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Form 990

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2008

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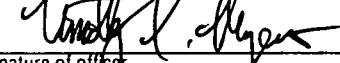
A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning DEC 1, 2008 and ending NOV 30, 2009

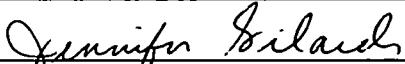
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization VAN ANDEL INSTITUTE GRADUATE SCHOOL		D Employer identification number 20-3340886	
	Please use IRS label or print or type Doing Business As		E Telephone number 616-234-5000	
	See Specific Instructions 333 BOSTWICK AVENUE N.E.		F Gross receipts \$ 572,594.	
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite		G H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503-2203		H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	F Name and address of principal officer: TIMOTHY MYERS SAME AS C ABOVE		If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)	
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		J Website: ► WWW.VAI.ORG/EDUCATION/GRADUATESCHOOL.ASPX		
K Type of organization: <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ►		L Year of formation: 2007 M State of legal domicile: MI		

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO PREPARE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH SCHOLARS IN CELL AND MOLECULAR GENETICS THROUGH A PHD PROGRAM.		
	2 Check this box ► <input type="checkbox"/> 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)		
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)		
	5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)		
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)		
7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	3 4 5 6 7a 7b	6 6 0 0 0 0	
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34			
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 735,220.	Current Year 572,594.
	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, 9e, 10e, and 11e)		
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	RECEIVED	735,220.
			572,594.
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	119,982.	213,515.
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), lines 4-6)		
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	289,174.	105,238.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	303,853.	291,749.
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 14-24)	713,009.	610,502.
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	22,211.	-37,908.	
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12			
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Year 34,415.	End of Year 12,986.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	257,057.	273,536.
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	-222,642.	-260,550.

Part II Signature Block

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		
	 <input type="checkbox"/> Signature of officer TIMOTHY MYERS <i>CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Type or print name and title		
	Date 10/8/2010		

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ► 	Date 10-5-10	Check if self-employed ► <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ► DELOITTE TAX LLP ► 600 RENAISSANCE CENTER STE 900 ► DETROIT, MI 48243-1704	EIN ►		
				Phone no. ► (313) 324-1310

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

TO PREPARE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH SCHOLARS THROUGH A GRADUATE PROGRAM IN
CELL AND MOLECULAR GENETICS.

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

Yes No

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?

Yes No

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 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants, allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

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(Code) (Expenses \$ 425,798 including grants of \$ 213,515.) (Revenue \$

THE VAN ANDEL INSTITUTE GRADUATE SCHOOL'S ("VAIGS") MISSION IS TO PREPARE BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH SCHOLARS THROUGH A GRADUATE PROGRAM IN CELL AND MOLECULAR GENETICS WITH AN EMPHASIS ON THE APPLICATION OF BASIC SCIENCE TO IMPROVE HUMAN HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. GRADUATES OF THE PROGRAM WILL BE PREPARED FOR RESEARCH IN MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR GENETICS, APPLICATION OF BASIC RESEARCH TO CLINICAL SETTINGS, PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL TECHNICAL SERVICES SUPPORTING RESEARCH AND ITS APPLICATION IN THE CLINIC, AND SHARING THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE WITH SCIENTISTS AND PHYSICIANS IN TRAINING. THE FIRST GROUP OF STUDENTS BEGAN CLASSES IN THE FALL OF 2007. VAN ANDEL RESEARCH INSTITUTE ("VARI") INVESTIGATORS TAUGHT STUDENTS DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR. SEVEN GRADUATE STUDENTS REMAINED ACTIVE IN THE PROGRAM AT THE END OF 2009.

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$

4e Total program service expenses ► \$ 425,798. (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B))

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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	1 X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	2 X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	3 X	
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	4 X	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	5 N/A	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>	6 X	
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	7 X	
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>	8 X	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>	9 X	
10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	10 X	
11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable</i>	11 X	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i>	12 X	
13 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	13 X	
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.? 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.? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i>	14a X 14b X	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II</i>	15 X	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i>	16 X	
17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>	17 X	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	18 X	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	19 X	
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	20 X	
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21 X	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22 X	
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23 X	
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? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K</i> <i>If "No," go to question 25</i> b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? 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? d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24a X 24b 24c 24d	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a X 25b X	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26 X	
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27 X	

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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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a	X
b Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b	X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29	X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30	X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31	X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32	X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33	X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1	34	X
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35	X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36	X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37	X

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

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

1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body 1a 6
 b Enter the number of voting members that are independent 1b 6

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? 2 X

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? 3 X

4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? 4 X

5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? 5 X

6 Does the organization have members or stockholders? 6 X

7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? 7a X
 b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? 7b X

8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following
 a The governing body? 8a X
 b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? 8b X

9a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? 9a X
 b 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? 9b

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 10 X

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 11 X

Section B. Policies

12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 12a X
 b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? 12b X
 c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done 12c X

13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? 13 X

14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 14 X

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?
 a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official? 15a X
 b Other officers or key employees of the organization? 15b X
 Describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)

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? 16a X
 b 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? 16b

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► **MI**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 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.
 Own website Another's website 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

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ► **TIMOTHY MYERS - 616-234-5368**
333 BOSTWICK AVENUE N.E., GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503-2518

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

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

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0 in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** directors or trustees that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization,

more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees.

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

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

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

1b Total

13,000. 1,281,928. 163,532.

2 Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization

1

3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual

4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual

5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person

	Yes	No
3		X
4	X	
5		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **NONE**

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including those in 1) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ► 0

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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 sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d	567,668.			
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	4,926.			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		► 572,594.			
Program Service Revenue	2 a	Business Code				
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		►			
	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		►			
4 Income from investment of tax exempt bond proceeds		►				
5 Royalties		►				
Other Revenue	6 a Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	b Less rental expenses					
	c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)		►			
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c Gain or (loss)					
	d Net gain or (loss)		►			
8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a					
b Less direct expenses	b					
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		►				
9 a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a					
b Less direct expenses	b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		►				
10 a 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				
11 a						
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		►				
12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e		► 572,594.	0.	0.	0.	

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	213,515.	213,515.		
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	13,000.		13,000.	
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	61,537.	61,537.		
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	12,508.	12,508.		
9 Other employee benefits	3,374.	3,374.		
10 Payroll taxes	14,819.	14,819.		
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	3,633.	3,633.		
c Accounting	6,586.		6,586.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	23,167.	23,167.		
12 Advertising and promotion	4,524.	4,524.		
13 Office expenses	5,727.	5,727.		
14 Information technology	224.	224.		
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	21,141.	21,141.		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	7,298.	7,298.		
23 Insurance	14,220.		14,220.	
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 ALLOCATED EXPENSES	170,484.	19,586.	150,898.	
b EQUIPMENT & SOFTWARE	11,983.	11,983.		
c RECRUIT/RELOCATION	7,465.	7,465.		
d OTHER SCIENTIFIC	7,408.	7,408.		
e MISCELLANEOUS	5,430.	5,430.		
f All other expenses	2,459.	2,459.		
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	610,502.	425,798.	184,704.	0.
26 Joint Costs. Check here ► <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) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing		1	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	3,566.	4	1,040.
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	23,551.	9	11,946.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis	37,017.		
	b Less. accumulated depreciation Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10b 37,017.	7,298.	10c 0.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments - other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11		15	
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	34,415.	16	12,986.
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	257,057.	17	273,536.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable		24	
	25 Other liabilities Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	257,057.	26	273,536.
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	-222,642.	27	-260,550.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	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	-222,642.	33	-260,550.
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	34,415.	34	12,986.

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 Cash Accrual Other

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
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?

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?
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b		X
2c		
3a		X
3b		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2008

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**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**

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.

Name of the organization

VAN ANDEL INSTITUTE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Employer identification number

20-3340886

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) (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 the 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	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	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 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	Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports

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

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2008

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 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.)

Section A. 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 lines 1 - 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. 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 section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						► <input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. 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 from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support 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% support test - 2007. If the organization did not check a 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 a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	►	<input type="checkbox"/>

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2008

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 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
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 - 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts 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						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9 10c, 11, and 12)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ►

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support 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 ►

b 33 1/3% support 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 ►

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ►

Schedule D
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Financial Statements**

OMB No 1545-0047

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Name of the organization

VAN ANDEL INSTITUTE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Employer identification number

20-3340886

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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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).	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
	<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of certified historic structure
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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		Held at the End of the Year
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2a	
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2b	
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06	2c	
3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ►	2d	
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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	► \$ _____

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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 d Loan or exchange programs
 b Scholarly research e Other _____
 c Preservation for future generations

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 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 the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

c Beginning balance	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

c Beginning balance
 d Additions during the year
 e Distributions during the year
 f Ending balance

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 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

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► _____ %
 b Permanent endowment ► _____ %
 c Term endowment ► _____ %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization

	Yes	No
3a(i)		X
3a(ii)	X	
3b	X	

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

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				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		37,017.	37,017.	0.

Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) ► 0.

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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 _____		
</		

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

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

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		

In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's statement.

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
2 Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2
3 Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3
4 Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4
5 Donated services and use of facilities	5
6 Investment expenses	6
7 Prior period adjustments	7
8 Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8
9 Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4-8	9
10 Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10

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
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
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1	3
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
c Add lines 4a and 4b	4c
5 Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1 Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1
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
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1	3
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
c Add lines 4a and 4b	4c
5 Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5

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 IV, 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

PART V, LINE 4: TO SUPPORT THE GRADUATE SCHOOL MISSIONS BY SUPPLYING

A STEADY SOURCE OF INCOME FOR ITS OPERATING BUDGETS.

SCHEDULE E
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schools

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

Name of the organization

VAN ANDEL INSTITUTE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Employer identification number

20-3340886

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

	YES	NO
1	X	
2	X	
3	X	

SEE STATEMENT 1

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)

4a	X
4b	X
4c	X
4d	X

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?

5a	X
5b	X
5c	X
5d	X
5e	X
5f	X
5g	X
5h	X

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 line 6a or line 6b, please explain using an attached statement
7 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 401 through 405 of Rev Proc 75-50, 1975-2 C B 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation

6a	X
6b	X
7	X

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

SCHEDULE I, PART I, LINE 2: FUNDS PROVIDED TO THE VAIGS BIOMEDICAL

RESEARCH SCHOLARS ARE CONTINUALLY MONITORED WHICH ENSURE THAT ALL FUNDS

ARE MISSION-DRIVEN. STIPENDS ARE PROVIDED DIRECTLY TO THE GRADUATE

STUDENTS FOR LIVING ASSISTANCE. THESE EXPENDITURES ARE MADE AT THE

DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)

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Compensation Information

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

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a 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

<input type="checkbox"/> First class or charter travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)

Yes

No

1b

2

b If line 1a is checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 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?

3 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

<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee

4a

X

4b

X

4c

X

4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a

a Receive a severance payment or change of control payment?
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III

Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5-8.

5 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:

a The organization?

5a

X

b Any related organization?

5b

X

If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III

6 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:

a The organization?

6a

X

b Any related organization?

6b

X

If "Yes" to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III

7 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

7

X

8 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

8

X

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

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. Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Part III **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information

PART I, LINE 4B: STEVE HEACOCK PARTICIPATED IN A

NON-QUALIFIED RETIREMENT PLAN WITH VARI, A RELATED ORGANIZATION. TOTAL

AMOUNT \$16,423.

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Supplemental Information to Form 990

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2: VARI AND VAIGS SHARE COMMON MANAGEMENT. AS OFFICERS OF VARI, DAVID VAN ANDEL, R. JACK FRICK, AND STEVE HEACOCK INTERACT AND WORK TOGETHER WITH STEVE TRIEZENBERG, A KEY EMPLOYEE OF VAIGS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6: THE VAN ANDEL INSTITUTE GRADUATE SCHOOL (VAIGS) IS A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION WHERE VAN ANDEL EDUCATION INSTITUTE (VAEI) IS THE SOLE MEMBER.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A: VAIGS IS ORGANIZED AS A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION WHEREBY ONE OF THE VAIGS DIRECTORS IS APPOINTED BY THE VAEI BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B: POLICY DECISIONS ARE MADE BY THE VAIGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OR RATIFICATION BY VAEI TRUSTEES. THE ANNUAL BUDGET; HOWEVER, IS APPROVED BY THE VAIGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND IS THEN SUBMITTED TO VAEI TRUSTEES FOR APPROVAL.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 10: THE FORM 990 HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY TIMOTHY MYERS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, R. JACK FRICK, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, STEVEN TRIEZENBERG, DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL, AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE VAIGS BOARD AND VAEI BOARD OF TRUSTEES. MANAGEMENT REVIEWED AND PROVIDED AFFIRMATION THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATORY POLICIES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: VAIGS HAS A WRITTEN CONFLICT OF

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INTEREST POLICY FACILITATING A PROCESS TO IDENTIFY, EVALUATE, AND CORRECT OR REMOVE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST (COI) POLICY IS ADMINISTERED THROUGH TWO COMMITTEES: THE INDIVIDUAL COI COMMITTEE AND THE INSTITUTIONAL COI COMMITTEE.

THE COI POLICY SERVES AS GUIDE FOR ALL STAFF MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION. THE POLICY IS INTENDED TO 1) PROVIDE STAFF WITH A USEFUL RESOURCE WHEN DEVELOPING ACTIVITIES WITH OUTSIDE INDUSTRY AND 2) PROVIDE ASSURANCE TO STAFF THAT THERE IS A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND RESOLVE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IF / WHEN THEY ARISE. THE INDIVIDUAL COI COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY THE DIRECTOR OF COMPLIANCE, GENERATES AN ANNUAL DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL STAFF TO ENFORCE THE POLICY. THE CONFLICTS COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DIRECTOR. RESOLUTIONS ARE IMPLEMENTED WITH APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE AND IN DISCUSSION WITH THE VAI CHAIRMAN.

THE COI POLICY ALSO SERVES AS A GUIDE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND SENIOR EXECUTIVES. THE INSTITUTIONAL COI COMMITTEE REQUIRES TRUSTEES TO COMPLETE AN ANNUAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. THIS STATEMENT AFFIRMS THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE POLICY, REQUIRES THEIR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION'S NONPROFIT STATUS, AND REQUESTS DISCLOSURE IF / WHEN POTENTIAL CONFLICTS ARISE. IN THE EVENT A POTENTIAL CONFLICT ARISES AT THE BOARD OR SENIOR OFFICER LEVEL, THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL REVIEWS AND MEETS WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO RESOLVE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15: COMPENSATION FOR THE CEO, EXECUTIVE

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MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OFFICERS, AND KEY EMPLOYEES IS
REVIEWED AND APPROVED ANNUALLY BY THE INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION COMMITTEE.
RECORDS AND DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING COMPARABILITY DATA, ARE KEPT AND
SUPPORT DECISIONS MADE ON BEHALF OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND ARE
CONTEMPORANEOUSLY DOCUMENTED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: THESE DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO
THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990, PART VII, SECTION A

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009, STEVE TRIEZENBERG, DEAN OF THE GRADUATE
SCHOOL AND VARI SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATOR, ASSUMED THE POSITION OF VAEI
DIRECTOR. STEVE IS AN EMPLOYEE OF VAEI; HOWEVER, ALLOCATES HIS TIME
BETWEEN THE EDUCATION INSTITUTE (VAEI), THE GRADUATE SCHOOL (VAIGS), AND
THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE (VARI), A RELATED ORGANIZATION. HIS COMPENSATION
IS REPORTED IN TOTAL WITHIN THE VAEI FORM 990.

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(A) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(B) Primary activity	(C) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(D) Exempt Code section	(E) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(F) Direct controlling entity
VAN ANDEL INSTITUTE - 52-20000820	SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION FOR VARI AND VAEI	MICHIGAN	501(C)(3)	11C	N/A
333 BOSTWICK AVENUE N.E. GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503-2518	MEDICAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION	MICHIGAN	501(C)(3)	4	N/A
VAN ANDEL RESEARCH INSTITUTE - 52-20000823	333 BOSTWICK AVENUE N.E. GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503-2518	OPERATING A SCHOOL	501(C)(3)	2	N/A
VAN ANDEL EDUCATION INSTITUTE - 52-20000824	333 BOSTWICK AVENUE N.E. GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503-2518				

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Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations and Transactions in Connection with Trust

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

	Yes	No
a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties (iv) rent from a controlled entity	1a	X
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)	1b	X
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)	1c	X
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)	1d	X
e Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)	1e	X
f Sale of assets to other organization(s)	1f	X
g Purchase of assets from other organization(s)	1g	X
h Exchange of assets	1h	X
i Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s)	1i	X
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s)	1j	X
k Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)	1k	X
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)	1l	X
m Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets	1m	X
n Sharing of paid employees	1n	X
o Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses	1o	X
p Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses	1p	X
q Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)	1q	X
r Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)	1r	X

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(A) Name of other organization(s)	(B) Transaction type (a-r)	(C) Amount involved
(1) VAN ANDEL EDUCATION INSTITUTE	C	567,668.
(2) VAN ANDEL EDUCATION INSTITUTE	N	144,449.
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		

Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

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(D) - Asset disposed

* ITC. Section 179. Salvage, Bonus, Commercial Revitalization Reduction, GO Zone

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SCHEDULE E

SCHOOLS - LINE 3

STATEMENT 1

POLICY IS MADE KNOWN TO THE GENERAL COMMUNITY VIA GRADUATE SCHOOL WEBSITE AND NUMEROUS ONLINE FORUMS. THESE FORUMS INCLUDE: SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF CHICANOS AND NATIVE AMERICANS IN SCIENCE, ACADEMIC DIVERSITY SEARCH, DIVERSE JOBS, WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION, HISPANIC RECRUITMENT SERVICES, CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL & ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK IN HIGHER EDUCATION. IN ADDITION, THE DEAN AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL TRAVEL TO SEVERAL STATES FOR RECRUITING PURPOSES. THIS COURSE OF ACTION WAS EXPECTED TO BE AN EFFECTIVE METHOD OF PUBLICIZING THE POLICY TO THE GENERAL COMMUNITY.