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Form

990

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

2008

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 06-01-2008 and ending 05-31-2009

B Check if applicable
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Termination
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
MARS HILL COLLEGE
Doing Business As
Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)
PO BOX 370
Room/suite
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
MARS HILL, NC 28754

D Employer identification number
56-0554207

E Telephone number
(828) 689-1111

G Gross receipts \$ 41,382,845

F Name and address of Principal Officer
dan lunsford
PO BOX 370
MARS HILL,NC 28754

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates?
☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all affiliates included?
☐ Yes ☐ No
(If "No," attach a list See instructions)

H(c) Group Exemption Number

I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c) (3) (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Web site: www.mhc.edu

K Type of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ trust ☐ association ☐ other

L Year of Formation 1892

M State of legal domicile NC

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
THE ORGANIZATION IS A PRIVATE LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE OFFERING PROGRAMS LEADING TO FIVE DEGREES BACHELOR OF ARTS, SCIENCE, MUSIC, SOCIAL WORK AND FINE ARTS

2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 3 36

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 36

5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a) 5 947

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 6 36

7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C) . . . 7a -3,506

7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . . 7b -3,506

Revenue

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)
Prior Year Current Year
7,763,055 5,802,404
19,576,590 28,295,653
825,610 33,564
3,118,442 302,014
31,283,697 34,433,635

Expenses

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)
b (Total fundraising expenses, Part IX, column (D), line 25 1,002,788)
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)
18 Total expenses—add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, line 25, column (A))
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12
Prior Year Current Year
9,529,280 10,460,188
0
12,525,284 13,363,211
0
8,866,416 13,251,887
30,920,980 37,075,286
362,717 -2,641,651

Net Assets or Fund Balances

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20
Beginning of Year End of Year
109,457,754 95,746,032
40,127,283 39,637,389
69,330,471 56,108,643

Part II Signature Block

Please Sign Here Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge
Signature of officer Date 2010-04-13
NEIL TILLEY president
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only Preparer's signature Jim Van Dyne Date Check if self-employed Preparer's PTIN (See Gen Inst)
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 CHERRY BEKAERT & HOLLAND LLP
525 N TRYON STREET SUITE 1800
CHARLOTTE, NC 28202 EIN Phone no (704) 377-1678

Part IIIS

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions.)

1

Briefly describe the organization’s mission

Mars Hill College, an academic community rooted in the Christian faith, challenges and equips students to pursue intellectual, spintual, and personal growth that is grounded in a rigorous study of the Liberal Arts, connected with the world of work, and committed to character development, to service, and to responsible citizenship in the community, the region, and the world

2

Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

YesNo

If “Yes,” describe these new services on Schedule O

3

Did the organization cease conducting or make significant changes in how it conducts any program services?

YesNo

If “Yes,” describe these changes on Schedule O

4

Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization’s three largest program services by expenses
Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a

(Code) (Expenses \$ 24,688,924 including grants of \$ 10,460,188) (Revenue \$ 20,864,573)

INSTRUCTION-PRIVATE LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGE OFFERING PROGRAMS LEADING TO FIVE DEGREES BACHELOR OF ARTS, SCIENCE, MUSIC, SOCIAL WORK, AND FINE ARTS APPROXIMATELY 1,300 STUDENTS BENEFITED

4b

(Code) (Expenses \$ 508,828 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

PUBLIC SERVICE-ACTIVITIES ESTABLISHED PRIMARILY TO PROVIDE NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES TO GROUPS EXTERNAL TO THE COLLEGE

4c

(Code) (Expenses \$ 828,263 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

ACADEMIC SUPPORT-SERVICES THAT ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE COLLEGE'S PRIMARY MISSION OF EDUCATION

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)














4e

Total program service expenses \$ 26,026,015 Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).

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Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A 	1	Yes
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? 	2	Yes
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	No
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 	6	No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8	No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 	9	No
10	Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10	No
11	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable 	11	Yes
12	Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII 	12	Yes
13	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E 	13	Yes
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U S ?	14a	No
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U S ? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I	14b	No
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II	15	No
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III	16	No
17	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I	17	No
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II 	21	No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III 	22	Yes
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J 	23	Yes
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b–24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25 	24a	Yes
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	No
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	No
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	No
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a	No
b	Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b	No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26	No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27	No

Part IV **Checklist of Required Schedules** *(Continued)*

		Yes	No
28	During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee		
a	Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a	No
b	Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b	No
c	Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30	No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31	No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32	No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations section 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33	No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	34	No
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35	No
36	501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36	No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5 percent of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37	No

Part V

Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable	1a72		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a947		
b	If at least one is reported in 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? . . . Note: <i>If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return.</i>	2b		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	Yes	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <u>CJ</u> See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . .	5a		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		No
c	If "Yes," to 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, <i>Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction</i> ?	5c		
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
7	<i>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</i>			
a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of \$75 or more?	7a		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d		
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . .	7f		No
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	Yes	
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h	Yes	
8	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</i> Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
9	<i>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</i>			
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
10	<i>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</i> Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b		
11	<i>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</i> Enter			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b		
12a	<i>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</i> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b		

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7 below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
1b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		No
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		No
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8a	the governing body?	Yes	
8b	each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	Yes	
9a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		No
9b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
10	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990	Yes	
11	Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		No

Section B. Policies

		Yes	No
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No", go to line 13	Yes	
12b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
12c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	Yes	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		No
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?	Yes	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization? Describe the process in Schedule O	Yes	
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		No
16b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable Federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed	NC
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> own website <input type="checkbox"/> another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> upon request	
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table.	
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization. R NEIL TILLEY CPA PO BOX 370 MARS HILL, NC 28754 (828) 689-1306	

Section A Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

☐ Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee or key employee

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Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total Revenue	(B) Related or Exempt Function Revenue	(C) Unrelated Business Revenue	(D) Revenue Excluded from Tax under IRC 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a				
	b	Membership dues					
			1b				
	c	Fundraising events					
			1c				
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	1,911,708			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above		3,890,696			
			1f				
g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$						
h	Total (Add lines 1a-1f)		5,802,404				
Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
	2a	TUITION AND FEES	900,099	20,864,573	20,864,573		
	b	auxiliary revenue	900,099	7,431,080	7,431,080		
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f \$ 28,295,653					
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest other similar amounts)				
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
5		Royalties					
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
6a		Gross Rents					
b		Less rental expenses					
c		Rental income or (loss)					
d		Net rental income or (loss)					
		(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	6,982,774				
b		Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	6,949,210				
c		Gain or (loss)	33,564				
d		Net gain or (loss)		33,564		33,564	
8a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 Attach Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000	a				
b		Less direct expenses	b				
c		Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
9a		Gross income from gaming activities See part IV, line 19 Complete Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000	a				
b		Less direct expenses	b				
c		Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10a		Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a				
b		Less cost of goods sold	b				
c		Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
		Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code				
11a	OTHER INCOME	900,099	305,520	305,520			
b	MIDLAND US FUND, LP	523,000	-3,506	-3,506			
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d \$ 302,014						
12	Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e		34,433,635	28,601,173	-3,506	33,564	

Part IX

Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).					
Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22	10,460,188	10,460,188		
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	538,391	219,443	232,169	86,779
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	9,432,761	6,834,459		477,070
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	451,294	319,259	106,515	25,520
9	Other employee benefits	2,224,993	1,574,029	525,145	125,819
10	Payroll taxes	715,772	506,359	168,937	40,476
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting				
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other	368,203	158,676	191,320	18,207
12	Advertising and promotion	28,349	28,349		
13	Office expenses	1,621,263	636,255	827,337	157,671
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	1,390,278		1,390,278	
17	Travel	651,858	513,860	86,414	51,584
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any Federal, state or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions and meetings				
20	Interest	629,693		629,693	
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	1,680,198		1,680,198	
23	Insurance	568,280		568,280	
24	Other expenses—Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a	auxiliary expenses	4,391,803	4,391,803		
b	bad debT EXPENSE	285,809		285,809	
c	equip rental & maintena	278,682	108,090	169,320	1,272
f	All other expenses	1,357,471	275,245	1,063,836	18,390
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	37,075,286	26,026,015	10,046,483	1,002,788
26	Joint Costs. Check <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X

Balance Sheet

		(A)		(B)		
		Beginning of year		End of year		
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	4,866,950	1	5,270,035	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	4,862,830	2	3,664,926	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	1,396,471	3	808,537	
	4	Accounts receivable, net	274,841	4	198,498	
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees or other related parties <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		5		
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		6		
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net	2,369,746	7	2,326,103	
	8	Inventories for sale or use	466,445	8	405,263	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	73,688	9	71,177	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost basis				
		10a	69,025,901			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation <i>Complete Part VI of Schedule D</i>				
		10b	26,342,548	36,734,221	10c	42,683,353
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities	3,432,878	11		
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part VII of Schedule D</i>	54,781,321	12	40,122,258	
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part VIII of Schedule D</i>		13		
14	Intangible assets		14			
15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part IX of Schedule D</i>	198,363	15	195,882		
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	109,457,754	16	95,746,032		
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	4,272,271	17	4,143,693	
	18	Grants payable		18		
	19	Deferred revenue	297,987	19	340,410	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities	30,398,228	20	20,559,731	
	21	Escrow account liability <i>Complete Part IV of Schedule D</i>		21		
	22	Payable to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i>		22		
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	297,068	23	9,767,155	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable		24		
	25	Other liabilities <i>Complete Part X of Schedule D</i>	4,861,729	25	4,826,400	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	40,127,283	26	39,637,389	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.					
	27	Unrestricted net assets	7,835,435	27	-3,743,781	
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	21,443,062	28	19,196,955	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets	40,051,974	29	40,655,469	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.					
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30		
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31		
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32		
	33	Total net assets or fund balances	69,330,471	33	56,108,643	
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	109,457,754	34	95,746,032	

Part XI

Financial Statements and Reporting

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> accrual <input type="checkbox"/> other		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	2a	No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	Yes
c	If "Yes" to lines 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	2c	Yes
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a	Yes
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?	3b	Yes

SCHEDULE A

(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

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2008

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Name of the organization MARS HILL COLLEGE	Employer identification number 56-0554207
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (to be completed by all organizations) (See Instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only **one** organization)

1	<input type="checkbox"/>	A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A school described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E)
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). (Attach Schedule H)
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II)
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Complete Part II)
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	A community trust described in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) (Complete Part II)
9	<input type="checkbox"/>	An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See Section 509(a)(2). (Complete Part III)
10	<input type="checkbox"/>	An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See Section 509(a)(4). (See instructions)
11	<input type="checkbox"/>	An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See Section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h a <input type="checkbox"/> Type I b <input type="checkbox"/> Type II c <input type="checkbox"/> Type III - Functionally Integrated d <input type="checkbox"/> Type III - Other
e	<input type="checkbox"/>	By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
f	<input type="checkbox"/>	If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
g	<input type="checkbox"/>	Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons? (i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization? (ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above? (iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
h	<input type="checkbox"/>	Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of Supported Organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (See Instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add line 1-3						
5 The portion of total contribution by each person (other than a government unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceed 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support subtract line 5 from line 4						

Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
11 Total Support (Add lines 7 through 10)						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	
13 First Five Years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Computation of Public Support Percentage		
14 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	
15 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	
16a 33 1/3% Test - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% Test - 2007. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private Foundation. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

Part IIISupport Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")						
2Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6Total Add lines 1-5						
7aAmounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
bAmounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
cTotal of lines 7a and 7b						
8Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9Amounts from line 6						
10aGross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
bUnrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after 30 June, 1975						
cAdd lines 10a and 10b						
11Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13Total Support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						
14First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Computation of Public Support Percentage		
15Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	
16Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV -A, line 27g	16	

Computation of Investment Income Percentage		
17Investment Income Percentage for 2008 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	
18Investment Income Percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV -A, line 27h	18	
19a33 1/3% Tests - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
b33 1/3% Tests - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
20Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions		

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b, or Part III, line 12. Provide and any other additional information. (see instructions)

Facts and Circumstances Test

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 56-0554207
Name: MARS HILL COLLEGE

Form 990, Part VII - Section Aaa

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual Trustee or Director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
BONNIE WADAMS , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
JOHN S AYERS , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
MAX E BURGIN , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
RONALD F MARTIN , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
ROBERT L MERRILL , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
JOEL L NEWSOME JR , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
RUBY GAYLE ANDERSON , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
LEE CAIN , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
WILLIAM E CASEY , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
TOM DIGH , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
CAROLYN H FERGUSON , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
DORIS L HELVEY , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
F TIMOTHY MOORE , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
A LEE ROYAL , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
J KENNETH SANFORD , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
JUSTUS M AMMONS , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
RONALD O BROWN , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
CORBIN L COOPER , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
TROY L DAY , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
J DIXON FREE , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
PAUL P GREEN , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
EUGENE HOLDWAY , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
R LEO JAMES , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
ROGER H JACKSON , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
jerry h cates , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
joanne w alexander , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
pauline r bethea , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
m kyle carver , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
brent b kincaid , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
w harold newman , MEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Section Aaa

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual Trustee or Director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
fred n day iv , mEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
arlo jennings , mEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
cheryl b pappas , mEMBER	1 00	X						0	0	0
DR DAN LUNSFORD , PRESIDENT	40 00			X				157,338	0	21,345
ROBERT MCLENDON , VP ADMINISTRATION	40 00			X				110,062	0	17,138
NINA POLLARD , VP ACADEMIC & STDNT AFFR	40 00			X				109,381	0	17,191
bud christman , VP FOR INST ADVNCMNT	40 00			X				89,219	0	13,893
MICHAEL V GROCE , vice chair	1 00			X				0	0	0
bruce w boyles jr, chair	1 00			X				0	0	0
daniel g christian , treasurer	1 00			X				0	0	0
joyce schlapkohl , secretary	1 00			X				0	0	0
neil tilley , cfo	40 00			X				85,455	0	14,341

SCHEDULE D

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ **Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.**

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2008

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Name of the organization
MARS HILL COLLEGE

Employer identification number

56-0554207

Part I

Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate Contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate Grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	
	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit?	
	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</div>	

Part II

Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or pleasure)

☐ Preservation of an historically importantly land area

☐ Protection of natural habitat

☐ Preservation of certified historic structure

☐ Preservation of open space

2

Complete lines 2a–2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

a

Total number of conservation easements

b

Total acreage restricted by conservation easements

c

Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)

d

Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06

Held at the End of the Year

2a

2b

2c

2d

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ▶

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes

☐ No

6

Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing easements during the year ▶

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year ▶ \$

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

9

In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization’s financial statements that describes the organization’s accounting for conservation easements

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items	
b	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items	
	(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$
	(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$
2	If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items	
a	Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$
b	Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3

Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a

☐ Public exhibition

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes☐ No

Part IV

Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain why in Part XIV and complete the following table

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?

☐ Yes☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current Year	(b)Prior Year	(c)Two Years Back	(d)Three Years Back	(e)Four Years Back
1a Beginning of year balance	44,732,322				
b Contributions	299,617				
c Investment earnings or losses	-7,527,486				
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses	1,174,469				
g End of year balance	36,329,984				

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 6 270 %

b

Permanent endowment ▶ 93 730 %

c

Term endowment ▶

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i)

unrelated organizations

(ii)

related organizations

3a(i)

Yes

No

3a(ii)

No

b

If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

3b

4

Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		1,110,968		1,110,968
b Buildings		49,950,796	20,553,136	29,397,660
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		14,070,151	5,789,412	8,280,739
e Other		3,893,986		3,893,986
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				42,683,353

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives and other financial products		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other INVESTMENTS IN PARTNERSHIP	23,120,671	F
Other REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS	2,587,993	F
Other BONDS	370,089	F
Other REAL ESTATE HELD FOR INVESTMENT	554,777	F
Other ASSETS HELD IN CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS	6,082,985	F
Other BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN TRUSTS	4,768,164	F
Other MONEY MARKET	15,371	F
Other mutual funds	2,622,208	F
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)	40,122,258	

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

(a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
ANNUITIES PAYABLE	1,227,322
POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS LIABILITIES	2,511,074
REFUNDABLE ADVANCES FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	1,088,004
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	4,826,400

In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48

Part XI

Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	34,433,635
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	37,075,286
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-2,641,651
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	-8,086,683
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	-2,493,494
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	-10,580,177
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-13,221,828

Part XII

Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	26,170,720
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	-7,927,337
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-7,927,337
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	34,098,057
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	335,578
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	335,578
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	34,433,635

Part XIII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	27,547,120
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	27,547,120
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	9,528,166
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	9,528,166
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	37,075,286

Part XIV

Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part XIV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part V, Line 4	Description of Intended Use of Endowment Funds	To support the institution in perpetuity for scholarships, lectureships, and various other operations and buildings on campus
Part X	Description of Uncertain Tax Positions Under FIN 48	effective july 1, 2007, the college adopted fasb interpretation no 48, accounting for uncertainty in income taxes which interprets sfas no 109, accounting for income taxes this interpretation clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an entity's financial statements in accordance with sfas no 109 by prescribing a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return the college's policy is to record a liability for any tax position taken that is beneficial to the college, including any related interest and penalties, when it is more likely than not that the position taken by management with respect to a transaction or class of transactions will be overturned by a taxing authority upon examination management believes there are no such positions as of may 31, 2009 and 2008 and, accordingly, no liability has been accrued
Part XI, Line 8 - Other Adjustments		change in value of split interest agreements -109937 CHANGE IN VALUE OF ASSETS HELD BY OTHERS -107548 NEGATIVE INVESTMENT INCOME SHOWN AS REVENUE ON FINANCIALS -2276009
Part XII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments		TUITION DISCOUNTS REDUCING TUITION INCOME ON FINANCIALS -7927337
Part XII, Line 4b - Other Adjustments		gains shown as non-operating on financials 33564 non-operating revenue 302014
Part XIII, Line 4b - Other Adjustments		TUITION DISCOUNTS REDUCING TUITION INCOME ON FINANCIALS 7927337 non-operating expenses 806237 change in value of interest rate swap 794592

SCHEDULE E

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Schools

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Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. To be completed by organizations that answer "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 13, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.

Name of the organization

MARS HILL COLLEGE

Employer identification number

56-0554207

1 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?

2 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?

3 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe If "No," please explain

RACIALLY NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY STATEMENT IS INCLUDED IN NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY AND IS PUBLISHED IN STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

4 Does the organization maintain the following?

a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?

b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?

c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?

d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?

If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)

5 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to

a Students' rights or privileges?

b Admissions policies?

c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?

d Scholarships or other financial assistance?

e Educational policies?

f Use of facilities?

g Athletic programs?

h Other extracurricular activities?

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain (If you need more space, attach a separate statement)

6a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?

b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended?

If you answered "Yes" to either 6a or b, please explain using an attached statement

7 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4 01 through 4 05 of Rev Proc 75-50, 1975-2 C B 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation

YES

NO

1

Yes

2

Yes

3

Yes

4a

Yes

4b

Yes

4c

Yes

4d

Yes

5a

No

5b

No

5c

No

5d

No

5e

No

5f

No

5g

No

5h

No

6a

Yes

6b

No

7

Yes

Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
MARS HILL COLLEGE

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the U.S.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, lines 21 or 22. Attach to Form 990.

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

1

Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☒ Yes ☐ No

2

Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 if additional space is needed.

☐

1(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance

2

Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations

3

Enter total number of other organizations

Part III

Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b)Number of recipients	(c)Amount of cash grant	(d)Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV , appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance
tuition discounts/scholarships	1052	10,460,188			

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.
See Additional Data Table

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Procedure for Monitoring Grants in the U S	Part I, Line 2	Schedule I, Part I, Line 2 The process for monitoring the use of tuition discount or grants/scholarship funds at Mars Hill College includes the use of a matrix that limits and determines the amount of academic scholarship awarded with a maximum being \$7000 The Vice President for Administration, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, and the Director of Financial Aid meet monthly to review the current amount of tuition discount or grants/scholarships being awarded to ensure that the college stays within budget Tuition discount, grant and scholarship reports are submitted to the President on a regular basis the budget for these grants is approved by the Board of Trustees on an annual basis The Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid and the Director of Financial Aid monitor all tuition discount financial aid awards prior to the award letter being mailed Athletic grants are monitored by coaches and the Athletic Director with strict guidelines established by NCAA The Athletic Director reports regularly to the President of the college the amount of tuition discount athletic grants awarded by each team per year

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
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Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

► Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
<div><div>1a</div><div>Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items</div><div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> First class or charter travel</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</div></div><div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)</div></div></div></div>		
<div><div>b</div><div>If line 1a is checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain</div></div>	1bYes	
<div><div>2</div><div>Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?</div></div>	2Yes	
<div><div>3</div><div>Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply</div><div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</div><div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</div></div></div>		
<div><div>4</div><div>During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a</div></div>		
<div><div>a</div><div>Receive a severance payment or change of control payment?</div></div>	4a	No
<div><div>b</div><div>Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</div></div>	4b	No
<div><div>c</div><div>Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</div></div> <div>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III</div>	4c	No
<div><div>501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-8.</div></div>		
<div><div>5</div><div>For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of</div></div>		
<div><div>a</div><div>The organization?</div></div>	5a	No
<div><div>b</div><div>Any related organization?</div></div> <div>If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III</div>	5b	No
<div><div>6</div><div>For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of</div></div>		
<div><div>a</div><div>The organization?</div></div>	6a	No
<div><div>b</div><div>Any related organization?</div></div> <div>If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III</div>	6b	No
<div><div>7</div><div>For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III</div></div>	7	No
<div><div>8</div><div>Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs section 53 4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III</div></div>	8	No

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use Schedule J-1 if additional space needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations described in the instructions on row (ii) Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other compensation				
DR DAN LUNSFORD	(i)	146,714		10,624	8,250	13,095	178,683	
	(ii)							
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Schedule K (Form 990)	Supplemental Information on Tax Exempt Bonds	OMB No 1545-0047
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To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 24a.
Provide descriptions, explanations, and any additional information in Schedule O.

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Part I Bond Issues (Required for 2008)

(a) Issuer Name	(b) Issuer EIN	(c) CUSIP #	(d) Date Issued	(e) Issue Price	(f) Description of Purpose	(g) Defeased		(h) On Behalf of Issuer	
						Yes	No	Yes	No
A nc facilities financing agency	56-1592154	658189peq	12-14-2006	31,000,000	facility construction and renovations, refunding outstanding loans		X		X

Part II Proceeds (Optional for 2008)

	A		B		C		D		E	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1 Total Proceeds of Issue										
2 Gross Proceeds in Reserve Funds										
3 Proceeds in Refunding or Defeasance Escrows										
4 Other Unspent Proceeds										
5 Issuance Costs from Proceeds										
6 Working Capital Expenditures from Proceeds										
7 Capital Expenditures from Proceeds										
8 Year of Substantial Completion										
9 Were the bonds issued as part of a current refunding issue?										
10 Were the bonds issued as part of an advance refunding issue?										
11 Has the final allocation of proceeds been made?										
12 Does the organization maintain adequate books and records to support the final allocation of proceeds?										

Part III Private Business Use (Optional for 2008)

	A		B		C		D		E	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1 Was the organization a partner in a partnership, or a member of an LLC, which owned property financed by tax-exempt bonds?										
2 Are there any lease arrangements with respect to the financed property which may result in private business use?										

Part III Private Business Use *(Continued)*

	A		B		C		D		E	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
3a Are there any management or service contracts with respect to the financed property which may result in private business use?										
3b Are there any research agreements with respect to the financed property which may result in private business use?										
3c Does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any management or service contracts or research agreements relating to the financed property?										
4 Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use by entities other than a 501(c)(3) organization or a state or local government										
5 Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use as a result of unrelated trade or business activity carried on by your organization, another 501(c)(3) organization, or a state or local government										
6 Total of lines 4 and 5										
7 Has the organization adopted management practices and procedures to ensure the post-issuance compliance of its tax-exempt bond liabilities?										

Part IV Arbitrage *(Optional for 2008)*

	A		B		C		D		E	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1 Has a Form 8038-T been filed wth respect to the bond issue?										
2 Is the bond issue a variable rate issue?										
3a Has the organization or the government issuer identified a hedge with respect to the bond issue on its books and records?										
b Name of provider										
c Term of hedge										
4a Were gross proceeds invested in a GIC?										
b Name of provider										
c Term of GIC										
d Was the regulatory safe harbor for establishing the fair market value of the GIC satisfied?										
5 Were any gross proceeds invested beyond an available temporary period?										
6 Did the bond issue qualify for an exception to rebate?										

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Supplemental Information to Form 990

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 10		the executive committee of the board and the full board of trustees are presented with a copy of the 990 for review prior to filing Consistent with that authority the Executive Committee plus the Audit Committee have received and reviewed the 990 prior to submission The full board will receive the document for review at its next meeting

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c		Each new or returning trustee receives orientation including the conflict of interest requirement Board members with potential conflicts will recuse themselves from any vote or discussion

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		the compensation committee of the board reviews and approves the compensation for the president and the top management officials recommended changes require action and approval by the full board of trustees and discussions are documented in the meeting minutes salaries are compared to other like institutions

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		these documents are available to the public upon request through the president's office

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
form 990, part v, questions 1c, 7g & 7h	forms 8899, 1098-c and backup withholding	the organization did not have any reportable payments to vendors or reportable gaming winnings to prize winners and therefore the backup withholding rules did not apply the organization did not receive any contributions of qualified intellectual property and therefore was not required to file form 8899 the organization did not receive any contributions of boats, airplanes or other vehicles and therefore was not required to file form 1098-c

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
passive foreign investments		mars hill college is an investor in one or more "passive foreign investment companies" ("pfics") the school is an investor in gt offshore fund, ltd , which is a blocker corporation located in the cayman islands this fund substantially invests in gt partners - offshore a and gt global hedge - offshore b, both located in the cayman islands form 8621 is not being filed pursuant to irs guidance set forth in reg sec 1.1291-1(e)