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INTRODUCTION

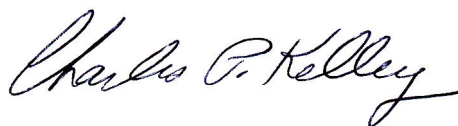
It is our great pleasure to present the 2014 Annual Report for the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority (RISLA). Since our creation in 1981, RISLA continues to serve as the leading statewide resource dedicated to student success. Today, we provide low-cost state-based education loans, free admissions and financial aid assistance through the College Planning Center of Rhode Island (CPCRI), a free internship finder through Bridge.Jobs, and financial literacy guidance at high schools and colleges throughout the state. As always, all of these efforts are accomplished independent of any funding from the state of Rhode Island.

Through the dedicated efforts of our staff, RISLA remains a trusted resource for thousands of students and their families throughout Rhode Island. The safety and security of our fixed rate education loans remain as popular as ever. We provided over \$32 million in education loans this year, helping thousands of students realize their dream of a higher education. This year we also introduced a new refinancing program for those with existing state-based, private, and PLUS loans. The refinancing program will help make repaying education loans less expensive, with our low fixed rates and favorable repayment terms.

Along with RISLA's financing programs, we also take our commitment to the community quite seriously. We continue to offer a wide array of programs, forums, and services throughout Rhode Island. The CPCRI remains an incredible free resource, with three locations across the state assisting over 14,800 students and families. Our efforts to encourage internship opportunities through Bridge.Jobs continues to garner positive attention and increasing employer support. We are steadfast in our efforts to encourage responsible and informed borrowing through extensive financial literacy training and programs for students and families. We also remain a key resource for decision makers and state leaders, having hosted thoughtful public forums on diversity and managing an investment in higher education.

This report highlights a host of initiatives and services that RISLA was proud to offer in 2014. These efforts are a direct result of the hard work and commitment of the employees at RISLA and the CPCRI. These efforts are also made possible through the leadership and direction of our volunteer board of directors, including Chairman Robert Delaney, Vice Chair Christine Jenkins, Secretary Robert Theroux, Dennis Duffy, Daniel Egan, and General Treasurer Gina Raimondo.

Working together, our leadership and staff look forward to further accomplishments in the New Year, as we strive to make higher education more accessible and affordable for all Rhode Island residents.



Charles P. Kelley
Executive Director



Noel F. Simpson
Chief Financial Officer

HIGHLIGHTS 2014

In 2014 the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority continued to fulfill its mission of making higher education more accessible and affordable for Rhode Islanders. RISLA embarked on a number of initiatives throughout the year, leading to a host of accomplishments. The highlights include:

RISLA Offers \$32.2 Million in Safe, Fixed-Rate Loans in 2014

During the 2013/2014 academic year, RISLA offered \$32.2 million in loans to students and families. The program was made available to Rhode Island residents and students attending college in Rhode Island, with ZERO origination fees for students who elected immediate repayment. Origination fees are also waived for students who participate in a financial literacy program offered at a Rhode Island High School or pass an online financial literacy test. The interest rate students receive depend on the repayment option, not on a credit score. RISLA's immediate repayment option features a ten year term and represents the lowest cost option with a 2014/15 fixed rate of 4.99%. The deferred repayment option features a 15-year term and allows students to defer their loan payments until six months after they leave school and offers a 2014/15 fixed rate of 6.74%. These rates made Rhode Island's education loan offerings some of the best in the country with rates and fees substantially less than Federal parent (PLUS) loans.

RISLA offers a Parent Loan program for 2014/2015, featuring a 10 year loan at a fixed rate of 6.39%. The Parent Loan carries no prepayment penalties and no origination fees. The agency also offered a new student loan refinancing option with a low fixed interest rate. The refinancing program is available to those with state-based, private and PLUS loans

RISLA Hosts Higher Education Summit

In September 2014, RISLA hosted a summit on higher education titled: "Managing Your Investment in Higher Education." The half-day summit at the RI Convention Center brought together leading voices, both local and national, to discuss a variety of pertinent higher education topics. Speakers included Dr. Sandy Baum, a Senior Fellow at the Urban Institute and Research Professor of Education Policy at George Washington University, U.S. Senator Jack Reed, Dr. Debra Chromy, President of the Education Finance Council, Dr. Donald Farish, President, Roger Williams University, RI State Senator Daniel DaPonte, Daniel Egan, President, Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of RI, Robert Delaney, Chair, RISLA Board of Directors, and RISLA Executive Director Charles Kelley. Topics covered at the form included the following:

- Benefits of Higher Education for Individuals and Society
- Federal Update on Higher Education Issues & Initiatives
- The Full Picture of College Debt
- The Return on Investment in Higher Education
- Rhode Island Solutions to College Affordability

The summit was attended by civic and education leaders throughout the area and received extensive coverage by local media outlets.

RISLA Receives AAA Rating on Bonds

In November 2014, RISLA received word from the ratings agency Fitch that its 2012 bonds were affirmed with a AAA rating. In reviewing RISLA's 2012 bonds, Fitch performed an extensive review to assess the quality of the credit. In its review, Fitch Ratings asserted, "the credit of the trust collateral is high." The high ratings achieved by RISLA are a reflection of the work done in counseling borrowers and offering programs to help prevent loan defaults. RISLA's efforts to encourage responsible borrowing are one of the reasons for the high ratings, which allows the agency to borrow at very low rates and continue to offer low cost education loans to students and parents throughout Rhode Island.

Bridge Jobs Program Targets Employers With Press Event at GTECH

In 2012, the RISLA launched an innovative new partnership to encourage work-based learning for students and adult learners throughout RI. Called Bridge.Jobs, the web site matches students and adult learners with internship opportunities at businesses and organizations throughout Rhode Island. The objective of the program is to increase the work readiness, knowledge, and skills of the current and emerging workforce in the state, while giving students and adults greater opportunities to remain in RI and contribute to the state's economic growth. The Bridge.Jobs initiative embarked on a major appeal in 2014 to area businesses and organizations to participate in the program with a launch event at GTECH's world headquarters in January.

Bridge.Jobs is a partnership of the Governor's Workforce Board, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of RI, the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, and the RI Partnership Project. The program was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the RI Foundation to promote its efforts to match unemployed adults and students with internship opportunities at local employers. The grant is an outgrowth of the Foundation's *Make It Happen RI* campaign. Hundreds of internship opportunities have already been developed through the Bridge.Jobs website, attracting the interest of thousands of area students and adult learners. The GTECH media event sought to increase participation among area employers in Bridge.Jobs and assist them in finding talented interns. Governor Lincoln Chafee joined RISLA at the press conference.

Bridge Jobs Program Releases Independent Study on Participation & Value of Internships

Bridge.Jobs, the Governor's Workforce Board, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of RI, the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, Rhode Island's public colleges and universities, and the RI Partnership Project, released findings of an independent study in March 2014 that demonstrates the importance internships have on hiring decisions but a relative lack of participation among local employers.

The study, conducted by GreatBlue Research showed that only 30% of Rhode Island employers with more than three employees hosted interns. However, of that same group, 91% of employers felt that internships were either very or somewhat beneficial on a job applicant's resume. The study shows that employers recognize the valuable role internships play in the preparation of the state's workforce but many have yet to come forward to help increase the number of internship

opportunities available to students and adults. RISLA and its partners are aggressively working to develop new internship opportunities as a way to spur job creation and improve the state's economy

Television Ad Campaigns Garner Spotlight for RISLA & CPCRI Efforts

In 2014 RISLA produced two new television ads that gained wide exposure on local media outlets. The first ad was a testimonial from a local family that had a positive experience obtaining a RISLA loan. Joseph Amaral of Lincoln gave a powerful account of how his daughter was able to go to college with the help of the RISLA team, even as his family faced unforeseen financial challenges. The second television commercial produced by RISLA was developed for the CPCRI. The spot featured Patty Stamp, owner of Stamp Farms in Johnston. Mrs. Stamp offered her praise for the help she received from the CPCRI team during her daughter's college planning process. Both commercials featured the theme of RISLA and the CPCRI as being a "Gateway to Success."

RISLA's Commitment to Financial Literacy

RISLA continues its efforts to offer free financial literacy education programs and materials for students, parents and school administrators at area high schools, colleges and non-profit organizations under the direction of William Bianchi. It provides group counseling sessions, interactive workshops and online tools that promote financial awareness among individuals of all ages. These activities take place during class time, after school, in the evening and on weekends. All seminars can be customized to fit the specific needs of a particular student population, a school wide initiative or non-profit organization. Some of the topics covered include: debt management, how to pay for a college education, understanding credit, personal budgeting and many more. A small sample of the schools and non-profits served include: South Kingstown High School, Classical High School, LaSalle Academy, CCRI, Bryant University, the RI Training School, Westerly Parent Academy, and The Education Exchange. A new initiative to support financial literacy education in public libraries began in 2014. This partnership with the Rhode Island Library Association, the Office of Library and Information Services and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has already resulted in RISLA workshops being conducted at libraries in Harmony, Barrington and Middletown.

College Goal Rhode Island

In January and February 2014, RISLA and the College Planning Center of Rhode Island were lead participants in College Goal Rhode Island, a series of free statewide events that assists students and families with college financial aid forms. This was the seventh year that RISLA and the CPCRI participated in the event, which provided financial aid specialists in communities throughout the state. Sponsored by the Rhode Island Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, the CPCRI, and RISLA, College Goal Rhode Island is open to all Rhode Islanders, with particular attention given to reaching low income and first-generation college students. Counselors from RISLA and the CPCRI played an integral role in the event's success. RISLA's Deputy Director and Chief Financial Officer Noel Simpson continues as a lead organizer of the events.

College Planning Center Hosts Fifth Annual PawSox College Fair

On September 14, 2014 the College Planning Center of Rhode Island hosted a major college fair for students throughout the state at McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket. High school students and families participated in the event, which brought together over 100 college representatives from throughout the northeast. The CPC gained significant publicity through the PawSox organization for the event, as well as coverage in various local media outlets. Students who pre-registered for the event were eligible for a scholarship drawing from the CPCRI.

Sherlock Scholarship Awards

For the eleventh consecutive year, RISLA was proud to award 25 scholarships to needy Rhode Islanders in the name of the late state representative and former RISLA board member, Paul V. Sherlock. The \$50,000 in scholarships was awarded randomly to qualified students from across Rhode Island at a June ceremony in the State House. The keynote speaker at the event was Colleen Callahan, a member of the RI Board of Education and a former student of Mr. Sherlock. RISLA Executive Director Charles Kelley and RISLA CFO Noel Simpson also participated as speakers at the event.

RISLA Joins U.S. Senator Jack Reed for College Aid Workshop

U.S. Senator Jack Reed held his 24th annual College Aid Workshop at the Knight Campus of CCRI on November 10, 2014. RISLA Executive Director Charles Kelley joined Sen. Reed in the presentation to students and families. College Planning Center of RI Director Stacy Crooks also participated in the program. RISLA has enjoyed a longstanding tradition of working with Senator Reed on his college aid workshops

College Planning Center Continues to Provide Financial Aid Help to Students and Families

The College Planning Center of RI has provided free professional financial aid help to Rhode Islanders since 1998. In 2014, the College Planning Center of RI expanded its hours to include nights and weekends during the peak financial aid application season to better serve the over 14,800 students and families who utilized its services. During the year, the CPC staffed a West Bay office at the Warwick Mall, an East Bay office on Metacom Avenue in Bristol, and a Northern Rhode Island office at the Boys & Girls Club of Cumberland. The CPC's services can also be accessed through its interactive website at: www.collegeplanningcenter.org.

College Planning Center Holds "Mapping Success" Diversity Conference

The College Planning Center of RI continued its outreach efforts with an October 25, 2014 conference titled "Mapping Success – Are You on the Right Track" a half-day event meant to ease the college planning concerns of first generation students and those from underrepresented populations. Anna Cano-Morales, Chair of the Central Falls Schools Board of Trustees was the keynote speaker. U.S. Senator Jack Reed, Congressman David Cicilline, and Providence Schools Superintendent Susan Lusi also participated in the event held at the Providence Career & Technical Academy.

LOOKING AHEAD

2015 looks to be another exciting year for the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority as it continues to serve as a gateway to success for students and families throughout Rhode Island.

Serving as the gateway to success begins with the College Planning Center, and providing the resources to help students and families realize the dream of a higher education. RISLA will continue to offer millions of dollars of safe, fixed rate loans, with interest rates and repayment terms that are as favorable as any in the country. We will also continue our new loan refinancing program, providing existing borrowers the opportunity to ease their financial burden with the security of low, fixed rates.

RISLA understands that borrowers must be fully aware of their financing decisions as well. We will continue to expand our financial literacy outreach programs in local schools and communities so that students and families understand key financial terms and learn to borrow responsibly. The efforts to educate borrowers works to prevent loan defaults, which allows our organization to offer such low cost education loans to student and families in the state. Financial literacy will remain a top priority at RISLA in 2015.

Serving as a gateway to success will continue before a student enters college. In 2014 the College Planning Center of RI (CPCRI) assisted over 14,800 students and families as they navigated the college planning process. The CPCRI's reach is not just limited to its satellite offices throughout the state, but also in its extensive programming like major college fairs with the Pawtucket Red Sox and educational programming like its diversity fair for first-generation college students. RISLA's commitment to helping students make informed decisions about college will remain a core focus in the upcoming year.

RISLA also recognizes its role in helping to improve the economic climate of our state. The Bridge. Jobs initiative enters its third year of connecting students with employers that offer meaningful internship opportunities. Our commitment to Bridge will be expanded in 2015, as we work with businesses, schools, and students to create a thriving program where young people can establish important work experience right here in Rhode Island.

As always, RISLA will continue its long tradition of working collaboratively and effectively with elected leaders throughout the state. RISLA's volunteer board and dedicated staff work each day to carry out a mission of helping students and families with higher education. In a spirit of ongoing cooperation, RISLA looks forward to continuing to be a vital and important resource for all Rhode Islanders.

SUMMARY OF RISLA PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED

Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2014

Rhode Island Fixed Rate Loan Program

- RISLA started its Fixed Rate Loan Program in 1992 and has continuously offered the program since that time. The program is credit based and features flexible repayment terms, low interest rates and zero fees for students who elect immediate repayment or demonstrate financial literacy competency. The interest rate is fixed for the life of the loan depending on when the student entered into the loan agreement and the repayment option the student chose.

This interest rate is lower than most competitive student loan products including the federal PLUS Loan.

- On April 9, 2014, RISLA issued Tax Exempt Fixed Rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$34,750,000. The purpose of this bond issue was to fund fixed rate student loans originated in FY 2015
- RISLA also offers loan programs for the parents of college students and a refinancing loan program that's designed to help student loan repayment borrowers reduce their debt service, loan interest rate and possibly their monthly payment.

College Planning Center of Rhode Island (CPCRI)

- Started by RISLA in 1998, the CPCRI provides free expert college admissions and financial aid counseling to parents and students. The CPCRI has experienced former financial aid and college planning counselors on their staff.
- CPCRI staff provides one-on-one counseling to parents and students in completing the often complex financial aid forms such as the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Profile, used by colleges.
- Working with high school guidance counselors, CPCRI staff provide workshops on financial aid, essay writing and college selection.
- The College Planning Center made 14,823 contacts with parents and students through in-person counseling and seminars to assist with their college planning needs in FY 2014.
- The College Planning Center also has many of its financial aid and admissions resources on the web at www.collegeplanningcenter.org.
- RISLA has a diversity coordinator to help provide targeted college planning services for first generation college students through RISLA's College Planning Center. The CPCRI has worked in Providence on the City's FAFSA completion efforts and in targeted college planning services offered through the Central Falls High School.

During the past eight years RISLA has provided staffing and other support for the College Goal Rhode Island program. This program has helped over 1,000 students complete their FAFSA form which provides students access to federal, state and institutional need based grant aid. College Goal Rhode Island is a collaborative effort with local high schools, the Rhode Island Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, the Rhode Island College Crusade and USA Funds.

Paul Sherlock Scholarship Fund

- \$50,000 need based annual scholarship fund named after former college professor, leader in special education, RISLA board member, and legislator. Funds resulted from an agreement between RISLA and Nelnet Foundation. Nelnet continues to support need-based financial aid and financial literacy programs in Rhode Island.
- RISLA has funded 275 need based scholarships totaling \$550,000 from FY 2004 through FY 2014.

Nursing Rewards Programs

- RISLA continues to honor zero interest Stafford loans for the first four years of repayment for students that enter the nursing profession and provide direct patient care at medical facilities located in Rhode Island. Eligible student borrowers with federal student loans disbursed from July 1, 2002 to July 1, 2008 continue to be eligible for the rewards program.
- RISLA enhanced the Nursing Rewards Program in fiscal year 2012 by adding an additional \$1,000 principal forgiveness in each of the first four years of repayment.
- One hundred twenty-two students have entered repayment under the Rewards programs and approximately another 150 students are potentially eligible when they enter repayment. An eligible nursing student with \$16,000 loan balance can potentially save over \$1,800 in interest payments with RISLA's rewards programs.

Nurse Educators Reward Program

- RISLA also enhanced a Nurse Educators Reward program with a \$5,000 student loan forgiveness in each of the first four years of repayment for a total amount of \$20,000 savings. The program is designed to encourage students to become college level instructors of nursing at Rhode Island's colleges and universities.

Customer Service

- RISLA has been known and continues to be known for its superior customer service. A local presence is important for schools and students and that factor distinguishes RISLA from its out-of-state competition.

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- RISLA provides a locally operated call center for students and schools; locally operated loan disbursement center; default prevention programs for students and schools; financial literacy counseling; and online entrance and exit sessions. By establishing our local presence, our loan origination staff is available to meet with students and their families to explain the various loan programs, assist in completion of loan applications and help to clear credit issues.
- Technology plays an important role in providing superior customer service. RISLA has invested in communication equipment, hardware and software to insure that RISLA stays ahead of the pack in customer service.
- Information on the Authority's programs is available by calling 1-800-758-7862 or locally at 401-468-1700 or on the web at www.risla.com.

MEETING MINUTES AND RULES AND REGULATIONS

In accordance with the RI Open Meeting Laws, R.I. Gen. Laws. § 42-46-7(d), all public bodies are required to file a copy of the minutes of all open meetings with the secretary of state for inspection by the public within thirty-five (35) days of the meeting.

The Rhode Island Student Loan Authority's Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 can be found on the Office of Secretary of State's website at the following address: http://sos.ri.gov/openmeetings/?page=view_entity&id=529.

RISLA's promulgated rules and regulations can be found on the same website as noted above.

A summary of the RISLA Board of Directors meeting minutes can be found on the following pages of this annual report.

OPERATING STATEMENT

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Summary of Board of Directors Meetings

Year Ending June 30, 2014

Board Meeting Date: July 19, 2013

Items discussed and voted:

1. Discussed the IRS' Voluntary Closing Agreement Program (VCAP)
2. Voted to approve the FYE 2014 budget
3. Discussed and voted to adopt the resolution to seek a private letter ruling from the IRS for a Parent and Consolidation Loan Program

Board meeting Date: September 20, 2013

Items discussed and voted:

1. Voted to approve the 2013 Audited Financial Report
2. Discussed and voted to adopt the resolution approving the VCAP settlement with the IRS and authorizing RISLA to consummate the settlement pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement
3. Based on the results of an RFP, discussed and voted to engage Cameron & Mittleman LLP as bond counsel for fixed rate transactions and Nixon Peabody LLP for variable rate, floating rate and refunding transactions

Board meeting Date: October 25, 2013

Items discussed and voted:

1. Discussed a student loan refinancing program
2. Discussed and voted to develop a pilot line of credit program that would include certificate and other non degree programs
3. Discussed and voted to proceed with negotiation of renewal of the leases for the College Planning Center at the Warwick Mall and Bristol locations

Board Meeting Date: November 26, 2013

Items discussed and voted:

1. Discussed and voted to amend the FYE 2014 budget to include expenditures for a public information campaign
2. Discussed and voted to authorize the development and implementation of a student loan refinancing program

3. Discussed and voted to authorize the line of credit program for certificate and other non degree programs and to authorize the expenditure of up to \$500,000 as a pilot program for students attending Roger Williams University and at other schools in Rhode Island who desire to participate

Board Meeting Date: December 20, 2013

Items discussed and voted:

1. Discussed bond financing
2. Discussed RISLA Board retreat

Board Meeting Date: January 17, 2014

Items discussed and voted:

1. Discussed the private letter ruling, refinancing program and the next bond offering
2. Discussed the consumer finance protection bureau

Board Meeting Date: February 21, 2014

Items discussed:

1. Discussed legislative initiatives.
2. Voted to approve the office lease with RIHEAA
3. Discussed and voted to approve the bond issue authorizing resolution for the 2014-2015 school year funding
4. Discussed and voted to approve the bond issue budget

Board Meeting Date: March 21, 2014

Items discussed and voted:

1. Discussed student loan debt and what RISLA can do to help families by working collaboratively with schools

Board Meeting Date: May 23, 2014

Items discussed and voted:

1. Discussed the refinancing of variable rate bonds backed by State Street liquidity facility with floating rate notes and voted to approve the bond issue authorizing resolution
2. Voted to approve the bond issuance cost budget
3. Discussed the refinancing and consolidation program and voted to approve the financing resolution
4. Voted to appoint Mr. Feisthamel and Mr. Theroux as members of the Audit Committee

Board Meeting Date: June 27, 2014

Items discussed and voted:

1. Discussed the refinancing of the letter of credit bond issue to a LIBOR floating rate note
2. Discussed the education loan refinancing program
3. Discussed and voted to approve the FY 2015 budget

STAFF SUPPORTED BY RISLA FUNDS

Staff Supported by RISLA Funds

RISLA receives no state appropriation and is entirely funded through revenues generated from its student loan programs and bond issues. RISLA's authorizing statute (RIGL Chapter 16-62) grants the Board of Directors the authority to appoint an Executive Director to run the day-to-day operations of RISLA. As of November 2014, RISLA had 41 full time employees who were responsible for managing RISLA's programs, financial reporting and the control and accounting of the flow of funds in RISLA's bond trust estates.

The Authority has separate agreements with Nelnet Loan Services, University Accounting Services and Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Authority to provide in school and loan repayment servicing for RISLA's student loan portfolio.

TRAINING COURSES HELD

Summary of Training Courses Held Pursuant to This Chapter

RISLA's staff has attended the training sessions conducted by the Attorney General, the State Ethics Commission, and the University of Rhode Island School of Continuing Education on Open Meetings, Retention of Public Records and Ethics Commission gift and conflict requirements. Board members were briefed by RISLA's General Counsel on the state's Conflict of Interest Laws.

RISLA FINANCIAL REPORTS

RISLA Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2014

On the next several pages is RISLA's statement of net position; statement of revenue, expenses, and changes in net position; statement of cash flows; and notes to financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2014. RISLA's complete audited financial statements, including the auditor's opinion letter and management discussion and analysis, is available on the web at www.risla.com or by calling the Authority at 401-468-1700.

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(A RELATED ORGANIZATION OF THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND)**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board Members
Rhode Island Student Loan Authority

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority, (a related organization of the State of Rhode Island), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014, and the related notes to the 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 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 the financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audits 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 of material misstatement.

An audit involves procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. These procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of 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 respective financial position of the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority as of June 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Adjustments to Prior Period Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, were audited by other auditors whose opinion dated September 30, 2013, on those statements was unmodified. As discussed in Note 13, the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority has restated its 2013 financial statements during the current year in accordance with the implementation of GASB No. 65 – *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*. The other auditors reported on the 2013 financial statements before the restatement.

As part of our audit of the 2014 financial statements, we also audited adjustments described in Note 13 that were applied to restate the 2013 financial statements. In our opinion, such adjustments are appropriate and have been properly applied. We are not engaged to audit, review, or apply any procedures to the 2013 financial statements of the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority other than with respect to the adjustments and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the 2013 financial statements as a whole.

Prior Period Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority as of June 30, 2013 were audited by Braver P.C. whose practice was combined with Marcum LLP as of January 1, 2014, and whose report dated September 30, 2013 expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on Pages 4-8 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 Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 27, 2014 on our consideration of the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our 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 our 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 Rhode Island Student Loan Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Marcum LLP

Providence, Rhode Island
October 27, 2014

**RHODE ISLAND STUDENT LOAN AUTHORITY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS JUNE 30, 2014**

As management of the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority (RISLA or the Authority), we offer readers of RISLA's financial statements this overview and analysis of our financial activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. RISLA's management encourages readers to review the entire financial report and contact us with any questions or comments.

RISLA continues to find ways to help students and parents reduce their cost of attending college. In FY 2014, RISLA continued to offer its Rhode Island Fixed Rate program. This program offered borrowers two options. Students attending college in Rhode Island and State residents attending an out of state school could choose a ten year immediate repayment option at a 5.39% fixed rate. Students could also choose a deferred repayment option at a fixed rate of 7.49% for a fifteen year term from the time the student leaves school and enters repayment. RISLA was able to offer these low fixed rates as well as waive the origination fee for all borrowers that choose the immediate repayment option or take an online financial literacy course. RISLA management believes that the Rhode Island Fixed Rate Loan offers attractive terms and conditions as compared to other student loan programs in the market. In FY 2015, RISLA will decrease the fixed interest on a ten year immediate repayment loan to 4.99% and also decrease the fixed interest rate on a 15 year term loan to 6.74%. RISLA originated approximately \$32 million in fixed rate loans to borrowers in FY 2014.

RISLA continues to promote the value and benefits of college internships in collaboration with the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Rhode Island, The Rhode Island Board of Education, and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce. The goal of the partnership is to help match Rhode Island employers with talented students through the website www.bridge.jobs. The partnership and website has as of June 30, 2014 registered 3,808 students, 685 employers and currently lists 445 internships. RISLA hosts the website and markets the program to employers and colleges across Rhode Island.

RISLA continues to offer college access initiatives through its College Planning Center of Rhode Island (CPC). Since 1998, The College Planning Center of Rhode Island has provided free expert and personal assistance to students and parents in the areas of college admission and financial aid. In fiscal year 2014, the staff at the CPC provided assistance to approximately 14,823 contacts which represents a 15.8% increase over the prior year. The College Planning Center currently operates three locations which are in Warwick, Bristol, and Cumberland. The CPC also provides a searchable data base of hard to find local scholarships. RISLA and the CPC work closely with the Spanish and Latino speaking population in Rhode Island with a goal of increasing college attendance and success among the Latino residents of the state.

RISLA also administers a student loan forgiveness program that is funded by the Rhode Island Foundation. Under this arrangement, RISLA manages all aspects of the program according to policy guidelines established by the Foundation. The program offers student loan forgiveness to qualified applicants for three different professions, Primary Care Physicians, Nurse Practitioners and Physicians Assistants, and Dentists and Dental Hygienists. All three programs require the applicant to be employed in the State of Rhode Island to be eligible. Qualified applicants receive annual awards that are sent directly to the holder of their student loan. To date, RISLA has received approximately \$2.4 million in funds for the programs.

RISLA issued \$34,750,000 in new bonds in FY 2014, which will be used to fund RISLA's education loan programs in FY 2015. RISLA also issued \$93,100,000 in Floating Rate Notes which were used to refund variable rate demand bonds supported by a letter of credit.

RISLA continues to hold and administer their portfolio of federally guaranteed Stafford, PLUS and Consolidation loans issued under the Federal Family Education Loan program which had a principal balance of \$392,989,999 at June 30, 2014.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- RISLA was able to continue offering the Rhode Island Fixed Rate Loan to Rhode Island residents and students attending colleges and universities in Rhode Island. This is an industry leading fixed rate student loan that has been offered by RISLA for 22 years. RISLA originated approximately \$32 million in Rhode Island Fixed Rate loans in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 and was able to secure financing to originate another \$34,750,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.
- Bonds payable decreased from \$762,799,000 on June 30, 2013 to \$698,572,000 on June 30, 2014. This represents a decrease of \$64,227,000 or 8.42%. In FY 2014, RISLA issued \$34,750,000 in new fixed rate bonds and \$93,100,000 in Floating Rate Notes. RISLA retired \$97,077,000 in bonds through redemptions of auction rate securities and other scheduled bond payments at par value and an additional \$95,000,000 was refinanced by the new Floating Rate Notes.
- RISLA services its own private loan portfolio (principal balance of approximately \$390 million at June 30, 2014) utilizing RISLA employees. Servicing its portfolio of private loans has resulted in better portfolio management, a reduction of defaulted borrowers, and lower servicing costs.
- RISLA's overall operating expenditures decreased by \$3.4 million. Approximately \$2 million of the decrease was attributable to a restatement of the prior year bond issuance costs per GASB Statement Number 65.
- The gain on the redemption of \$9,400,000 in auction rate bonds amounted to \$545,500 for the year ending June 30, 2014.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial section of this annual report consists of three parts: management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements and the notes to the financial statements, and other supplementary information.

The financial statements provide both long-term and short-term information about the Authority's overall financial status. The financial statements also include notes that explain key points in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements.

The Authority's financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to the government units on an accrual basis. Under this basis, revenues are recognized in the period in which they are earned, expenses are recognized in the period in which they are incurred, and depreciation of assets is recognized in the Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the Authority are included in the Statement of Net Position.

The Statement of Net Position reports the Authority's net assets and how they have changed. Net position – the difference between the Authority's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources – is one way to measure the Authority's financial health or position.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net Position

For fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, the Authority's total assets exceeded the total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$145,539,595 for an increase of 7.08% as compared to June 30, 2013. At June 30, 2013 the total assets exceeded the total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$135,915,815 which was an increase of 14.80% as compared to June 30, 2012. A condensed summary of the Authority's net position at June 30 is shown below.

Student loan receivables are the largest component of assets and decreased from \$913,255,364 on June 30, 2012 to \$810,800,508 on June 30, 2013, which represents a decrease of 11.21%. Student loan receivables amounted to \$737,682,052 on June 30, 2014, a decrease of 9.02%. The other significant component of assets is cash and investments restricted by the terms of various trust indentures. The amount of restricted cash and investments on June 30, 2012 equaled \$80,076,832. On June 30, 2013, restricted cash and investments equaled \$93,067,832. On June 30, 2014, restricted cash and investments equaled \$104,620,628. Restricted cash and investment balances are primarily used to acquire student loans and to retire bond debt.

Liabilities consist primarily of bond debt. On June 30, 2012 bond debt outstanding, net of unamortized bond premium and discount, amounted to \$566,060,602. On June 30, 2013 bond debt outstanding amounted to \$764,325,479. On June 30, 2014 bond debt outstanding amounted to \$700,860,499.

	2014	2013 (Restated)	Percentage Change	2012 (Restated)	Percentage Change
Other assets	\$864,832,949	\$929,302,868	-6.94%	\$1,020,265,350	-8.92%
Capital assets	136,669	92,444	47.84%	98,297	-5.95%
Total Assets	<u>864,969,618</u>	<u>929,395,312</u>	-6.93%	<u>1,020,363,647</u>	-8.92%
Current liabilities	18,731,521	26,756,281	-29.99%	61,469,486	-56.47%
Noncurrent liabilities	691,435,573	755,521,511	-8.48%	828,840,110	-8.85%
Total liabilities	<u>710,167,094</u>	<u>782,277,792</u>	-9.22%	<u>890,309,596</u>	-12.13%
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>9,262,929</u>	<u>11,201,705</u>	-17.31%	<u>11,657,826</u>	-3.91%
Net Position					
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	136,669	92,444	47.84%	98,297	-5.95%
Restricted for debt service	141,247,917	129,720,384	8.89%	114,334,372	13.46%
Unrestricted	4,155,009	6,102,987	-31.92%	3,963,556	53.98%
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$145,539,595</u></u>	<u><u>\$135,915,815</u></u>	7.08%	<u><u>\$118,396,225</u></u>	14.80%

CHANGES IN NET POSITION

The Authority's operating Income for the year ended June 30, 2014 was \$9,078,280, which was an increase of 21.46% as compared to fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. The Operating Income at June 30, 2013 was \$7,474,590 which was an increase of 7.31% as compared to fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

The Authority's increase in net position for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 was \$9,623,780 and \$17,519,590 respectively. This decrease was the direct result of gains on the early retirement of debt (nonoperating revenue) going from \$10,045,000 in fiscal year 2013 to \$545,000 in fiscal year 2014. As stated above, the operating income has increased for both 2014 and 2013.

Net Loan interest income (Loan interest income less DOE Special Allowance Payments) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 decreased by \$2,429,523 or 7.03% as compared to the year ended June 30, 2013. Other income accounts for less than 10% of total revenues and is comprised of investment income, unrealized gains/losses on market adjustment of investment accounts and fee revenue. Other income increased by \$678,329 or 24.14% as compared to June 30, 2013. Interest expense for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 decreased by \$1,968,574 or 13.69% as compared to June 30, 2013. The provision for loan losses (bad debt expense) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 decreased by \$739,824 or 24.24% as compared to June 30, 2013.

	2014	2013 (Restated)	Percentage Change	2012 (Restated)	Percentage Change
Loan interest income	\$49,159,541	\$54,182,368	-9.27%	\$60,107,824	-9.86%
DOE special allowance payments	(17,050,822)	(19,644,126)	-13.20%	(23,715,709)	-17.17%
Other income	3,488,638	2,810,309	24.14%	3,372,437	-16.67%
Total income	<u>35,597,357</u>	<u>37,348,551</u>	-4.69%	<u>39,764,552</u>	-6.08%
Interest expense	12,414,942	14,383,516	-13.69%	15,718,805	-8.49%
Arbitrage rebate	938,760	(1,341,583)	169.97%	2,910,567	-146.09%
External loan servicing	2,209,548	2,516,195	-12.19%	2,647,569	-4.96%
DOE loan fees	1,051,830	1,183,600	-11.13%	1,308,677	-9.56%
Provision for loan losses	2,312,676	3,052,500	-24.24%	3,215,818	-5.08%
Other operating expenses	7,591,321	10,079,733	-24.69%	6,997,623	44.05%
Total expenses	<u>26,519,077</u>	<u>29,873,961</u>	-11.23%	<u>32,799,059</u>	-8.92%
Operating Income (Loss)	9,078,280	7,474,590		6,965,493	
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>545,500</u>	<u>10,045,000</u>		<u>5,619,830</u>	
Change in net position	9,623,780	17,519,590		12,585,323	
Net position, beginning of year, as restated	<u>135,915,815</u>	<u>118,396,225</u>		<u>105,810,902</u>	
Total net position, end of year	<u>\$145,539,595</u>	<u>\$135,915,815</u>	7.08%	<u>\$118,396,225</u>	14.80%

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

RISLA funds student loan notes receivable by issuing tax-exempt and taxable bonds. Tax-exempt bonds must receive an allocation of the State of Rhode Island private activity bond volume ceiling or “cap”. The bonds issued by RISLA must comply with state and federal statutes and with rules and regulations of the U.S. Treasury Department and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Detailed information on RISLA’s debt is presented in note 6 of the financial statements.

CONTACTING THE AUTHORITY’S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Authority’s financial activity for all those interested in the Authority’s operations. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority, 560 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, Rhode Island, 02886.

RHODE ISLAND STUDENT LOAN AUTHORITY

STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013

	2014	2013 (Restated)
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash, cash equivalents and investments:		
Unrestricted:		
Cash	\$ 1,952,644	\$ 2,441,915
Cash equivalents	2,358,126	2,768,825
Restricted:		
Cash	1,806,000	1,872,443
Cash equivalents	94,002,295	82,126,893
Investments	8,812,333	9,068,496
Student loans receivable	69,339,220	78,376,767
Accrued interest receivable:		
Student loans	17,720,716	18,922,413
Investments	48,746	49,739
Other receivables	47,718	819,602
Prepaid expenses	402,319	432,034
Total Current Assets	196,490,117	196,879,127
Noncurrent Assets		
Student loans receivable - net	668,342,832	732,423,741
Capital Assets		
Capital assets, less accumulated depreciation of \$450,387 and \$390,667, respectively	136,669	92,444
Total Assets	864,969,618	929,395,312

See Notes to Financial Statements .

RHODE ISLAND STUDENT LOAN AUTHORITY

STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013

	2014	2013 (Restated)
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Bonds payable	11,180,000	9,690,000
Due to U.S. Department of Education	4,085,372	4,809,943
Accrued interest payable	1,090,718	1,117,781
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,006,191	770,067
Grants payable	1,306,272	1,359,636
Accrued arbitrage rebate	62,968	9,008,854
Total Current Liabilities	18,731,521	26,756,281
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Bonds payable, net of bond premium (discount) of \$2,288,499 and \$1,526,479, respectively	689,680,499	754,635,479
Accrued arbitrage rebate	1,755,074	886,032
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	691,435,573	755,521,511
Total Liabilities	710,167,094	782,277,792
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Unavailable revenue - loan origination fees	8,771,369	10,531,393
Unavailable revenue - direct loan servicing	491,560	670,312
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	9,262,929	11,201,705
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	136,669	92,444
Restricted for debt service	141,247,917	129,720,384
Unrestricted	4,155,009	6,102,987
Total Net Position	\$ 145,539,595	\$ 135,915,815

See Notes to Financial Statements.

RHODE ISLAND STUDENT LOAN AUTHORITY

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013

	2014	2013 (Restated)
Operating Revenues		
Interest income:		
Student loans	\$ 49,159,541	\$ 54,182,368
U.S. Department of Education Special Allowance Payments	(17,050,822)	(19,644,126)
Investments	366,701	356,651
Unrealized gains (losses) on changes in fair value of investments	(29,171)	(388,945)
Fee income	3,151,108	2,842,603
Total Operating Revenues	35,597,357	37,348,551
Operating Expenses		
Interest	12,414,942	14,383,516
Provision for loan losses	2,312,676	3,052,500
Provision for arbitrage rebate	938,760	(1,341,583)
U.S. Department of Education loan fees - consolidation rebate	1,051,830	1,183,600
Loan servicing and acquisition costs	2,209,548	2,516,195
Credit enhancement and remarketing expenses	1,146,108	1,649,870
Salaries	2,115,234	2,196,876
Administration	974,842	891,382
Employee benefits	641,456	616,727
College Planning Center expenses	846,154	783,047
Legal and accounting	410,824	378,473
Miscellaneous bond expenses	182,629	383,372
Bond issuance costs	1,061,956	2,968,420
Payroll taxes	152,398	164,641
Depreciation	59,720	46,925
Total Operating Expenses	26,519,077	29,873,961
Operating Income	9,078,280	7,474,590
Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses		
Gain on early retirement of bonds	545,500	10,045,000
Changes in Net Position	9,623,780	17,519,590
Net Position, Beginning of the Year, as restated	135,915,815	118,396,225
Net Position, End of the Year	\$ 145,539,595	\$ 135,915,815

See Notes to Financial Statements.

RHODE ISLAND STUDENT LOAN AUTHORITY

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013

	2014	2013 (Restated)
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Cash received for:		
Student loan interest	\$ 31,512,248	\$ 36,013,334
Student loan principal	118,087,236	156,687,698
Fee income	3,151,108	2,842,603
Interest on investments	367,694	345,442
Grants	(53,364)	338,874
Cash paid for:		
Origination and purchase of student loans	(44,968,780)	(54,232,842)
Interest paid on bonds	(12,865,854)	(14,400,293)
Contractual services	(1,051,830)	(1,183,600)
Goods and services	(17,995,688)	(12,631,333)
Employee salaries	(2,259,741)	(2,374,541)
Employee benefits	(641,456)	(616,727)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>73,281,573</u>	<u>110,788,615</u>
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities		
Payment of bond maturities	(191,531,500)	(278,965,000)
Proceeds from sale of revenue bonds	129,035,869	487,396,309
Proceeds from RIHEAA for Conduit Loans	--	3,223,583
Payments to RIHEAA for Conduit Loans	--	(9,006,115)
Payment on conduit loans	--	(297,181,943)
Payment on RIHEAA Rehab Loans	--	(1,389,949)
Net Cash Used in Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>(62,495,631)</u>	<u>(95,923,115)</u>
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Purchase of equipment	(103,945)	(41,071)
Net Cash Used in Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(103,945)</u>	<u>(41,071)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Purchases of investment securities	--	(3,465,627)
Sales of investment securities	226,992	3,170,662
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	<u>226,992</u>	<u>(294,965)</u>
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	10,908,989	14,529,464
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	<u>89,210,076</u>	<u>74,680,612</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$ 100,119,065</u>	<u>\$ 89,210,076</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents Consists of:		
Unrestricted:		
Cash	\$ 1,952,644	\$ 2,441,915
Cash equivalents	2,358,126	2,768,825
Restricted:		
Cash	1,806,000	1,872,443
Cash equivalents	<u>94,002,295</u>	<u>82,126,893</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$ 100,119,065</u>	<u>\$ 89,210,076</u>

RHODE ISLAND STUDENT LOAN AUTHORITY

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013

	2014	2013 (Restated)
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Used for Operating Activities		
Operating income	\$ 9,078,280	\$ 7,474,590
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided for operating activities:		
Depreciation of capital assets	59,720	46,925
Amortization - bond premiums and discounts	(423,848)	(121,436)
Increase in allowance for uncollectible accounts	1,366,167	2,038,651
Unrealized (gains) losses on investments	29,171	388,945
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in loans receivable	71,752,289	100,416,206
(Increase) decrease in other receivables	771,884	(776,886)
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest receivable - loans	570,420	2,708,100
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest receivable - investments	993	(11,208)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	29,715	183,805
Increase (decrease) in due to Federal Government	(93,294)	(10,524)
Increase (decrease) in bond accrued interest	(27,063)	104,659
Increase (decrease) in grants payable	(53,364)	338,874
Increase (decrease) in unearned revenues	(1,938,776)	(456,121)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(7,840,721)	(1,535,965)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 73,281,573</u>	<u>\$ 110,788,615</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ORGANIZATION

The Rhode Island Student Loan Authority (the Authority) is a public instrumentality established in May 1981 by an Act of the Rhode Island General Assembly and therefore the Authority is a related organization of the State of Rhode Island for financial reporting purposes. The Authority was created for the purpose of providing a system of financial assistance for qualified students to enable them to obtain a post secondary education by attending public or private institutions. It has the power to issue negotiable notes and bonds to achieve its corporate purpose.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts of the Authority are maintained in accordance with the principles of proprietary fund accounting utilizing the accrual basis.

INCOME TAXES

The Authority is exempt from Federal and state income taxes.

RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BY THE GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (GASB)

The Authority has implemented GASB No. 65, Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities, for the year ended June 30, 2014. See Note 13.

The Authority has implemented GASB No. 66 – Technical Corrections – 2012 – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 10 and No. 62, for the year ended June 30, 2014. The adoption of this Statement did not have an impact on the Authority’s financial position or results of operations.

The Authority has implemented GASB No. 67 – Financial Reporting for Pension Plans – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 25, for the year ended June 30, 2014. The adoption of this Statement did not have an impact on the Authority’s financial position or results of operations.

The Authority has implemented GASB No. 70 – Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Financial Guarantees, for the year ended June 30, 2014. The adoption of this Statement did not have an impact on the Authority’s financial position or results of operations.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BY THE GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (GASB) (CONTINUED)

The Authority will adopt the following new accounting pronouncement in future years:

- ✓ GASB Statement No. 68 – Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27, effective for the Authority’s fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.
- ✓ GASB Statement No. 69 – Government Combinations and Disposals of Government operations, effective for the Authority’s fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.
- ✓ GASB Statement No. 71 – Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – An Amendment to GASB Statement No. 68, effective for the Authority’s fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

The impact of these pronouncements on the Authority’s financial statements has not been determined.

DEBT ISSUANCE COSTS

Debt issuance costs incurred in connection with bonds payable are reported as an expense in the year incurred.

OPERATING AND NON-OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES

The Authority distinguishes between operating and non-operating revenues and expenses. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with the Authority’s principal ongoing student loan operations. The Authority’s operating revenue is derived primarily from income on student loans consisting of loan interest and fee income. The Authority’s operating expenses are related to student loan origination and servicing activities and general administration. Non-operating revenue and expense are items not related to the ongoing operation of the student loan operations, such as gain on early retirement of bonds. Predominantly all items of revenue and expense are reported as operating revenues and expenses in the statement of revenue, expenses, and changes in net position.

RESTRICTED VERSUS UNRESTRICTED RESOURCES

When both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available for use, it is the Authority’s practice to use restricted resources first.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment is stated at cost. The Authority provides for depreciation using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset. The Authority estimates the useful life for leasehold improvements to be the same as the term of the lease, three years for computer equipment and five years for furniture and fixtures. Depreciation expense for fiscal years 2014 and 2013 totaled \$59,720 and \$46,925, respectively. Capital assets are defined by the Authority, as assets with an individual cost of \$2,500 or more and an estimated useful life in excess of one year.

STUDENT LOANS

The Authority is a holder of federally guaranteed student loans under the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP). The Authority also originates and holds student loans utilizing credit criteria approved by the rating agencies, and as applicable, the Authority's bond insurance company.

Student loans are carried at their uncollected principal balances and are reduced by an allowance for loan losses of \$49,098,415 and \$47,732,248 at June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The allowance for loan losses is determined by management's evaluation of the student loan portfolios. This evaluation considers such factors as historical loss experience, quality of student loan servicing and collection, and economic conditions. When this evaluation determines that an exposure to loss is probable and reasonably estimated, a provision against current operations net of student loan recoveries is recorded. Actual losses are charged against the allowance for loan losses as they occur.

FFELP student loans and the accrued interest thereon purchased or originated by the Authority are fully guaranteed for loans disbursed prior to September 30, 1993 and are guaranteed at 98% for loans disbursed between October 1, 1993 and June 30, 2006, and are guaranteed at 97% for loans disbursed between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2010. The Authority's FFELP loans are substantially insured by Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority (RIHEAA). The Federal Government reinsures loans guaranteed by RIHEAA to the extent provided by regulatory guidelines.

INTEREST ON LOANS RECEIVABLE

Interest on loans receivable is calculated using the simple interest method. Interest is accrued on loans receivable from the date of the last repayment installment to the date of the financial statements. While the Authority continues to accrue interest due on all loans, the provision for loan losses factors in the potential uncollectability of both loan principal and accrued interest.

RHODE ISLAND STUDENT LOAN AUTHORITY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

BOND PREMIUM AND DISCOUNT

The bond premium and discount are amortized (straight-line method) over the term of the bonds series to which it relates.

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

In order to ensure observances of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Authority, the accounts of the Authority are maintained in accordance with the principles of Fund Accounting. This is a procedure by which resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds that are in accordance with activities or objectives specified. Separate accounts are maintained for each fund.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Authority considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Under the Rhode Island General Law section 35-10.1, Rhode Island Collateralization of Public Deposits Act, the Authority must have their funds collateralized 100% for all time deposits with maturities over 60 days and for all deposits if the depository institution does not meet its minimum capital standards as required by its federal regulators.

INVESTMENTS

Investments are carried at fair value.

All of the bond series trust and indenture agreements require that cash and investments be held by the trustee for the benefit of the bondholders and their maturity is to coincide as nearly as practicable with payments due on bonds. Otherwise, uninvested monies are to be invested in available overnight investments. According to the indenture agreements, investments to be held by the trustee are limited to the following:

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NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

- * United States Treasury Securities
- * Demand deposits with banks which are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
- * Federal Agency or Instrumentality bonds
- * Certain repurchase agreements
- * Certain bankers acceptances
- * Shares in certain Investment Companies
- * Certain obligations of any state, or political subdivision, or municipal corporation
- * Certain eligible loans
- * Investment Agreements approved by the rating agencies
- * Commercial paper

VACATION AND SICK LEAVE

The Authority provides all full-time employees with at least two weeks vacation time per year. Employees can carry over up to a maximum of two times their annual accrual. At time of termination the employee is entitled to all accrued vacation time. The June 30 accrual is calculated at the current pay scale.

The Authority provides employees with three weeks of sick time per year which can be accrued up to a maximum of six months. Sick time is not payable to the employee upon termination.

ACCRUED ARBITRAGE REBATE LIABILITY

Interest income to the Authority from investments and student loans is limited by U.S. Treasury regulations. Interest income earned in excess of the allowable amounts will be remitted to the Federal Government as required by the applicable laws and regulations.

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NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

ACCRUED ARBITRAGE REBATE LIABILITY (CONTINUED)

Investment interest income is limited to the bond yield on certain tax-exempt bond issues. Interest income in excess of this limit has been reserved for rebate in accordance with applicable financing documents.

Investment interest income from student loans is limited to 2% over bond yield of the related tax-exempt bond issue. Student loans, including principal and accrued interest, and cash have been reserved for rebate in the amount of the interest income which exceeded the limit. The Authority can utilize the rebate liability through interest rate and loan forgiveness programs.

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate section represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until that later date. At June 30, 2014, there were no deferred outflows of resources.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate section represents the acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and therefor will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until a later date. At June 30, 2014, the Authority had two items that qualified as a deferred inflow of resources in the statement of net position. The unavailable loan origination fees represent a 4% loan origination fee which is assessed at the time the loan enters a repayment status and is collected over the term of the loan. The unavailable loan origination fees included in the statement of net position was \$8,771,369 at June 30, 2014. The unavailable direct loan servicing represents a one-time up-front fee of \$715,000 (see note 8). The unavailable loan servicing included in the statement of net position was \$491,560 at June 30, 2014.

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NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

NET POSITION

Net position comprises the various net earnings from operating and non-operating revenues, expenses and contributions of capital. Net position is classified in the following three components: net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted net position. Net investment in capital assets consists of all capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding debt that is attributable to the acquisition, construction and improvement of those assets. Any debt related to unspent bond proceeds or other cash and investments is excluded from the determination. Restricted for debt service consists of net position for which constraints are placed thereon by external parties, such as lenders, grantors, contributors, laws, regulations and enabling legislation, including self-imposed legal mandates. Unrestricted consists of all other net position not included in the above categories.

The financial activity associated with each of the Authority's Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds is recorded in the trust established for each such bond issue. In accordance with the Pledge of Indenture, the accounts held by the trustee are restricted for the "equal and ratable benefit and security of the bondholders." All revenues derived from program activities are deposited in the revenue account applicable to each individual bond series as specified in the Pledge of Indenture. The trustee is then directed to pay items from the revenue account in specific priority order, including periodic transfers to the Authority's operating account in an amount sufficient to pay for its program expenses including: salaries, utilities, office rent, legal, accounting, and other related expenses. Such transfers to the Authority's operating account are limited in amount pursuant to the respective Bond issue trust indenture.

USE OF ESTIMATES

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based upon management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. The process used by management in formulating the accounting estimates is based upon information available to them and their projection of future events and transactions affecting the Authority. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain reclassifications have been made to the Authority's 2013 financial statements to conform to the 2014 presentation.

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NOTE 2 – CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

The following table compares the Authority's carrying cash balances to the bank balances. In addition, it discloses the total amount of funds which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The difference between amounts is due to timing of receipts and withdrawals between the Authority and the bank.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cash Deposits		
Carrying amount of cash deposits:		
Unrestricted	\$ 1,952,644	\$ 2,441,915
Restricted	<u>1,806,000</u>	<u>1,872,443</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,758,644</u>	<u>\$ 4,314,358</u>
Bank Balances		
Covered by Federal depository insurance	\$ 293,877	\$ 297,152
Collateralized by financial institution	<u>3,000,608</u>	<u>3,952,578</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,294,485</u>	<u>\$ 4,249,730</u>

CUSTODIAL CREDIT RISK - DEPOSITS

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Authority's deposits may not be returned to it. The Authority has adopted a deposit policy relating to a custodial credit risk. According to the policy, the deposit accounts will be with commercial banks that have acceptable collateral to cover any deposit in excess of the FDIC insurance coverage.

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NOTE 2 – CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

	2014	2013
	Fair Value	Fair Value
Cash equivalents and investments unrestricted:		
Cash equivalents (Unrestricted):		
Local Government Investment Pool	\$ 500,632	\$ 500,229
Government Agency Bonds and Security Funds and Commercial Paper	1,857,494	2,268,596
Total Cash Equivalents	2,358,126	2,768,825
Total Unrestricted	2,358,126	2,768,825
Cash Equivalents and Investments (Restricted):		
Cash Equivalents:		
Money Market Funds and Commercial Paper	94,002,295	82,126,893
Investments:		
U.S. Treasury Notes	7,100,733	7,148,496
Investment agreements	1,711,600	1,920,000
Total Investments	8,812,333	9,068,496
Total Restricted	102,814,628	91,195,389
Total Cash Equivalents and Investments	\$ 105,172,754	\$ 93,964,214

The restriction of cash, cash equivalents, and investments is for the payment of bonded debt and the issuance of student loans and related expenses. The restricted cash, cash equivalents, and investments are held by the trustee U.S. Bank as collateral for the Bonds (see Note 6).

The Authority has designated \$3,500,000 of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents to be used to fund the RISLA Parent Loan program. This program commenced on July 1, 2013 and is a fixed rate education loan available to parents only. The student is not required to be a signor on the loan. Loan disbursements will be for the 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 academic years.

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NOTE 2 – CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

At June 30, 2014, the Authority had the following investments:

Description	Maturity	Fair Value
U.S. Treasury Note	November 15, 2015	\$ 536,746
U.S. Treasury Note	November 15, 2019	839,911
U.S. Treasury Note	May 15, 2019	548,006
U.S. Treasury Note	November 15, 2015	532,511
U.S. Treasury Note	August 15, 2020	529,681
U.S. Treasury Note	February 15, 2021	826,573
U.S. Treasury Note	February 15, 2023	506,831
U.S. Treasury Note	February 15, 2023	261,183
U.S. Treasury Note	February 15, 2023	592,273
U.S. Treasury Note	November 15, 2022	1,927,018
Transamerica Life Insurance Co. (GIC)	December 1, 2028	<u>1,711,600</u>
Total		<u>\$ 8,812,333</u>

CUSTODIAL CREDIT RISK

Custodial Credit Risk for investment securities is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Authority will not be able to recover the value of their investments or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. According to the Authority's investment policy, funds held under a bond indenture or other security agreement will be invested following the current rating agency guidelines and with companies which comply with the ratings noted under Credit Risk.

INTEREST RATE RISK

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. According to the Authority's investment policy, the investment portfolio is structured so that the securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and investment are primarily in money market funds backed with U.S. Treasury obligations. The Authority at June 30, 2014 has investments in guaranteed investment contracts as required by the bond indentures which have interest rates that are fixed for long periods and are subject to more variability in their fair value as a result of future changes in interest rates, as follows:

Description	Interest Rate	Maturity	Fair Value
Transamerica Life Insurance (GIC)	4.10%	December 1, 2028	<u>\$ 1,711,600</u>

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NOTE 2 – CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

CREDIT RISK

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. According to the Authority's investment policy, funds will be invested in Investment Agreements permitted by the Authority's bond indentures. As of June 30, 2014, the Authority's investment in Transamerica Life Insurance Co. Guaranteed Investment Contract was rated AA- by Standard and Poor's and A1 by Moody's Investor Services. If the credit rating of the investment providers decline, the Authority can require the provider to post additional collateral and or other remedies to ensure performance. All the remaining investments are either obligations of the U.S. Government or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government.

CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the Authority's investments in a single issuer. According to the Authority's investment policy, investments will be diversified to minimize the impact of potential losses from concentration in a specific maturity, a specific issuer or specific class of security. The Transamerica Life Insurance (GIC) of \$1,711,600 represents 19% of the Authority's investments.

NOTE 3 – LOANS RECEIVABLE

Loans receivable represent the unpaid portion of Federal Family Education Loans (FFELP) originated or purchased by the Authority. These loans are guaranteed by the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority (RIHEAA), a related party (Note 13), and other guarantors which have guarantee agreements covering all or a substantial portion of each loan with the U.S. Department of Education (DOE). The Authority also originates and holds state based private education loans for qualified students and their families.

The FFELP loans have both fixed and variable interest rates which are established by the DOE, and repayment terms which are dependent on the loan type. The return on FFELP loans that lenders actually realize is based on formulas administered by the DOE and is dependent on loan type and date of origination. Any payment by borrowers in excess of the formulas must be returned to the DOE for loans originated after April 1, 2006. The DOE subsidizes the interest for certain FFELP loans during the borrowers' in-school, in-grace, and authorized deferment periods. The subsidized interest rate is determined by a formula and based on indexes published by the U.S. Department of Education. The interest subsidy is included with interest income on loans receivable in the accompanying Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. The state based private loans have fixed and variable interest rates with repayment terms between 10 years from the date of disbursement to 15 years from the date the student is no longer enrolled in an eligible institution.

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NOTE 3 – LOANS RECEIVABLE (CONTINUED)

Loan receivables at June 30, 2014 and 2013 are as follows:

	2014	2013
FFELP loan receivable	\$ 392,989,999	\$ 451,106,950
Private loan receivables	393,790,468	407,425,806
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(49,098,415)	(47,732,248)
 Total loan receivable	 \$ 737,682,052	 \$ 810,800,508

NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital activity during the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 was as follows:

	Balance at June 30, 2013	Additions	Disposals	Balance at June 30, 2014
Cost:				
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 61,287	\$ 20,010	\$ --	\$ 81,297
Equipment	381,119	83,934	--	465,053
Leasehold improvements	40,706		--	40,706
 Total Cost	 483,112	 103,944	 --	 587,056
Accumulated Depreciation:				
Furniture and fixtures	55,839	4,793	--	60,632
Equipment	303,427	52,745	--	356,172
Leasehold improvements	31,402	2,181	--	33,583
 Total Accumulated Depreciation	 390,668	 59,719	 --	 450,387
 Net Capital Assets	 \$ 92,444	 \$ 44,225	 \$ --	 \$ 136,669

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NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

	Balance at June 30, 2012	Additions	Disposals	Balance at June 30, 2013
Cost:				
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 61,287	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 61,287
Equipment	350,946	30,173	--	381,119
Leasehold improvements	<u>29,807</u>	<u>10,899</u>	--	<u>40,706</u>
Total Cost	<u>442,040</u>	<u>41,072</u>	--	<u>483,112</u>
Accumulated Depreciation:				
Furniture and fixtures	52,548	3,291	--	55,839
Equipment	261,388	42,039	--	303,427
Leasehold improvements	<u>29,807</u>	<u>1,595</u>	--	<u>31,402</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>343,743</u>	<u>46,925</u>	--	<u>390,668</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 98,297</u>	<u>\$ (5,853)</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ 92,444</u>

NOTE 5 – OPERATING LEASES

The Authority leases its facility from the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority (RIHEAA) which is a related party (Note 10) under an operating lease. The lease requires monthly rental payments of \$9,688.58. The lease agreement expires on October 31, 2014 and contains an automatic two year renewal. Lease expense for the year ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 was \$117,973 and \$121,392, respectively.

The future minimum lease payments are summarized below:

Year Ending <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2015	\$ 116,263
2016	116,263
2017	<u>38,754</u>
Total	<u>\$ 271,280</u>

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NOTE 6 – BONDS PAYABLE

On March 13, 1997, the Authority issued tax exempt auction rate and fixed rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$45,000,000 (Series 1) and \$5,000,000 (Series 2). The Authority also issued taxable auction rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a face value of \$25,000,000 (Series 3). The Series 1 bonds are auction rate securities bearing interest at a rate reset every thirty five days. The existing auction rate at June 30, 2014 and 2013 was .105% and .263% for Series 1 bonds. The Series 2 bonds pay interest ranging from 4.5% to 5.75% and matured in FY 2012. The proceeds of the issuance were used to originate and purchase eligible student loans. The 1997 Series 3 bonds were redeemed and retired in FY 2004. The final maturity of the 1997 Series 2 bonds occurred in FY 2013.

On April 15, 1998, the Authority issued tax exempt auction rate and fixed rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$55,000,000 (Series 1) and \$5,000,000 (Series 2). The Authority also issued taxable auction rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$20,000,000 (Series 3). The Series 1 bonds are auction rate securities bearing interest at a rate reset every thirty five days. The existing action rate at June 30, 2014 and 2013 was .088% and .123% for Series 1 bonds. The Series 2 bonds pay interest ranging from 4.35% to 5.35% and matured in 2012. The proceeds of the issuance were used to originate and purchase eligible student loans. The 1998 Series 3 bonds were redeemed and retired in FY 2004. The 1998 Series 2 Bonds were redeemed and retired in FY 2012.

On March 1, 1999, the Authority issued tax exempt auction rate and fixed rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$64,000,000 (Series 1) and \$6,000,000 (Series 2). The Authority also issued taxable auction rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$30,000,000 (Series 3). The Series 1 bonds are auction rate securities bearing interest at a rate reset every thirty five days. The existing auction rate at June 30, 2012 was .350% for Series 1 bonds. The Series 2 bonds pay interest ranging from 3.75% to 4.95% and matured in 2012. The proceeds of the issuance were used to originate and purchase eligible student loans. The 1999 Series 3 bonds were redeemed and retired in FY 2004. The 1999 Series 2 bonds were redeemed and retired in FY 2012. The 1999 Series 1 bonds were redeemed and retired in FY 2013.

On March 15, 2000, the Authority issued tax exempt auction rate and fixed rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$32,000,000 (Series 1), \$32,000,000 (Series 2) and \$6,000,000 (Series 3). The Authority also issued taxable variable rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$30,000,000 (Series 4). The Series 1 bonds are auction rate securities bearing interest at a rate reset every thirty five days. The existing auction rate at June 30, 2014 and 2013 was .228% and .245% for Series 1 bond, respectively. The Series 3 bonds pay interest ranging from 5.0% to 5.9% and matured in FY 2012. The proceeds of the issuance were used to originate and purchase eligible student loans. The 2000 Series 2 bonds were redeemed and retired in FY 2011. The 2000 Series 3 bonds were redeemed and retired in FY 2013.

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NOTE 6 – BONDS PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

On February 19, 2003 the Authority issued tax exempt auction rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$36,150,000 (Series 1), \$73,850,000 (Series 2). The Authority also issued taxable auction rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$30,000,000 (Series 3). The Series 2 and Series 3 bonds are auction rate securities bearing interest at a rate reset every thirty five days for the Series 2 and every twenty eight days for the Series 3. In May 2007, \$16,150,000 of the Series 1 bonds were converted from auction rate to fixed rate bonds paying interest at 4.85%. The existing auction rate at June 30, 2014 and 2013 was .158% and .245% for Series 2 and .532% and .573% for Series 3 bonds, respectively. Proceeds of this issuance were used to refund \$8,900,000 of the August 21, 1992 Senior Series A bonds outstanding, \$1,100,000 of the August 21, 1992 Subordinate Series 1 bonds outstanding, \$10,000,000 of the September 28, 1993 Senior Series bonds outstanding, \$2,400,000 of the September 28, 1993 Subordinate Series 1 bonds outstanding and to originate and purchase eligible student loans. The Series 1 auction rate bonds were redeemed and retired in FY 2013.

On April 29, 2003 the Authority issued taxable auction rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$15,000,000 (Series 4), \$15,000,000 (Series 5). The Series 4 and Series 5 bonds are auction rate securities bearing interest at a rate reset every twenty eight days. The existing auction rate at June 30, 2014 and 2013 was .668% and .679% for Series 4. Proceeds of this issuance were used to originate and purchase eligible student loans. The 2003 Series 5 bonds were redeemed and retired in FY 2010.

On January 21, 2004, the Authority issued Tax Exempt Auction Rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$38,000,000 (Series A1); \$38,000,000 (Series A2). The Authority also issued Fixed Rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$24,000,000 (Series A3). The Series A1 and Series A2 bonds are auction rate securities bearing interest at a rate reset every thirty five days. The existing auction rate at June 30, 2014 and 2013 for Series A2 was .300%. The Series A3 bond pays interest ranging from 1.50% to 4.25% and mature between 2005 and 2018. Proceeds of this issuance were used to originate and purchase eligible student loans. The 2004 Series A1 bonds were redeemed and retired in FY 2011.

On July 27, 2006, the Authority issued Tax Exempt Auction Rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$30,000,000 (Series 1); \$30,000,000 (Series 2). The Authority also issued Fixed Rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$40,000,000 (Series 3). The Series 1 and Series 2 Bonds are auction rate securities bearing interest at a rate reset every thirty five days. The existing auction rate at June 30, 2014 and 2013 was .300% and .420% for Series 1 and for Series 2. The Series 3 bond pays interest ranging from 4.6% to 4.9% and mature between 2007 and 2026. Proceeds of this issuance were used to originate and purchase eligible student loans. The 2006 Series 3 bonds were redeemed and retired in FY 2013.

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NOTE 6 – BONDS PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

On May 1, 2008, the Authority issued Tax Exempt Fixed Rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$60,000,000 (Senior Series A); \$4,000,000 (Subordinated Series I). The Senior Series A bonds pays interest ranging from 4.75% to 6.00% and mature between 2013 and 2028. The Subordinated Series I bonds pays interest at 6.75% and mature in 2028. Proceeds of this issuance were used to originate and purchase eligible student loans.

On August 5, 2008, the Authority issued Tax Exempt Weekly Interest Rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$20,000,000 (Series B-1); \$20,000,000 (Series B-2); \$25,000,000 (Series B-3); \$20,000,000 (Series B-4). The Authority also issued Taxable Weekly Interest Rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$15,000,000 (Series B-5). The existing interest rate for the Series B-5 at June 30, 2013 was .150% and matures in 2048. Proceeds from the Series B-1, Series B-2 and Series B-3 were exchanged for the like principal amount of the 1996 Series I, Series II and Series III bonds (collectively the 1996 bonds). The 1996 bonds were canceled and are no longer outstanding under the indenture in which they were issued. Proceeds from the issuance of the Series B-4 and Series B-5 are used to originate and purchase eligible student loans. On August 30, 2012, the 2008 Series B1 through B4 bonds were refinanced and redeemed with the proceeds of the 2012 B bonds. On June 24, 2014, the 2008 Series B5 bonds were refinanced and redeemed with the proceeds of the 2014-1 bonds.

On July 9, 2009, the Authority issued Tax Exempt Fixed Rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$25,570,000 (Senior Series A). The Senior Series A bonds pays interest ranging from 4.20% to 6.30% and mature between 2013 and 2029. Proceeds of this issuance were used to originate and purchase eligible student loans.

On March 31, 2010, the Authority issued Tax Exempt Fixed Rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$16,970,000 (Senior Series A). The Senior Series A bonds pays interest ranging from 2.25% to 5.25% and mature between 2013 and 2027. Proceeds of this issuance were used to originate and purchase eligible student loans.

On December 16, 2010, the Authority issued Tax Exempt Fixed Rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$25,570,000 (Senior Series B). The Senior Series B bonds pays interest ranging from 2.00% to 5.00% and mature between 2012 and 2026. Proceeds of this issuance were used to originate and purchase eligible student loans.

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NOTE 6 – BONDS PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

On October 6, 2011, the Authority issued Taxable Weekly Interest Rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a nominal value of \$18,000,000 (Senior Series A). The interest rate on the Senior Series A bonds is reset weekly. The interest rate for the Senior Series A bonds was .160% at June 30, 2012 and matures in 2051. Proceeds from this issuance were used to acquire eligible student loans financed by other bond issues of the Authority. On June 24, 2014, the 2011 Senior Series A bonds were refinanced and redeemed with the proceeds of the 2014-1 bonds.

On March 21, 2012, the Authority issued Tax Exempt Fixed Rate Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds with a face value of \$17,940,000 (Senior Series A). The Senior Series A bonds pays interest ranging from 2.00% to 4.00% and mature between 2013 and 2026. Proceeds of this issuance were used to originate and purchase eligible student loans.

On August 30, 2012, the Authority issued \$111,000,000 in 2012 Series-1 Taxable LIBOR Floating Rate Notes. The 2012 Series-1 Notes bear interest at a rate of one month LIBOR plus .90%. The interest rate resets on the second business day of each month. The notes have a final maturity date on July 1, 2031. On June 30, 2014 and 2013 interest on the 2012 Series -1 Notes was 1.051% and 1.09378%, respectively. Proceeds of the notes were used to finance eligible student loans and refund and redeem certain obligations of the Authority.

On August 30, 2012, the Authority issued \$78,000,000 in 2012 Series B taxable Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds. The interest rate on the bonds resets weekly. The bonds have a final maturity date of June 1, 2052. On June 30, 2013 interest on the 2012-B Bonds was .12%. Proceeds of the bonds were used to finance eligible student loans and to refund and redeem the 2008 Series B-1 through B-4 Bonds. On June 24, 2014, the 2012 Series B bonds were refinanced and redeemed with the proceeds of the 2014-1 bonds.

On November 19, 2012, the Authority issued \$260,000,000 in 2012-2 Taxable LIBOR Floating Rate Notes. The 2012-2 Notes bear interest at a rate of one month LIBOR plus .65%. The interest rate resets on the second business day of each month. The notes have a final maturity date of September 1, 2036. On June 30, 2014 interest on the 2012-2 Notes was .801%. Proceeds of the notes were used to finance eligible student loans and refund and redeem certain obligations of the Authority.

On March 8, 2013, the Authority issued \$67,525,000 in 2013 Tax Exempt Senior Series A Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds. The bonds are fixed rate with interest rates between 2.00% and 3.75% and maturities ranging from December 1, 2013 through December 1, 2028. Proceeds of the bonds were used to originate and purchase eligible student loans. Proceeds were also utilized to retire and redeem certain obligations of the Authority.

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NOTE 6 – BONDS PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

On April 9, 2014, the Authority issued \$34,750,000 in 2014 Tax Exempt Senior Series A Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds. The bonds are fixed rate with interest between 4.00% and 5.00% and maturities ranging from December 1, 2015 through December 1, 2029. Costs to issue the bonds amounted to \$484,918. Proceeds of the bonds are used to originate and purchase eligible student loans and to fund the Debt Service Reserve Fund.

On June 24, 2014, the Authority issued \$93,100,000 in 2014-1 Taxable LIBOR Floating Rate Notes. The 2014-1 Notes bear interest at a rate of one month LIBOR plus .70%. The interest rate resets on the second business day of each month. The notes have a final maturity date of October 2, 2028. On June 30, 2014 interest on the 2014-1 Notes was .86463%. Proceeds of the notes were used to refund and redeem certain obligations of the Authority.

In 2014 and 2013, the Authority redeemed bonds from various Student Loan Program Revenue Bonds. The Bonds were retired at par or at a discount of the Bond's stated par value ranging from 93% to 100% and 91% to 100% in 2014 and 2013, respectively. \$40,105,000 and \$207,200,000 of the outstanding Bonds were retired which resulted in a gain in the amount of \$545,000 and \$10,045,000 in 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Payment of principal and interest on the 1997, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2006 bonds are insured by a municipal bond insurance policy, issued by Ambac Assurance Corporation. Ambac's parent corporation emerged from bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the U.S. bankruptcy code in May 2013. Standard and Poor's rating services and Fitch rating services have withdrawn rating on all debt insured by Ambac. Management strongly believes that the Authority will continue to meet its obligations under the bond issues and trust indentures insured by Ambac.

Interest on all tax-exempt bonds issued by the Authority is payable semi-annually. Interest on taxable auction rate bonds is paid every 28 days on the day after an interest rate reset. Interest on taxable variable rate demand obligation bonds is paid on the first business day of every month. The bonds are secured by eligible student loans, monies in restricted funds established by the trust indenture including investment earnings, payment of principal and interest, federal interest subsidy payments, special allowance payments, claim payments by Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority or other guarantors, and proceeds of any sale or assignment by the Authority of any loans.

Pursuant to the terms of the various Trust Indentures, the Authority placed the proceeds of the bonds into various restricted funds. The loan fund was established to account for all recoveries of principal and any amounts which are required to be deposited therein pursuant to the Trust Indentures and to fund the origination and purchase of eligible student loans as described in the Trust Indenture. The revenue fund was established for the recoveries of interest investment earnings from all accounts and for interest payments. The reserve fund was established for the payment of interest in the event that the Authority does not have sufficient funds from other sources.

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NOTE 6 – BONDS PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

The required reserve for the March 1997, April 1998, Series 1, 2 and 3 of the March 2000, February 2002, February 2003, and April 2003 Bond issues is 2% of principal bonds outstanding. The required reserve for the January 2004 and July 2006 Bond issues is 1% of principal bonds outstanding. The required reserve for the May 2008 bond issue is 4% of the principal bonds outstanding. The required reserve for the July 2009, March 2010, December 2010, March 2012, March 2013 and April 2014 Bond issues is 3% of principal bonds outstanding. The required reserve for the August 2012 bond issue is the greater of .25% of the principal bonds outstanding or \$250,000. The required reserve for the November 2012 bond issue is the greater of .25% of principal bonds outstanding or \$390,000. The required reserve for the June 2014 bond issue is \$250,000. The Authority has purchased a surety bond issued by Ambac to fulfill the debt reserve fund obligation for the March 2000, February 2002, April 2003 and July 2006 Bond issues.

The Trust Indentures also require the establishment of other restricted funds (administrative and rebate funds). The Authority also established the restricted clearing account to account for transfers between restricted funds.

The Authority has been in compliance with the respective debt covenants as outlined in the Trust Indentures for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

The Authority maintained a Letter of Credit in the original stated amount of \$113,052,740 on its 2008 Series B-5, 2011 Series A and 2012 Series B Weekly Adjustable Interest Rate Bond. The letter of credit expired in June 2014 as part of the issuance of the 2014-1 Series Bonds and was not renewed.

The following schedule summarizes the Authority's outstanding bonds payable as of June 30:

<u>Bond Issue</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
March 1997		
Series I	\$20,600,000	\$20,600,000
April 1998		
Series I	4,500,000	4,500,000
March 2000		
Series I	2,000,000	2,000,000
February 2002		
Series 1	7,500,000	16,900,000

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February 2003		
Series 1.....	4,000,000	6,650,000
Series 2.....	2,500,000	2,500,000
Series 3.....	2,200,000	2,800,000
April 2003		
Series 4.....	750,000	2,050,000
January 2004		
Series A-2	10,000,000	14,500,000
Series A-3	5,740,000	7,520,000
July 2006		
Series 1.....	14,850,000	17,850,000
Series 2.....	23,850,000	23,850,000
May 2008		
Senior Series A	36,045,000	41,125,000
Subordinated Series I.....	4,000,000	4,000,000
August 2008		
Series B-5.....	0	11,000,000
July 2009		
Senior Series A	16,995,000	21,070,000
March 2010		
Senior Series A	15,675,000	16,970,000
December 2010		
Senior Series B.....	22,355,000	25,020,000
October 2011		
Series A.....	0	18,000,000
March 2012		
Senior Series A	16,490,000	17,940,000
August 2012		
Series B.....	0	76,000,000

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August 2012		
Series 2012-1	83,366,000	96,522,000
November 2012		
Series 2012-2	211,781,000	245,907,000
March 2013		
Senior Series A	65,525,000	67,525,000
April 2014		
Senior Series A	34,750,000	0
June 2014		
Series 2014-1	<u>93,100,000</u>	<u> </u>
Subtotal	698,572,000	762,799,000
Add: premium	2,755,970	1,887,206
Less: discount	467,471	360,727
Less: current portion	<u>11,180,000</u>	<u>9,690,000</u>
Total	<u>\$689,680,499</u>	<u>\$754,635,479</u>

The following schedule reflects the changes in bonds payable:

Balance at June 30, 2012	\$ 565,855,000
Additions	516,525,000
Retirements	<u>(319,581,000)</u>
Balance at June 30, 2013	762,799,000
Additions	127,850,000
Retirements	<u>(192,077,000)</u>
Balance at June 30, 2014	<u>\$ 698,572,000</u>

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NOTE 6 – BONDS PAYABLE (CONTINUED)

Presented below is a summary of debt service requirements to maturity for fiscal years ending June 30:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2015	\$ 11,180,000	\$ 13,729,917	\$ 24,909,917
2016	13,060,000	13,293,878	26,353,878
2017	13,735,000	12,730,543	26,465,543
2018	14,115,000	12,156,502	26,271,502
2019	15,435,000	11,430,185	26,865,185
2020	15,580,000	10,816,034	26,396,034
2021	16,120,000	10,234,521	26,354,521
2022	16,120,000	9,468,168	25,588,168
2023	14,995,000	8,822,338	23,817,338
2024	15,495,000	8,269,348	23,764,348
2025	17,040,000	7,616,278	24,656,278
2026	16,370,000	6,839,016	23,209,016
2027	12,655,000	6,082,756	18,737,756
2028	10,415,000	5,466,686	15,881,686
2029	102,650,000	4,956,747	107,606,747
2030	2,665,000	3,647,151	6,312,151
2031	28,145,000	3,392,979	31,537,979
2032	83,366,000	2,500,452	85,866,452
2033	--	2,425,440	2,425,440
2034	--	2,425,440	2,425,440
2035	2,000,000	2,422,804	4,422,804
2036	750,000	2,418,932	3,168,932
2037	219,281,000	803,021	220,084,021
2038	8,700,000	234,557	8,934,557
2039	10,000,000	128,758	10,128,758
2040	--	116,418	116,418
2041	<u>38,700,000</u>	<u>48,985</u>	<u>38,748,985</u>
Total	<u>\$ 698,572,000</u>	<u>\$ 162,477,854</u>	<u>\$ 861,049,854</u>

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NOTE 7 – ACCRUED ARBITRAGE REBATE

Accrued arbitrage rebate at June 30, 2014 and 2013 consisted of the following:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Current portion	\$ 62,968	\$ 9,008,854
Noncurrent portion	<u>1,755,074</u>	<u>886,032</u>
Total Accrued Arbitrage Rebate	<u>\$ 1,818,042</u>	<u>\$ 9,894,886</u>

The following schedule reflects the changes in accrued arbitrage rebate:

Balance at June 30, 2012	\$ 11,428,213
Increase	631,353
Decrease	<u>(2,164,680)</u>
Balance at June 30, 2013	9,894,886
Increase	929,013
Decrease	<u>(9,005,857)</u>
Balance at June 30, 2014	<u>\$ 1,818,042</u>

In July 2012, the Authority submitted a request to the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) for a voluntary closing agreement (VCA) with respect to certain tax-exempt bonds issued by the Authority, as described in IRS Announcement 2012-14, 2012-14 I.R.B. 721. On September 27, 2013, the Authority signed a VCA with the IRS. The VCA relate to various bond issues from Series 1997-1 through Series 2006-2 (the Bonds). The closing agreement provides that the interest on the Bonds will remain excluded from gross income of the holders. The Authority also agreed to discontinue the practice of reallocating loans from one Bond issue to another Bond issue except as permitted by IRS regulations and that the Authority pay a settlement amount to the IRS. The closing agreement also provides that the Authority has no acquired purpose arbitrage liability on the Bonds.

NOTE 8 – LOAN SERVICING AGREEMENTS

In April 2011, the Authority entered into a servicing agreement with Nelnet Servicing LLC (Nelnet), under which Nelnet collects and accounts for the principal and interest on FFELP loans originated and purchased by the Authority and placed with Nelnet for servicing for a monthly fee, which is based on the borrower status of the loans being serviced. Nelnet is also responsible for servicing the loans in a diligent manner according to regulations established by the DOE. This agreement is in effect until terminated or modified.

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NOTE 8 – LOAN SERVICING AGREEMENTS (CONTINUED)

In July 1992, the Authority entered into a servicing agreement with Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Authority (PHEAA) under which PHEAA collects and accounts for the principal and interest on the Rhode Island Family Education Loans placed with PHEAA for servicing for a monthly fee which is based on the number of loans in repayment status. PHEAA is also responsible for servicing the loans in a diligent manner according to the terms of the servicing contract. The agreement continues on a month to month basis until a new agreement is entered into.

In July 2010, the Authority entered into a servicing agreement with University Accounting Services (UAS) under which UAS provides access to their servicing system software and the Authority collects and accounts for the principal and interest on the private loans that the Authority originated. UAS is responsible for maintaining the servicing system. The fees charged are based upon the volume and types of loans being serviced on a monthly basis. The contract does call for certain payments to be processed by UAS and these transactions are charged on a per transaction basis. This agreement is in effect until terminated or modified.

In June 2003, the Authority entered into a servicing agreement with Great Lakes Educational Loan Services, Inc. (Great Lakes) under which Great Lakes collects and accounts for principal and interest on FFELP loans originated and purchased by the Authority and placed with Great Lakes for servicing for a monthly fee, which is detailed in the agreement. Great Lakes is also responsible for servicing loans in a diligent manner according to regulations established by DOE. This agreement is in effect until terminated or modified.

In December 2012 the Authority entered into a servicing agreement with Aspire Resources Inc. to perform all servicing activities related to Federal Student Loans that were allocated to the Authority as an eligible Not for Profit Servicer under the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (HCERA). Aspire entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Education (DOE) and having satisfied the requirements of the MOU, they subsequently signed a contract with the DOE to service and manage federally-owned loan assets. The contract with the DOE allows Aspire to add the Authority as a Key Subcontractor. In March 2013, 100,000 borrower accounts were transferred to Aspire for servicing. Aspire is responsible for servicing all of the federal accounts according to the DOE Contract and pays the Authority a monthly fee based upon the borrower status of the loans being serviced. In addition, Aspire paid the Authority a one-time up-front fee of \$715,000 which is deferred and amortized over four years. This fee can be fully realized by the Authority only if the Authority does not initiate the opening of a call center to handle inbound and outbound borrower call volume. The contract expires March 31, 2017.

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NOTE 8 – LOAN SERVICING AGREEMENTS (CONTINUED)

After year two of the agreement, the Authority has the option to perform certain call center functions associated with loan servicing. If this option is exercised, the monthly payments made to the Authority will increase but will still be based upon the borrower status of the loans being serviced.

The Authority received \$397,048 and \$126,147 in revenue from Aspire to service the Federal Student Loans for the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

NOTE 9 – DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN

In July 1989, the Authority established a defined single-employer contribution plan named Rhode Island Student Loan Authority pursuant to Section 403 (b) of the Internal Revenue Code, which provides pension benefits for all of its full-time employees. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. The assets of the plan are held with the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and the College Retirement Equities Fund. Employees are eligible to participate on the first of the month following employment. The Authority contributes 10% of the employee's salary each month and all contributions and investment earnings are fully vested immediately. Employer contributions for 2014 and 2013 amounted to \$242,283 and \$244,101, respectively. Employee contributions for 2014 and 2013 amounted to \$141,956 and \$132,136 respectively. All plan provisions and amendments require Board approval. There are no post-retirement benefits for Authority employees.

NOTE 10 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Rhode Island Student Loan Authority is a related party to RIHEAA. RIHEAA is a public instrumentality created for the dual purpose of guaranteeing loans to students in eligible institutions and administering other programs of post-secondary student financial assistance assigned by law. RIHEAA is a component unit of the State of Rhode Island for financial reporting purposes. The outstanding FFELP loans guaranteed by RIHEAA was \$369,144,698 and \$423,231,633 at June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Facility lease expense paid to RIHEAA for fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 was approximately \$117,973 and \$121,392, respectively.

NOTE 11 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; errors and omissions; and workers' compensation claims for which the Authority carries commercial insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded the Authority's coverage in any of the past three fiscal years and there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage. Accordingly, management has estimated the reserve for such claims to be \$-0- at June 30, 2014 and 2013.

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NOTE 12 – SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In August 2014, \$2,000,000 in outstanding bonds were retired at the Bonds stated par value. Except as noted in the preceding sentence, no other events required recognition or disclosure in the financial statements were identified as of October 27, 2014, the date the financial statements were available for issuance.

NOTE 13 – RESTATEMENT

Net position has been restated as of June 30, 2012 to reflect the implementation of GASB Statement No. 65 – *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities*. Implementation of this new standard resulted in the removal of bond issuance costs as an asset from the Statement of Net Position. Under GASB Statement No. 65, bond issuance costs (excluding bond insurance costs) are recorded as an expense in the year the costs are incurred rather than amortizing those costs over the life of the bond obligation. As a result, the unamortized bond issuance costs as of June 30, 2012 of \$3,825,103 have been retroactively removed from the opening net position balance. The following reflects the effect of implementation of GASB No. 65:

Net Position, June 30, 2012 as originally stated	\$ 122,221,328
Less write-off of bond issuance costs, net	<u>(3,825,103)</u>
Net Position, June 30, 2012 as restated	118,396,225
Add change in net position, June 30, 2013 as originally stated	18,620,620
Less 2013 bond issuance costs	<u>(2,968,422)</u>
Add 2013 bond issuance amortization expense	1,867,392
Net Position, June 30, 2013 as restated	<u><u>\$ 135,915,815</u></u>



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