholar ank Deposit Portfolio
Assets				
Investments, at value	\$	33,932,296	\$	43,008,344
Cash		—		
Receivable for securities sold		—		
Receivable for shares sold		205,934		285,867
Receivable for accrued income		2,852		77,880
Other assets				
Total Assets		34,141,082		43,372,091
Liabilities				
Payable for securities purchased		130,213		160,924
Payable for shares redeemed		12,040		41,457
Payable for distributions of net investment income		62,086		77,898
Total Liabilities		204,339		280,279
Net position		33,936,743		43,091,812
Shares outstanding		33,936,546		43,091,840
Value per share	\$	1.00	\$	1.00

	Future Scholar Aggressive Growth Portfolio	Future Scholar Growth Portfolio	Future Scholar 70% Equity Portfolio(a)
Additions			
Contributions - shares sold	\$ 40,018,303	\$ 85,568,925	\$ 66,358,513
Increase (decrease) from investment operations			
Dividend income	3,595,628	2,622,347	1,144,291
Interest income	—	—	
Net realized gain(loss)	1,477,294	6,874,839	(145,235)
Capital gain distributions from underlying fund shares	10,806,502	6,663,340	3,116,879
Net change in appreciation (depreciation) in value of			
investments	(5,545,178)		
Total Increase (decrease) from investment operations	10,334,246	7,527,851	4,711,350
Total additions	50,352,549	93,096,776	71,069,863
Deductions			
Withdrawals - shares redeemed	\$ 78,055,000	\$ 140,900,391	\$ 2,098,281
windrawars - shares redeemed	\$ 78,033,000	\$ 140,900,391	\$ 2,090,201
Net increase (decrease)	\$ (27,702,451)	\$ (47,803,615)	\$ 68,971,582
Net position at beginning of year	215,445,197	176,852,903	2,500
Net position at end of year	\$ 187,742,746	\$ 129,049,288	\$ 68,974,082

(a) Based on operations from November 16, 2018 (fund commencement of operations) through the stated period end.

	Future Scholar Moderate Growth Portfolio	Future Scholar Moderate Portfolio	Future Scholar 40% Equity Portfolio(a)
Additions			
Contributions - shares sold	\$ 105,735,128	\$ 144,657,582	\$ 100,258,447
Increase (decrease) from investment operations			
Dividend income	3,605,908	3,318,966	1,711,355
Interest income	—	—	—
Net realized gain(loss)	843,911	3,892,656	(260,142)
Capital gain distributions from underlying fund shares	6,280,590	4,424,833	2,888,921
Net change in appreciation (depreciation) in value of			
investments	(1,796,990)	(4,415,583)	2,214,787
Total Increase (decrease) from investment operations	8,933,419	7,220,872	6,554,921
Total additions	114,668,547	151,878,454	106,813,368
Deductions			
Withdrawals - shares redeemed	\$ 145,587,736	\$ 226,533,278	\$ 3,010,295
Net increase (decrease)	\$ (30,919,189)	\$ (74,654,824)	\$ 103,803,073
Net position at beginning of year	189,149,442	204,076,613	2,500
Net position at end of year	\$ 158,230,253	\$ 129,421,789	\$ 103,805,573

(a) Based on operations from November 16, 2018 (fund commencement of operations) through the stated period end.

	Future Scholar Moderately Conservative Portfolio	Future Scholar 20% Equity Portfolio(a)	Future Scholar Conservative Portfolio
Additions			
Contributions - shares sold	\$ 148,076,885	\$ 96,969,005	\$ 72,902,414
Increase (decrease) from investment operations			
Dividend income	2,932,679	1,561,923	2,947,015
Interest income	—	—	
Net realized gain(loss)	(908,551)	(243,279)	(645,426)
Capital gain distributions from underlying fund shares	2,763,727	1,494,227	1,212,806
Net change in appreciation (depreciation) in value of			
investments	2,328,072	2,497,742	2,902,916
Total Increase (decrease) from investment operations	7,115,927	5,310,613	6,417,311
Total additions	155,192,812	102,279,618	79,319,725
Deductions			
Withdrawals - shares redeemed	\$ 137,141,878	\$ 3,789,278	\$ 54,764,397
windrawais - shares redeemed	\$ 137,141,070	\$ 3,109,210	\$ 54,764,397
Net increase (decrease)	\$ 18,050,934	\$ 98,490,340	\$ 24,555,328
Net position at beginning of year	111,181,456	2,500	104,296,056
Net position at end of year	\$ 129,232,390	\$ 98,492,840	\$ 128,851,384

(a) Based on operations from November 16, 2018 (fund commencement of operations) through the stated period end.

	Future Scholar College Portfolio	Future Scholar Large Cap Index Portfolio	Future Scholar Mid Cap Index Portfolio
Additions			
Contributions - shares sold	\$ 35,331,468	\$ 14,519,577	\$ 7,134,049
Increase (decrease) from investment operations			
Dividend income	1,021,115	1,172,112	556,964
Interest income	—	—	
Net realized gain(loss)	(217,082)	(91,639)	(266,263)
Capital gain distributions from underlying fund shares Net change in appreciation (depreciation) in value of	—	5,615,122	3,451,338
investments	1,254,487	(326,945)	(3,223,271)
Total Increase (decrease) from investment operations	2,058,520	6,368,650	518,768
Total additions	37,389,988	20,888,227	7,652,817
Deductions			
Withdrawals - shares redeemed	\$ 22,847,364	\$ 7,540,610	\$ 6,635,338
Net increase (decrease)	\$ 14,542,624	\$ 13,347,617	\$ 1,017,479
Net position at beginning of year	33,815,421	56,113,601	42,814,039
Net position at end of year	\$ 48,358,045	\$ 69,461,218	\$ 43,831,518

	Future Scholar Small Cap Index Portfolio		Future Scholar International Equity Index Portfolio		Future Scholar Bond Index Portfolio	
Additions						
Contributions - shares sold	\$	6,018,327	\$	2,304,118	\$	2,530,960
Increase (decrease) from investment operations						
Dividend income		252,255		309,586		104,296
Interest income						
Net realized gain(loss)		(236,925)		(188,760)		(22,247)
Capital gain distributions from underlying fund shares		2,084,094		—		—
Net change in appreciation (depreciation) in value of						
investments		(3,303,091)		(114,586)		228,554
Total Increase (decrease) from investment operations		(1,203,667)		6,240		310,603
Total additions		4,814,660		2,310,358		2,841,563
Deductions						
Withdrawals - shares redeemed	\$	3,408,423	\$	2,464,242	\$	516,065
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Net increase (decrease)	\$	1,406,237	\$	(153,884)	\$	2,325,498
Net position at beginning of year		22,498,385		11,227,565		2,813,018
Net position at end of year	\$	23,904,622	\$	11,073,681	\$	5,138,516

	Future Scholar Short Term Bond Index Portfolio		Future Scholar TIPS Bond ETF Portfolio			
Additions Contributions - shares sold	\$	1,723,823	\$	283,662	\$	2,234,610
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Increase (decrease) from investment operations						
Dividend income		102,829		32,012		65,965
Interest income						
Net realized gain(loss)		(24,753)		(6,733)		(946)
Capital gain distributions from underlying fund shares				—		—
Net change in appreciation (depreciation) in value of						
investments		157,970		42,693		13,755
Total Increase (decrease) from investment operations		236,046		67,972		78,774
Total additions		1,959,869		351,634		2,313,384
Deductions						
Withdrawals - shares redeemed	\$	1,782,758	\$	207,288	\$	1,437,089
Net increase (decrease)	\$	177,111	\$	144,346	\$	876,295
Net position at beginning of year		4,624,501		1,396,442		2,363,561
Net position at end of year	\$	4,801,612	\$	1,540,788	\$	3,239,856

Additions	P	Future Scholar Legacy Capital reservation Portfolio		Future holar Bank Deposit Portfolio
Contributions - shares sold	\$	14,481,667	\$	33,135,071
<ul> <li>Increase (decrease) from investment operations</li> <li>Dividend income</li> <li>Interest income</li> <li>Net realized gain(loss)</li> <li>Capital gain distributions from underlying fund shares</li> <li>Net change in appreciation (depreciation) in value of investments</li> <li>Total Increase (decrease) from investment operations</li> <li>Total additions</li> </ul>		60,185 631,702 		802,041 
Deductions				
Withdrawals - shares redeemed	\$	13,445,484	\$	23,573,004
Net increase (decrease) Net position at beginning of year Net position at end of year	\$ \$	1,728,070 32,208,673 33,936,743	\$ \$	10,364,108 32,727,704 43,091,812