

# **DeVry University**

**Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program  
For the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017**

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## **Report of Independent Auditors on Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Reversions of the Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program**

To the Board of Trustees of  
DeVry University:

We have audited the accompanying statement of appropriations, expenditures and reversions of the Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program of DeVry University – Colorado for the years ended June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, and the related notes (the financial statement).

### ***Management's Responsibility***

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

### ***Auditors' Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of the *Guidelines for Administering State-Funded Student Assistance Programs*, issued by the Colorado Department of Higher Education. Those standards and the *Guidelines for Administering State-Funded Student Assistance Programs* require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

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

### ***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the appropriations, expenditures and reversions of the Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program of DeVry University – Colorado for the years ended June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*

March 29, 2019

**DeVry University – Colorado**  
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DeVry University – Colorado (the “University”) is a private, degree-granting, regionally accredited, institution of higher education with locations throughout the state of Colorado.

Our financial and compliance examination of the Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program at the University for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, was directed toward the objectives and criteria set forth in the Colorado Commission on Higher Education’s Financial Aid Policy. The state student financial assistance program was examined in conjunction with the audit of federal financial aid for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

**Colorado State-Funded Assistance Program**

The Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program at the University is the Colorado Student Grant Program.

The state-funded student assistance awards made by the University were \$232,000 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 and \$293,958 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. No state funds were transferred to the Perkins Loan Program in fiscal year 2018 or 2017.

The University’s Vice President of Finance is responsible for administration of this program. This responsibility includes application processing, eligibility determination and financial aid packaging, as well as ensuring compliance with regulations governing the participation of the University in the federal and state financial aid program. The University Controller is responsible for the program financial management, general ledger accounting, payments and collections.

During the year ended June 30, 2018, the University was originally authorized to award \$301,797, which was subsequently adjusted to \$260,000, in Colorado Student Grant Program funds. The University requested and received \$250,714 of this amount, \$15,614 of which was subsequently returned to the state due to updates in student eligibility.

During the year ended June 30, 2017, the University was originally authorized to award \$295,558 in Colorado Student Grant Program funds. The University requested and received the full amount authorized, \$1,600 of which was subsequently returned to the state due to updates in student eligibility.

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**Purpose and Scope of Audit**

See the Report of Independent Auditors on Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Reversions and the Report of Independent Auditors on Compliance with Requirements That Could Have a Direct and Material Effect on the Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with the Guidelines for Administering State-Funded Student Assistance Programs for information regarding the purpose and scope of the audits.

**Summary of Current Year Comments**

The audit covered the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018, and fieldwork was performed during the period July 9, 2018 through March 22, 2019, and no audit findings were noted.

**Summary of Progress in Implementing Prior Audit Recommendations**

No compliance findings were noted during the course of our audit of the DeVry University Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program in the prior years' audits that require an update in this report.

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**Colorado  
Student Grant  
Program**

Appropriations	
State authorization	\$ 260,000
Expenditures	
Grants and awards	\$ (250,714)
Reversions	
Amounts returned to the state	\$ 15,614

**For the year ended June 30, 2017**

**Colorado  
Student Grant  
Program**

Appropriations	
State authorization	\$ 295,558
Expenditures	
Grants and awards	\$ (295,558)
Reversions	
Amounts returned to the state	\$ 1,600

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the statement of appropriations, expenditures and reversions

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**1. Basis of Accounting**

DeVry University's accounting system is structured and administered in accordance with the accounting principles promulgated by the National Association of College and University Business Officers in their revised publication "*College and University Business Administration*," as supplemented by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants industry guide *Not-for-Profit Entities*. In addition, the University complies with the guidelines set forth by their accrediting body, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, on such matters.

The statement of appropriations, expenditures and reversions is prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, with state-funded aid expensed when aid is disbursed to students' accounts upon determination of their eligibility for to receive state funds.



**Report of Independent Auditors on Compliance with Requirements That Could Have a Direct and Material Effect on the Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with the Guidelines for Administering State-Funded Student Assistance Programs**

To the Board of Trustees of  
DeVry University:

**Report on Compliance for the Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program**

We have audited DeVry University – Colorado’s (the "University") compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *Colorado Funded Student Aid Audit Guide* that could have a direct and material effect on the University’s Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017. The University’s Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program is identified in the accompanying statement of appropriations, expenditures and reversions.

***Management’s Responsibility***

Management is responsible for compliance with state statutes, regulations and the terms and conditions of its state awards applicable to its state programs.

***Auditors’ Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for the University’s Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of the *Guidelines for Administering State-Funded Student Assistance Programs*, issued by the Colorado Department of Higher Education. Those standards and the *Guidelines for Administering State-Funded Student Assistance Programs* require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the University’s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the University’s compliance.

***Opinion on the Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program***

In our opinion, the University complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its the Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.



## Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the University is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the University's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the *Guidelines for Administering State-Funded Student Assistance Programs*, issued by the Colorado Department of Higher Education, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control over compliance.

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the *Guidelines for Administering State-Funded Student Assistance Programs*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

March 29, 2019

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No compliance findings were noted during the course of our audit of the DeVry University Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

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No compliance findings were noted during the course of our audit of the DeVry University Colorado State-Funded Student Assistance Program in the prior years' audits that require an update in this report.

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Copies of this report have been distributed by the University to:

DeVry University (4)

Colorado Department of Higher Education (2)

State Auditor's Office (2)

The University's packaging priority for need-based applicants is required to give the highest priority to the neediest students. During the years ended June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2017, the University's packaging plan is to award some aid to the neediest students but provide aid to other lower-need students if funds are available.