



SOUTH CENTRAL
SCHOLARS

(A NONPROFIT CALIFORNIA CORPORATION)

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To The Board of Directors
South Central Scholars
(A Nonprofit California Corporation)

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of South Central Scholars (a nonprofit California organization) ("SCS" or the "Organization"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of South Central Scholars as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



July 30, 2015

SOUTH CENTRAL SCHOLARS
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

<i>As of December 31,</i>	2014	2013
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,107,362	\$ 791,926
Contributions receivable	12,500	162,900
Prepaid expenses	5,381	5,378
Total current assets	1,125,243	960,204
Investments, at fair value	525,183	518,265
Property and equipment, net	813	1,482
Other assets	2,964	2,964
Total assets	\$ 1,654,203	\$ 1,482,915
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 20,700	\$ 13,131
Total current liabilities	20,700	13,131
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	1,433,503	1,069,784
Temporarily restricted	200,000	400,000
Total net assets	1,633,503	1,469,784
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 1,654,203	\$ 1,482,915

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

<i>For the year ended December 31, 2014</i>	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Total
Support:			
Contributions - general	\$ 595,788	\$ 212,500	\$ 808,288
Contributions - in-kind	24,599	-	24,599
Grants and other support	639,028	100,000	739,028
Special event, net of \$66,267 of direct costs	193,404	-	193,404
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of program/donor restrictions	512,500	(512,500)	-
Total support	1,965,319	(200,000)	1,765,319
Net investment income:			
Net dividends and interest	14,535	-	14,535
Net loss on investments	(8,111)	-	(8,111)
Total net investment income	6,424	-	6,424
Total support and net investment income	1,971,743	(200,000)	1,771,743
Expenses:			
Program expenses	1,377,625	-	1,377,625
Fundraising expenses	33,114	-	33,114
General and administrative expenses	197,285	-	197,285
Total expenses	1,608,024	-	1,608,024
Change in net assets	363,719	(200,000)	163,719
Net assets, beginning of year	1,069,784	400,000	1,469,784
Net assets, end of year	\$ 1,433,503	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,633,503

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<i>For the year ended December 31, 2013</i>	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Total
Support:			
Contributions - general	\$ 647,444	\$ 629,300	\$ 1,276,744
Contributions - in-kind	16,980	-	16,980
Grants and other support	159,293	-	159,293
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of program/donor restrictions	629,300	(629,300)	-
Total support	1,453,017	-	1,453,017
Net investment income:			
Net dividends and interest	23,712	-	23,712
Net loss on investments	(19,909)	-	(19,909)
Total net investment income	3,803	-	3,803
Total support and net investment income	1,456,820	-	1,456,820
Expenses:			
Program expenses	849,503	-	849,503
Fundraising expenses	28,581	-	28,581
General and administrative expenses	177,082	-	177,082
Total expenses	1,055,166	-	1,055,166
Change in net assets	401,654	-	401,654
Net assets, beginning of year	668,130	400,000	1,068,130
Net assets, end of year	\$ 1,069,784	\$ 400,000	\$ 1,469,784

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SOUTH CENTRAL SCHOLARS
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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

<i>For the year ended December 31, 2014</i>	Program	Fundraising	General and administrative	Total
Scholarships	\$ 656,892	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 656,892
Seminars and workshops	377,417	-	-	377,417
Salaries	275,635	21,000	57,586	354,221
Office supplies and expenses	20,987	6,296	14,691	41,974
Rent	-	-	41,652	41,652
Database maintenance	-	-	37,188	37,188
Insurance	18,150	1,410	10,697	30,257
Taxes	20,561	1,894	7,713	30,168
Accounting fees	-	-	16,792	16,792
In-kind legal fees			7,619	7,619
Telephone	3,636	485	727	4,848
Travel	4,347	-	-	4,347
Outside services	-	2,029	1,951	3,980
Depreciation	-	-	669	669
	\$ 1,377,625	\$ 33,114	\$ 197,285	\$ 1,608,024

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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

<i>For the year ended December 31, 2013</i>	Program	Fundraising	General and administrative	Total
Scholarships	\$ 345,858	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 345,858
Salaries	216,047	19,547	49,582	285,176
Seminars and workshops	244,756	-	-	244,756
Rent	-	-	35,173	35,173
Office supplies and expenses	-	-	33,341	33,341
Insurance	12,092	923	13,841	26,856
Taxes	18,336	1,689	4,329	24,354
In-kind legal fees	-	-	16,980	16,980
Accounting fees	-	-	13,271	13,271
Travel	8,329	-	-	8,329
Telephone	4,085	-	4,085	8,170
Outside services	-	6,422	1,292	7,714
Database maintenance	-	-	4,188	4,188
Depreciation	-	-	1,000	1,000
	\$ 849,503	\$ 28,581	\$ 177,082	\$ 1,055,166

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

<i>For the years ended December 31,</i>	2014	2013
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 163,719	\$ 401,654
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash flow provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	669	1,000
Net losses on investments	8,111	19,909
Increase/decrease in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease (increase) in contributions receivable	150,400	(108,750)
Increase in prepaid expenses	(3)	(5,378)
Increase in other assets	-	(1,267)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	7,569	(39,913)
Net cash provided by operating activities	330,465	267,255
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Acquisition of investments	(40,260)	(158,370)
Proceeds from sale of investments	25,231	114,970
Net cash used in investing activities	(15,029)	(43,400)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	315,436	223,855
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	791,926	568,071
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 1,107,362	\$ 791,926
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Non-cash transactions:		
Receipt of in-kind contributed goods and services and recognition of corresponding expenses	\$ 24,599	\$ 16,980

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NOTE 1

PURPOSE AND ACTIVITIES

South Central Scholars (“SCS” or the “Organization”) is managed by a group of successful professional volunteers who work with disadvantaged, highly motivated, inner city high school students to help them be successful in college and graduate school, develop their full potential, and become future leaders, both within SCS and the community. The Organization provides a wide range of support to the students including bridge scholarships, an opportunity fund, mentoring programs, job and internship programs and community support.

The Organization is supported by contributions from its board, corporations and the general public.

Bridge scholarships are intended to close the shortfall between the amount of money offered in the financial package from a college or university (grants, loans, and work study) and the actual cost of a student's college education. The Organization's opportunity fund provides students with resources and financial support for special academic opportunities including foreign study, computers, tutors, conferences and stipends for summer internships.

In the mentoring programs, the students are partnered with caring, educated adults who can provide encouragement, guidance, advice and friendship. The mentors are successful professionals who assist the students interested in their chosen fields.

In the jobs and internships program, the Organization provides students with unique summer job opportunities. These jobs not only supplement the income of the students but

provide them with opportunities to explore fields in which they have an interest.

In addition, the members of SCS (mentors, employers, volunteers and students) serve as a support community to students as they progress through and obtain their undergraduate and graduate degrees. Each year newly graduated college students will become members of this support community. This growing community is designed to keep these students involved with the Organization and to assist students newly accepted into the program. The Organization's goal is to instill a sense of social responsibility and dedication to academic success in the South Central Los Angeles community.

NOTE 2

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation:

The Organization's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”). The Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) has established the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) as the sole source of authoritative accounting to be applied by nongovernmental entities in the preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP.

In preparing these financial statements, the Organization evaluated the period from December 31, 2014 through July 30, 2015, the date that the financial statements were made available to be issued, for subsequent events requiring recognition or disclosure in the accompanying financial statements.

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Use of estimates:

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

Net assets:

In accordance with ASC 958-205, *Not-For-Profit Entities – Presentation of Financial Statements*, the Organization's net assets, revenues, gains, expenses, and losses are classified as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, and permanently restricted based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. These classifications are defined as follows:

- *Unrestricted net assets* – Net assets that do not contain donor restrictions or the donor-imposed restrictions have expired due to the Organization's fulfillment of the restrictions and/or by the passage of time.
- *Temporarily restricted net assets* – Net assets that contain donor-imposed restrictions that permit the Organization to use or expend the donated net assets as specified and are satisfied either by the passage of time and/or by the actions of the Organization.
- *Permanently restricted net assets* – Net assets that contain donor-imposed stipulations that neither expire by passage of time nor can be fulfilled or

otherwise removed by actions of the Organization.

Revenues and support:

Contributions and grants are recorded in the period pledged or granted. Gifts of cash and other assets are reported as temporarily restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that specify the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Organization had \$12,500 and \$162,900 respectively, in contributions receivable from various donors. Management believes that all contributions receivable are fully collectible and therefore has not recorded an allowance for uncollectible contributions receivable.

In-kind contributions and services:

Contributions of donated non-cash assets and services are recorded at their fair values in the period received.

Contributed services are recognized as contributions in accordance with ASC 958-605 and subsections, *Not-for-profit Entities – Revenue Recognition*, if the services (a) create or enhance nonfinancial assets or (b) require licensed skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would otherwise be purchased by the Organization.

Members of the Board of Directors and certain other volunteers provided services to SCS without compensation. The value of these

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services is not recorded in the financial statements since the services would not have been purchased if not provided by donation.

In-kind contributions are recorded at fair market value. Total in-kind donations and services received consisted of the following:

<i>For the years ended December 31,</i>	2014	2013
Legal services	\$ 24,599	\$ 16,980
Total	\$ 24,599	\$ 16,980

Fair value of financial instruments:

The Organization’s financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, contributions receivable, investments, and accounts payable. All of these with the exception of investments are stated at historical cost or settlement value which approximates fair value. The Organization’s investments are recorded at market value based upon readily available market quotations.

Concentrations of risk:

In 2014 and 2013, SCS derived 36% and 47% of the Organization’s total public support from three and five donors, respectively.

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents (which are federally insured up to certain limits), and investments. Management believes the Organization maintains deposit relationships with financially sound, high quality financial institutions.

The Organization maintains its cash balances with securities brokerage firms and financial institutions. The Organization, at various times, maintains financial instruments in excess of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

maximum insured deposit limit at financial institutions. However, the Organization has not experienced any loss in such accounts to date and does not anticipate non-performance by any of the institutions.

Cash and cash equivalents:

For purposes of the statement of financial position and the statement of cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid instruments purchased with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Investments:

The Organization records its investments at their fair market value. Investment earnings available for distribution are recorded as unrestricted net assets. Gains and losses are included in the statement of activities.

Property and equipment:

Property and equipment are stated at cost, if purchased, or at donated fair market value at the date of acquisition, if contributed, with depreciation provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Equipment	5 years
Furniture	7 years

Expenditures for additions and major improvements are capitalized at cost, whereas the cost of maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. At the time property and equipment are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective asset and accumulated depreciation accounts, and the gain or loss on such dispositions is recorded in the statement of activities.

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Income tax status:

The Organization is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is also exempt from State of California franchise taxes under Section 23701(d) of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, whereby only unrelated business income, as defined by Section 509(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, is subject to federal income tax. The Organization does not believe that during the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 that it had unrelated business income and accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

The Organization follows the provisions of FASB ASC 740, *Income Taxes* and related subsections. Accordingly, the Organization accounts for uncertain tax positions by recording a liability for unrecognized tax benefits resulting from uncertain tax positions taken, or expected to be taken, in its tax returns. The Organization recognizes the effect of income tax positions only if those positions are more likely than not of being sustained by the appropriate taxing authorities. The Organization does not believe that its financial statements include any uncertain tax positions and accordingly, has not recognized any liability for unrecognized tax benefits in the accompanying financial statements.

Functional allocation of expenses:

The cost of providing the various programs and other activities has been summarized on a functional basis. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

Special events:

The Organization conducts special fundraising events in which a portion of the gross proceeds paid by the attendees represents payment for the direct cost of the benefits received at the event. Unless a verifiable, objective means exists to demonstrate otherwise, the fair value of the meals and entertainment provided at special events is measured at the actual cost to the Organization.

The Organization's fundraising event is held once every two years. The Organization held its Gala event during the year ended December 31, 2014.

NOTE 3

INVESTMENTS

FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This standard provides a consistent definition of fair value which focuses on an exit price between market participants in an orderly transaction as prescribed by ASC 820. The standard also prioritizes, within the measurement of fair value, the use of market-based information over entity-specific information and establishes a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based on the transparency of information used in the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date.

Investments measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following categories:

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

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I include listed equities held in the name of the Organization, and exclude listed equities and other securities held indirectly through commingled funds.

Level II – Pricing inputs, including broker quotes, are generally those other than exchange quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date, and fair value is determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies.

Level III – Pricing inputs are unobservable for the investment and includes situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the investment. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation.

Investments that are included in this category generally include privately held investments and partnership interests.

Investments, recorded at fair value using Level I inputs, consists of the following:

<i>As of December 31,</i>	2014	2013
Fixed income mutual funds	\$ 525,183	\$ 518,265
Total investments	\$ 525,183	\$ 518,265

Net investment income and net realized and unrealized gains (losses) consisted of the following:

<i>For the years ended December 31,</i>	2014	2013
Dividends & interest	\$ 14,535	\$ 23,712
Net realized & unrealized losses	(8,111)	(19,909)
Total	\$ 6,424	\$ 3,803

NOTE 4

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Property and equipment, net is summarized as follows:

<i>As of December 31,</i>	2014	2013
Computer equipment	\$ 10,330	\$ 10,330
Less: accumulated depreciation	(9,517)	(8,848)
Total	\$ 813	\$ 1,482

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$669 and \$1,000, respectively.

NOTE 5

COMMITMENTS

Operating leases:

The Organization occupies its office facilities under a lease accounted for as an operating lease. Through June 2013, the Organization leased its facilities on a month to month basis. In July 2013, the Organization signed a three-year lease expiring in June 2016. Monthly rent under the lease is \$2,964.

Total rent expense incurred under the operating lease was \$41,652 and \$29,497 in 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Minimum future annual rental payments under the operating lease are as follows:

<i>For the year ended December 31,</i>	Amount
2015	\$ 35,934
2016	18,150
	\$ 54,084

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NOTE 6

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Individual members of the Organization's Board of Directors made contributions of approximately \$212,298 and \$427,700 in 2014 and 2013, respectively.

NOTE 7

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Amounts received from grants and contributions, whose purpose was restricted for the purpose of student programs and scholarships, are designated as temporarily restricted net assets as follows:

<i>As of December 31,</i>	2014	2013
Scholarships	\$ 200,000	\$ 75,000
Student Programs	-	65,000
Summer Academy	-	135,000
Time Restrictions	-	125,000
Total	\$ 200,000	\$ 400,000