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Form 990

## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2012

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

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2012, 2012, and ending 06-30-2013

B Check if applicable	C Name of organization Ross Institute		D Employer identification number 01-0880911
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	Doing Business As The Ross School		
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change			
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	E Telephone number (631) 907-5102
<input type="checkbox"/> Terminated			
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 East Hampton, NY 11937		
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending			G Gross receipts \$ 60,531,623

F Name and address of principal officer  
Courtney Sale Ross  
18 Goodfriend Drive  
East Hampton, NY 11937H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates?  Yes  NoH(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)  501(c) ( ) (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527

J Website: ► http://rossinstitute.org/

K Form of organization  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other ► L Year of formation 1993 M State of legal domicile NY

## Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities Our mission is to change the way education meets the future, to foster interdisciplinary, integrated thinking and innovative leadership, to engage fully in the global community, and to facilitate lifelong learning		
2 Check this box ► if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) . . . . .	3	10
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) . . . . .	4	7
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a) . . . . .	5	530
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) . . . . .	6	250
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 . . . . .	7a	75,297
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . . . .	7b	-195,312

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) . . . . .	Prior Year	Current Year
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) . . . . .	6,682,728	32,079,707
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) . . . . .	23,442,539	26,528,934
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	1,120	75,093
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	166,467	232,951
	30,292,854	58,916,685

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) . . . . .	Prior Year	Current Year
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) . . . . .	3,094,176	3,024,528
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	0	0
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) . . . . .	15,444,970	15,357,905
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 813,800	0	0
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) . . . . .	16,419,732	16,862,760
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	34,958,878	35,245,193
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 . . . . .	-4,666,024	23,671,492

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) . . . . .	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) . . . . .	96,654,837	105,565,159
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20 . . . . .	49,688,358	35,267,371
	46,966,479	70,297,788

## Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	***** Signature of officer Andrew J Robbins Treasurer Type or print name and title	2014-05-15 Date
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Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name David C Moja	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00747006
	Firm's name ► Capin Crouse LLP			Firm's EIN ► 36-3990892	
	Firm's address ► 972 Emerson Parkway STE A Greenwood, IN 46143			Phone no (317) 885-2620	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) . . . . .  Yes  No

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III **1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

Our mission is to change the way education meets the future, to foster interdisciplinary, integrated thinking and innovative leadership, to engage fully in the global community, and to facilitate lifelong learning

**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 organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations 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 \$ 26,469,000 including grants of \$ 3,013,359 ) (Revenue \$ 26,443,513 )

Education of students in Pre-Nursery to Pre-K, grades K-12, postgraduate, and for the community-at-large

**4b** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 2,507,239 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

Research and development of innovative curriculum and programs in order to prepare students for college and career options in the 21st century

**4c** (Code ) (Expenses \$ 1,330,088 including grants of \$ 11,169 ) (Revenue \$ 10,124 )

Providing professional development for schools and individuals that would like to adopt the Ross Model, growing our worldwide community of Ross Schools that are committed to 21st century education and catalyzing research in order to improve pedagogical practice

(Code ) (Expenses \$ 996,815 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

Development and utilization of technology for education in an educational environment

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O )

(Expenses \$ 996,815 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**4e** **Total program service expenses**  31,303,142

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A

2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, *Schedule of Contributors* (see instructions)?

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

4 **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III

6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which 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

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

8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III

9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, 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

10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V

11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable

a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI

b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII

c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII

d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX

e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X

f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part XI

12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII

b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional

13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?

b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV

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, Parts II and IV

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, Parts III and IV

17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)

18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II

19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III

20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H

b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?

	Yes	No
1	Yes	
2	Yes	
3		No
4		No
5		No
6		No
7		No
8	Yes	
9		No
10	Yes	
11a	Yes	
11b		No
11c		No
11d		No
11e	Yes	
11f	Yes	
12a		No
12b	Yes	
13	Yes	
14a		No
14b		No
15		No
16		No
17		No
18	Yes	
19		No
20a		No
20b		

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

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States 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, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? 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 lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
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		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> 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	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? 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, highest compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26	Yes	
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)	28a		No
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	Yes	
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	29	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		No
31	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	31		No
32	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	32		No
33	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	33		No
34	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	34	Yes	
35a	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	35a		No
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b		
36	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36		No
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		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable	<b>1a</b>	182	
<b>b</b> Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	<b>1b</b>	0	
<b>c</b> Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	<b>1c</b>	Yes	
<b>2a</b> 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	<b>2a</b>	530	
<b>b</b> If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	<b>2b</b>	Yes	
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	<b>3a</b>	Yes	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	<b>3b</b>	Yes	
<b>4a</b> 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)?	<b>4a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22 1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts			
<b>5a</b> Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	<b>5a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<b>5b</b>	No	
<b>c</b> If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	<b>5c</b>		
<b>6a</b> Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	<b>6a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	<b>6b</b>		
<b>7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>	<b>7a</b>	Yes	
<b>a</b> Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	<b>7b</b>	Yes	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	<b>7c</b>	No	
<b>c</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	<b>7d</b>		
<b>d</b> If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	<b>7e</b>	No	
<b>e</b> Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7f</b>	No	
<b>f</b> Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7g</b>		
<b>g</b> If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	<b>7h</b>		
<b>h</b> If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	<b>8</b>		
<b>8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	<b>9a</b>		
<b>9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>	<b>9b</b>		
<b>a</b> Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			
<b>b</b> Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			
<b>10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter	<b>10a</b>		
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	<b>10b</b>		
<b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities			
<b>11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter	<b>11a</b>		
<b>a</b> Gross income from members or shareholders	<b>11b</b>		
<b>b</b> Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)			
<b>12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	<b>12a</b>		
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	<b>12b</b>		
<b>13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>	<b>13a</b>		
<b>a</b> Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O	<b>13b</b>		
<b>b</b> Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	<b>13c</b>		
<b>14a</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	<b>14a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	<b>14b</b>		

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

### Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	<b>1a</b>	10	
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O			
<b>b</b> Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	<b>1b</b>	7	
<b>2</b> 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?	<b>2</b>	Yes	
<b>3</b> 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?	<b>3</b>	No	
<b>4</b> Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	<b>4</b>	No	
<b>5</b> Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	<b>5</b>	No	
<b>6</b> Did the organization have members or stockholders?	<b>6</b>	No	
<b>7a</b> Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	<b>7a</b>	No	
<b>b</b> Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	<b>7b</b>	No	
<b>8</b> Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
<b>a</b> The governing body?	<b>8a</b>	Yes	
<b>b</b> Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	<b>8b</b>	Yes	
<b>9</b> Is there any officer, director, 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	<b>9</b>	No	

### Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
<b>10a</b> Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	<b>10a</b>	No
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	<b>10b</b>	
<b>11a</b> Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	<b>11a</b>	Yes
<b>b</b> Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
<b>12a</b> Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	<b>12a</b>	Yes
<b>b</b> Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	<b>12b</b>	Yes
<b>c</b> Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	<b>12c</b>	Yes
<b>13</b> Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	<b>13</b>	Yes
<b>14</b> Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	<b>14</b>	Yes
<b>15</b> 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?		
<b>a</b> The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	<b>15a</b>	No
<b>b</b> Other officers or key employees of the organization	<b>15b</b>	No
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
<b>16a</b> Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	<b>16a</b>	No
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	<b>16b</b>	

### Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
- 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 made these available. Check all that apply
  Own website  Another's website  Upon request  Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization
   
Arthur R Williams CFO 18 Goodfriend Drive East Hampton, NY (631) 907-5102

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII **Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

• List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid• List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."• 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, or 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, and former such persons

 Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099- MISC)	(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	Office	Key Employee	Highest Compensated	Former			
(1) Courtney Sale Ross President/Chair	20.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) Jennifer Chidsey COO, Trustee	50.00	X		X				211,380	0	22,409
(3) Catherine Hickey Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(4) Lori Schiaffino Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(5) Martin Payson Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(6) Nick Appelbaum Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(7) Nicole Ross Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(8) Patricia Walton Silver Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(9) Susan Weber Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(10) Barrie Glabman Trustee	1.00	X						0	0	0
(11) Margaret Regan Secretary/Exec Asst	50.00			X				65,790	0	26,862
(12) Andrew Robbins Treasurer	1.00			X				0	0	0
(13) Michele Claeys Head of School	50.00				X			126,706	0	16,601
(14) Cyril P Lim Executive Assistant	50.00				X			160,973	0	7,023
(15) Maria M Maciak Dir. Media Product	50.00				X			112,077	0	32,592
(16) Christopher Engel Director of Community Programs	50.00				X			105,199	0	54,900
(17) Patricia Lein Head of Upper School	50.00				X			102,754	0	21,315

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

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **6**

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	<b>3</b>	No
<b>4</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	<b>4</b>	Yes
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	<b>5</b>	No

## **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. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
3 Goodfriend LLC 3 Goodfriend Drive East Hampton NY 11937	Rent - Office	151,687
Community Counseling Service Co LLC 461 Fifth Ave 3rd Floor New York NY 10017	Consulting/PR	146,250
HL Group Partners LLC 853 Broadway 18th Floor New York NY 10003	Consulting/PR	137,915
Tatiana Endlin PO Box 5061 East Hampton NY 11937	Rent - Housing	116,539
Erwin Stern - 12 8 Three Mile Harbor Hog Creek Rd East Hampton NY 11937	Rent - Housing	105,000
<b>2</b> Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than		

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **►6**

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VIII

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . . .	<b>1a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . .	<b>1b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . .	<b>1c</b>	484,098			
	<b>d</b> Related organizations . . . . .	<b>1d</b>				
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>				
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	31,595,609			
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		11,821,865			
	<b>h</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .			32,079,707		
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> Tuition and fees	Business Code				
		900099	22,153,915	22,153,915		
	<b>b</b> Summer camp income	900099	2,724,540	2,724,540		
	<b>c</b> Tennis center income	900099	870,699	799,372	71,327	
	<b>d</b> Other school program i	900099	779,780	775,810	3,970	
	<b>e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue					
	<b>g</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .		26,528,934			
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .		689		689	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .					
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
		427,474				
	<b>b</b> Less rental expenses	37,259				
	<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)	390,215				
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .			390,215		390,215
<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		1,451,269				
<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses		1,376,865				
<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)		74,404				
<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .			74,404		74,404	
<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .						
<b>a</b>	43,550					
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>	200,814				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .			-157,264		-157,264	
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less direct expenses . . . . .	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .						
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
<b>11a</b>						
<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>						
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .						
<b>e</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .						
<b>12</b> <b>Total revenue.</b> See Instructions . . . . .		58,916,685	26,453,637	75,297	308,044	

**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)

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX 

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	<b>(A) Total expenses</b>	<b>(B) Program service expenses</b>	<b>(C) Management and general expenses</b>	<b>(D) Fundraising expenses</b>
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States See Part IV, line 21	11,169	11,169		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22	3,013,359	3,013,359		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	337,207		337,207	
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	12,572,530	11,196,626	964,661	411,243
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	284,174	248,700	25,927	9,547
9 Other employee benefits	1,247,164	1,117,936	88,058	41,170
10 Payroll taxes	916,830	794,993	92,413	29,424
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	379,403	141,557	235,807	2,039
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	1,152,861	768,347	336,748	47,766
12 Advertising and promotion	342,256	216,335	9,396	116,525
13 Office expenses	731,257	644,597	52,684	33,976
14 Information technology	84,687	78,245	5,485	957
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	4,175,991	4,024,309	133,368	18,314
17 Travel	952,950	877,668	39,372	35,910
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	84,846	82,303	2,118	425
20 Interest	441,458	373,221	61,058	7,179
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	5,442,276	5,087,289	312,181	42,806
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a Repairs & Maintenance	1,485,045	1,413,051	59,153	12,841
b Food and Meals	668,628	604,150	62,943	1,535
c Dues and Memberships	215,959	210,968	3,589	1,402
d Bad Debt Expense	179,817	179,817		
e All other expenses	525,326	218,502	306,083	741
<b>25 Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	35,245,193	31,303,142	3,128,251	813,800
<b>26 Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here ► if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X 

		<b>(A)</b> Beginning of year	<b>(B)</b> End of year	
<b>Assets</b>				
1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	3,238,840	<b>1</b>	4,654,522
2	Savings and temporary cash investments	26,114	<b>2</b>	25,943
3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	387,937	<b>3</b>	252,604
4	Accounts receivable, net	29,740	<b>4</b>	237,693
5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		<b>5</b>	
6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L		<b>6</b>	
7	Notes and loans receivable, net		<b>7</b>	
8	Inventories for sale or use		<b>8</b>	
9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	867,900	<b>9</b>	971,016
10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b>	168,285,357	
b	Less accumulated depreciation	<b>10b</b>	69,813,634	91,371,261 <b>10c</b> 98,471,723
11	Investments—publicly traded securities		<b>11</b>	
12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11	196,813	<b>12</b>	197,454
13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		<b>13</b>	
14	Intangible assets		<b>14</b>	
15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11	536,232	<b>15</b>	754,204
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	96,654,837	<b>16</b>	105,565,159
<b>Liabilities</b>				
17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,940,957	<b>17</b>	2,429,754
18	Grants payable		<b>18</b>	
19	Deferred revenue	9,980,887	<b>19</b>	12,394,746
20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities	2,455,000	<b>20</b>	2,380,000
21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		<b>21</b>	
22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L	18,588,832	<b>22</b>	556,957
23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	12,722,682	<b>23</b>	13,320,513
24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	4,000,000	<b>24</b>	4,000,000
25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D	0	<b>25</b>	185,401
26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	49,688,358	<b>26</b>	35,267,371
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>				
	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
27	Unrestricted net assets	46,301,265	<b>27</b>	69,615,266
28	Temporarily restricted net assets	469,233	<b>28</b>	486,541
29	Permanently restricted net assets	195,981	<b>29</b>	195,981
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		<b>30</b>	
31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		<b>31</b>	
32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		<b>32</b>	
33	Total net assets or fund balances	46,966,479	<b>33</b>	70,297,788
34	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	96,654,837	<b>34</b>	105,565,159

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI 

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	58,916,685
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	35,245,193
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	23,671,492
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	46,966,479
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	-340,183
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	70,297,788

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII 

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	No
2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	Yes
2c If "Yes," to line 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? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	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? 3b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	3a	No
	3b	

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990EZ)**Public Charity Status and Public Support****2012****Open to Public  
Inspection**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

**Name of the organization**

Ross Institute

**Employer identification number**

01-0880911

**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 (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.  
 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E )  
 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.  
 4  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  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  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.  
 7  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  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II )  
 9  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  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4)**.  
 11  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  Type I   b  Type II   c  Type III - Functionally integrated   d  Type III - Non-functionally integrated  
 e  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 supported organization(s)

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>11g(i)</b>		
<b>11g(ii)</b>		
<b>11g(iii)</b>		

<b>(i) Name of supported organization</b>	<b>(ii) EIN</b>	<b>(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))</b>	<b>(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?</b>	<b>(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?</b>	<b>(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?</b>	<b>(vii) Amount of monetary support</b>
<b>Total</b>						

**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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(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 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 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 <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(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 <b>Total support</b> (Add lines 7 through 10)						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	
13 <b>First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . . . . .						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	
15 Public support percentage for 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
16a <b>33 1/3% support test—2012.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►
b <b>33 1/3% support test—2011.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►
17a <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2012.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►
b <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2011.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►
18 <b>Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		►

**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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(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						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6 )						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV )						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 )						
<b>14 First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

15 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15
16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

17 Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17
18 Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18
19a <b>33 1/3% support tests—2012.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	
<b>b</b> <b>33 1/3% support tests—2011.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	
20 <b>Private foundation.</b> 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 explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

**Facts And Circumstances Test**

**Explanation**

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**SCHEDULE D**  
(Form 990)**Supplemental Financial Statements****2012****Open to Public  
Inspection**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b  
 ► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

**Name of the organization**  
Ross Institute**Employer identification number**

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**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?  Yes  No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?  Yes  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 education) <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
	<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space
2 Complete lines 2a through 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>Held at the End of the Year</b>
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, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2c
3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax 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, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► _____	
7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation 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 XIII, 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 (ASC 958), 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 XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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	► \$ 0
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	► \$ 3,481,346
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 (ASC 958) 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 acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

<b>a</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public exhibition	<b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or exchange programs
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarly research	<b>e</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Educational
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 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 XIII

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 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 the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

	<b>Amount</b>
<b>1c</b>	
<b>1d</b>	
<b>1e</b>	
<b>1f</b>	

**2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

**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
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . . . .	196,813	235,949	235,726	235,711	
<b>b</b> Contributions . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses . . . . .	641	864	223	15	
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships . . . . .		40,000			
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses . . . . .					
<b>g</b> End of year balance . . . . .	197,454	196,813	235,949	235,726	

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

**a** Board designated or quasi-endowment

**b** Permanent endowment  99.250 %

**c** Temporarily restricted endowment  0.750 %

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

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

**(i)** unrelated organizations . . . . .

<b>3a(i)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>3a(ii)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>3b</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.** See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

	Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land . . . . .		1,316,216	13,844,064		15,160,280
<b>b</b> Buildings . . . . .		135,820,858	58,326,464	77,494,394	
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements . . . . .		2,456,583	286,151	2,170,432	
<b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .		11,977,091	10,772,137	1,204,954	
<b>e</b> Other . . . . .		2,000,000	870,545	428,882	2,441,663

**Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . . .  98,471,723

**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
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12.)		

**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) must 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) must 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) Book value	
Federal income taxes		
Capital lease obligation	185,401	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.)	185,401	

2. Fin 48 (ASC 740) Footnote In Part XIII, 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 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return**

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	56,156,538
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	156,675
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII )	2d	96,537
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	253,212
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	55,903,326
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 XIII )	4b	3,013,359
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	3,013,359
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12 )	5	58,916,685

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return**

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	32,485,046
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	156,675
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII )	2d	96,537
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	253,212
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	32,231,834
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 XIII )	4b	3,013,359
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	3,013,359
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18 )	5	35,245,193

**Part XIII 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, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	Part III, Line 4	The artwork maintained by the Ross Institute is utilized for educational purposes and is integrated into the curriculum
Description of Intended Use of Endowment Funds	Part V, Line 4	Each fiscal year, the Institute is authorized to expend from the Scholarship Fund (endowment) an amount equal to four and one-half percent of the principal of the endowment as of the first business day of such year, or such other amount as shall be mutually agreed upon by the donor or the donor's designated representatives and the Ross School. The endowment payout shall be paid first from the income of the endowment and, if and to the extent that such income is insufficient, from the principal of the endowment. If the income of the endowment in any fiscal year exceeds the authorized payout amount for such year, the excess will be added to principal at the end of such fiscal year. The endowment payout for each fiscal year shall be used to award scholarships to help support the tuition for one or more students at the Institute entering the ninth grade who have exhibited a deep interest in or enjoyment of the arts and/or sciences, especially the environmental science, and who are eligible on a needs basis for financial aid at the Institute
Description of Uncertain Tax Positions Under FIN 48	Part X, Line 2	The effects of a tax position taken or expected to be taken are recognized in the consolidated financial statements when it is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, that the position will be sustained upon examination. Interest and penalties, if any, are reported in expenses in the consolidated statements of activities. As of June 30, 2013 and 2012, the Institute had no uncertain tax positions that qualify for recognition or disclosure in the consolidated financial statements. The Institute files tax and other information returns in the U.S. and certain states. The Institute is generally no longer subject to U.S. federal or state examinations by tax authorities for years before 2010.
Part XI, Line 2d - Other Adjustments		Rental Expenses 37,259 Allocation of employees time worked for another organization 59,278
Part XI, Line 4b - Other Adjustments		Scholarships 3,013,359
Part XII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments		Rental Expenses 37,259 Allocation of employees time worked for another organization 59,278
Part XII, Line 4b - Other Adjustments		Scholarships 3,013,359

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(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Schools**

►Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 13,  
or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 48.  
► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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Ross Institute

Employer identification number

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**Part I**

- 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. If you need more space use Part II

	YES	NO
1	Yes	
2	Yes	
3	Yes	

- 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, use Part II

	Yes	
4a	Yes	
4b	Yes	
4c	Yes	
4d	Yes	

- 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, use Part II

	No	
5b	No	
5c	No	
5d	No	
5e	No	
5f	No	
5g	No	
5h	No	

- 6a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?
- 6b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended?

If you answered "Yes" to either line 6a or line 6b, explain on Part II

- 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," explain on Part II

	No	
6b	No	
7	Yes	

**Part II Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part I, lines 3, 4d, 5h, 6b, and 7, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any other additional information (see instructions)

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Explanation of Nondiscriminatory Policy Publication	Schedule E, Part I, Line 3	Ross Institute follows a racially nondiscriminatory policy as to students in its programs. The Institute's promotional activities for its programs are designed to inform all racial segments in the general communities within the area of the availability of the Institute. A clause is included in the admissions catalog and on its website.



**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
		<u>Club Starlight</u> (event type)	<u>Golf Outing</u> (event type)	(total number)	
1	Gross receipts . . .	482,423	45,225		527,648
2	Less Contributions . . .	450,123	33,975		484,098
3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . .	32,300	11,250		43,550
4	Cash prizes . . .				
5	Noncash prizes . . .				
6	Rent/facility costs . . .	28,856	8,500		37,356
7	Food and beverages . . .	22,625	4,860		27,485
8	Entertainment . . .	65,000			65,000
9	Other direct expenses . .	70,973			70,973
10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . .				(200,814) ►
11	Net income summary Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10 . . . . .				-157,264 ►

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
1	Gross revenue . . . .				
2	Cash prizes . . . .				
3	Non-cash prizes . . . .				
4	Rent/facility costs . . . .				
5	Other direct expenses . .				
6	Volunteer labor . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7	Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) . . . . .				►
8	Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d) . . . . .				►

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities \_\_\_\_\_

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? . . . . .  Yes  No

b If "No," explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? . . . . .  Yes  No

b If "Yes," explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?  Yes  No

**12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?  Yes  No

**13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in

13a	
13b	

- a** The organization's facility
- b** An outside facility

**14** Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ► \_\_\_\_\_

Address ► \_\_\_\_\_

**15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**c** If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ► \_\_\_\_\_

Address ► \_\_\_\_\_

**16** Gaming manager information

Name ► \_\_\_\_\_

Gaming manager compensation ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description of services provided ► \_\_\_\_\_

Director/officer

Employee

Independent contractor

**17** Mandatory distributions

- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?  Yes  No
- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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**Schedule I  
(Form 990)**

## **Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States**

**Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

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

(1) Center for Curriculum Redesign 45-3847373 501 (c) 3 10,000 Curriculum Redesign  
10 Jamaicaway Suite 18 Boston, MA 02130

**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22. Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

<b>(a) Type of grant or assistance</b>	<b>(b) Number of recipients</b>	<b>(c) Amount of cash grant</b>	<b>(d) Amount of non-cash assistance</b>	<b>(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)</b>	<b>(f) Description of non-cash assistance</b>
(1) Scholarships	176	3,013,359			

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Procedure for Monitoring Grants in the U.S.	Part I, Line 2	Schedule I, Part I, Line 2 Ross Institute reviews all expenditures for which its grants and scholarships are intended to pay

**Schedule J**  
(Form 990)**Compensation Information**

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For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees  
**► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.**  
**► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.**

Name of the organization  
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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)

**b** If any of the boxes in line 1a are 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 filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III

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

**4** During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization

**a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?

**Yes****No**

**b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?

**4a****No**

**c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

**4b****No**

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 only must complete lines 5-9.**

**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

**4c****No**

**a** The organization?

**5a****No**

**b** Any related organization?

**5b****No**

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

**6a****No**

**a** The organization?

**6b****No**

**b** Any related organization?

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****Yes**

**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 Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

**8****No**

**9** If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

**9**

**Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies 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). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

**Note.** The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported as deferred in prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) Jennifer Chidsey COO, Trustee	(i) 194,956 (ii) 0	(i) 16,424 (ii) 0	(i) 0 (ii) 0	(i) 10,000 (ii) 0	(i) 12,409 (ii) 0	(i) 233,789 (ii) 0	(i) 0 (ii) 0
(2) Cyril P Lim Executive Assistant	(i) 140,866 (ii) 0	(i) 20,107 (ii) 0	(i) 0 (ii) 0	(i) 6,250 (ii) 0	(i) 773 (ii) 0	(i) 167,996 (ii) 0	(i) 0 (ii) 0
(3) Christopher Engel Director of Community Programs	(i) 95,061 (ii) 0	(i) 10,000 (ii) 0	(i) 138 (ii) 0	(i) 5,164 (ii) 0	(i) 49,736 (ii) 0	(i) 160,099 (ii) 0	(i) 0 (ii) 0

**Part III Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

<b>Identifier</b>	<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
	Part I, Line 7	The School provided discretionary bonuses to the Chief Operating Officer, the Secretary, the Executive Assistant, the Director of Media Productions and the Director of Community Programs

## Schedule L

## Transactions with Interested Persons

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**Part I Excess Benefit Transactions** (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only)

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction		(d) Corrected?	
			Yes	No		

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 . . . . .  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II      Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1) Courtney S Ross		Operating line of credit	X		18,206,070	186,441		No	Yes		Yes	
(2) Courtney S Ross		Payable to President	X		243,764	231,518		No		No		No
(3) Codynic Corp		Payable to Corporation owned by President	X		138,998	138,998		No		No		No
Total			►	\$		556,957						

**Part III Grants or Assistance Benefitting Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 550, Part IV, line 2A.				
<b>(a)</b> Name of interested person	<b>(b)</b> Relationship between Interested person and the organization	<b>(c)</b> Amount of assistance	<b>(d)</b> Type of assistance	<b>(e)</b> Purpose of assistance

**Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) Andco	Company owned by President	229,843	Reimbursements paid for shared employee services		No

**Part V Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions)

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Schedule L, Part II,	Note Payable	During the tax year ended 6/30/13, the President of the Institute forgave \$18,063,703 of the note payable and accrued interest payable that was outstanding as of the end of the 6/30/12 tax year

SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)

## Noncash Contributions

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990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.  
►Attach to Form 990.Name of the organization  
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## Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art . . . . .				
2 Art—Historical treasures . . . . .				
3 Art—Fractional interests . . . . .				
4 Books and publications . . . . .				
5 Clothing and household goods . . . . .				
6 Cars and other vehicles . . . . .				
7 Boats and planes . . . . .				
8 Intellectual property . . . . .				
9 Securities—Publicly traded . . . . .				
10 Securities—Closely held stock . . . . .				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests . . . . .				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous . . . . .				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures . . . . .				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other . . . . .				
15 Real estate—Residential . . . . .	X	1	1,376,865	Selling price
16 Real estate—Commercial . . . . .	X	1	10,445,000	Appraisal
17 Real estate—Other . . . . .				
18 Collectibles . . . . .				
19 Food inventory . . . . .				
20 Drugs and medical supplies . . . . .				
21 Taxidermy . . . . .				
22 Historical artifacts . . . . .				
23 Scientific specimens . . . . .				
24 Archeological artifacts . . . . .				
25 Other ► ( _____ ) . . . . .				
26 Other ► ( _____ ) . . . . .				
27 Other ► ( _____ ) . . . . .				
28 Other ► ( _____ ) . . . . .				
29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement . . . . .			29	

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1-28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period? . . . . .	30a	No
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?	31	No
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions? . . . . .	32a	No
b If "Yes," describe in Part II		
33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II		

**Part II Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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**Schedule M (Form 990) (2012)**

**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.  
► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 2	Courtney Sale Ross, President, and Nicole Ross, Trustee - Family relationship

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11	<p>The Form 990 is prepared by an independent CPA firm. A preliminary draft of the Organization's Form 990, including all required schedules, was provided to management. Management reviewed the draft Form 990, consulted with the Organization's accountants and tax return preparers, and took all other measures necessary and appropriate to ensure that the final version of the Form 990 is complete and accurate to the best of their knowledge. The Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees then reviewed and approved the final version of the Form 990 in consultation with management, the Organization's accountants, tax return preparers, and tax counsel prior to filing. A copy of the final version of the Form 990, including all required schedules, was provided to each member of the Organization's Board of Trustees prior to filing with the IRS.</p>

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	Each director, principal officer, and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers signs a conflict of interest statement annually which are reviewed by the officers. If a conflict should arise, the individual shall leave the meeting during discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
		15a - The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees approves the Chief Operating Officer's compensation by performing an analysis and utilizing appropriate data as to the comparability of the compensation. The Executive Committee is required to adequately document the basis for its determinations. This process was last completed during 2010 and will be completed again in June 2014. 15b - The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees approves the compensation of other officers and key employees by performing an analysis and utilizing appropriate data as to the comparability of the compensation. The Executive Committee is required to adequately document the basis for its determinations. This process was last completed during 2010 and will be completed again in June 2014.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
	Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	The School makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public upon request

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Executive Committee	Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 1a	The Board of Trustees may, by resolution, designate five or more trustees (one of whom shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees) to constitute an Executive Committee, and delegate to the Executive Committee any of the powers and authority of the Board of Trustees in the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation, except for the amendment or repeal of Bylaws or the adoption of new Bylaws, the amendment or repeal of any resolution of the Board of Trustees that by its express terms is not so amendable or repealable, the filling of vacancies in the Board of Trustees or in any committee, the approval of any transaction in which a trustee or officer has an interest, and the granting of degrees or making removals from office

<b>Identifier</b>	<b>Return Reference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Reporting of W-2 wages and benefits	Form 990, Part VII	One of the highest compensated employees reported in Form 990, Part VII spends time working for both Ross Institute and Andco (see disclosure in Sch L, Part IV) The amount reimbursed by Andco for this employee's time is based on the actual hours spent working for the organization. The amounts reported in Part VII, Form 990 reflect the total wages paid to this employee, not only the amounts allocable to Ross Institute

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances	Form 990, Part XI, line 9	Loss on abandonment of construction project -340,183

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Explanation of Responsibility	Form 990, Part XII, Line 2c	The organization's Board assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit of its financial statements and selection of its independent accountant. This process has not changed since the prior year.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Gift Acceptance Policy	Schedule M, Line 31	The Institute has followed established procedures in the past regarding the acceptance of noncash gifts but does not have a formal written gift acceptance policy. The Institute will be adopting a written policy in June 2014.

SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)

## Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) RSIL26 LLC 18 Goodfriend Drive East Hampton, NY 11937	Real estate management	NY	0	1,620,895	Ross Institute

**Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)

(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	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?
Yes	No					
(1) Stiftelsen Ross Institute Sweden c/o The Ross Institute 560 Broadway New York, NY 10012	Education	SW	N/A		N/A	

**Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

**Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.)

**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

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?

- a** Receipt of **(i)** interest **(ii)** annuities **(iii)** royalties or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity
- b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)
- c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
- d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
- e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)
  
- f** Dividends from related organization(s)
- g** Sale of assets to related organization(s)
- h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s)
- i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)
- j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)
  
- k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)
- l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
- m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)
- n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)
- o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)
  
- p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses
- q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses
  
- r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)
- s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b>		No
<b>1b</b>		No
<b>1c</b>		No
<b>1d</b>		No
<b>1e</b>		No
<b>1f</b>		No
<b>1g</b>		No
<b>1h</b>		No
<b>1i</b>		No
<b>1j</b>		No
<b>1k</b>		No
<b>1l</b>		No
<b>1m</b>		No
<b>1n</b>		No
<b>1o</b>		No
<b>1p</b>		No
<b>1q</b>		No
<b>1r</b>		No
<b>1s</b>		No

**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	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved

**Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 37.)

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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Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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