



MEMORANDUM

Date: July 26, 2025

To: CEAC Board

From: Administration

Re: Memo of Dept. Highlights

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Text in **blue** are links for deeper review.

Academic Report

- [2024-2025 Enrollment Report](#)
 - [Summer 2025](#): 89 students
 - 2024-2025 Unique Students: 290*
*Second highest unique student enrollment (highest of 292 in 2020-2021).
- [ATS Accreditation Timeline](#)
 - ATS members voted to grant Stark Seminary Associate Membership in June 2024.
 - The entire staff and faculty completed an initial draft of the self-study in May 2025.
 - Self-study due November 1, 2026
 - The linked timeline to achieve ATS Accreditation by Summer 2026 is still on track.
- [MOU Partnership with Annapolis Christian Academy](#)
 - Annapolis Christian Academy students are now earning college credit through a new dual-credit partnership with Stark College & Seminary.

Student Engagement

- [Map of 2024- 2025 Churches Served](#) (136)
 - Now includes an option to see Churches Served since 2020 (253)

- Student Engagement is now piloting targeted academic coaching for at-risk students for retention and academic success.
- We are working with Texas Baptists on research to improve Hispanic doctoral pathways in higher education, with Dr. Villarreal as principal investigator.

Business & Finance Report

- [Financial Reports as of 05.31.25](#)
 - **Cash balance.** Our cash balance as of May 31st was \$82,761 compared to \$133,952 last year. While not directly cash, it is worth noting that the balance in SCS' HighGround account has increased by \$175,551 vs. last year.
 - **Contributions.** General Fund Contributions for the month came to \$104,004 vs. LY of \$155,385 and a budget of \$66,250. Designated and Restricted Fund Contributions came to \$0 vs. LY of \$0 and a budget of \$7,917.
 - **Tuition.** Net Tuition revenue of \$320,176 came in \$3,926 above budget and \$21,629 above last year. This is an increase of about 7% vs. LY.
 - **Total Income** for the month came in at \$127,263 vs. LY of \$281,977 and a budget of \$158,516. YTD Total Income is (\$141,760) below budget and (\$141,170) below LY. The YTD decrease vs. LY is due to decreased contributions from the Borchert Trust. Investment income of \$421,744 YTD is (\$136,680) below budget and (\$104,748) below LY.
 - **Expenses** for the month came in at \$137,798, which was under budget and below LY. YTD, Total expenses of \$1,673,808 were (\$69,649) below budget and (\$54,810) lower than LY. The largest variances to LY occurred in Salaries (up by \$8,578) and Benefits (up by \$12,880), offset by lower spending in most of the other expense categories. Our primary increases vs. budget were in Professional Services (up by \$11,203), Office Expense (up by \$3,098), and Misc. Expenses (up by \$11,346), offset by lower than budget spending in most of the other categories.
 - **Summary.** Our YTD net operating deficit came in at (\$71,895) compared to a budgeted surplus of \$215 and a surplus LY of \$14,465. This means we ended May, (\$72,111) below budget and (\$86,360) below LY.

Development

- Endowment / Donor Relations Update
 - Post graduation donor packets received well from donors resulting in positive returns.
 - 2025 Black Church Studies Professor Chair established by Jeff and Charlotte Billinger
 - \$5,100 received as of July 8, 2025
 - 2025 Peggy Pair Bivens Worship Ministry Scholarship established by Scott and Cindy Pair (Dr. Jena Dunn's father's side of the family)
 - \$9,064.50 received as of July 8, 2025
- [Development Dashboard](#)
- [Trustee Attendance & Giving Dashboard](#)
 - 25% Trustee giving as of July 21, 2025