

Texas A&M University – Commerce Foundation

Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

August 31, 2013 and 2012



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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors
Texas A&M University – Commerce Foundation
Commerce, Texas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Texas A&M University – Commerce Foundation, which comprise the statements of financial position as of August 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity'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 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 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 financial position of Texas A&M University – Commerce Foundation as of August 31, 2013 and 2012, 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.

BKD, LLP

Dallas, Texas
April 24, 2014

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Statements of Financial Position
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Assets

	2013	2012
Position in Texas A&M University		
Cash Concentration Pool	\$ 4,377,075	\$ 4,069,638
Pledges receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible amounts; \$9,900 (2013) and \$16,245 (2012)	56,100	96,255
Investments in		
Texas A&M University System Endowment Fund	14,971,070	13,732,365
Annuity contracts and trusts	312,378	267,862
Mineral holdings	117,750	117,750
Total assets	\$ 19,834,373	\$ 18,283,870

Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities

Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 1,006
Accounts payable, Texas A&M -- Commerce	120,000	180,000
Annuities payable	25,254	28,314
Total liabilities	145,254	209,320

Net Assets

Unrestricted	204,813	129,561
Temporarily restricted	5,375,650	4,527,429
Permanently restricted	14,108,656	13,417,560
Total net assets	19,689,119	18,074,550
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 19,834,373	\$ 18,283,870

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Statements of Activities

Years Ended August 31, 2013 and 2012

	2013			Total
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	
Revenue and Support				
Contributions	\$ 94,974	\$ 673,755	\$ 554,399	\$ 1,323,128
Noncash contributions	190,166	-	-	190,166
Special events	-	15,317	-	15,317
Investment return	18,944	1,434,373	136,697	1,590,014
Net assets released from restrictions	1,275,224	(1,275,224)	-	-
Total revenue and support	<u>1,579,308</u>	<u>848,221</u>	<u>691,096</u>	<u>3,118,625</u>
Expenses and Losses				
Support provided to Texas A&M University – Commerce				
Student scholarship awards	901,053	-	-	901,053
Faculty and academic support	265,339	-	-	265,339
Other university support	286,000	-	-	286,000
Total support of Texas A&M University – Commerce	1,452,392	-	-	1,452,392
Supporting services				
Management and general	51,664	-	-	51,664
Total expenses and losses	<u>1,504,056</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,504,056</u>
Change in Net Assets	75,252	848,221	691,096	1,614,569
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>129,561</u>	<u>4,527,429</u>	<u>13,417,560</u>	<u>18,074,550</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ 204,813</u>	<u>\$ 5,375,650</u>	<u>\$ 14,108,656</u>	<u>\$ 19,689,119</u>

2012

Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
\$ 64,853	\$ 342,818	\$ 295,119	\$ 702,790
699,923	-	-	699,923
-	81,019	-	81,019
19,508	767,922	188,680	976,110
1,056,343	(1,056,343)	-	-
<u>1,840,627</u>	<u>135,416</u>	<u>483,799</u>	<u>2,459,842</u>
636,872	-	-	636,872
234,319	-	-	234,319
864,336	-	-	864,336
<u>1,735,527</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,735,527</u>
30,875	-	-	30,875
<u>1,766,402</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,766,402</u>
74,225	135,416	483,799	693,440
55,336	4,392,013	12,933,761	17,381,110
<u>\$ 129,561</u>	<u>\$ 4,527,429</u>	<u>\$ 13,417,560</u>	<u>\$ 18,074,550</u>

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Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended August 31, 2013 and 2012

	2013	2012
Operating Activities		
Change in net assets	\$ 1,614,569	\$ 693,440
Items not requiring (providing) cash		
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	(707,505)	(52,766)
Contributions and investment income received restricted for long-term investment	(691,096)	(483,799)
Changes in		
Pledges receivable	40,155	9,570
Accounts payable	(1,006)	756
Accounts payable, Texas A&M – Commerce	(60,000)	(60,000)
Annuities payable	(3,060)	(770)
	192,057	106,431
Investing Activities		
Purchases of investments, net	(575,716)	(442,809)
	(575,716)	(442,809)
Financing Activities		
Proceeds from contributions and investment income restricted for long-term investment	691,096	483,799
	691,096	483,799
Net Increase in Cash Concentration Pool	307,437	147,421
Cash Concentration Pool, Beginning of Year	4,069,638	3,922,217
Cash Concentration Pool, End of Year	\$ 4,377,075	\$ 4,069,638

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Note 1: Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Operations

The Texas A&M University – Commerce Foundation (Foundation) is affiliated with Texas A&M University – Commerce (A&M – Commerce) in Commerce, Texas. The Foundation provides a means by which alumni, faculty, students and other benefactors of A&M – Commerce can make donations to support the University's scholarships, endowments and other programs. The Foundation's revenues and other support are derived principally from contributions and investment return.

Use of Estimates

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Foundation considers its cash in banks and investments in proprietary money market funds held in the Texas A&M University System Cash Concentration Pool (Pool) to be cash and cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents include all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase.

Investments and Investment Return

Investments in equity securities having a readily determinable fair value and in all debt securities are carried at fair value. Other investments, including mineral holdings, are valued at the lower of cost (or fair value at time of donation, if acquired by contribution) or fair value. Investment return includes dividend, interest and other investment income; realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments carried at fair value; and realized gains and losses on other investments.

Investment return that is initially restricted by donor stipulation and for which the restriction will be satisfied in the same year is included in unrestricted net assets. Other investment return is reflected in the accompanying statements of activities as unrestricted, temporarily restricted or permanently restricted based upon the existence and nature of any donor or legally imposed restrictions.

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The Foundation maintains pooled investment accounts for its endowments. Investment income and realized and unrealized gains and losses from securities in the pooled investment accounts are allocated quarterly to the individual endowments based on the relationship of the fair value of the interest of each endowment to the total fair value of the pooled investments accounts, as adjusted for additions to or deductions from those accounts.

Derivative Instruments

Texas A&M University System uses forward currency contracts for the purpose of hedging international currency risk on its non-U.S. dollar denominated investment securities and to facilitate trading strategies primarily as a tool to increase or decrease market exposure to various foreign currencies.

Temporarily and Permanently Restricted Net Assets

Temporarily restricted net assets are those whose use by the Foundation has been limited by donors to a specific time period or purpose including support of academic and administrative functions of A&M – Commerce and scholarship awards to students. Permanently restricted net assets have been restricted by donors to be maintained by the Foundation in perpetuity.

Contributions

Gifts of cash and other assets received without donor stipulations are reported as unrestricted revenue and net assets. Gifts received with a donor stipulation that limits their use are reported as temporarily or permanently restricted revenue and net assets. When a donor stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the accompanying statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Gifts having donor stipulations which are satisfied in the period the gift is received are reported as unrestricted revenue and net assets.

Gifts of land, buildings, equipment and other long-lived assets are reported as unrestricted revenue and net assets unless explicit donor stipulations specify how such assets must be used, in which case the gifts are reported as temporarily or permanently restricted revenue and net assets. Absent explicit donor stipulations for the time long-lived assets must be held, expirations of restrictions resulting in reclassification of temporarily restricted net assets as unrestricted net assets are reported when the long-lived assets are placed in service.

Unconditional gifts expected to be collected within one-year are reported at their net realizable value. Unconditional gifts expected to be collected in future years are initially reported at fair value determined using the discounted present value of estimated future cash flows technique. The resulting discount is amortized using the level-yield method and is reported as contribution revenue.

Conditional gifts depend on the occurrence of a specified future and uncertain event to bind the potential donor and are recognized as assets and revenue when the conditions are substantially met and the gift becomes unconditional.

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In-kind Contributions

In addition to receiving cash contributions, the Foundation receives in-kind contributions including software, art work, athletic gear, etc. from various donors. Generally, these gifts are utilized by the University. It is the policy of the Foundation to record the estimated fair value of these in-kind donations as an expense in its financial statements, and similarly increase contribution revenue by a like amount. For the years ended August 31, 2013 and 2012, \$190,166 and \$699,923 were received in in-kind contributions, respectively.

Income Taxes

The Foundation is exempt from income taxes under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code and a similar provision of state law. However, the Foundation is subject to federal income tax on any unrelated business taxable income. The Foundation files tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction. With a few exceptions, the Foundation is no longer subject to U.S. federal examinations by tax authorities for years before 2010.

Note 2: Pledges Receivable

Pledges receivable represents promises to give and consists of the following:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Receivable in less than one-year	\$ 54,100	\$ 51,500
Receivable in one to five years	<u>11,900</u>	<u>61,000</u>
Total unconditional promises to give	66,000	112,500
Less allowance for uncollectible promises	<u>9,900</u>	<u>16,245</u>
Net unconditional promises to give	<u>\$ 56,100</u>	<u>\$ 96,255</u>

Discounting to net present value is not material to the accompanying financial statements as a whole.

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Note 3: Investment Pools

Cash receipts are initially deposited into an interest-bearing bank account along with receipts of A&M – Commerce. The funds are then swept and invested with the Texas A&M University System Cash Concentration Pool. Quarterly income from the investments is allocated between A&M – Commerce and the Foundation.

The Pool is an investment pool that provides members of the Texas A&M University System with a means to invest funds in excess of daily cash flow requirements. The Pool invests in direct obligations of the United States Treasury, obligations of United States Government agencies, mortgage-backed securities, obligations of foreign governments, corporate bonds, commercial paper, mutual funds, money market funds, common stocks and other equities.

The Texas A&M University System Endowment Fund (SEF) is an investment pool that provides members of the Texas A&M University System with a means to combine endowment fund assets in order to allow for more effective fund management and related investment returns. The Fund invests in direct obligations of the United States Treasury, obligations of United States Government agencies, mortgage-backed securities, obligations of foreign governments, corporate bonds, commercial paper, mutual funds, money market mutual funds, common stocks and other equities.

Note 4: Annuity Contract and Trusts

The Foundation is the owner of an annuity contract which is designated for support of the School of Business and Technology, primarily the MBA Program, of A&M – Commerce. Additionally, the Foundation has entered into several charitable annuity trust contracts under split-interest agreements. These are agreements in which the donor contributes assets to the Foundation in exchange for a promise by the Foundation to pay a fixed amount for a specified period of time to the donor.

The assets are measured at fair value when received, and an annuity payment liability is recognized at the present value of future cash flows expected to be paid to the donor. In subsequent periods, payments to the donor reduce the annuity liability.

The fair value of the annuity related investments is as follows:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Annuity contracts	\$ 263,016	\$ 220,107
Charitable annuity trusts	49,362	47,755
	<u>\$ 312,378</u>	<u>\$ 267,862</u>

The charitable annuity trusts require annual aggregate payments of \$3,420 as of August 31, 2013 and 2012. In addition, the aggregate liability for future annuity payments at present value was \$25,254 and \$28,314 at August 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

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Note 5: Mineral Holdings

Mineral holdings at August 31, 2013 and 2012, consisted of mineral rights to property in Union County, New Mexico, received by the Foundation in 1985 at an initial value of \$117,750. As of July 1, 2012, the appraised value of the mineral rights approximates \$490,000.

Note 6: Investment Return

The components of investment return are as follows:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments reported at fair value	\$ 707,505	\$ 52,766
Interest, dividends and other income	<u>882,509</u>	<u>923,344</u>
	<u>\$ 1,590,014</u>	<u>\$ 976,110</u>

Note 7: Net Assets

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Temporarily restricted net assets at August 31 are available for the following purposes:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Scholarships	\$ 2,410,280	\$ 2,347,724
Excellence programs	944,311	875,259
Athletics	74,629	74,244
Other programs	627,524	444,628
For periods after August 31	<u>1,318,906</u>	<u>785,574</u>
	<u>\$ 5,375,650</u>	<u>\$ 4,527,429</u>

Permanently Restricted Net Assets

Permanently restricted net assets at August 31, 2013 and 2012, are primarily restricted for scholarships with approximately \$263,000 and \$220,000, respectively, restricted for support of academic chairs.

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Net Assets Released from Restrictions

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Purpose restriction accomplished		
Scholarship awards	\$ 877,159	\$ 677,983
Excellence fund program expenses (faculty and academic support)	268,768	188,952
Music Building Fund	-	81
Rollings Memorial Garden	5,069	9,185
Other program expenses (including athletics)	124,228	180,142
	<u>\$ 1,275,224</u>	<u>\$ 1,056,343</u>

Note 8: Endowment

The Foundation's endowment consists of approximately 375 individual funds established for a variety of scholarship purposes. The endowment includes donor-restricted endowment funds. As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The Foundation's governing body has interpreted the state of Texas Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (SPMIFA) as requiring 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, the Foundation classifies as permanently restricted net assets: (a) the original 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 the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of donor-restricted endowment funds is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Foundation in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by SPMIFA. In accordance with SPMIFA, the Foundation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

1. Duration and preservation of the fund
2. Purposes of the Foundation and the fund
3. General economic conditions
4. Possible effect of inflation and deflation
5. Expected total return from investment income and appreciation or depreciation of investments
6. Other resources of the Foundation
7. Investment policies of the Foundation

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The composition of net assets by type of endowment fund at August 31, 2013 and 2012, was:

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
2013				
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ -	\$ 1,267,837	\$ 14,108,656	\$ 15,376,493
2012				
Donor-restricted endowment funds	\$ -	\$ 722,790	\$ 13,417,560	\$ 14,140,350

Changes in endowment net assets for the years ended August 31, 2013 and 2012, were:

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
2013				
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ -	\$ 722,790	\$ 13,417,560	\$ 14,140,350
Investment return	-	545,047	136,697	681,744
Contributions	-	-	554,399	554,399
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$ -	\$ 1,267,837	\$ 14,108,656	\$ 15,376,493
2012				
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ -	\$ 698,558	\$ 12,933,761	\$ 13,632,319
Investment return	-	24,232	188,680	212,912
Contributions	-	-	295,119	295,119
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$ -	\$ 722,790	\$ 13,417,560	\$ 14,140,350

The Foundation has invested its funds with the Texas A&M University System Endowment Fund (SEF) which is subject to The Texas A&M University System (System) investment policy, 22.02 System Investment. The purpose of the SEF is to provide for the collective investment of all endowment and trust funds held by the System or by the board in a fiduciary capacity. The SEF is to provide funding for scholarships, fellowships, professorships and academic chairs and other uses as specified by donors. The endowment assets are invested to accomplish two primary goals: (1) provide a continuing and dependable cash payout, stable and preferably growing in real terms, after giving effect to inflation and (2) cause the total value of the fund to appreciate, over time, exclusive of growth derived from donations.

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The cash payout requirement on the SEF is substantial and continuous. Income and capital appreciation must be sufficient to provide an adequate and consistent cash stream for the development of excellence and distinction in the academic programs of the system. In addition, the SEF needs to ensure preservation of the purchasing power of the SEF and also to satisfy the need for payout growth in the future. Management of the SEF attempts to meet these objectives by maximizing the return on the SEF's investments, consistent with an appropriate level of risk. Additionally, the SEF shall be diversified at all times to provide reasonable assurance that investment in a single security, a class of securities or industry will not have an excessive impact on the SEF.

The SEF's asset allocation policy will be consistent with the investment objectives and risk tolerances. These policies are designed to provide the highest probability of meeting or exceeding the SEF's return objectives at the lowest possible risk. The overall objective of the SEF is to invest the funds in such a manner as to achieve a reasonable balance of growth of corpus and consistent payout while maintaining the purchasing power of these endowments, as can reasonably be achieved within the framework of the policy consistent with the system's objective of the safety and preservation of capital.

Distribution of income will be made quarterly as soon as practicable after the last calendar day of November, February, May and August of each fiscal year to the endowment and trust funds participating in the SEF during the respective quarter. The income distribution per unit for each fiscal year will be to distribute, excluding fees, 5% of the 20-quarter average market value per unit as of the end of the previous February.

Note 9: Affiliation Agreement

The Foundation has a five-year affiliation agreement with A&M – Commerce commencing in October 2010. As part of that agreement the Foundation's unrestricted fund is authorized to assess a 10% management fee, as defined, against the earnings of endowment and quasi-endowment investments to cover the expenses of maintaining these funds. One-half of the management fee assessed (approximately \$23,000 in 2013 and \$22,700 in 2012) is transferred to A&M – Commerce and one-half is retained by the Foundation's unrestricted fund. In addition, the Foundation is to provide to A&M – Commerce an annual unrestricted gift of \$60,000 plus not less than 7% of prior year unrestricted gifts received by the Foundation. This gift is for the use of services, facilities and equipment of A&M – Commerce. As a result of this agreement, the Foundation has recorded a \$120,000 (2013) and \$180,000 (2012) payable to A&M – Commerce in the accompanying statements of financial position.

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Note 10: Contributed Services

The Foundation utilizes the staff members, computer services and office space of A&M – Commerce in order to carry out its activities. No revenue or expense for these services has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

Note 11: Disclosures About Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value measurements maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. There is a hierarchy of three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

- Level 1** Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2** Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities
- Level 3** Unobservable inputs supported by little or no market activity and are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities

Recurring Measurements

The following table presents the fair value measurements of assets recognized in the accompanying statements of financial position measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the level within the fair value hierarchy in which the fair value measurements fall at August 31, 2013 and 2012:

	Fair Value	2013 Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Position in Texas A&M University System Cash Concentration Pool	\$ 4,377,075	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,377,075
Investments in Texas A&M University System Endowment Fund	14,971,070	-	-	14,971,070
Annuity contracts and trust	312,378	312,378	-	-

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	2012			
	Fair Value Measurements Using			
	Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Position in Texas A&M University				
System Cash Concentration Pool	\$ 4,069,638	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,069,638
Investments in Texas A&M University				
System Endowment Fund	13,732,365	-	-	13,732,365
Annuity contracts and trust	267,862	267,862	-	-

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies and inputs used for assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying statements of financial position, as well as the general classification of such assets pursuant to the valuation hierarchy. There have been no significant changes on the valuation techniques during the year ended August 31, 2013. For assets classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, the process used to develop the reported fair value is described below.

Investments

Where quoted market prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated by using pricing models, the inputs of which are market-based or independently sourced market parameters, including, but not limited to, yield curves, interest rates, volatilities, prepayments, defaults, cumulative loss projections and cash flows. Such securities are classified in Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy. In certain cases where Level 1 or Level 2 inputs are not available, securities are classified within Level 3 of the hierarchy. See the paragraph below for inputs and valuation techniques used for Level 3 securities.

Fair value determinations for Level 3 measurements of securities are the responsibility of the accounting office and the managers of the Texas A&M investment pools. The accounting office challenges the reasonableness of the assumptions used and reviews the methodology to ensure the estimated fair value complies with accounting standards generally accepted in the United States.

The Foundation's interests in the Pool and SEF investment pools (investment pools) are valued based on estimates of the net asset value of the investment pools as provided by fund managers and based on other market-based data. Because the Foundation owns undivided interest in the investment pools, its unit of account for fair value measurement purposes is the investment pools. The Foundation cannot look through the investment pools to its underlying assets for fair value measurement purposes. Rather, it must consider if relevant observable inputs exist for interests in the investment pools. The investment pools are classified as Level 3 under the fair value hierarchy because no observable inputs exist for interests in the investment pool.

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The following is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of recurring fair value measurements recognized in the accompanying statements of financial position using significant unobservable (Level 3) inputs:

	Texas A&M University System Cash Concentration Pool	Texas A&M University System Endowment Fund
Balance, August 31, 2011	\$ 3,922,217	\$ 13,258,181
Interest dividends and other income	256,760	666,584
Net realized and unrealized gains	22,682	8,693
Management fees	(44,798)	-
Purchase, sales, issuances and settlements, net	(87,223)	(201,093)
Balance, August 31, 2012	4,069,638	13,732,365
Interest dividends and other income	242,935	639,574
Net realized and unrealized gains	65,989	609,590
Management fees	(46,212)	-
Purchase, sales, issuances and settlements, net	44,725	(10,459)
Balance, August 31, 2013	\$ 4,377,075	\$ 14,971,070

The Foundation invests in various investments securities of the Texas A&M University System through the investment pools. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect the amounts reported in the accompanying statements of financial position.

Note 12: Significant Estimates and Concentrations

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require disclosure of certain significant estimates and current vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations. Those matters include the following:

Contributions

In 2013, the Foundation received noncash contributions from three donors of approximately \$190,000 or 14% of contributions presented in the accompanying statements of activities.

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Note 13: Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through April 24, 2014, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.