## Title

The Price of Independence: Tuition, Annual Giving, Endowments, and Financial Aid in Independent Schools

Permalink
https://escholarship.org/uc/item/0x89d738

## Author

Walton, William Lee
Publication Date
2014
Peer reviewed|Thesis/dissertation

# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA 

## Los Angeles

The Price of Independence:
Tuition, Annual Giving, Endowments, and Financial Aid in Independent Schools

A dissertation submitted in partial satisfaction of the requirements for the degree Doctor of Education
by

William Lee Walton, Jr.

## © Copyright by

William Lee Walton, Jr. 2014

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISSERTATION 

# The Price of Independence: Tuition, Annual Giving, Endowments, and Financial Aid in Independent Schools 

by
William Lee Walton, Jr.
Doctor of Education

University of California, Los Angeles, 2014
Professor Kevin Eagan, Co-Chair

Professor Eugene Tucker, Co-Chair

This quantitative study draws on 11 years worth of longitudinal financial data collected from United States independent schools from 2003 to 2013 by the National Association of Independent Schools via StatsOnline. Tuition price and tuition growth rates were analyzed by school type, proportion of students on financial aid, the ratio of total annual giving to total income and the ratio of total endowment to total annual giving. Additionally, the proportion of students on financial aid was analyzed by school type, ratio of total annual giving to total income, ratio of total endowment to total income and tuition price. The relationship between total endowment and annual giving and total endowment and tuition price was also analyzed. Findings include the most expensive type of school, the relationship between annual giving and financial aid, suggestions for independent school praxis and also suggestions further research. Because the data used includes the years 2008-2010, observations regarding independent school response to the United States recession of 2009 are also included.

The dissertation of William Lee Walton, Jr. is approved.

Todd Franke
Linda Sax
Kevin Eagan, Committee Co-Chair
Eugene Tucker, Committee Co-Chair

University of California, Los Angeles
2014

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

TABLE OF CONTENTS ..... iv
LIST OF TABLES ..... vii
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS .....  X
VITA ..... xi
CHAPTER 1. PROBLEM STATEMENT ..... 1
Finance models for independent schools ..... 4
Independent Schools and the "Great Recession" ..... 7
Research Questions ..... 9
Studying the problem: Methods ..... 10
Public Engagement ..... 10
CHAPTER 2. LITERATURE REVIEW ..... 11
Education in Early America ..... 11
From academies and venture schools to independent schools ..... 16
Non Profits, Universities and Endowments ..... 17
Enrollment Management ..... 24
Financial Equilibrium and Sustainability ..... 27
Disruptive Innovation ..... 29
Conclusion ..... 33
CHAPTER 3. METHODOLOGY ..... 35
Research Questions ..... 35
Population Selection Rationale ..... 37
Rationale for using NAIS dataset ..... 38
Rationale for Quantitative Study ..... 38
Overview of the dataset ..... 39
Sample Selection ..... 41
Methods for Stratification of Schools ..... 41
Data Analysis Methods ..... 43
Ethical Issues ..... 45
Addressing Validity, Reliability, Credibility and Limitations ..... 45
CHAPTER 4. FINDINGS ..... 47
Research Question 1 ..... 49
Research Question 1: Tuition Prices ..... 49
Boarding and Day Tuition as Stratified by School Type ..... 50
Boarding and Day Tuition when Stratified by Class Code ..... 53
Boarding and Day Tuition when Stratified by Percent of Students on Financial Aid ..... 55
Boarding and Day Tuition when Stratified by the Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income ..... 61
Boarding and Day Tuition Stratified by the Average Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income ..... 67
Research Question 1: Tuition Growth Rates ..... 72
Boarding and Day Tuition Growth Rates when Stratified by School Type ..... 73
Boarding and Day Tuition Growth Rates when Stratified by Class Code ..... 75
Boarding and Day Tuition Growth Rates Stratified by Percent of Students on Financial Aid. ..... 76
Boarding and Day Tuition Growth Rates Stratified by Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income ..... 78
Boarding and Day Tuition Growth Rates Stratified by the Average Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income ..... 81
Research Question 2 ..... 83
Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid Stratified by School Type ..... 84
Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid Stratified by Class Code. ..... 86
Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid Stratified by Quintiles Based on the Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income ..... 87
Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid Stratified by Quintiles Based on the Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income ..... 89
Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid Stratified by Quintiles Based on Tuition Price ..... 91
Research Question 3 ..... 94
Relationship Between a School's Endowment and its Tuition Price. ..... 95
Relationship Between the Ratio of a School's Total Endowment to its Total Income and Tuition Price ..... 96
The relationship between the Ratio of a School's Total Endowment to Total Income and Total Annual Giving ..... 98
The relationship Between a School's Endowment and Total Annual Giving ..... 99
Research Question 4 ..... 100
Conclusion ..... 103
CHAPTER 5. DISCUSSION ..... 105
Introduction ..... 105
Conclusions ..... 106
Both boarding and day tuition is higher at schools whose student body is made up of at least 50\% boarding students. ..... 106
Schools that provide financial aid to the lowest proportion of students charge the lowest tuition price. ..... 106
The nation's boarding schools have a significantly higher percentage of students on financial aid than do day schools. ..... 107
Day tuition grew slightly fasterer than boarding tuition over the years 2003 to 2013. 108The proportion of students on financial aid increased from 2003 to 2013, especiallyafter 2009.108
The higher the ratio of total annual giving to total income, the greater the percentage of students on financial aid. ..... 108
Boarding and day tuition have an opposite, though somewhat weak, relationship to the ratio of total endowment to total income. ..... 109
Recommendations for Practice ..... 110
Limitations ..... 111
Suggestions for Further Research ..... 112
Public Engagement ..... 114
APPENDIX A. DAY TUITION BY SCHOOL TYPE, 2003-2013 ..... 115
APPENDIX B. BOARDING TUITION BY SCHOOL TYPE, 2003-2013 ..... 121
APPENDIX C. DAY TUITION BY CLASS CODE, 2003-2013 ..... 127
APPENDIX D. DAY TUITION BY PROPORTION OF STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID, 2003-2013 ..... 133
APPENDIX E. DAY TUITION BY THE RATIO OF TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING TO TOTAL INCOME, 2003-2013 ..... 145
APPENDIX F. DAY TUITION BY THE RATIO OF TOTAL ENDOWMENT TO TOTAL INCOME, 2003-2013 ..... 157
REFERENCES ..... 169

## LIST OF TABLES

Table 4.1: Schools by School Type . ..... 48
Table 4.2: Day and Boarding Tuition, 2003-2013 ..... 50
Table 4.3: Average day tuition, stratified by School Type, 2003-2013 ..... 51
Table 4.4: Average boarding tuition, stratified by School Type, 2003-2013. ..... 52
Table 4.5. Day Tuition by Class Code. ..... 54
Table 4.6: Average boarding tuition, stratified by Class Code, 2003-2013 ..... 54
Table 4.7: Proportion of students on financial aid. ..... 55
Table 4.8: Day and Boarding Tuition by Proportion of Students on Financial Aid ..... 56
Table 4.9: Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid at Schools that Charge Day Tuition 57
Table 4.10: Average Day Tuition by Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid ..... 57
Table 4.11: Day tuition, by proportion of students on financial aid, 2003-2013 ..... 58
Table 4.12: Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid at Schools that Charge Boarding Tuition ..... 59
Table 4.13: Average Boarding Tuition by Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid. ..... 60
Table 4.14: Boarding Tuition, by Proportion of Students on Financial Aid at Schools that Charge Boarding Tuition, 2003-2013 ..... 60
Table 4.15: Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income ..... 62
Table 4.16: Average Day and Average Boarding Tuition by the Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income ..... 62
Table 4.17: Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income at Schools that Charge Day Tuition 63
Table 4.18: Average Day Tuition, 2003-2013, by the Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income ..... 63
Table 4.19: Day tuition, 2003-2013, by Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income. ..... 64
Table 4.20: Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income at Schools that Charge Boarding Tuition ..... 65
Table 4.21: Average Boarding Tuition, 2003-2013, by the Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income ..... 66
Table 4.22: Boarding Tuition at Schools that Charge Boarding Tuition, 2003-2013, by Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income ..... 66
Table 4.23: Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income, 2003-2013 ..... 67
Table 4.24: Average Day and Average Boarding tuition, 2003-2013, by the Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income ..... 68
Table 4.25: Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income at Schools that Charge Day Tuition ..... 68
Table 4.26: Average day tuition, 2003-2013, by ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income. ..... 69
Table 4.27: Day tuition, 2003-2013, by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income ..... 69
Table 4.28: Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income at Schools that Charge Boarding Tuition ..... 70
Table 4.29: Average Boarding Tuition by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income ..... 71
Table 4.30: Boarding Tuition, 2003-2013, by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income at Schools that Charge Boarding Tuition ..... 72
Table 4.31: Tuition Growth Rates, by Tuition Type, 2004-2013 ..... 73
Table 4.32: Day Tuition Growth Rates by School Type, 2004-2013 ..... 74
Table 4.33: Boarding Tuition Growth Rates by School Type, 2004-2013 ..... 75
Table 4.34: Day Tuition Growth Rates by Class Code, 2004-2013 ..... 75
Table 4.35: Boarding tuition growth rates by Class Code, 2004-2013 ..... 76
Table 4.36: Day Tuition Growth Rates, by Proportion of Students on Financial Aid, 2004-2013 ..... 77
Table 4.37: Boarding Tuition Growth Rates, at Schools that Charge Boarding Tuition by Proportion of Students on Financial Aid, 2004-2013 ..... 78
Table 4.38: Day Tuition Growth Rates at Schools that Charge Day Tuition by the Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income, 2004-2013 ..... 79
Table 4.39: Boarding Tuition Growth Rates at Schools that Charge Boarding Tuition, by the Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income, 2004-2013 ..... 80
Table 4.40: Day Tuition Growth Rates at Schools that Charge Day Tuition by the Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income ..... 81
Table 4.41: Boarding Tuition Growth Rates at Schools that Charge Boarding Tuition by the Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income ..... 82
Table 4.42: Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid, 2003-2013 ..... 84
Table 4.43: Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid, by School Type, 2003-2013 ..... 85
Table 4.44. Sidak Comparisons for Financial Aid Proportion by School Type ..... 86
Table 4.45: Proportion of Students that Receive Financial Aid, by Class Code, 2003-2013. ..... 87
Table 4.46: Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid, by the Ratio of Total Annual Givingto Total Income, 2003-2013.................................................................................................. 88Table 4.47. Sidak Comparisons for Proportional Financial Aid Enrollment by Ratio TotalAnnual Giving to Total Income89
Table 4.48: Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid, by the Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income, 2003-2013. ..... 90
Table 4.49. Sidak Comparisons for Proportional Financial Aid Enrollment by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income ..... 91
Table 4.50: Average boarding tuition, 2003-2013 ..... 91
Table 4.51: Proportion of students receiving financial aid, stratified by boarding tuition price, 2003-2013 ..... 92
Table 4.52: Average Day Tuition, 2003-2013 ..... 93
Table 4.53: Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid, by Day Tuition, 2003-2013. ..... 93
Table 4.54: Correlations Between Day Tuition, Boarding Tuition and Total Endowment, by Subsets of the years from 2003-2013 ..... 95
Table 4.55: Correlations Between the Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income and each Boarding and Day Tuition, by Subsets of the Years 2003-2013 ..... 97
Table 4.56: Correlations between Average Total Annual Giving and the ratio of TotalEndowment to Total Income and also Average Endowment, by subsets of years from 2003-
2013 ..... 99
Table 4.57: Model Summaries, subset of the years 2003-2013 ..... 101
Table 4.58. Coefficients for Models 1 and 4, Dependent Variable Average Day Tuition ..... 102

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This project would not have been possible without the generous financial support of both Barbara Walton and Maimonides Academy. I am deeply grateful for their support.

This project also would not have possible without the insight, advice and time of many individuals. But this dissertation is about institutions and not individuals. As people, institutions serve us and nourish us. Therefore, in acknowledging the individuals who provided essential contributions to this work, one must also pay respects to their institutions. Many thanks to the following individuals, at the following institutions:

Berkeley Preparatory School: Richard Pyrczak; Carnegie Mellon University: Eric Grotzinger, David Shumway and Russell Walker; Chadwick School: Marian Hersh; Georgetown University: Cólín Parsons; Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy: Howard Haas; Maimonides Academy: Daniel Crosby and Rabbi Baruch Kupfer; Maui Preparatory Academy: Jonathan Silver; McCallie School: Steve George and Kirk Walker; Montclair State University: Anuj Vaidya; People of Faith for Justice: Reverend Richard Kurrasch; The Pennsylvania State University: Ann Walton; National Association for Independent Schools: Jefferson Burnett, Nancy Raley and Amada Torres; Tarbut V'Torah Community Day School: Joy Berkowitz, Clint Davis, Laura Roth, Heidi Theisen and Lee Weissman; Tower Hill School: Kevin Ruth; Toys "R" Us: Mahender Nathan; University of California, Los Angeles, the following professors: Kevin Eagan, Todd Franke, Linda Sax, Eugene Tucker, and Richard Wagoner; University of California, Los Angeles, the following colleagues from my Ed.D. cohort: Amy Bruinooge, Megan Fox, Elizabeth McKillop and Leora Wolf-Prussan; University of Tennessee at Chattanooga: S. Kittrell Rushing and Barbara Walton; Yeshivah of Flatbush, Rabbi Seth Linfield. And finally, at Singapore Airlines, at home, and everywhere and always, Kasinee Karnsomport.

## VITA

Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing, with an additional major in Literary and Cultural Studies Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
Carnegie Mellon University
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Diploma, Cum Laude
The McCallie School
Chattanooga, Tennessee

## CHAPTER 1. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Great schools have always had a base of middle class kids, and that base is important to the faculty, and that diversity is important to the school. In fact, it's surprising how many of the leadership positions and awards in independent schools are garnered by middle class kids, fueled by ambition and drive. We want demand from a socioeconomic crosssection of the population to achieve our mission, but our pricing policies are undermining that possibility.
—Patrick Bassett, past president of the National Association of Independent Schools

Private schools, like private colleges, have occupied an important place in American history since the founding of Harvard College in 1636. At the Pre-K-12 level, about ten percent of the nation's school-age children are currently enrolled in about 34,000 private schools (National Center for Education Statistics, 2010).

Since 1980 tuition at independent schools has more than doubled while the U. S. median income has grown by less than $25 \%$ during the same time period. Independent schools are largely tuition-driven and derive an average of three-quarters of their revenue from tuition (McGovern \& Rhoden, 2012). As tuition has increased while household incomes have remained stagnant, Patrick Bassett, immediate past president of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), notes that independent schools are "quickly losing the middle class and the upper middle class" (Bassett, 2009, p. v.). Bassett sees the eternally rising tuition as a selfinflicted crisis: "we have redefined luxuries as necessities, spent too much, saved too little, and borrowed breathlessly against the future" (Bassett, 2009, p. v.)

A handful of independent schools boast endowments in the hundreds of millions of dollars. At these levels, significant investment income can be generated that feeds sizable financial aid funds, which, in turn, can be used to ensure moderate tuition prices so that an independent
education is available to students from diverse walks of life ${ }^{1}$. But the average endowment for an NAIS member school is only $\$ 20$ million, which is hardly large enough to generate significant annual investment income. Schools such as Phillips Exeter Academy, which has an endowment of $\$ 1.08$ billion (Phillips Exeter Academy, 2013), are the exception, not the norm. If independent schools want to continue serving student bodies that are reasonable cross sections of America's population, then it is essential that schools redefine their tuition-heavy financial models. Doing so would make the schools more financially sustainable in that they would be less reliant on tuition as a major source of their revenue and could thus afford to moderate their tuition price.

The above logic represents contemporary thinking on what's needed for independent schools to be financially sustainable in the 21 st century. The beginning point is the very nature and use of a school's endowment. In order to better understand what's feasible and what's not feasible when it comes to advocating for changes in a school's financial model, one has to fully understand the current state of independent schools when it comes to endowments, tuition price, and financial aid.

My study will endeavor to develop a more intricate understanding of the interplay of endowment, tuition price and financial aid practices of the private schools that are members of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS). In addition to advocating for independent schools, NAIS provides necessary research and guidance for many issues common to independent schools, including diversity, finance, and governance. In 1994, NAIS published Access and Affordability: Strategic Financial Perspectives for Independent Schools, which more-or-less viewed affordability through the same lens that many private colleges have

[^0]historically viewed affordability: how can an independent education be made available to minorities and lower-income students? Times have changed, though, and issues of affordability are now directly related to the very survival of independent schools since, as the reader will see, even affluent families are finding the price of an independent education difficult to pay in full.

Independent schools in America represent a broad cross section of schools that extend well beyond the typical few dozen "elite" New England boarding schools frequented by children of those in the Social Register (Baltzell, 1958; Gatzambide-Fernandez, 2009). Independent schools serve a large section of America's middle class while working to maintain racial, socioeconomic, and ethnic diversity. As tuition prices have risen, independent school families are finding it increasingly difficult to afford tuition. A decade ago, day school tuition represented just 30.9 percent of the median family income in the United States; today day school tuition accounts for 44.5 percent of median family income (Batiste \& McGovern, 2012). School and Student Services (SSS), which offers objective financial aid calculations for approximately 2,200 independent schools, calculates that the income needed to pay an annual tuition bill of $\$ 15,000$ is $\$ 115,395^{2}$. That number rises to $\$ 162,555$ for the Los Angeles area after cost of living adjustments (Mitchell, 2012, p.58) are made. For tuition at the $\$ 25,000$ level, those income numbers rise to $\$ 148,088$ and $\$ 211,163$, respectively. Schools lacking substantial endowments will have to look beyond tuition for revenue sources. And schools that do have endowments will have to make decisions about whether or not they should increase the draw on their endowment in an attempt to help ameliorate rising tuition costs.

[^1]
## Finance models for independent schools

The financial situation for an independent school is governed by four different factors that can be pushed and pulled like competing levers ${ }^{3}$. They are endowment, tuition revenue, labor costs, and annual giving.

Like many non-profits, the presence or absence of an endowment, coupled with the current charitable giving climate which is influenced heavily by the current state of the economy as well as the tax code, directly impacts a school's ability to offer financial aid as well as to fund additional programs beyond those merely tied to academics and athletics. Endowments function further as a way to pass down equity from generation to generation. This has been called intergenerational equity (Tobin, 1974). A strong endowment enables an institution to project a sense of permanence. An institution can then use this sense of permanence to enhance its brand, attract donors and (potentially) help cement the school as part of the nation's permanent educational fabric.

The next factor of independent school finance is the school's tuition coupled with the school's ability to attract a client base that can afford to pay it. Demographics, reputation, brand, and history all come to play in this factor. As tuition has risen significantly over the last several decades, more and more families find that their household income levels put them in the range of financial aid eligibility.

Third, NAIS member schools, which rely heavily on faculty labor, must contend with costs that rise at a level above the rate of inflation, due to Baumol's cost disease (Baumol \& Bowen, 1966; Blinder, 1992, among others). Usual calculations of inflation assume an increase in productivity; the same can't be said in education, since schools can only house so many

[^2]customers at a given time and part of the appeal of independent education are labor-intensive low faculty to student ratios.

Fourth, many schools mount annual fundraising campaigns for what is usually called the annual fund or annual giving. The goal of this fundraising is actually to help moderate tuition and labor costs: annual funds are usually marketed as efforts to deliver faculty salaries and/or provide financial aid. Unlike investment income from endowments, this income is never guaranteed since the institution must work hard to raise dollars from often the same individuals-parents, grandparents, and alumni-year after year.

These four factors-endowments, tuition, labor costs, and annual giving-are intertwined and influence one another. As costs go up, so must tuition. If endowment income falls, then this shortfall must be made up somewhere else. Likewise, if enrollment drops, tuition revenue will fall as well. A banner year for annual giving can also paint an unrealistic picture for future years. Likewise, a shortfall in annual fundraising can create potentially unforeseen budget problems.

Substantial endowments can be excellent sources of revenue. But not every school has a robust endowment. In his 2009 article, "What makes an elite boarding school?", GatzambideFernandez extended Baltzell's (1958) list of "select" 16 boarding schools to include 28 schools that have a strong history, high endowments, extensive physical plants and high SAT scores. These 28 schools have a combined endowment of $\$ 6.3$ billion that averages $\$ 255$ million per school (Gatzambide-Fernandez, 2009, pp. 1108-9). By comparison, in a 2011-2012 survey of 864 member schools, NAIS recorded a total combined endowment of $\$ 17.3$ billion with an average of endowment of only $\$ 20$ million per school (Table 1200, NAIS StatsOnline Survey, 2011-12, August 2012). For schools that lack a substantial endowment-and there are many-an important question to consider when tackling the issue of long-term financial sustainability is
how many resources, if any, should be devoted to building an endowment, especially since the annual draw on an endowment is only about 5\% of its total. It's also important to understand what the endowment distribution among NAIS member schools actually is-aggregate data can only paint a broad picture. A better understanding of endowments can also provide a better starting point for future research on independent school financial practices. And since there appears to be some correlation between a lowering of tax rates and reduced charitable giving (Drezner, 2006), the current tax climate adds to uncertainty on how much one can rely on perennial charitable donations to their annual funds.

Comparisons between NAIS member schools and private colleges are particularly apt since both types of institutions operate using similar structures of government; they pull from similar demographics and they aspire to remain accessible and affordable to as large a cross-section of the American population as possible. At the same time, both groups of institutions have seen tuition rates rise dramatically-from 1981 to 2011, the average tuition rates of colleges, in constant 2010 dollars, have more than doubled from $\$ 7,759$ to $\$ 18,133$ (National Center for Education Statistics, 2012). Over the same period, day school tuition at independent schools more than doubled, moving from "about \$8,000 in 1980 to about $\$ 17,000$ in 2005" (Looney, 2009, p. 64). For private colleges, the rise has been even greater; from 1992-93 to 2011-12, published total tuition, including room, board and fees, at private colleges has risen from \$24,500 to $\$ 38,510$ (College Board, Trends in College Pricing, 2012).

As tuition has risen at rates well above inflation, family income has risen much more slowly. For instance, the median income in the United States grew in constant dollars from \$42,429 in 1980 to $\$ 50,233$ in 2007 (U. S. Census Bureau, Current Population Reports, 2007). Thus, affordability for independent schools is a very real issue, especially when one considers that
unlike their higher education counterparts, independent school families cannot tap federal loan and grant programs for assistance. Independent schools also face competition from public and charter schools that charge no tuition. Given that the vast majority of independent schools are tuition-driven ${ }^{4}$, schools need to move beyond merely jury-rigging ways to stay affordable and actively engineer ways to dramatically improve their revenue structure. Patrick Bassett echoes this idea, "NAIS will be encouraging schools to seek to be not the price leader but the value leader in the market. The wrong question at budget time is, 'How much can we charge?' The effective question is, 'How can we offer excellence while moderating price?" (Bassett, 2009, p. vi.) One might even wonder whether or not Bassett's questions can be answered without rethinking the independent school financial model. Still, one wonders just how much independent schools have actually been working to moderate price in the last 11 years and whether or not any effort to moderate tuition price can be correlated (either positively or negatively) with the size of a school's endowment.

## Independent Schools and the "Great Recession"

Economic downturns can exacerbate a school's financial situation. A 2012 study conducted by two graduate students at Vanderbilt University looked at the response of NAIS member schools to the economic downturn known as the "Great Recession" that began in 2007 and lasted through 2009 (Rush \& Gilmore, 2012). Rush and Gilmore's study has many positive findings, including that schools responded quickly to recession, adjusted planning and were able to maintain programming and financial goals (Rush \& Gilmore, 2012, p. 8). One of the areas of future study that Rush and Gilmore suggest is the "life cycle" of independent schools: what lessons might be important for schools "entering their 30s or 40s" compared to those "who have

[^3]existed for one hundred years or only for a few." (Rush \& Gilmore, 2012, p. 120). Simply put, independent schools aren't all created equal. It's important to understand independent schools from the perspective of their type-whether that type is their age, as Rush and Gilmore suggest, or that type is the ratio of the size of their total endowment to their total annual income or the ratio of total annual giving to total income ${ }^{5}$. My study is in this area of suggested research.

Only 37 of NAIS's member schools have been around for more than 200 years. If the rest of NAIS's schools desire such longevity, they will need to find ways to establish an intergenerational foothold. For instance, schools might wonder if it is too late to start an endowment or if an endowment is even a crucial element of the sustainability equation. Concerns of revenue-generation and cost control extend beyond the independent school world. Former Harvard CFO Allen Proctor advises nonprofits that while endowments often garner much attention on the part of boards and donors, endowments do not provide nonprofit organizations with unrestricted cash reserves. Bassett's pronouncements, the advice of consulting firms such as Independent School Management, and even Proctor's suggestions expose the rather overly anecdotal nature of independent school finance advice and analysis.

DiMaggio and Powell (1983) point out that the presence of professional organizations and advocacy groups can lead to "policies and structures (being) copied throughout their fields" (DiMaggio \& Powell, 1983, p. 153). For them, one of the causes of institutional isomorphism is normative processes that stem from interaction with professional organizations and a professionalization of bureaucracy in a given field. In addition to normative processes, DiMaggio and Powell also identity mimetic practices that stem from uncertainty in an organization or its larger environment. The current financial milieu which independent schools find themselves

[^4]confronting is uncertain at best. Both universities and independent schools now have gifts officers of all sorts-major, minor, capital, annual-and alumni offices geared at establishing and maintaining contact with alumni for fund raising. The professionalization of the development field in education is an example the normative pressures to which DiMaggio and Powell refer. The current economic and intellectual conjuncture for independent schools appears to be ripe for institutional isomorphism.

## Research Questions

My research questions center on better understanding the relationship between tuition price, endowment, annual giving and the proportion of students on financial aid. The thrust of my problem statement has been that a school's endowment and annual giving are the starting points for virtually all discussions surrounding its financial health. Thus, my research questions seek to interrogate this notion.

1. What are (i) the average tuition price and (ii) the year-to-year and overall average tuition growth rates from 2003 to 2013 for NAIS schools? How do these overall growth rates compare to growth rates for tuition when schools are categorized in each of the following ways: by type of school; type of grade levels; the percent of students receiving financial aid; the size of their endowment in relation to their total income and their amount of total annual giving in relation to their total income.
2. What is the average percentage of students receiving financial aid overall and what is the average percentage of students receiving financial aid when schools are categorized in each of the following ways: by type of school; type of grade levels; the size of their endowment in relation to their total income and their amount of total annual giving in relation to their total income.
3. What is the relationship between: (a) a school's endowment and its tuition price; (b) the ratio of a school's total endowment to its total income and tuition price; (c) a school's endowment and total annual giving; and (d) the ratio of a school's total endowment to total income and total annual giving?
4. To what extent can the can day tuition price be predicted from the size of a school's endowment, total annual giving per student and average financial aid award?

## Studying the problem: Methods

Working exclusively from a dataset provided by NAIS, I will stratify the schools using the ratio of a school's endowment size to its annual revenue along quintiles. The idea of studying school along strata by type is informed by Rush and Gilmore (2012).

Following initial exploratory data analysis (Tukey, 1977), descriptive statistics and appropriate statistical analyses will be used to answer the research questions from the perspective of each strata. For the last research question, I will attempt to build a multivariable regression model.

## Public Engagement

Public engagement will be accomplished in a variety of ways. First, NAIS will be provided with an executive summary of my findings as well as a copy of my dissertation. Next, I will distribute my findings and an executive summary to the individuals who participated in the interviews used to help determine which variables to request data on from NAIS. If any of these organizations or individuals would like to follow-up on my research, I will be happy to facilitate such a process.

## CHAPTER 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Tuition at independent schools has risen much faster than inflation over the last 30 years at a time when median family income has remained constant. Thirty years ago, issues of affordability and demand at independent schools centered largely on providing access to members of socioeconomic minority classes; now, affordability and demand affect the entire tuition model on which most independent schools operate. Even upper-income families now find themselves eligible for financial aid. And for schools that lack substantial endowments, the stakes are even higher since they must generate most of their revenue from tuition alone.

In this chapter, I examine the history of independent schools in America through the way in which their funding models developed over the years. Following a brief history of endowments in America, I review the basics of endowment management and also their impact on independent schools. Next, I trace the development of enrollment management in independent schools as they have sought to become more inclusive during the latter part of the last century and the beginning of this one. Then I examine the influences of endowment and enrollment management on the current financial climate for independent schools. Finally, with an eye toward further research, I survey the arguments that have been made for disruptive innovations and the creation of profit centers in nonprofit education as a way to moderate tuition prices.

## Education in Early America

Today's funding models for independent schools have been largely inherited from the ways American schools, both public and private, were funded in the decades immediately following the American Revolution.

In the early nineteenth century, Americans were able to access education via three different types of educational institutions: common schools, academies and venture schools. These
options, and their sources of funding, varied from town to town. For simplicity's sake, I have chosen to group these institutions based on the ways in which they obtained their funding. I am aware that one can argue about specific definitions of the aforementioned institutions, especially since their definitions have changed over the years-common schools, for instance, moved from merely providing elementary education to providing a basis for nationalization and, arguably, anti-Catholic instruction.

Many towns formed common schools, which were "publicly maintained and belonged to the community." (Goldin \& Katz, 2003, p. 11). Common schools were funded at least in part by tax dollars and usually were controlled by elected officials at the town or district level (Beadie, 2008a). Because local communities did not always have the authority to levy taxes, or when tax revenue was not sufficient to fully fund a town's common school, tuition was often charged.

State financial support also extended beyond that of local common schools to privatelychartered academies which not only filled the educational gap that existed between common schools and university but also, at times, directly competed with common schools. Academies generally provided more advanced levels of education than were usually found in common schools and were usually "incorporated to ensure financial support beyond that available through tuition alone." (Tolley, 2001, p. 227).

Americans found the academy model appealing. In the decades following the Revolutionary War, over 150 academies were established in New England (Opal, 2004, p. 118). Even though academies charged tuition far greater than any tuition charged by common schools, academies viewed themselves as public institutions along the lines of "churches, courts, and colleges" (Opal, 2004, p. 450). Academies were often coeducational and founded on the principles of a
"liberal education" in an effort to educate a new citizenry of a new country (Durnin, 1968; Opal, 2004).

Without the large endowments that belonged to similar institutions back in England, America's academies usually received some form of public support. So, from the very beginning, endowments-or, rather insufficient endowments-played a major role in shaping American independent education.

Financial problems troubled the academies from the outset. Founded before the concept of public tax support for secondary education was accepted, they struggled to maintain themselves on the somewhat precarious base of state land grants, limited help from a few towns, lotteries, private benefactions, and tuition fees. (Durrin, 1968, p. 2).

Even though academies often received some form of public funding, they almost always were founded by "private initiative" and answered to "self-perpetuating governing boards" (Durnin, p. 1). Unlike common schools, which were controlled in part by elected officials, academies maintained a high degree of autonomy from local officials.

Academies existed in both northern and southern states and a good many of them were founded by various religious groups, including the Catholic Church (Tolley, 2001). State support in excess of ten percent of an academy's revenue was not unusual: for instance, in 1825, New York State provided upwards of one-fifth of the revenue for academies and provided 15 percent of their revenue in 1850 (Leslie, 2001, p. 265). In exchange for its largess, New York State received a supply of academy-trained teachers for its common schools. In fact, by the mid-1830s, New York State actually "mandated an academy with a pedagogical department in each senatorial district" (Tolley, 2001, p. 229).

In fact, academies were incredibly successful. An oft-cited statistic comes from the 1850 U . S. census which reported there were 6,032 academies nationwide, enrolling 261,362 students and employing 12,297 teachers (Goldin \& Katz, 2003, among others).

In addition to the common schools and the academies, a third type of educational apparatus, the venture school, thrived in the decades following the American Revolution. A venture school was "an unincorporated school that depended entirely on tuition and operated as the household business of an independent teacher, often in his or her home" (Beadie, 2008, p. 48). Unlike academies and common schools, venture schools sometimes specialized in one or two disciplines. Venture schools also offered instruction at times convenient to their students, in which some schools opened "as early as 5:00 A.M. and closed as late as 9:00 P.M. in order to accommodate the needs of working students" (Tolley, 2001, p. 231). Because venture schools often provided instruction in one or two select disciplines, or were run by a single instructor, it was common for venture schools to come and go, based on the demand of the local market ${ }^{6}$. Some venture school founders eventually incorporated their schools and turned them into academies. In so doing, the school gained additional sources of revenue beyond that of tuition and the surrounding community gained a more permanent educational institution (Tolley, 2001, p. 233).

From locally controlled common schools to independent academies run by boards of trustees to venture schools run by an individual on a proprietary basis, schooling in early America was decentralized, fragmented and competitive ${ }^{7}$. One way some scholars have chosen to conceptualize education during this time period is to conceive of education markets in which teaching labor flowed freely across state boarders in search of the highest compensation. Teachers at the academy and venture school level required higher levels of education than did their counterparts at common schools and thus were able to command higher level of compensation. It was not until later on in the 19th century that "state systems of free, tax-

[^5]supported elementary and secondary schools became the norm. . . this scenario suggests that state-based education systems replaced market-based schooling" (Beadie, p. 57).

All three types of schools-academies, venture schools and common schools-charged some form of tuition. For the common schools, tuition (or rate bills) was common in the decades leading up to the Civil War. For instance, in 1825 a school district in Lima, New York received $\$ 19.32$ in public funds. Teacher salaries alone that year totaled $\$ 64.00$ and the remaining $\$ 44.68$ was collected via rate bills applied to families whose children attended school (Beadie, 2008b, p. 115). This practice continued for decades. Even in 1848 tuition was still being used to fund Lima's schools. "Despite more than 30 years of state subsidies and local taxation in support of common schools, in other words, the availability of common schooling in Lima still depended largely on paying demand" (Beadie, 2008b, p. 118). In fact, New York State did not abolish rate bills until 1867. Rate bills persisted in New Jersey until 1871 (Goldin \& Katz, 2003, p. 48). Somewhat ironically, rate bills survive to this day in the independent school world, not in the form of tuition, but in the form of annual giving which has become a fixture in budgets of many independent schools. These funds raise money each year that the school uses to help fund the "gap" between tuition and expenses. In many instances, schools advertise that annual giving raises money for faculty salaries-the rate bill survives yet today in today's independent schools as families are tapped annually for an expected contribution-to help pay for teaching laborover and above the tuition they're already paying.

Today's independent school practice of tacking on surcharges for extra programs also descends from nineteenth century academy practice. For instance, fee schedules published by academies show that "students almost always had to pay for extra instruction in languages and
the classics or for such ornamental subjects as painting or fancy needlework" (Tolley, 2001, p. 235).

In the decades following the Civil War and as a response to secularism, especially Catholicism, non-sectarian common schools and public high schools appeared on the American landscape, writ-large. With the abolishment of rate bills, many schools enacted compulsory education laws. As public high schools began to appear, the academies began to wane, either closing or finding themselves converted to public high schools. But the financial model for today's independent school was fully formed in the academies of the early years of America's nationhood: independent schools derive their revenue from three main sources: tuition and fees; endowment income; and annual giving revenue.

## From academies and venture schools to independent schools

Today's independent schools have inherited many practices from the academies of the nineteenth century. Unlike online schools or vocational schools, which are, perhaps, today's inheritors of the venture school practice, independent schools have established physical plants, Boards of Trustees and often receive revenue in excess of tuition for program support. In today's times, these revenue streams come not from state charters but from endowments and annual giving. In fact, today's revenue models for independent schools bear such strong resemblance to the revenue models of nineteenth century American academies, it is almost as if independent schools have inherited their models from the academies. Inheritance is always a tricky subject, as two homophonic English verbs, cern and cerne, easily illustrate. The former, to cern, means to accept an inheritance whereas the latter, cerne, means to encircle or enclose ${ }^{8}$. As independent schools have developed, they have continued the revenue traditions of their predecessors,

[^6]combining tuition with additional revenue streams from fundraising and endowment revenue. But with the inheritance of the past comes potentially encircling limitations as independent schools have come, more and more, to depend on the same sources of revenue: tuition, investment income, and annual funds.

Such isomorphic progression among schools is hardly surprising. Institutions frequently mimic one another, copying the traits and practices of more established institutions in an attempt to legitimize their own practices (DiMaggio \& Powell, 1983). Reasons for mimicry certainly vary, but the current uncertain financial climate in which independent schools find themselves invites what DiMaggio and Powell term mimetic processes, which encourage isomorphism in climates of uncertainty. Later, in the survey of literature produced by independent school advocacy agencies such as the National Association of Independent Schools and Independent School Management, one will see elements of what DiMaggio and Powell term normative pressures.

## Non Profits, Universities and Endowments

Early American academies participated in the public good by providing access to education. Independent schools continue to fulfill these needs today, which is why the IRS classifies them as 501 (c)(3) public charities for tax purposes. This allows schools to invest vast sums of monies in endowments and access only a small percentage of those funds each year. Just as my discussion of the history of independent schools began with schooling in the early years of the American republic, my discussion on endowments also begins in the same era.

Benjamin Franklin provided one of the earliest instances of endowments in the early American republic. In his will he left 1,000 pounds each to Boston and Philadelphia with the stipulation that cities invest the money untouched for the first 100 years and then use the
accumulated funds for the public good. In a lecture on the responsibility of endowments in 1937, Frederick Keppel, then President of the Carnegie Corporation noted that early endowments in America were often "directed at one of two purposes: to the immediate relief of suffering, of cold, or hunger, or pain; or to the spread of current educational opportunity" (Keppel, 1937, p. 592).

As America has aged as a nation, its nonprofits dedicated to education have grown more sophisticated. Today, endowments help an institution signal permanence, the ability to endure and, in some cases, the ability to innovate. Most literature on educational endowments focuses on endowments at the university level, with Yale University's endowment garnering a lot of attention (Tobin, 1974; Swenson, 2000; among others). Since private universities and independent schools are fairly isomorphic with both types of institutions usually governed by Board of Trustees and reliant on philanthropic donations, in addition to tuition and fees, for revenue, ${ }^{9}$ it is relevant to consider the extensive literature on university endowments.

Endowment accumulation belongs uniquely to the world of nonprofit corporations. In America most large private universities and independent schools function as nonprofits. Large companies frequently operate on a heavily leveraged basis and it is even not uncommon for private universities in other countries, such as Japan, to be "generally financed by debt" (Hansmann, 1990, p. 4). Likewise, for-profit education enterprises also use debt to fund their practices. In the corporate arena, being leveraged is commonplace. A study of 36,767 firms from 39 countries over the years 1991-2006, found that the median leverage ratio of total debt to market value of the firm was 0.20 (Fan, Titman, \& Twite, 2012, p. 33). Firms in more developed

[^7]countries tended to leverage with mostly long-term debt; New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, United States and Canada led the sample with the highest long-term debt ratios (Fan et al., 2012, p. 33)

Corporations distribute profits to their shareholders. A corporation's goal is always to maximize profit. Nonprofit institutions do not have shareholders to whom profits are distributed; instead, their goal is to see that their mission is carried out effectively for the public good. Nonprofits must make important choices about how to provide their services-and to whom. A nonprofit must choose whether to "maximize the level of output, the quality of service or its share of a particular market" (Brooks, 2005, p. 543). Rather than funding themselves by remaining leveraged, nonprofits tend to use endowments that function in the exactly the opposite way from debt: endowments present a never-ending accumulation of capital, year after year. In fact, only a small percentage of the endowment is tapped annually for operation expenses.

James Tobin (1974) famously defined an endowment as "intergenerational equity" in which the trustees use the endowment to guard "the future against the claims of the present" (Tobin, 1974, p. 427). For Tobin, the endowment must be consumed in a way that it is both never depleted and, at the same time, able to "support the same set of activities that it is now supporting." (p. 427). It's worth noting that Tobin played an instrumental role in the development of Yale's endowment spending policy.

No matter how large an endowment may be and no matter how well it may be maintained, an important question is whether or not an endowment privileges future generations of students over today's students. The Ford Foundation, in its influential report on educational endowments in 1969, advocated for "the clear-cut objective of maximum long-term total return" (Ford Foundation, 1969, p. 5). The Ford Foundation report was issued in response to perceived gross underperformance on the part of educational endowments. They attributed such
underperformance to educational institutions managing their endowment portfolios in a way that placed "primary emphasis on avoiding losses and maximizing present income" (Ford Foundation, 1969, p. 3). In advocating for maximizing total return, the Ford Foundation foresaw a liberated view for endowment fund managers who would now be free to invest more liberally in hopes of maximizing total return while worrying less about losses from year to year.

Thus, the Ford Foundation endorsed a plan for endowment support of operations that many educational institutions use today.

Each year transfers are made from endowment to operating funds in an aggregate amount equal to $5 \%$ of the three-year, moving-average market value of the fund-whether or not that amount if provided by interest and dividends. (Ford Foundation, 1969, p. 21)

Swenson (2000) finds that more than 90 percent of institutions set their target spending rates between four and six percent; more than half still use the five percent rate suggested by the Ford Foundation (p. 34). And in their 2011 annual study of university endowments, the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) and Commonfund Institute found that the average effective endowment spending rate was 4.6 percent. Since 2000, this average effective rate has ranged from a low of 4.3 percent in 2008 to a high of 5.1 percent in 2003 (NACUBO-Commonfund, 2012, p. 30). The Ford Foundation's five percent message has been taken to heart by many nonprofits and remains a major aspect of endowment management.

Yale's revered endowment management accomplishes something very similar to what the Ford Foundation proposed, in terms of the final effective annual spending rate, but the spending rate is derived in a different manner:

Under Yale's rule, spending for a given year equals 70 percent of spending in the previous year, adjusted for inflation, plus 30 percent of the long-term spending rate applied to the endowment's current market level. (Swensen, 2000, p. 30)

Yale's clever formula continually decreases the weight of an individual year's endowment value in determining the spending rate for any one year. Such "superior smoothing
characteristics," Swenson notes, "reduce the transmission of investment volatility to the operating budget, allowing pursuit of portfolio management strategies promising higher returns" (p. 31).

However, endowments are about much more than spending rates and investment management. New capital is continually required by endowments. For instance, "in the absence of new gifts over the past forty-eight years," Swenson notes in 2000, "Yale's endowment would likely total only about one-third of today's value" (p. 37). In its 2011 endowment study, NACUBO-Commonfund found that the median size of new gifts to endowments was $\$ 2.3$ million (average size was $\$ 8.30$ million) and that the average percentage of operating budget funded by giving was 4.2 percent (NACUBO-Commonfund, 2012, p. 40).

If maximized total return is the norm in endowment management, then one might very well wonder what immediate purposes an endowment serves. After all, "each dollar added to endowment represents a dollar less for current research or for educational services to current students or a dollar more in tuition that must be charged current students in order to provide them with the same level of services" (Hansmann, 1990, p. 9). Donald Frey (2002) points out that from 1991 to 2001 while endowment returns were close to 10 percent, universities "on average withdrew a mere 5.4 percent of endowment value" (Frey, 2002, p. 110). Frey goes on to note that had universities with the 10 largest endowments spent an extra 2.5 percentage points of their endowments, an additional $\$ 4,600$ would have been available for each student enrolled at those universities (p. 110). This raises an interesting question: are carefully managed endowments actually being used to lessen the price of tuition? Brooks' questions about the aims of a nonprofit are pertinent here: are universities trying to maximize their output, providing education to as
many students as possible, are they trying to maximize the quality of that education or are they trying to corner the market on education?

Endowments must mean more to an institution than just an annual source of income. In fact, they carry and project significance, both real and symbolic. Endowments allow for differentiation of quality among similarly priced institutions. For instance, in the late 1990s, Swenson (2000) found that private colleges had remarkably similar tuition levels, top-quartile Carnegie classification universities had significantly larger endowments than lower quartile universities, which enables Swenson to conclude that "endowment size correlates clearly and strongly with institutional quality" (Swensen, 2000, p. 19). While such a finding is hardly stunning, the strong correlation between quality and endowment size gives institutions substantial reason to pursue large endowments, especially if they are pursuing isomorphism through mimetic processes.

It is useful at this point in the discussion to return to those two English verbs, cern (to inherit) and cerne (to enclose). An endowment provides an inheritance of accumulated capital from years past, the bulk of which is largely closed off from today's operating budget, instead offering up a heavily metered flow toward current operations while ensuring that the maximum possible return on the endowment can be reached. ${ }^{10}$ It is as if the vast corpus of the endowment has been put into an iron cage. While endowments certainly contribute valuable monies to annual operations, it is not evident that endowments have been used to moderate the price of tuition for colleges and universities. After all, as Swenson (2000) found, those colleges with the largest endowments also

[^8]charged the highest tuition. This raises an interesting question about independent schools: do those schools with the largest endowments also charge the highest tuition?

While there are annual metrics on endowments for colleges, universities and nonprofit foundations, such as the NABUCO-Commonfund studies, a lot of literature does not exist on endowments of independent schools. Both NAIS and its quasi-competitor Independent School Management (ISM) publish advice books, blog articles and strategy how-to guides. In addition, other organizations, such as the Partnership for Excellence Jewish Education (PEJE) provide similar sources of advice to their member schools, often linking to articles and reports by NAIS and ISM. Membership in these organizations is far from mutually exclusive: organizations that meet the requirements of NAIS and PEJE may certainly opt to join both; ISM tends to function in a consulting role, offering workshops and producing offering standard, fixed advice. In some cases, advice from these organizations overlaps; in other areas, particularly in the areas of financial aid and tuition pricing, ISM and NAIS advice tends to diverge.

Beyond advocating for the importance of endowments, neither ISM nor NAIS provides much information about endowments. NAIS conducts an annual online survey of independent schools, called StatsOnline, in which schools are asked to input information for a variety of variables, including endowment and annual giving variables. NAIS then reports these data, in aggregate form, to its member organizations via an annual publication, 10 Markers of Success. However, NAIS reports the data in percentile form, by each category. For instance, in this year's markers of success publication (January 16, 2013), NAIS reports the 25th, 50th, 75th and 90th percentile endowment values for both day and boarding schools. Similar categories are reported in similar manner. In reporting categorical data by percentiles, data are not presented for schools that might find themselves in similar stratifications. One the values of my project is that I will work with
raw NAIS StatsOnline data to create meaningful stratifications and then parse their data along these stratifications to achieve a better understanding of tuition, endowments, financial aid, annual giving and the relationship among them.

## Enrollment Management

It is common knowledge that at the university and college level, many students receive a variety of financial aid—grants, work study, and loans-financed in part by the federal government. Alas, such federal assistance is not available at the K-12 level for private school tuition. Families must rely instead on financial aid grants from schools and educational loans ${ }^{11}$. The bulk of aid comes from the schools themselves. Independent schools must thoughtfully manage their overall enrollment picture-carefully assembling their classes from an appropriate mixture of full-pay and aid-receiving families. Just as with endowment research, most scholarly work on enrollment management-itself a recent development, dating back only a few decades-has concentrated on enrollment management at the university level.

The origins of enrollment management are often ascribed to a professor at Boston College, Jack Maguire (Coomes, 2000; Hossler, 2000) who first used the term in 1976. Other early practitioners of enrollment management included California State University at Long Beach, Northwestern and my own alma mater, Carnegie Mellon University. (Hossler, 1996, p. 66) \& (Coomes, 2000, p. 12). With the emergence of enrollment management programs institutions began to look at the totality of the way in which they recruited, admitted, matriculated, and maintained students-including, especially, what kinds of students (social and racial diversity and also talent-based diversity found in athletics and the arts), rather than approaching their

[^9]enrollment in a piecemeal way. Still, as "campus-based financial aid has become such an important part of enrollment management strategies, (these) strategies has also become an integral part of campus financial and budgeting strategies" (Hossler, 2000, p. 78).

Federal student aid programs in the 1960s were established for the "assurance of educational opportunity;" by the mid-1970s, though, "middle-class voters were concerned that tuition rates were rising faster than they could afford and that they were also being locked out of student aid programs targeted at the poor" (Coomes, 2000, p. 10). To address these issues, Congress has regularly reauthorized the Higher Education Act of 1965, while broadening forms of support available to students, such as expanded loans and tuition-tax credits (Coomes, 2000, p. 14). In 1997, Coverdell educational savings accounts, modeled along the lines of individual retirement accounts were introduced. Generally, the federal approach to higher education in America during the last forty years has been one of providing access. Independent schools have taken this approach as well, and in the case of Coverdell education accounts, benefit from the federal approach of providing access via tax-advantaged programs. While federal aid for tuition at private schools is non-existent, families are able to make qualified withdrawals from their Coverdell educational savings accounts to pay for private school tuition (IRS, 2012).

Therefore, with the exception Coverdell accounts, the burden of K-12 tuition falls mainly on the individual families and schools. Invariably, schools must manage their enrollment by finding the right mix of full-pay and aid-receiving families, just as happens at the post-secondary level. Tuition price setting is essential in this respect. NAIS instructs its member schools that in order to remain affordable in a market, " 15 percent or more of the market in your drawing area (should) earn income to pay one full tuition for a child" (Bassett, Mitchell, \& National Association of Independent, 2006, p. 24). NAIS recommends using financial aid to then
subsidize between 20 and 25 percent of the students enrolled in order maintain socio-economic diversity. Moving forward, NAIS believes that in order for a school to remain affordable, it "must seek ways to significantly reduce tuition or at least moderate increases if they have any hope of attracting more families into the independent school fold" (Bassett, 2012)

Independent School Management (ISM), on the other hand, takes issue with such advice. For ISM, financial aid "exists to get the right number of students (i.e., to get full enrollment) more than to achieve a particular socioeconomic mix" (Independent School Management, 2007, p. 38). Standard ISM advice with respect to tuition pricing is to charge what it costs to educate each student to maintain steady tuition increases, "adjusted for inflation and 'sold' as part of the strategic plan" (p. 39).

If schools choose not to moderate their tuition prices, then to achieve full enrollment, they will need to offer financial aid. Very clearly, financial aid constitutes first and foremost a cut in revenue that must be made up in some way. Schools with substantial endowments can use endowment income to make up the revenue gap caused by financial aid awards. Another approach schools use is an annual fund. Each academic year, parents, grandparents and alumni are asked to fund what is often termed "the gap" between tuition and the actual cost of education ${ }^{12}$. Usually annual funds are described as funding faculty salaries or financial aid or both faculty salaries and financial aid. Either description is accurate. ISM, perhaps not surprisingly, disagrees arduously with this practice, telling schools to raise funds for "enhancements" and not to "fill the gap between tuition income and your operating budget" (Independent School Management, 2007, p. 74).

[^10]A picture of the typical revenue structure of an independent school is thus created: tuition and fees, endowment income and annual fund revenue. NAIS and ISM disagree over the use of the last revenue source. Today's revenue structure for independent schools is indeed almost identical to the revenue streams that fed American academies in the early 19th century.

## Financial Equilibrium and Sustainability

One area in which ISM and NAIS agree is in the general formula for independent school financial equilibrium. ISM uses a metaphor of three levers, each of which influences a school's financial equilibrium: salaries and benefits; hard income such as tuition, fees and endowment income; and the student/staff ratio (Independent School Management, 2007, p. 33).

Looking at these three levers, NAIS's Basset sees three possible ways forward for independent schools:

1. Competitive salaries, small classes (low student: faculty ratios), and skyrocketing tuitions
2. Non-competitive salaries, small classes, and moderately rising tuition
3. Competitive salaries, higher ratios, and stable tuition (Bassett, 2012)

Bassett endorses the last scenario since current independent school student : teacher ratios at
9.4:1 hold significant advantage of public school ratios of 17:1 (Bassett, 2012).

Again, returning to the two verbs mentioned earlier in this chapter-cern, to accept an inheritance and cerne, to enclose-independent schools, from their very early history through their status today as nonprofit corporations have inherited a rigid set of funding principles and activities that leave them little wiggle room when it comes to moderating tuition without sacrificing the product for which they are known. In addition to their inheritance of financial models, independent schools also appear to be engaged in tendencies toward institutional isomorphism outlined by DiMaggio and Powell (1983). Through mimesis, schools become more and more isomorphic to the nation's oldest and most storied independent schools even though
they do not necessarily have the same access to wealth and history that the elite schools can claim. The professional advice offered by NAIS and ISM promote isomorphism through normative pressures.

ISM underscores the limited options available by noting that independent schools can "compete on the basis of product, process, or price, but not on the basis of all three at the same time" (Independent School Management, 2007, p. 19). For ISM, product-driven schools seek to be the best academic choice in their market area. Process-driven schools also deliver sound product by attempting to deliver superior unique educational programs and approaches, marked by low staff-student ratios. Finally, schools that compete on the basis of price will engage in meaningful trade-offs in terms of product and process in order to obtain a comparative advantage. ISM is upfront about the implications of the first two practices, noting ominously that schools who market themselves as "best product" must "accept the fact that (their) school will be expensive." And "best process" schools must "accept the fact that (their) school will be even more expensive than 'best product' schools" (Independent School Management, 2007, p. 21). Again, there does not appear to be much wiggle room for a school-quality, in terms of educational outcomes and pedagogical practices, something which Americans value in every educational space-requires substantial cost.

Both NAIS and ISM would readily agree that the size of a school's endowment plays a major factor in a school's financial equilibrium. But financial equilibrium is different from moderation of tuition prices. For instance, it is not clear that schools with large endowments use those endowments to moderate their prices, in line with what NAIS suggests is necessary for future financial sustainability. In fact, it may well be that schools with large endowments steadily increase their tuition, above the cost of inflation, year after year, as ISM suggests is necessary,
choosing instead to use their largess to provide for financial aid. One aspect of my study will be to learn the extent to which schools are engaged in moderating their tuition prices and whether or not a school's tuition price growth is correlated (either positively or negatively) with its endowment size. After all, American society in the 21st century seems to experience a cacophony of prophetic siren calls in many aspects of life while institutions and people seem to carry on with their practices while politely ignoring calls to change. The current on-going budget morass at the Federal and state levels exemplifies this practice. My research aims to understand the degree to which independent schools are concerned about their tuition prices rising by looking at their actual tuition prices over the last eleven years in relation to their endowment size and level of financial aid.

## Disruptive Innovation

My research will have implications for future research. One area of future research will be what changes can be made to the independent school financial model. One way in which costs have been moderated for consumers in the business world is via what Clayton Christensen has termed disruptive innovation. A professor at Harvard's Business School, Christensen has become something of a celebrity in the wake of his work on disruptive innovation and was even profiled in The New Yorker (May 14, 2012). In addition to his considerable work on businesses, Christensen has begun to look for disruptive innovations in the education sector. With Henry Eyring, he authored The Innovative University in 2011. The same year, he also helped author a report, Disrupting College: How Disruptive Innovation Can Deliver Quality and Affordability to Postsecondary Education for the Center for American Progress and Innosight Institute.

Disruptive innovations disrupt "bigger-and-better cycle by bringing to market a product or service that is not as good as the best traditional offerings but is more affordable and easier to
use" (Christensen \& Eyring, 2011, p. 23). Within the realm of education, online education clearly offers a disruptive innovation: its low costs and ease of access allow non-traditional students access to accredited courses. The University of Phoenix has been at the forefront of online education, beginning their online classes in 1989. In the online world, instructors-not tenured professors-are hired "only when a class is likely to have enough students to generate an operating profit" (Christensen \& Eyring, 2011, p. 205). Costs and quality may be lower but the number of consumers is greater.

Christensen and Eyring (2011) pay particular attention to BYU-Idaho (née Ricks College) as a bricks-and-mortar institution undergoing innovative change. Focused entirely on teaching and without a tenure system, BYU-Idaho blends online and in person learning with a year-round calendar. True to Christensen's recipe for disruptive innovation, BYU-Idaho offers a lesser quality product at a price affordable to a greater number of consumers.

Christensen cautions against conflating the term disruptive innovation with breakthrough innovations, noting that a disruptive innovation "replaces the original, complicated, expensive product with something that is much more affordable and simple that a new population of customers" can now afford (Christensen, Horn, Caldera, \& Soares, 2011, pp. 13-14).

Make no mistake: disruptive innovations work because they bring lesser-quality products to a new pool of customers. This, though, is not exactly the situation that independent schools face: their rising tuitions make it difficult for their current pool of customers to afford tuition. After all, "mainstream customers are reluctant and unwilling to use a disruptive product in applications they know and understand" (Bower \& Christensen, 1995, p. 45).

Whether or not independent schools will be successful in incorporating disruptive innovations into their practice remains to be seen. Already there are online private schools, such
as Laurel Springs School (www.laurelsprings.com), that cater to the growing home schooling market ${ }^{13}$. It is conceivable to imagine that established independent schools could offer some form of online curriculum to homeschooled students at a price substantially lower than the tuition they charge students who attend their schools daily. Such a move would not only be a form of disruptive innovation but it would also mesh well with the advice of Allen J. Proctor, former CFO of Harvard University.

Proctor believes that nonprofits must operate profitably if they are going to remain sustainable. Nonprofits that fail to turn a profit on services will fail. Proctor notes that a viable nonprofit "usually makes its ends meet by offering some services that do not fully pay for themselves (unprofitable services) and some services that bring in more money than they cost (profitable services)" (Proctor, 2010, Kindle Locations 792-794). Among the many examples Proctor cites is the golf course owned and operated by the Columbus Zoo. While the golf course (www.safarigc.com) is tangential to the mission of the zoo, it is certainly capable of bringing in profits that, in turn, can be used to subsidize the zoo's mission.

Proctor's advice hasn't fallen on deaf ears in the independent school community. John Farber, head of a school in Ohio, sketches out a vision for the future built on Proctor's advice:

We need to look at our schools as two businesses operating under one roof. One business will be totally mission driven-educating our students in ways that we believe will serve them best-while the second will create and run profitable activities whose profits are then reinvested in the school (Farber, 2012).

Farber goes on to product a litany of profit generating programs in which various schools engage: drawing income from real estate holdings, expanding auxiliary programs (such as summer school, enrichment programs and even adult education), tapping the home school market, and even opening up campuses in foreign counties (Farber, 2012). Many of these

[^11]examples bear, if not the imprimatur of Christensen's disruptive innovations, certainly the fingerprints of Proctor's advice to create profit centers tangentially related to a nonprofit's core mission. What is missing in this anecdotal list is a break down, based on a school's type of financial situation, of the types of programs employed. For instance, one of the schools that he lists as generating income from real estate holdings is none other than the Kamehameha Schools in Hawaii, arguably the wealthiest independent school in the United States ${ }^{14}$. There is a real need for substantial research that produces a stratification of schools based on solid financial metrics and before one seeks to identify potential profit centers available to schools.

Endowments, given their ability to annually generate income, can be perceived as a panacea for nonprofits. Proctor addresses the specter of endowments head-on. In addition to pushing for the creation of profit centers in a nonprofit organization, Proctor argues that "while (the) endowment often gets the most attention in the nonprofit world, it would be better to shift the spotlight to cash reserves" (Proctor, 2010, Kindle Locations 867-868). On this point, Proctor is adamant, pointing out, as others have, that endowments place concern for the future ahead of the benefits and needs of those being served today by nonprofits. As Proctor succinctly notes, the "decision to raise an endowment is a decision to focus some current fundraising on building a nest egg-albeit a very restricted one-that is highly unlikely to support or stabilize service delivery in the next five years" (Proctor, 2010, Kindle Locations 1066-1067). Schools, then, need to think very carefully about just how much of their resources they devote to building and maintaining an endowment, especially if their financial position is precarious.

The above discussion has been included to give glimpse of the current ideas and strategies in the nonprofit and the independent school world when it comes to endowments and other forms of financial support support. Still, this discussion also further cements the notion that a school's

[^12]financial health always already begins with the specific nature and status of its endowment and the relation of that endowment to tuition income.

## Conclusion

Proctor's point about the double-edged nature of endowment building, in which the future is privileged over the present, is a good place to close. Independent schools owe their heritage to the competitive and fractured educational landscape of the early American republic. Over the years, as academies and venture schools became today's independent schools, these institutions have both accepted their rich tradition and history while confining themselves to earning revenue in the same ways year after year: tuition and fees; endowment income; and annual fund revenue. As the independent school world has become more professionalized, mimetic practices and normative pressures have led to institutional isomorphic modeling. Unless a school has a preexisting endowment in the hundreds of millions of dollars, very real annual proceeds, at the Ford Foundation suggested 5\% draw rate, will be limited. By and large, independent schools don't possess tremendous endowment reserves. The median endowment for the 2012-2013 school year for day schools is $\$ 4.9$ million; the 90 th percentile endowment for day schools is only $\$ 33.6$ million (National Association of Independent Schools, 2013). At the Ford Foundation suggested $5 \%$ draw rate, these endowment levels produce revenues of $\$ 230,000$ and $\$ 1,680,000$, respectively. Depending on the size of a school's budget, these amounts may likely not be enough to substantially moderate tuition prices or fund aggressive financial aid programs. Put bluntly, the promise of the future may be very substantially at odds with what is possible in the future and what's necessary for today.

I have drawn on Paul Smith's use of the verbs cern and cerne throughout this chapter, rather than exclusively using DiMaggio and Powell's iron cage metaphor for institutional
isomorphisms for a very deliberate reason. Smith's aim in using those two verbs is to underscore the way in which the modern subject had been intellectually abstracted away from the real conditions of existence (Smith, 1988, p. xxx). Of course independent schools, and not human subjectivity, is the concern of this dissertation. Still, it is worth noting that ideas of endowments and the traditional forms of revenue have taken on lives of their own-indeed, been fetishizedwhen it comes to independent school financial management. Just as Smith attempted to discern(e) the subject by finding spaces for agency, I, too, hope that my work in making sense of raw NAIS data on independent school financial metrics can help illuminate more of the reality of independent school practices when it comes to revenue generation and tuition price control. I will examine what is actually happening at the institutional level by type rather than taking the aggregate picture for granted, or relaying on the advise and prognostications of a few. There is real need for a quantitative study that stratifies independent schools on the basis of the ratio of size of their endowment to their annual revenue and then sets about exploring the degree to which schools in those strata have (or have not) moderated tuition price, doled out financial aid and structured their endowments. My project will help play an important role in understanding the state of endowments, annual giving, financial aid and tuition in independent schools. This will create an excellent platform on which subsequent research can be done with respect to disruptive innovation and other revenue generating practices.

## CHAPTER 3. METHODOLOGY

In my previous chapter, I examine the ways in which history shaped the financial practices of independent schools alongside the history of non-profit endowments and the development of endowment management practices at the university level. Today's independent schools are primarily tuition-driven. Only a few schools with large endowments ${ }^{15}$ can generate enough endowment income that they can use to offset tuition revenue ${ }^{16}$. The previous chapter also discussed the competing advice that schools sometime receive from Independent School Management and the National Association of Independent School. Drawing on the work of DiMaggio and Powell (1983), I also showed that there exists a possibility for institutional isomorphism among independent schools according to mimetic processes and normative pressures identified by DiMaggio and Powell.

## Research Questions

For my study I relied on the values of key variables collected annually by the National Association of Independent Schools form its member institutions in order to develop a better understanding of how tuition price, financial aid and a school's endowment size are related. I was interested in building quantitative models as opposed to unearthing anecdotal stories and advice about ways to possible alter an independent school's financial model. I also wanted measure the degree to which schools are moving toward isomorphism within specific strata. As DiMaggio and Powell (1983) point out, one of the best ways to test for the decrease in variation and diversity associated with isomorphic change would be to observe "lower standard deviations of

[^13]the values of selected indicators in a set of organizations" (DiMaggio \& Powell, 1983, p. 155). My research was designed to answer the following research questions.

1. What are (i) the average tuition price (day, 5-day boarding and 7 -day boarding) and (ii) the year-to-year and overall average tuition growth rates from 2003 to 2013 for NAIS schools? How do these overall growth rates compare to growth rates for tuition when schools are categorized in each of the following ways:
a. by way of NAIS StatsOnline variable School Type (boarding, boarding-day, day-boarding and day);
b. by way of NAIS StatsOnline variable Class Code (elementary, secondary, and both elementary and secondary);
c. by way of stratifying schools into quintiles based on the percent of students receiving financial aid;
d. by way of stratifying schools into quintiles based on the ratio of their total annual giving amount to their total income;
e. and by way of stratifying schools into quintiles based on the ratio of their total endowment to their total income?
2. What is the average percentage of students receiving financial aid overall and what is the average percentage of students receiving financial aid when schools are categorized in each of the following ways:
a. by way of NAIS StatsOnline variable School Type (boarding, boarding-day, day-boarding and day);
b. by way of NAIS StatsOnline variable Class Code (elementary, secondary, and both elementary and secondary);
c. by way of stratifying schools into quintiles based on the percent of students receiving financial aid;
d. by way of stratifying schools into quintiles based on the ration of their total annual giving amount to their total income;
e. by way of stratifying schools into quintiles based on the ratio of their total endowment to their total income;
f. and by way of stratifying by tuition price?
3. What is the relationship between: (a) a school's endowment and its tuition price; (b) the ratio of a school's total endowment to its total income and tuition price; (c) a school's endowment and total annual giving; and (d) the ratio of a school's total endowment to total income and total annual giving?
4. To what extent do the following variables add to the prediction of day tuition price: ratio of endowment to total income; total annual giving per student (i.e., ratio of total annual giving to total enrollment); and the average financial aid award (i.e., ratio of financial aid dollars to total financial aid students)?

## Population Selection Rationale

There are over 33,000 private and independent schools in the U.S. with a wide variety of governance structures, including for-profit ventures and wholly owned subsidiaries of religious organizations. Conversely, NAIS member schools each have 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, are governed by a board of trustees, and maintain a commitment to diversity in admissions ${ }^{17}$. By confining my study to schools that are members of NAIS, I was able to work with a population

[^14]of schools that share similar practices and face similar challenges when it comes to budgeting, brand management, recruiting and fund raising.

## Rationale for using NAIS dataset

My initial thought had been to gather data on key financial metrics via an online survey distributed to NAIS member schools with the aid of NAIS. A survey was written and cognitive interviews were conducted with a Head of a School at a school in Brooklyn, an advancement officer at a school in Delaware and a NAIS senior researcher. The draft of the proposed survey had sections on descriptive data on the school; school's endowment and annual fund numbers; revenue; perceptions of school's endowment, financial revenue and overall financial health; perceptions of the influence of endowment on school's financial health. For quantitative variables, the survey requested data from 2008 to 2011 . Following the results of the cognitive interviews, I decided to work exclusively with a preexisting dataset provided to me by NAIS that contains many of the variables I wanted to collect data using a survey, especially after learned that NAIS collects data on many variables annually from member schools but rarely does much with these data other than report descriptive statistics in aggregate. As for the few qualitative questions about perceptions, I feel that they are best answered in future research that builds on the findings produced by my research.

## Rationale for Quantitative Study

I chose to do a quantitative study based on a stratified NAIS data on NAIS member schools in order to capture an accurate picture of the current state of the independent school industry with respect to my research questions because preexisting research on NAIS schools and their revenue has primarily been qualitative. For instance, Reducing Tuition Reliance through Alternative Sources of Income (NAIS, 2008) use case studies to examine the problem of tuition over
reliance. The large corpus of quantitative data that NAIS collects on its member schools annually has been largely not been used in preexisting research. My research questions focused on conducting exploratory data analysis of key financial metrics in an effort to understand the relationship between a school's endowment size, tuition price and financial aid and then following this exploratory analysis up with appropriate multivariable regression models. These investigations could only be accomplished with a quantitative study.

Louis Althusser (1971) defined ideology as a lived, imaginary relationship to the real conditions of existence. At the core of my research questions is the issue of two competing realities. NAIS has repeatedly warned to schools that they should work to moderate their tuition price; my quantitative analysis of 11 years worth of data will show if schools are using their endowments to lessen reliance on tuition revenue and/or moderate their tuition prices. If they're not, as I explored in the previous chapter, then their endowments would seem to be just another aspect of the endless accumulation of capital, tied to ever-rising tuitions ${ }^{18}$.

## Overview of the dataset

NAIS annually collects data from the schools it serves via "StatsOnline", an online survey in which schools report data on many variables in many categories including tuition and fees, endowment structure, faculty experience and salaries, student demographics, admission activity, and attrition. These data are self-reported, and it is not uncommon for gaps to exist in a school's data entries. Some gaps in data are certainly understandable-for instance, day schools do not respond to questions about boarding tuition-while other gaps look as if perhaps a school failed to enter data for a given year. The dataset NAIS made available to me contained 2,167 discrete

[^15]institutions along with their responses (or lack of responses) to 30 variables, measured over the
11 years from 2003 to $2013^{19}$. The variables provided were:

- Total Enrollment
- Total Financial Aid Students
- Financial Aid Dollars
- Day Tuition
- 5-Day Boarding Tuition
- 7-Day Boarding tuition
- Median Teacher Salaries
- Tuition Income
- Financial Aid Reduction in Income
- Net tuition Income
- Total Income
- Professional Development Expenses
- Technology Expenses
- Total Expenses
- Parent \% Participation in Annual Giving
- Parent Average Gift
- Alumni \% Participation in Annual Giving
- Alumni Average Gift
- Board-Designated Endowment
- Donor-restricted Endowment
- Quasi-endowment Funds
- Other restricted Funds Invested as Endowment
- Total Endowment
- Percent of Endowment Value Transferred to Operating Budget (only for years 2006-2013)
- Applications
- Acceptances
- Boarding Attrition
- Day Attrition
- Total Capital Giving Amount
- Total Annual Giving Amount

From the above set of variables, key variables were identified which were germane the study. These key variables were Total Enrollment, Total Financial Aid Students, Financial Aid Dollars, Day Tuition, 7-Day Boarding Tuition, Total Income, Total Endowment and Total Annual

[^16]Giving. The financial variables in the key variable list were then converted to 2013 constant dollars.

In addition to the above variables, NAIS also provided me with data on the following nominal variables: School Type (Day, Day-Boarding, Boarding-Day, Boarding); Gender (boys, girls, coeducational); zip code; and Class Code (elementary, secondary, both elementary and secondary). Finally, they provided two ordinal variables: school size (enrollment under 201, from 201 to 300 , from 301 to 500 , from 501 to 700 , above 700) and the year the school was founded. From this set of variables, the following variables were also used as essential type variables: School Type, Class Code and Gender.

## Sample Selection

In working with the data set it was important to select an appropriate sample of the data in order to answer each research question; schools with too much missing data were excluded from analysis. In order to select schools for inclusion in the study, several passes of the data were made. First, only schools that provided data for School Type, Gender, and Class Code were selected for the study. Then, from this subset only schools that reported seven or more years worth of data on the key variables identified above were then selected. Dollar amounts were converted to constant 2013 dollars in order to correct for inflation.

## Methods for Stratification of Schools

In places where my analysis called for stratification, I either stratified according to essential type variables, such as School Type and Class Code, or by computing new variables based on the key variables. The three new variables that were computed were the Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income, the Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income and the Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid. The first ratio has been chosen since a $\$ 20$ million endowment, using
the Ford Foundation's 5\% rule, generates $\$ 1$ million in spendable income each year. For a school whose total income is $\$ 45$ million, that $\$ 1$ million in endowment income would account for only $2.2 \%$ of the school's total income. However, at a school whose total income is $\$ 5$ million, that $\$ 1$ million in endowment income would account for $20 \%$ of the school's total income. Endowment sizes matter, but they matter even more in relationship to a school's total income. For similar reasons, total annual giving was analyzed in a similar fashion, by taking the ratio of total annual giving to total income. Finally, in order to calculate the proportion of students receiving financial aid, the ratio of financial aid enrollment to total enrollment was calculated.

After computing the above ratios, in order to account for variations over time, the above ratios were averaged over the eleven years from 2003 to 2013. Because schools did not always report data for each variable for each of the eleven years, an average ratio was only generated for each school that provided data for a minimum of seven years. Finally, once these average ratios were calculated, schools were stratified by sectioning the ratios into quintiles. In choosing quintiles, each stratum was the same size. Furthermore, the middle quintile, from $40 \%$ to $60 \%$, includes schools symmetrically distributed on either side of the median of the ratio of endowment size to total income (or, in separate stratifications, the ratio of total annual giving to total income and also the proportion of students on financial aid). Stratifying schools via quartiles would not have produced such a middle-of-the-road stratum since no quartile contains the median.

Reading data against the backdrop of the above stratifications allowed for a detailed understanding of the interplay of endowment, financial aid and tuition price.

## Data Analysis Methods

Specific methods will be used to answer specific research questions. The methods used for questions one and two are similar and thus those two research questions are grouped together here. Subparts of research questions are not included in the list below.

1. What are (i) the average tuition price (day, 5-day boarding and 7-day boarding) and (ii) the year-to-year and overall average tuition growth rates from 2003 to 2013 for NAIS schools? How do these overall growth rates compare to growth rates for tuition when schools are categorized in each of the following ways: School Type; Class Code; percent of students receiving financial aid; ratio of total annual giving to total income; and the ratio of total endowment to total income.
2. What is the average percentage of students receiving financial aid overall and what is the average percentage of students receiving financial aid when schools are categorized in each of the following ways: School Type; Class Code; percent of students receiving financial aid; ratio of total annual giving to total income; the ratio of total endowment to total income; and tuition price.

In answering the first two research questions, data was reported for the given stratifications both overall, as an average from 2003 to 2013, and also for each year in the study. Additionally since the first question dealt with tuition price, analyses were performed for both day tuition and 7-day boarding tuition. When tuition prices were stratified for the computed variables as opposed to the type variables, it was discovered that the quintile stratifications were not the same for both boarding and day tuition. This is discussed in detail in the next chapter.
3. What is the relationship between: (a) a school's endowment and its tuition price; (b) the ratio of a school's total endowment to its total income and tuition price; (c) a
school's endowment and total annual giving; and (d) the ratio of a school's total endowment to total income and total annual giving.

I calculated correlations for the above four variables using different subsets of the data from 2003 to 2013. This allowed me to determine if correlations varied over time or remained more or less constant for schools throughout the eleven years. First, I ran correlations for the variables on averages from the years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006. Subsequent correlations were for averages calculated over the years; 2007, 2008 and 2009; 2010, 2011, and 2012; and, finally, over all the years from 2003 to 2013. By grouping years in the above manner, I was able to separate out the years that coincided with the recession of 2007-2009. I anticipated that there would be a strong positive correlation between a school's endowment and its average annual giving amount, and also a similar, although somewhat weaker, positive correlation between a school's annual giving and the ratio of its endowment to its annual income.
4. To what extent do the following variables add to the prediction of day tuition price: ratio of endowment to total income; total annual giving per student (i.e., ratio of total annual giving to total enrollment), and average financial aid award (i.e., ratio of financial aid dollars to total financial aid students)?

I conducted a multivariable regression analysis with the above variables. First, I calculated two new variables, total annual giving per student and average financial aid award. Total annual giving per student was calculated by taking the ratio of total annual giving to total enrollment; average financial aid was calculated by taking the ratio of total financial aid dollars to financial aid enrollment. As in the third research question, I used average values of a series of different years to see how well these variables predict tuition price before, during and after the recession from 2007-09. Then I performed regression analyses for the following groupings of years: 2003,

2004, 2005 and 2006; 2007, 2008 and 2009; 2010, 2011, and 2012; and, finally, over all the years from 2003 to 2013.

## Ethical Issues

The data that NAIS provided to me contained proprietary information linked to specific independent schools by name. I kept this information confidential at all times. The nature of this study does involve discussion of individual schools but rather quantitative analyses of different strata of schools. This study is concerned with establishing trends of practices within specific strata of independent schools, my results was be reported as statistics and not as descriptions of specific schools, thereby ensuring institutional anonymity. Thus, no specifics particular to any individual school are revealed by this study. I have signed a confidentiality agreement with NAIS and maintained this confidentiality at all points in my quantitative investigation. In the few instances in this dissertation where individual schools are mentioned by name, the information associated with them came from publicly available documents and not from the data provided to me by NAIS.

## Addressing Validity, Reliability, Credibility and Limitations

I have every reason believe in the validity, reliability and trustworthiness of my data. The NAIS StatsOnline data is self-reported annually by schools to NAIS. There is no incentive for schools to misrepresent their own individual data. As well, NAIS has a sound reputation when it comes to their research division and the data they collect and reports issued from it.

Still, there were numerous instances of missing data present in the NAIS dataset. In cleaning data I eliminated cases in which schools did not provide data for any of the three essential type variables: School Type, Class Code and Gender. Next, schools that did not provide at least seven years worth of data on for the study's key variables were excluded. After completing this
process, a little over 700 schools remained in the sample. This sample allowed me to be sure that my analyses were based on schools that had actually provided a decent amount of information. One potential limitation associated with this process is that the ultimate sample may include schools on a more solid financial footing since it's certainly possible that the schools who report data most frequently to StatsOnline are much better off financially than schools that do not report data as frequently. This, however, is pure speculation. Future researchers may want to delve deeper in this question of the nature of the types of schools that report frequently versus those schools that report infrequently.

There are limitations associated with any study. There are nontrivial limitations surrounding the data set when it comes to missing data and the possibility that data was entered incorrectly, even though institutions have no incentive to intentionally misstate their data. Additionally, there are limitations based on the type of this study. A quantitative study can only give a snapshot of what's happening in the independent school world when it comes to the interaction between tuition price, endowment, financial aid and annual giving. It can't give the thinking that goes on behind the scenes. A qualitative study that looks at the decision processes that occur behind the scenes would be the perfect complement to this study.

## CHAPTER 4. FINDINGS

Over the last thirty years, tuition at independent schools has more than doubled while the U.S. median income has grown by less than $25 \%$. Because American independent schools derive the vast majority of income from tuition, advocacy groups such as the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) have rightfully cautioned independent schools about the potential problems of ever-increasing tuition in an era of stagnant incomes. My study thus focused on analyzing specific trends in the tuition prices of independent schools and their relationship with key variables such as endowment, total income, total annual giving, and the proportion of students on financial aid. The goal of this work is to achieve a better understanding of just how tuition grows at different types of schools, how the percentage of students on financial aid varies by type of school, as well as the relationship between endowment, annual giving, tuition price, and proportion of financial aid students. The dataset used in this study was provided to me by NAIS and represents 11 years worth of data collected from schools via StatsOnline, a system by which schools annually self-report data on key variables to NAIS.

This 11-years' worth of data was compiled on 2,167 schools. Key demographic data on the schools is contained in the variables School Type, Class Code, and Gender Code. 20 School Type identifies the type of school, whether it is boarding, day, day-boarding, or boarding-day;21 Class Code identifies the grade levels at the school, i.e., elementary, secondary, or both elementary and secondary; and, Gender Code identifies whether the school is coed, all-boys, or all-girls. Schools that failed to fit into any one of the above three variables were immediately excluded from the

[^17]study; thus, the pool of institutions was reduced to 1,979 . Originally I had planned to look at trends among three different types of tuitions charged by independent schools: five-day boarding tuition; seven-day boarding tuition and day tuition. However, no more than 66 institutions in any given year reported five-day boarding tuition, and only 14 institutions reported five-day boarding tuition for all 11 years in the study. Thus, I focused instead on answering the above research questions about seven-day boarding tuition and day tuition only. Moreover, schools didn't always report data for each of the 11 years in the study. Thus, in order to insure that a decent amount of data existed for each of the schools in the study, schools that failed to report seven or more years worth of data for the variables used in this study-tuition price, total annual giving, total income, total endowment, financial aid dollars, and financial aid enrollment numbers-were then excluded from the study. When this was done, a total of 732 schools remained. Broken down by School Type, the data set looks like this:

| Table 4.1: Schools by School Type |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | Frequency | Percent |
| Boarding | 11 | 1.5 |
| Boarding-Day | 75 | 10.2 |
| Day-Boarding | 53 | 7.2 |
| Day | 593 | 81.0 |
| Total | 732 | 100.0 |

The goal of this research project was to gain a better understanding of tuition trends among independent schools when stratifying by School Type, Class Code, percent of students on financial aid, the ratio of annual giving to total income, and the ratio of total endowment to total income.

This chapter is organized around findings for each of the four research questions. Unless noted otherwise, statistical significance is at the 0.05 level. All dollar amounts reported are constant 2013 dollars.

## Research Question 1

What is the average tuition price (day and seven-day boarding ${ }^{22}$ ) for NAIS schools from 2003 to 2013 ? What are the year-to-year and overall average growth rates from 2003 to 2013 ? How do the average tuition prices and growth rates differ when schools are stratified by: (a) School Type; (b) Class Code; (c) quintiles based on the proportion of students on financial aid; (d) quintiles based on the ratio of total annual giving to total income; and, (e) quintiles based on the ratio of total endowment to total income?

This research question must be answered in two parts, first in terms of tuition price and secondly in terms of tuition growth rates.

## Research Question 1: Tuition Prices

The first part of the research question seeks to establish an overall picture of boarding and day tuition trends from 2003 to 2013, and then breaks down schools into various strata which are helpful in understanding the extent to which tuition price is influenced by type of school, financial aid, annual giving and endowment. The overall snapshot of tuition prices is presented in Table 4.2.

[^18]Table 4.2: Day and Boarding Tuition, 2003-2013

| Day tuition |  |  | Boarding tuition |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean |  |
| 2003 | 650 | $\$ 18,174$ | 120 | $\$ 36,883$ |  |
| 2004 | 657 | 19,128 | 124 | 38,106 |  |
| 2005 | 692 | 19,352 | 128 | 39,079 |  |
| 2006 | 687 | 19,807 | 125 | 39,573 |  |
| 2007 | 692 | 20,365 | 125 | 40,667 |  |
| 2008 | 697 | 21,002 | 125 | 41,819 |  |
| 2009 | 699 | 21,461 | 128 | 42,375 |  |
| 2010 | 698 | 22,460 | 128 | 44,322 |  |
| 2011 | 686 | 22,987 | 127 | 45,521 |  |
| 2012 | 666 | 23,110 | 121 | 45,853 |  |
| 2013 | 661 | 23,688 | 114 | 46,786 |  |

Rather unsurprisingly, boarding tuition is substantially higher than day tuition. In Table 4.2, one can see that from 2003 to 2013, boarding tuition is roughly double day tuition. In answering the five subparts of this portion of the research question, separate analyses are needed for day tuition and boarding tuition. Where possible, both boarding and day tuition data will be consolidated into single tables.

## Boarding and Day Tuition as Stratified by School Type

When these schools were broken down by School Type, no more than five boarding schools in any given year reported day tuition numbers; a similar scarcity of day schools reported charging boarding tuition for any given year. Thus, for day tuition, comparisons were only made for day schools, boarding-day, and day-boarding schools. Table 4.3 below presents day tuition across these three strata.

Table 4.3: Average day tuition, stratified by School Type, 2003-2013

| Boarding-Day |  |  |  | Day-Boarding |  | Day |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |  |
| 2003 | 53 | $\$ 22,665$ | 49 | $\$ 19,187$ | 546 | $\$ 17,632$ |  |
| 2004 | 55 | 23,781 | 49 | 20,023 | 551 | 18,569 |  |
| 2005 | 56 | 24,323 | 51 | 20,552 | 583 | 18,752 |  |
| 2006 | 53 | 24,747 | 51 | 20,780 | 581 | 19,254 |  |
| 2007 | 54 | 25,588 | 49 | 21,504 | 587 | 19,772 |  |
| 2008 | 57 | 26,516 | 50 | 22,004 | 588 | 20,365 |  |
| 2009 | 56 | 27,431 | 50 | 22,463 | 591 | 20,794 |  |
| 2010 | 58 | 29,089 | 49 | 23,521 | 589 | 21,702 |  |
| 2011 | 54 | 28,951 | 50 | 24,061 | 580 | 22,321 |  |
| 2012 | 52 | 28,770 | 47 | 24,358 | 565 | 22,466 |  |
| 2013 | 49 | 29,485 | 49 | 24,931 | 561 | 23,057 |  |

In each of the three strata, tuition grows steadily, year-to-year (growth rates will be discussed below in the Growth Rate section of this research question.) The vast majority of schools that charge day tuition are day schools. The day tuition charged at day schools is noticeably less than the day tuition charged at day-boarding and boarding-day schools. Day tuition at day-boarding averages 1.08 times day tuition at day schools; at boarding-day schools, day tuition averages 1.30 times as much as day tuition at day schools. Moreover, the differences in tuition charged at these schools, between each group, is significant, for each year from 2003 to 2013 and overall ${ }^{23}$. Thus, the mere presence of a boarding program causes an increase in day tuition-and as the proportion of boarding students increases, so too does day tuition. ${ }^{24}$

Let's turn our attention now to boarding tuition at boarding schools, boarding-day schools and day-boarding schools. There are far fewer schools charging boarding tuition than charge day

[^19]tuition ${ }^{25}$. As with day tuition, the mixing of different types of students, boarding and day, has an effect on boarding tuition. If boarding tuition rose in the same way that day tuition rose along with the number of boarding students, one would expect boarding schools, as opposed to dayboarding or even boarding-day schools to have the highest boarding tuition. This, though, is not the case. Table 4.4 shows boarding tuition, stratified by boarding, boarding-day, and dayboarding schools.

Table 4.4: Average boarding tuition, stratified by School Type, 2003-2013

|  | Boarding |  | Boarding-Day |  | Day-Boarding |  |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| 2003 | 11 | $\$ 36,380$ | 66 | $\$ 38,003$ | 43 | $\$ 35,292$ |
| 2004 | 11 | 38,278 | 69 | 39,233 | 44 | 36,295 |
| 2005 | 11 | 39,426 | 71 | 40,300 | 46 | 37,111 |
| 2006 | 10 | 39,737 | 69 | 40,867 | 46 | 37,597 |
| 2007 | 11 | 40,856 | 69 | 41,978 | 45 | 38,611 |
| 2008 | 9 | 42,382 | 70 | 43,207 | 46 | 39,596 |
| 2009 | 11 | 42,643 | 71 | 43,873 | 46 | 40,000 |
| 2010 | 11 | 44,524 | 72 | 45,634 | 45 | 42,172 |
| 2011 | 11 | 45,611 | 71 | 46,755 | 45 | 43,554 |
| 2012 | 10 | 45,649 | 69 | 47,293 | 42 | 43,536 |
| 2013 | 8 | 47,330 | 64 | 48,195 | 42 | 44,536 |

Just as boarding-day schools proved to be the most expensive for day-tuition, so too are boarding-day schools the most expensive when it comes to boarding tuition. For each of the years from 2003 to 2013, boarding-day schools charged the most boarding tuition, averaging almost $\$ 3,500$ more than day-boarding schools and even about $\$ 1,100$ more than boarding schools. From a statistically significant standpoint, the difference between boarding tuition at boarding-day schools and day-boarding schools was statistically significant overall and at each year from 2004 through 2013. However, there was no statistically significant difference between

[^20]boarding tuition charged by boarding schools and day-boarding schools or even between boarding-day and boarding schools. Analysis of variance and Sidak post-hoc test results are included in Appendix B.

Future researchers may want to consider whether schools that have a majority of day students are more susceptible to economic pressures beyond their own campus than schools that enroll a majority of boarding students since such an effect could help to explain why boardingday schools are marginally more expensive than boarding schools.

In summary, boarding-day schools, which enroll between 50 and $95 \%$ boarding students, are the more expensive schools when it comes to tuition prices for both day and boarding students.

## Boarding and Day Tuition when Stratified by Class Code

As Table 4.5 illustrates, day tuition is higher at the secondary level than at the elementary level. At schools that are both elementary and secondary, day tuition is higher than elementary schools but lower than at secondary schools. On average, from 2003 to 2013, day tuition at secondary schools was 1.29 times higher than at elementary schools. Yet the average day tuition at schools classified as both elementary and secondary was only 1.18 times as much as at elementary schools on average. This makes sense, since the higher tuition charged at the secondary level should average out with lower tuition charged at the elementary level: schools don't charge one tuition across all grades, but rather a graduated tuition price depending on a student's grade level. The differences in day tuition between schools stratified by class code are statistically significant. Analysis of variance and Sidak post-hoc test results are included in Appendix C.

Table 4.5. Day Tuition by Class Code

|  |  |  |  | Both Elementary |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Elementary |  | Secondary |  | \& Secondary |  |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| 2003 | 212 | $\$ 16,524$ | 88 | $\$ 21,400$ | 350 | $\$ 18,362$ |
| 2004 | 212 | 17,571 | 91 | 22,507 | 354 | 19,192 |
| 2005 | 231 | 17,673 | 93 | 23,048 | 368 | 19,471 |
| 2006 | 230 | 18,190 | 91 | 23,439 | 366 | 19,921 |
| 2007 | 231 | 18,648 | 91 | 24,200 | 370 | 20,494 |
| 2008 | 232 | 19,348 | 93 | 25,192 | 372 | 20,986 |
| 2009 | 234 | 19,739 | 93 | 25,806 | 372 | 21,458 |
| 2010 | 232 | 20,668 | 93 | 27,259 | 373 | 22,379 |
| 2011 | 230 | 21,226 | 92 | 27,537 | 364 | 22,949 |
| 2012 | 222 | 21,472 | 90 | 27,521 | 354 | 23,015 |
| 2013 | 220 | 22,006 | 89 | 27,913 | 352 | 23,671 |

When it comes to boarding tuition at the elementary schools, fewer than 16 schools per year reported boarding tuition and only five schools reported boarding tuition at the elementary level for each of the years from 2003 through 2013. Thus, boarding tuition at elementary schools will not be discussed. Table 4.6 shows boarding tuition at secondary schools and also at schools that are both elementary and secondary schools.

Table 4.6: Average boarding tuition, stratified by Class Code, 2003-2013

|  |  |  | Both Elementary <br> \& Secondary |  |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| 2003 | 78 | $\$ 36,827$ | 35 | $\$ 36,387$ |
| 2004 | 82 | 38,214 | 34 | 37,049 |
| 2005 | 84 | 39,288 | 36 | 37,782 |
| 2006 | 82 | 39,858 | 35 | 38,151 |
| 2007 | 82 | 40,895 | 35 | 39,395 |
| 2008 | 81 | 42,219 | 36 | 40,224 |
| 2009 | 84 | 42,906 | 36 | 40,462 |
| 2010 | 85 | 44,670 | 35 | 42,711 |
| 2011 | 84 | 45,797 | 35 | 44,085 |
| 2012 | 81 | 46,230 | 33 | 44,210 |
| 2013 | 74 | 47,333 | 33 | 44,763 |

Somewhat unsurprisingly, boarding tuition at secondary schools was more expensive than boarding tuition at elementary and secondary schools. In fact, on average boarding tuition at secondary schools was $\$ 1,700$ more than at elementary schools. When subjected to an analysis of variance test, boarding tuition overall and across all years 2003 to 2013 was not significantly different at secondary schools than elementary and secondary schools.

## Boarding and Day Tuition when Stratified by Percent of Students on Financial Aid

Schools report both their total enrollment and their total financial aid enrollment to NAIS, thus it's possible to calculate the ratio of students on financial aid for a given year. This ratio should be a number between zero and one, with zero signifying that no students receive financial aid and one corresponding to the entire student body receiving some type of financial aid. The ratio of students on financial aid was calculated for each year that schools provided data provided this ratio was between zero and one. The average ratio was then calculated for the 732 schools included in the sample selection of this study. Table 4.7 shows the cut-offs for the quintiles in this stratification.

Table 4.7: Proportion of students on financial aid

| Minimum |  | 0.0208 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Maximum |  | 0.9578 |
| Percentiles | 20 | 0.1273 |
|  | 40 | 0.1727 |
|  | 60 | 0.2147 |
|  | 80 | 0.2888 |

The fifth quintile begins with schools that have $28.88 \%$ or more students on financial aid. The contrapositive is profound: $80 \%$ of schools provide financial aid to fewer than $28.88 \%$ of their students. Moreover, the lower $40 \%$ of the schools only offer financial aid to less than onefifth (indeed, less than 17.27\%) of their student body.

Before launching into year-by-year analyses by financial aid proportion quintiles for day and then boarding tuition, it's worth looking at Table 4.8 which shows the breakdown, by quintiles, of the overall average boarding and day tuition for the years 2003-2013.

Table 4.8: Day and Boarding Tuition by Proportion of Students on Financial Aid

|  | Day Tuition |  | Boarding Tuition |  |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quintile | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| 1 | 146 | $\$ 19,115$ | 8 | $\$ 45,823$ |
| 2 | 145 | 21,220 | 7 | 36,712 |
| 3 | 146 | 21,721 | 7 | 45,233 |
| 4 | 139 | 22,045 | 40 | 42,503 |
| 5 | 129 | 20,891 | 67 | 41,238 |

What stands out is how uneven the quintiles are for schools charging boarding tuition. Schools charging day tuition are spread rather evenly throughout the quintiles established above, ranging from 129 schools in the fifth quintile to 146 schools in the third quintile. But the numbers for schools charging boarding tuition are skewed to the left: a total of 23 schools are in the first three quintiles while 67 schools are in the fifth quintile. Already, one sees that schools which charge boarding tuition have a higher percentage of students on financial aid than those schools that charge day tuition.

Since the goal of this research question is to stratify schools into equal quintiles, it became evident that it made sense to stratify the schools separately by type of tuition charged and then stratify those two groups of schools separately. Thus, in answering this research question, two different stratifications for two different groups were used, one for the 705 schools charging day tuition and a separate stratification for the 129 schools charging boarding tuition. Table 4.9
shows the quintile cut-offs for schools charging day tuition when stratified by percentage of students on financial aid.

Table 4.9: Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid at Schools that Charge Day Tuition

| Minimum |  | 0.0208 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Maximum |  | 0.6830 |
| Percentiles | 20 | 0.1247 |
|  | 40 | 0.1688 |
|  | 60 | 0.2117 |
|  | 80 | 0.2792 |

Predictably, the cut-offs for the quintiles are a bit lower from the cut-offs for the earlier that also included boarding schools. Before looking at these stratifications year-by-year, let's first look at the overall average day tuition from 2003-2013 when stratified along these lines. This is shown in Table 4.10. Unsurprisingly, the lowest average tuition is charged by schools in the first quintile, those schools who have less than $12.47 \%$ of their student body on financial aid. Somewhat surprising, though, is that the average tuition does not monotonically increase as one moves sequentially through the quintiles. In fact, the fifth quintile-made up of schools for which between $27.92 \%$ and $68.30 \%$ of their student body receives financial aid-is actually only the second most expensive quintile. The middle three quintiles are all more expensive that the fifth quintile.

Table 4.10: Average Day Tuition by Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid

| Quintile | N | Mean |
| :---: | :---: | ---: |
| 1 | 141 | $\$ 18,899$ |
| 2 | 141 | 21,221 |
| 3 | 141 | 21,734 |
| 4 | 141 | 22,178 |
| 5 | 141 | 20,920 |

An analysis of variance showed that the average tuition in the first quintile was statistically significantly lower than in the second, third and fourth quintiles. There was no other statistically significance difference among the quintiles. As above, analysis of variance and Sidak post-hoc test results are included in Appendix D.

Table 4.11 shows the tuition price trends from 2003 to 2013 for the individual quintiles discussed above. Note just how little tuition is charged by schools in the first quintile-those schools which have less than $12.47 \%$ of their students on financial aid-compared to schools in subsequent quintiles.

Table 4.11: Day tuition, by proportion of students on financial aid, 2003-2013

|  | 1st Quintile |  |  | 2nd Quintile |  | 3rd Quintile |  | 4th Quintile |  | 5th Quintile |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |  |
| 2003 | 133 | $\$ 16,243$ | 132 | $\$ 18,441$ | 131 | $\$ 18,547$ | 127 | $\$ 19,324$ | 127 | $\$ 18,382$ |  |
| 2004 | 129 | 17,406 | 132 | 19,374 | 130 | 19,525 | 136 | 20,086 | 130 | 19,189 |  |
| 2005 | 140 | 17,381 | 140 | 19,496 | 136 | 20,062 | 139 | 20,441 | 137 | 19,408 |  |
| 2006 | 140 | 17,899 | 140 | 20,034 | 135 | 20,619 | 138 | 20,878 | 134 | 19,643 |  |
| 2007 | 141 | 18,330 | 138 | 20,726 | 139 | 21,121 | 137 | 21,543 | 137 | 20,152 |  |
| 2008 | 140 | 18,953 | 139 | 21,407 | 139 | 21,582 | 140 | 22,267 | 139 | 20,807 |  |
| 2009 | 139 | 19,404 | 141 | 21,685 | 141 | 22,141 | 140 | 22,629 | 138 | 21,423 |  |
| 2010 | 140 | 20,252 | 139 | 22,772 | 141 | 23,101 | 140 | 23,715 | 138 | 22,459 |  |
| 2011 | 137 | 20,620 | 136 | 23,267 | 138 | 23,961 | 138 | 24,249 | 137 | 22,822 |  |
| 2012 | 134 | 20,744 | 135 | 23,413 | 131 | 24,025 | 137 | 24,314 | 129 | 23,040 |  |
| 2013 | 134 | 21,113 | 133 | 24,162 | 132 | 24,957 | 131 | 24,768 | 131 | 23,484 |  |

The differences between tuition in first quintile and the second, third and fourth quintiles are statistically significant. These results are alincluded in Appendix D. The tuition in the fifth quintile is the second lowest tuition, however this difference is not statistically significant. These findings continue to be surprising because they seem so counter-intuitive; to the layperson it
would seem incredible that schools in both the first and fifth quintiles would average less in day tuition than the middle $60 \%$ of the schools on the financial aid spectrum.

These findings are curious and warrant attention from future researchers who may wonder if schools provide that financial aid to a higher percentage of their student body also strive to keep their prices down.

One wonders if the same trends will hold for boarding tuition stratified across the quintiles established for the 129 schools that charge boarding tuition in the study. The quintile cut-offs are delineated in Table 4.12 below.

Table 4.12: Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid at Schools that

| Charge Boarding Tuition |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Minimum | 0.0427 |  |
| Maximum |  | 0.6531 |
| Percentiles | 20 | 0.2199 |
|  | 40 | 0.2683 |
|  | 60 | 0.3169 |
|  | 80 | 0.3961 |

Financial aid is awarded at a much higher rate at schools with boarding programs than at schools with day programs discuss above. Whereas, in the earlier stratifications, $60 \%$ of schools provided financial assistance to fewer than $22 \%$ of their students, in this stratification more than $80 \%$ of schools with a boarding program provide financial aid to more than $22 \%$ of their students. In fact, more than $40 \%$ of schools provided financial assistance to at least $30 \%$ of their students. Boarding schools clearly provide financial aid to a greater percentage of their students.

Table 4.13 shows boarding tuition stratified according to these quintiles. One will immediately notice that a very different-and equally unexpected-phenomenon occurs here. As one move across the quintiles, the average tuition appears to decrease monotonically with the notable exception of the middle quintile in which the average tuition actually peaks.

Table 4.13: Average Boarding Tuition by Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid

| Quintile | N | Mean |
| :---: | :---: | ---: |
| 1 | 26 | $\$ 42,629$ |
| 2 | 26 | 42,040 |
| 3 | 26 | 43,444 |
| 4 | 26 | 41,120 |
| 5 | 25 | 40,130 |

Thus the most expensive quintile is the third quintile-those schools that award financial aid to between $27 \%$ and $31 \%$ of their students. The next most expensive quintile is the first quintile, the schools who award financial aid to less than $22 \%$ of their students. The lowest average tuition occurs in the fifth quintile, which contains schools that award financial aid to between $40 \%$ and $65 \%$ of their students. While these findings are curious, one hesitates to give too much valence to this phenomenon due to the extremely small sample sizes in each quintile. In fact, an one way analysis of variance test revealed no statistically significance between the quintiles.

Table 4.14 shows the year-by-year averages for the aforementioned quintiles.

Table 4.14: Boarding Tuition, by Proportion of Students on Financial Aid at Schools that Charge Boarding Tuition, 2003-2013

|  | 1st Quintile |  | 2nd Quintile |  | 3rd Quintile |  |  | 4th Quintile |  | 5th Quintile |  |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |  |
| 2003 | 23 | $\$ 37,635$ | 26 | $\$ 37,340$ | 24 | $\$ 38,594$ | 24 | $\$ 35,845$ | 23 | $\$ 34,910$ |  |
| 2004 | 25 | 39,430 | 25 | 38,107 | 26 | 39,360 | 25 | 37,234 | 23 | 36,194 |  |
| 2005 | 26 | 39,818 | 25 | 39,218 | 26 | 40,613 | 26 | 38,516 | 25 | 37,160 |  |
| 2006 | 26 | 40,385 | 26 | 39,943 | 23 | 40,998 | 26 | 39,116 | 24 | 37,424 |  |
| 2007 | 26 | 41,414 | 25 | 40,783 | 24 | 42,045 | 26 | 40,003 | 24 | 39,078 |  |
| 2008 | 26 | 42,566 | 26 | 41,900 | 24 | 43,167 | 24 | 41,524 | 25 | 39,945 |  |
| 2009 | 26 | 43,174 | 26 | 42,240 | 25 | 44,254 | 26 | 41,648 | 25 | 40,563 |  |
| 2010 | 26 | 45,009 | 26 | 44,489 | 26 | 45,711 | 25 | 43,788 | 25 | 42,522 |  |
| 2011 | 26 | 45,873 | 25 | 45,680 | 25 | 47,852 | 26 | 44,559 | 25 | 43,667 |  |
| 2012 | 24 | 46,014 | 25 | 45,622 | 24 | 48,562 | 24 | 44,979 | 24 | 44,099 |  |
| 2013 | 23 | 47,870 | 23 | 47,003 | 21 | 48,153 | 24 | 46,255 | 23 | 44,791 |  |

The most expensive quintile is clearly the middle quintile-those schools that have between $27 \%$ and $31 \%$ of their students on financial aid. Still, this quintile isn't much more expensive that the first-the difference in means is less that $\$ 1,000$ and in 2004, the average tuition in the first quartile was actually $\$ 70$ more expensive than the average tuition in the third quartile. Still, the average tuitions in the first three quintiles are higher than the average tuitions in the last two quintiles; thus, schools that provide financial aid to more than $31 \%$ or more of their students also appear to moderate their tuition price somewhat as well. For instance, there is always at least a $\$ 3,000$ difference in price between the third and fifth quintiles. Thus schools that provide financial aid to fewer students are more expensive when it comes to boarding tuition.

As with the overall average tuitions, though, a one way analysis of variance found no statistical significant difference between the aforementioned quintiles. Still, this does raise a provocative questions: are boarding schools that provide substantial percentages their students with financial aid also actively trying to moderate their price? Future researchers may way to see if they can either replicate or refute these observations with larger sample sizes.

## Boarding and Day Tuition when Stratified by the Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

For this analysis, the ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income was calculated for each year from 2003 to 2013 and then averaged. Then quintile cut-offs were established for all 732 schools in the study. Table 4.15 shows these cutoffs. Note that $80 \%$ of schools earn less than $10 \%$ of their income in the form of annual giving.

Table 4.15: Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

| Minimum |  | 0.0023 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Maximum |  | 0.7961 |
| Percentiles | 20 | 0.0451 |
|  | 40 | 0.0594 |
|  | 60 | 0.0768 |
|  | 80 | 0.1000 |

As with the analyses done above for the stratification by the proportion of students on financial aid, it's worth looking at the over breakdown of average day and boarding tuition by the above quintiles for all 732 schools, which is detailed in Table 4.16 below.

Table 4.16: Average Day and Average Boarding Tuition by the Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

|  | Day Tuition |  | Boarding Tuition |  |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quintile | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| 1 | 143 | $\$ 17,543$ | 13 | $\$ 40,675$ |
| 2 | 143 | 20,052 | 13 | 43,239 |
| 3 | 145 | 20,575 | 11 | 42,053 |
| 4 | 140 | 22,918 | 41 | 41,275 |
| 5 | 134 | 24,105 | 51 | 42,305 |

Tthe unevenness of the boarding schools among this stratification is obvious yet again: in the first three quintiles, which cover schools that earn less than $7.68 \%$ of their income from annual giving, only 37 of the schools charging boarding tuition are included but in the upper two quintiles, more than 90 schools charging boarding tuition are included. Therefore, as with financial aid proportions, separate stratifications for schools that charge day tuition and schools that charge boarding tuition were created. Table 4.17 shows the stratification for schools charging day tuition by the ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income. There is a slight decrease in the cut-offs from above the cut-offs presented above.

Table 4.17: Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income at Schools that Charge Day Tuition

| Minimum |  | 0.0023 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Maximum |  | 0.7961 |
| Percentiles | 20 | 0.0451 |
|  | 40 | 0.0592 |
|  | 60 | 0.0755 |
|  | 80 | 0.0984 |

Schools that charge day tuition were stratified according quintiles formed by the above cutoffs. Before looking at the averages year-by-year, let's first look at the overall average day tuition from 2003 to 2013, stratified by the quintiles shown in Table 4.18. As one might expect, the average tuition price increases monotonically through the quintiles.

Table 4.18: Average Day Tuition, 2003-2013, by the Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

| Quintile | N | Mean |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 141 | $\$ 17,577$ |
| 2 | 141 | 19,961 |
| 3 | 141 | 20,643 |
| 4 | 141 | 22,733 |
| 5 | 141 | 24,036 |

With the exception of the second and third quintiles, in which the mean day tuition differs by less than $\$ 700$, the means between other quintiles are separated by at least $\$ 1,300$. Moreover, the average tuition in the fifth quintile is over $\$ 6,000$ more expensive than average tuition in the first quintile. Thus, the larger percentage a school's budget depends on annual giving, the more expensive the school. An analysis of variance showed that the difference between the average tuition in these quintiles was significant; Sidak post-hoc test analyses revealed that the average day tuition in the first quintile is significantly different from all other quintiles; average tuition in the second quintile is significantly different from the first, fourth and fifth quintiles; likewise, average day tuition in the third, fourth and fifth quintiles is statistically different from average
tuition in the other quintiles, except adjacent quintiles. The statistical test results are included in Appendix E. Year-by-year averages are presented in Table 4.19.

Table 4.19: Day tuition, 2003-2013, by Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

|  | 1st Quintile |  | 2nd Quintile |  |  | 3rd Quintile |  |  | 4th Quintile |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5th Quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| 2003 | 126 | $\$ 15,423$ | 128 | $\$ 17,368$ | 132 | $\$ 17,675$ | 134 | $\$ 19,306$ | 130 | $\$ 20,974$ |
| 2004 | 129 | 16,167 | 128 | 18,290 | 136 | 18,675 | 132 | 20,555 | 132 | 21,875 |
| 2005 | 141 | 16,235 | 138 | 18,329 | 139 | 19,094 | 136 | 20,965 | 138 | 22,229 |
| 2006 | 138 | 16,656 | 137 | 18,790 | 138 | 19,582 | 135 | 21,216 | 139 | 22,794 |
| 2007 | 139 | 17,117 | 140 | 19,280 | 136 | 20,086 | 137 | 22,013 | 140 | 23,336 |
| 2008 | 140 | 17,609 | 140 | 19,837 | 138 | 20,715 | 139 | 22,747 | 140 | 24,110 |
| 2009 | 139 | 18,007 | 140 | 20,424 | 141 | 21,035 | 140 | 23,280 | 139 | 24,558 |
| 2010 | 141 | 18,770 | 140 | 21,349 | 139 | 22,102 | 140 | 24,461 | 138 | 25,688 |
| 2011 | 136 | 19,122 | 139 | 21,842 | 137 | 22,648 | 138 | 24,965 | 136 | 26,354 |
| 2012 | 135 | 19,303 | 139 | 21,872 | 133 | 22,931 | 133 | 25,133 | 126 | 26,606 |
| 2013 | 130 | 19,589 | 132 | 22,786 | 137 | 23,405 | 134 | 25,521 | 128 | 27,167 |

There is a jump in tuition price from the first to the second quintiles. The significant differences in means discussed in the average tuition from 2003 to 2013 above also apply to the quintiles on a year-by-year basis and are also included in Appendix E. Schools in the first quintile receive less than $4.51 \%$ of their yearly income from their annual giving campaigns, while schools in the second quintile earn anywhere from $4.51 \%$ to $5.92 \%$ of their income from their annual giving campaigns. Schools in the upper quintile - those that generate nearly $10 \%$ or more of their annual income from annual giving-boast the highest average day tuition prices.

The average dollar growth amount for tuition in each quintile is $\$ 417, \$ 542, \$ 573, \$ 621$ and $\$ 619$, respectively. Tuition in the second and third quintiles and also tuition in the fourth and fifth quintiles moves similarly in pairwise fashion.

There are commonalities that extend across nearly all quintiles for some years. In 2011 and 2012, tuition grew by the smallest, below-average amounts in each quintile. However, from 2010 to 2011, tuition in each quintile grew at substantially above-average amounts. One naturally wonders if the below average growth from 2011 to 2012 was a correction for the above average growth from 2010 to 2011. This is a point that qualitative researchers might want to interrogate further.

Now attention turns to schools charging boarding tuition are stratified according to the ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income. Table 4.20 shows the quintile cut-offs for this stratification.

Table 4.20: Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income at Schools that Charge Boarding Tuition

| Minimum |  | 0.0023 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Maximum |  | 0.3872 |
| Percentiles | 20 | 0.0591 |
|  | 40 | 0.0856 |
|  | 60 | 0.0999 |
|  | 80 | 0.1295 |

Just by looking at the cut-offs one can see that schools charging boarding tuition realize more of their annual income from annual giving than day schools: $80 \%$ of schools charging boarding tuition receive more than $5.91 \%$ of their income from annual giving whereas $40 \%$ of schools charging day tuition receive less than $5.91 \%$ of their income from annual giving.

However, the relationship between average boarding tuition and the quintiles is less pronounced than it was for average day tuition. Table 4.21 presents average boarding tuition stratified by the above quintiles: unlike with day tuition, there is no monotonicity as one moves from quintile to quintile. Additionally, an analysis of variance showed that the differences between the means in each quintile is not statistically significant.

Table 4.21: Average Boarding Tuition, 2003-2013, by the Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

| Quintile | N | Mean |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| First | 26 | $\$ 41,957$ |
| Second | 25 | 42,136 |
| Third | 26 | 40,679 |
| Fourth | 26 | 43,019 |
| Fifth | 26 | 41,649 |

The average boarding tuition in the first and fifth quintiles is roughly the same and that the fourth quintile, in which between $10 \%$ and $12.95 \%$ of students receive financial aid has the most expensive average boarding tuition.

Just as an analysis of variance showed no statistically significant difference between the means of the average boarding tuition stratified by quintiles, so too is there no statistically significant difference in the means shown in Table 4.22 below.

Table 4.22: Boarding Tuition at Schools that Charge Boarding Tuition, 20032013, by Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

|  | 1st Quintile |  |  | 2nd Quintile |  | 3rd Quintile |  |  | 4th Quintile |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5th Quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| 2003 | 26 | $\$ 36,876$ | 23 | $\$ 36,947$ | 25 | $\$ 35,614$ | 25 | $\$ 37,218$ | 21 | $\$ 37,930$ |
| 2004 | 26 | 38,173 | 25 | 38,595 | 23 | 36,772 | 26 | 38,831 | 24 | 38,015 |
| 2005 | 26 | 38,969 | 25 | 39,556 | 25 | 37,882 | 26 | 39,964 | 26 | 38,995 |
| 2006 | 25 | 39,622 | 24 | 39,817 | 25 | 38,293 | 26 | 40,844 | 25 | 39,250 |
| 2007 | 26 | 40,736 | 22 | 40,829 | 26 | 39,568 | 25 | 41,789 | 26 | 40,480 |
| 2008 | 26 | 41,897 | 22 | 42,371 | 26 | 40,499 | 25 | 42,987 | 26 | 41,470 |
| 2009 | 26 | 42,152 | 25 | 42,610 | 26 | 41,212 | 26 | 43,876 | 25 | 42,022 |
| 2010 | 26 | 44,676 | 25 | 44,149 | 26 | 43,023 | 25 | 46,164 | 26 | 43,660 |
| 2011 | 26 | 45,796 | 25 | 45,164 | 26 | 44,265 | 25 | 47,009 | 25 | 45,411 |
| 2012 | 25 | 45,612 | 25 | 46,100 | 24 | 44,145 | 23 | 47,527 | 24 | 45,951 |
| 2013 | 24 | 47,759 | 23 | 47,253 | 22 | 44,873 | 23 | 48,263 | 22 | 45,604 |

There are a few things worth noting in Table 4.22. First, tuition in quintiles one, two and four grew annually by an average amount of $\$ 1,000$ or more; tuition in the fifth quintile grew annually by an average amount of \$767-the lowest average amount of any quintile-which resulted in tuition in the fifth quintile growing by only $20 \%$ over the eleven years whereas tuition
in quintiles one and four grew by $30 \%$. Unlike day tuition, there are three instances in which the average boarding tuition in a quintile actually dropped-from 2011 to 2012 in both quintiles one and three and also from 2012 to 2013 in the fifth quintile.

The difference in the behavior of boarding tuition price versus day tuition price when stratified by the ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income is striking: with day tuition, greater budgetary reliance on annual giving corresponds to higher tuition prices. Not so, though, with boarding tuition. There does indeed appear to be some price moderation at work in the fifth boarding tuition quintile-after all, these schools garner $13 \%$ or more of their annual income from annual giving. Future researchers may want to try to replicate or refute these findings with larger sample sizes; additionally, qualitative research focused on schools in the fifth quintile could help ferret out whether or not there is any active attempt at tuition price moderation or if the data observed is just an anomaly.

## Boarding and Day Tuition Stratified by the Average Ratio of Total Endowment

 to Total IncomeThe ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income was calculated for each school for the years 2003 to 2013. As with earlier sections, originally all 732 schools in the study were stratified according to the ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income; quintile cut-offs are shown in Table 4.23. Sixty percent of schools have a total endowment to total income ratio of less than 0.8912 .

Table 4.23: Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income, 2003-2013

| Minimum |  | 0.0041 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Maximum |  | 87.4362 |
| Percentiles | 20 | 0.2368 |
|  | 40 | 0.5168 |
|  | 60 | 0.8912 |
|  | 80 | 1.7059 |

One expects to see the same unevenness play out with this stratification between schools that charge day tuition and schools that charge boarding tuition, as was witnessed above when stratifying all 732 schools by proportion of students on financial aid and then subsequently by the ratio of total annual giving to total income. This happens indeed.

Table 4.24: Average Day and Average Boarding tuition, 2003-2013, by the Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

|  | Day Tuition |  | Boarding Tuition |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quintile | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| First | 144 | $\$ 18,809$ | 7 | $\$ 43,542$ |
| Second | 141 | 19,457 | 23 | 40,862 |
| Third | 143 | 20,165 | 12 | 41,761 |
| Fourth | 154 | 22,929 | 28 | 43,175 |
| Fifth | 123 | 23,834 | 59 | 41,503 |

In Table 4.24 above, it's clear that endowments are much larger in relation to a school's total income for schools that charge boarding tuition than for schools that charge day tuition. For instance, in the fifth quintile, made up of schools whose endowment is more than 1.7 times their total income, contains the fewest number of schools charging day tuition and yet the largest number of schools charging boarding tuition.

In order to account for this, stratifications were again performed separately for schools that charge day tuition and schools that charge boarding tuition. The cut-offs for schools charging day tuition are shown in Table 4.25.

Table 4.25: Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income at Schools that Charge Day Tuition

| Minimum <br> Maximum |  | 0.0041 <br> 87.4362 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Percentiles | 20 | 0.2308 |
|  | 40 | 0.5080 |
|  | 60 | 0.8858 |
|  | 80 | 1.6504 |

These cut-offs were used to establish quintiles which were then used to stratify the overall average day tuition from 2003 to 2013 at the 705 schools that charge day tuition. This is shown in Table 4.26 below.

Table 4.26: Average day tuition, 2003-2013, by ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

| Quintile | N | Mean |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 141 | $\$ 18,840$ |
| 2 | 141 | 19,367 |
| 3 | 141 | 20,207 |
| 4 | 141 | 23,228 |
| 5 | 141 | 23,309 |

Average day tuition increases monotonically throughout the quintiles and is highest in the quintile that corresponds to the schools with the highest ratio of total endowment to total income. An analysis of variance shows that the differences between mean tuition in these quintiles is significant. A Sidak post-hoc test reveals that quintiles one, two and three are significantly different from quintiles four and five. Results from the statistical tests are included in Appendix F. Additionally, these statistically significant differences hold when the average tuition is looked at annually from 2003 to 2013, as shown in Table 4.27.

Table 4.27: Day tuition, 2003-2013, by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

|  | 1st Quintile |  | 2nd Quintile |  | 3rd Quintile |  |  | 4th Quintile |  | 5th Quintile |  |
| :---: | :---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |  |
| 2003 | 117 | $\$ 16,077$ | 131 | $\$ 16,849$ | 134 | $\$ 17,616$ | 133 | $\$ 20,005$ | 135 | $\$ 20,027$ |  |
| 2004 | 120 | 17,306 | 132 | 17,783 | 137 | 18,252 | 130 | 21,254 | 138 | 20,867 |  |
| 2005 | 139 | 17,170 | 139 | 18,018 | 140 | 18,711 | 137 | 21,484 | 137 | 21,441 |  |
| 2006 | 139 | 17,697 | 133 | 18,230 | 140 | 19,115 | 136 | 21,933 | 139 | 22,045 |  |
| 2007 | 138 | 18,242 | 141 | 18,834 | 141 | 19,611 | 135 | 22,629 | 137 | 22,627 |  |
| 2008 | 141 | 18,848 | 140 | 19,256 | 137 | 20,353 | 141 | 23,227 | 138 | 23,345 |  |
| 2009 | 141 | 19,276 | 140 | 19,816 | 139 | 20,794 | 140 | 23,755 | 139 | 23,689 |  |
| 2010 | 140 | 20,190 | 139 | 20,730 | 139 | 21,658 | 140 | 24,779 | 140 | 24,926 |  |
| 2011 | 135 | 20,943 | 137 | 20,922 | 140 | 22,046 | 137 | 25,562 | 137 | 25,451 |  |
| 2012 | 135 | 21,119 | 136 | 20,949 | 135 | 22,361 | 133 | 25,753 | 127 | 25,567 |  |
| 2013 | 127 | 21,635 | 133 | 21,745 | 136 | 22,774 | 135 | 26,194 | 130 | 26,037 |  |

One notices that the tuition in the fourth and fifth quintiles is significantly higher than the tuition in the first three quintiles. Perhaps unsurprisingly, tuition in the first quintile grew $35 \%$ over the 11 years while tuition in each of the subsequent intervals grew around $30 \%$. So schools with the lowest level of endowment in relation to their total income saw their tuition growth outpace better endowed schools. Finally-and somewhat curiously-tuition in the fifth quintile isn't always higher than tuition in the fourth quintile on a year-by-year basis. In fact, tuition in the fifth quintile was only higher than tuition in the fourth quintile in 2003, 2006, 2008 and 2010. This suggests that once a school's total endowment exceeds $85 \%$ of its income (as it does in the fourth quintile), tuition prices at these schools tend to behave similarly, even for substantially better endowed schools whose endowment exceeds $165 \%$ of income (as happens in the fifth quintile).

Schools that charge boarding tuition are much better endowed in relation to their total income. Table 4.28 shows the cut-offs for the 129 schools that charge boarding tuition in the study. The difference between these two different groups of schools is striking: above, $60 \%$ of schools that charge day tuition had endowments equal to less than $89 \%$ of their total income and yet below in Table 4.28, $60 \%$ of schools that charge boarding tuition have endowments equal to more than $124 \%$ of their total income.

Table 4.28: Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income at Schools that Charge Boarding Tuition

| Minimum |  | 0.0335 <br> Maximum |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Percentiles | 20 | 0.4362 |
|  | 40 | 1.2454 |
|  | 60 | 2.1684 |
|  | 80 | 3.8672 |

The average boarding tuition across all years from 2003 to 2013 is shown in Table 4.29. An analysis of variance showed no significant differences between the mean tuition in each quintile.

Table 4.29: Average Boarding Tuition by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

| Quintile | N | Mean |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| First | 26 | $\$ 42,024$ |
| Second | 25 | 41,815 |
| Third | 26 | 42,330 |
| Fourth | 27 | 41,836 |
| Fifth | 25 | 41,407 |

The most expensive quintile is the third quintile and the least expensive quintile is the fifth quintile. One hesitates to read too much into this, though, since the most expensive and least expensive mean tuition are separated by less than $\$ 1,000$.

Table 4.30 shows the year-by-year average boarding tuitions for the above quintiles. As has been consistently true for schools that charge boarding tuition, the differences in mean tuition between quintiles is not statistically significant. Still, one notices that tuition in the third quintile-schools whose endowment is between $124 \%$ and $216 \%$ of their total income-contains some of the highest tuitions in the table. The wealthiest schools-those schools in the fifth quintile whose endowments is more than $386 \%$ of their total income-consistently sport lower average tuition than schools in the third and even first quintiles.

Table 4.30: Boarding Tuition, 2003-2013, by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income at Schools that Charge Boarding Tuition

|  | 1st Quintile |  | 2nd Quintile |  | 3rd Quintile |  |  | 4th Quintile |  | 5th Quintile |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |  |
| 2003 | 24 | $\$ 37,060$ | 24 | $\$ 38,041$ | 24 | $\$ 37,129$ | 26 | $\$ 36,381$ | 22 | $\$ 35,749$ |  |
| 2004 | 24 | 38,298 | 25 | 38,450 | 24 | 38,801 | 27 | 37,775 | 24 | 37,232 |  |
| 2005 | 26 | 39,251 | 25 | 39,109 | 26 | 39,826 | 27 | 38,818 | 24 | 38,344 |  |
| 2006 | 22 | 39,126 | 25 | 39,668 | 26 | 40,134 | 27 | 39,551 | 25 | 39,313 |  |
| 2007 | 26 | 41,089 | 25 | 40,504 | 24 | 40,728 | 25 | 40,678 | 25 | 40,321 |  |
| 2008 | 26 | 42,167 | 25 | 41,489 | 24 | 42,118 | 26 | 41,983 | 24 | 41,307 |  |
| 2009 | 26 | 42,253 | 25 | 42,113 | 26 | 42,978 | 27 | 42,487 | 24 | 42,003 |  |
| 2010 | 26 | 44,747 | 25 | 43,810 | 25 | 44,887 | 27 | 44,432 | 25 | 43,707 |  |
| 2011 | 26 | 45,641 | 24 | 45,868 | 25 | 45,490 | 27 | 45,608 | 25 | 45,001 |  |
| 2012 | 25 | 45,197 | 23 | 46,552 | 25 | 46,780 | 24 | 45,489 | 24 | 45,265 |  |
| 2013 | 23 | 46,999 | 23 | 46,657 | 22 | 47,041 | 25 | 47,246 | 21 | 45,878 |  |

Year to year tuition increases averaged around $\$ 1,000$ across all quintiles, from a low of $\$ 862$ in the second quintile to a high of $\$ 1,087$ in the fourth quintile. Tuition grew fairly constantly across all quintiles over the years 2003-2013 at a rate of about $27 \%$, though the second quintile grew the slowest at $23 \%$ and the fourth quintile grew fastest at a rate of $30 \%$.

## Research Question 1: Tuition Growth Rates

This part of the research question deals with tuition growth rates. Overall, from 2003 to 2013, the average boarding tuition at the selected schools grew $26.8 \%$, from $\$ 36,883$ to $\$ 46,786$. The average day tuition grew $30 \%$ during that time, from $\$ 18,174$ to $\$ 23,688$. The faster growth in day tuition had only a narrow effect on the gap between day and boarding tuition slightly: in 2003, the average boarding tuition was 2.03 times the average day tuition; by 2013, the average boarding tuition was 1.98 times the average day tuition. Boarding tuition still remains roughly double day tuition.

But growth rates of average tuition tell a very limited part of the story. In order to better understand growth rates of tuition over the period from 2003 to 2013, the year-to-year growth
rates for boarding and day tuition were calculated. These growth rates were then averaged by year and then stratified according the exact same procedures used for tuition prices in the first part of this research question. Since growth rates must be computed by taking the ratio of sequential years' worth of tuition, no growth rates were calculated for 2003. The overall growth rates for boarding and day tuition, for the 729 schools in the study, are shown in Table 4.31.

Table 4.31: Tuition Growth Rates, by Tuition Type, 2004-2013

|  | Day Tuition |  | Boarding Tuition |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| 2004 | 627 | 0.042 | 120 | 0.032 |
| 2005 | 656 | 0.031 | 128 | 0.027 |
| 2006 | 682 | 0.024 | 127 | 0.016 |
| 2007 | 677 | 0.028 | 123 | 0.027 |
| 2008 | 689 | 0.031 | 123 | 0.026 |
| 2009 | 696 | 0.020 | 124 | 0.014 |
| 2010 | 699 | 0.046 | 127 | 0.050 |
| 2011 | 687 | 0.022 | 126 | 0.025 |
| 2012 | 660 | 0.007 | 121 | 0.006 |
| 2013 | 641 | 0.021 | 111 | 0.034 |

For both tuition types, growth rates ranged from $0.7 \%$ to around $5 \%$ at the highest. With the exception of the three years 2011, 2011, and 2013, the average day growth rate exceeded the average boarding growth rate. This reflects the higher growth in day tuition over the period of time being studied.

## Boarding and Day Tuition Growth Rates when Stratified by School Type

The exact same stratification procedures used above were used for stratifications in this section. Thus, day tuition growth rates are stratified only for boarding-day, day-boarding and day schools in Table 4.32. With the exception of the years 2006, 2010 and 2011, the growth rates in each category are separated by less than 0.01 when analyzed on a yearly basis.

Table 4.32: Day Tuition Growth Rates by School Type, 2004-2013

| Boarding-Day |  |  |  |  | Day-Boarding |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| 2004 | 50 | 0.037 | 48 | 0.034 | 522 | 0.044 |
| 2005 | 53 | 0.030 | 49 | 0.037 | 546 | 0.031 |
| 2006 | 51 | 0.019 | 51 | 0.011 | 574 | 0.026 |
| 2007 | 50 | 0.033 | 49 | 0.031 | 575 | 0.027 |
| 2008 | 53 | 0.033 | 48 | 0.027 | 582 | 0.031 |
| 2009 | 54 | 0.028 | 50 | 0.020 | 586 | 0.019 |
| 2010 | 56 | 0.061 | 49 | 0.046 | 587 | 0.044 |
| 2011 | 54 | 0.009 | 48 | 0.022 | 577 | 0.023 |
| 2012 | 51 | -0.001 | 47 | 0.008 | 557 | 0.008 |
| 2013 | 48 | 0.019 | 45 | 0.020 | 542 | 0.021 |

Given that day tuition growth rates remain rather similar across the categories, especially on a year-by-year basis, it's likely that day tuition growth rates have more to do with external factors the school type.

Table 4.33 compares boarding tuition growth rates across school types. The growth rates across the boarding, boarding-day and day-boarding school types are fairly similar from 2005 to 2008 and in 2011. In 2009, which coincides with a recession, boarding tuition at day-boarding grew a lot slower than tuition at other types of schools. Again, this suggests that schools with majority day students may be more susceptible to external economic conditions than schools that are enroll a majority of boarding students. Still, even then the growth rates for boarding and boarding-day schools were somewhat muted in 2009; the take-away here may very well be that drastic economic events, such as the 2009 recess, has an effect on all types of schools.

Table 4.33 appears on the following page.

Table 4.33: Boarding Tuition Growth Rates by School Type, 2004-2013

|  | Boarding |  | Boarding-Day |  | Day-Boarding |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| 2004 | 11 | 0.054 | 63 | 0.033 | 42 | 0.024 |
| 2005 | 11 | 0.030 | 69 | 0.028 | 44 | 0.027 |
| 2006 | 10 | 0.010 | 68 | 0.017 | 46 | 0.016 |
| 2007 | 10 | 0.024 | 66 | 0.026 | 45 | 0.029 |
| 2008 | 9 | 0.027 | 68 | 0.025 | 45 | 0.026 |
| 2009 | 9 | 0.016 | 69 | 0.018 | 46 | 0.007 |
| 2010 | 11 | 0.044 | 71 | 0.040 | 45 | 0.067 |
| 2011 | 11 | 0.024 | 71 | 0.025 | 44 | 0.025 |
| 2012 | 10 | 0.006 | 68 | 0.012 | 42 | -0.002 |
| 2013 | 8 | 0.019 | 63 | 0.022 | 38 | 0.057 |

## Boarding and Day Tuition Growth Rates when Stratified by Class Code

Table 4.34 shows day tuition growth rates, stratified by Class Code. Schools that are both elementary and secondary appear to more closely follow the rates of secondary schools than those of elementary Schools. Still, as has been seen earlier with day tuition growth rates, there is very little separation in growth rates: for each year from 2004 to 2013, the range of growth rates by Class Code differs by less than 0.01 .

Table 4.34: Day Tuition Growth Rates by Class Code, 2004-2013

|  | Elementary |  | Secondary |  | Both Elementary <br> and Secondary |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| 2004 | 199 | 0.042 | 84 | 0.042 | 339 | 0.043 |
| 2005 | 210 | 0.034 | 89 | 0.032 | 351 | 0.029 |
| 2006 | 227 | 0.027 | 89 | 0.019 | 362 | 0.023 |
| 2007 | 226 | 0.029 | 88 | 0.030 | 362 | 0.027 |
| 2008 | 228 | 0.033 | 89 | 0.035 | 368 | 0.028 |
| 2009 | 231 | 0.021 | 91 | 0.024 | 370 | 0.018 |
| 2010 | 231 | 0.046 | 92 | 0.053 | 371 | 0.044 |
| 2011 | 228 | 0.025 | 90 | 0.015 | 363 | 0.022 |
| 2012 | 220 | 0.009 | 89 | 0.005 | 348 | 0.006 |
| 2013 | 211 | 0.021 | 88 | 0.018 | 338 | 0.022 |

Boarding tuition is not prevalent at the elementary level and so boarding tuition growth rates were only calculated for secondary and also schools that are both elementary and secondary. These rates are reported in Table 4.35.

Table 4.35: Boarding tuition growth rates by Class Code, 2004-2013

|  | Secondary |  | Both Elementary <br> and Secondary |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| 2004 | 75 | 0.037 | 34 | 0.023 |
| 2005 | 82 | 0.028 | 34 | 0.027 |
| 2006 | 81 | 0.017 | 35 | 0.017 |
| 2007 | 79 | 0.026 | 34 | 0.031 |
| 2008 | 79 | 0.027 | 35 | 0.023 |
| 2009 | 80 | 0.019 | 36 | 0.002 |
| 2010 | 84 | 0.041 | 35 | 0.071 |
| 2011 | 84 | 0.026 | 34 | 0.022 |
| 2012 | 80 | 0.011 | 33 | -0.005 |
| 2013 | 73 | 0.025 | 30 | 0.059 |

The growth rates parallel one another in 2005 and 2006 and are fairly close together in 2007, 2008, and 2011. In other years, there is somewhat of a divergence, but it is difficult to tease out a larger pattern without exploring variables-both institutional and external economic-beyond the scope of this study.

## Boarding and Day Tuition Growth Rates Stratified by Percent of Students on Financial Aid

Table 4.36 shows the growth rates of day tuition stratified by proportion of students on financial aid. The growth rates all seem to move consistently across the quintiles, varying largely by year as opposed to by quintile.

Table 4.36: Day Tuition Growth Rates, by Proportion of Students on Financial Aid, 2004-2013

2nd

|  | 1st Quintile |  | Quintile |  | 3rd Quintile |  |  | 4th Quintile |  | 5th Quintile |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |  |
| 2004 | 123 | 0.042 | 126 | 0.046 | 128 | 0.046 | 125 | 0.037 | 120 | 0.040 |  |
| 2005 | 128 | 0.031 | 131 | 0.029 | 129 | 0.032 | 134 | 0.033 | 128 | 0.030 |  |
| 2006 | 139 | 0.026 | 139 | 0.025 | 132 | 0.026 | 136 | 0.021 | 132 | 0.021 |  |
| 2007 | 140 | 0.028 | 137 | 0.029 | 133 | 0.027 | 134 | 0.029 | 132 | 0.026 |  |
| 2008 | 140 | 0.035 | 136 | 0.030 | 137 | 0.029 | 136 | 0.031 | 136 | 0.027 |  |
| 2009 | 139 | 0.020 | 139 | 0.020 | 139 | 0.019 | 139 | 0.021 | 136 | 0.019 |  |
| 2010 | 139 | 0.047 | 139 | 0.044 | 141 | 0.042 | 139 | 0.047 | 136 | 0.048 |  |
| 2011 | 136 | 0.026 | 135 | 0.020 | 138 | 0.024 | 137 | 0.017 | 135 | 0.021 |  |
| 2012 | 131 | 0.006 | 132 | 0.007 | 130 | 0.011 | 135 | 0.007 | 129 | 0.004 |  |
| 2013 | 129 | 0.021 | 130 | 0.025 | 124 | 0.024 | 131 | 0.019 | 123 | 0.015 |  |

Across all years, the average growth rate is $2.71 \%$. Across the individual quintiles, the average growth rates range from $2.53 \%$ in the fifth quintile to $2.79 \%$ in the first quintile. An analysis of variance showed that there are no statistically significant differences between the growth rates in the individual quintiles.

The average growth rate for each quintile ranges from $2.6 \%$ in the fifth quintile to $2.9 \%$ in the first quintile. In 2012, tuition grew by $1.1 \%$ or less across all quintiles, though the fifth quintile (in which at least $27.92 \%$ of students receive financial aid) has much lower growth rates than the other quintiles. Taken together, day tuition growth rates don't seem to be influenced too much by the proportion of students on financial aid at an institution, although schools that have a higher percentage of students on financial aid do show somewhat smaller tuition growth rates. While there is certainly no proof in the data presented here, a very real possibility is that day tuition is more influenced by larger economic factors than boarding tuition.

Boarding tuition growth rates stratified by proportion of students on financial aid are presented in Table 4.37. Unlike day tuition growth rates in Table 4.36 above, the growth rates for boarding tuition vary a bit more from quintile to quintile. Only in 2007 and 2008 do growth rates seem remarkably constant across the intervals.

Table 4.37: Boarding Tuition Growth Rates, at Schools that Charge Boarding Tuition by Proportion of Students on Financial Aid, 2004-2013

|  | 1st Quintile |  |  | 2nd Quintile |  | 3rd Quintile |  | 4th Quintile |  | 5th Quintile |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |  |
| 2004 | 23 | 0.041 | 25 | 0.023 | 24 | 0.023 | 23 | 0.039 | 21 | 0.035 |  |
| 2005 | 25 | 0.016 | 25 | 0.029 | 26 | 0.031 | 25 | 0.034 | 23 | 0.028 |  |
| 2006 | 26 | 0.014 | 25 | 0.017 | 23 | 0.014 | 26 | 0.016 | 24 | 0.022 |  |
| 2007 | 26 | 0.029 | 25 | 0.023 | 21 | 0.025 | 26 | 0.024 | 23 | 0.035 |  |
| 2008 | 26 | 0.028 | 25 | 0.026 | 23 | 0.023 | 24 | 0.026 | 24 | 0.025 |  |
| 2009 | 26 | 0.015 | 26 | 0.003 | 23 | 0.022 | 24 | 0.014 | 25 | 0.015 |  |
| 2010 | 26 | 0.042 | 26 | 0.080 | 25 | 0.032 | 25 | 0.047 | 25 | 0.048 |  |
| 2011 | 26 | 0.020 | 25 | 0.030 | 25 | 0.027 | 25 | 0.022 | 25 | 0.027 |  |
| 2012 | 24 | 0.010 | 24 | -0.008 | 24 | 0.018 | 24 | 0.004 | 24 | 0.009 |  |
| 2013 | 22 | 0.023 | 22 | 0.069 | 20 | 0.022 | 22 | 0.033 | 23 | 0.022 |  |

Yet, taken across all years, the overall average growth rate for each quintile is fairly standard, ranging from $2.51 \%$ to $2.86 \%$. As with day tuition growth rates, the proportion of students on financial aid does not appear play a large role in influencing tuition growth rates.

## Boarding and Day Tuition Growth Rates Stratified by Ratio of Total Annual Giving to

## Total Income

The rationale behind this stratification relies on the effect that calculating the ratio of total annual giving to total income has on measuring effects of the amount of money raised in annual giving in any one year. For instance, one might consider two hypothetical schools which each raise $\$ 500,000$ in annual giving. Further suppose that one school's total annual income is $\$ 2$ million and the other school's total income is $\$ 20$ million. Clearly, the $\$ 500,000$ constitutes a much larger share of the first hypothetical school's income. Thus it is essential that the ratio of
total annual giving to total income is calculated. If such ratios weren't, the two hypothetical schools above would appear identical when it came to annual giving since they each raised $\$ 500,500$.

Table 4.38 shows day tuition growth rates stratified in this way. However, one notices immediately that the growth rates move in tandem with each other across quintiles. Thus, day tuition growth seems very much to rely on outside economic factors than a school's individual success in raising annual giving dollars.

Table 4.38: Day Tuition Growth Rates at Schools that Charge Day Tuition by the Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income, 2004-2013

|  | 1st Quintile |  | 2nd Quintile |  | 3rd Quintile |  | 4th Quintile |  | 5th Quintile |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| 2004 | 119 | 0.041 | 120 | 0.040 | 129 | 0.047 | 127 | 0.040 | 127 | 0.043 |
| 2005 | 129 | 0.031 | 127 | 0.028 | 135 | 0.028 | 129 | 0.036 | 130 | 0.034 |
| 2006 | 138 | 0.026 | 135 | 0.023 | 137 | 0.028 | 131 | 0.022 | 137 | 0.021 |
| 2007 | 136 | 0.029 | 137 | 0.027 | 133 | 0.025 | 132 | 0.029 | 138 | 0.028 |
| 2008 | 138 | 0.028 | 139 | 0.032 | 133 | 0.031 | 136 | 0.033 | 139 | 0.028 |
| 2009 | 138 | 0.018 | 139 | 0.022 | 138 | 0.017 | 138 | 0.020 | 139 | 0.022 |
| 2010 | 139 | 0.045 | 139 | 0.045 | 139 | 0.045 | 140 | 0.049 | 137 | 0.043 |
| 2011 | 136 | 0.019 | 138 | 0.023 | 136 | 0.023 | 138 | 0.020 | 133 | 0.023 |
| 2012 | 132 | 0.008 | 137 | 0.007 | 132 | 0.008 | 132 | 0.002 | 124 | 0.011 |
| 2013 | 127 | 0.022 | 130 | 0.021 | 131 | 0.022 | 128 | 0.018 | 121 | 0.022 |

Table 4.39 shows boarding tuition growth rates stratified according to the quintiles established above in Table 4.20 for the ratio of total annual giving to total income at schools that charge boarding tuition. Unlike the trends that have been prevalent with various stratifications of day tuition growth rates, the growth rates in these quintiles vary in a more pronounced way from quintile to quintile.

Table 4.39: Boarding Tuition Growth Rates at Schools that Charge Boarding
Tuition, by the Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income, 2004-2013

|  | 1st Quintile |  | 2nd Quintile |  | 3rd Quintile |  | 4th Quintile |  | 5th Quintile |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| 2004 | 26 | 0.040 | 23 | 0.038 | 22 | 0.033 | 25 | 0.041 | 20 | 0.003 |
| 2005 | 26 | 0.027 | 25 | 0.026 | 23 | 0.029 | 26 | 0.029 | 24 | 0.028 |
| 2006 | 25 | 0.025 | 24 | 0.010 | 24 | 0.011 | 26 | 0.022 | 25 | 0.012 |
| 2007 | 25 | 0.033 | 21 | 0.026 | 25 | 0.030 | 25 | 0.024 | 25 | 0.022 |
| 2008 | 26 | 0.028 | 20 | 0.025 | 26 | 0.023 | 24 | 0.028 | 26 | 0.024 |
| 2009 | 26 | 0.001 | 22 | 0.016 | 26 | 0.017 | 25 | 0.019 | 25 | 0.015 |
| 2010 | 26 | 0.085 | 25 | 0.037 | 26 | 0.044 | 25 | 0.046 | 25 | 0.036 |
| 2011 | 26 | 0.025 | 25 | 0.023 | 26 | 0.029 | 24 | 0.027 | 25 | 0.021 |
| 2012 | 25 | -0.007 | 25 | 0.023 | 24 | 0.005 | 22 | 0.001 | 24 | 0.011 |
| 2013 | 24 | 0.067 | 23 | 0.024 | 20 | 0.017 | 21 | 0.032 | 21 | 0.024 |

The growth rates in the first quintile are highest, averaging $3.23 \%$ from 2003 to 2013, while the rates in the fifth quintile are the lowest with an overall average growth rate of only $1.89 \%$. In 2010, in the wake of the financial crisis of 2007-09, tuition grew almost twice as fast in the first quintile as it did for schools in every other quintile. Yet in 2009 and 2012, tuition in the first quintile grew more slowly than in other quintiles.

Overall, the growth rates for schools in the fifth quintile are lowest while each of the other quintiles on average have similar growth rates. Thus, as with tuition price, boarding schools with successful annual giving campaigns can not only afford to charge less tuition, they can also afford to raise their tuition at a slower rate than can schools that receive less of their income from annual giving. The unusual variations seen in 2009 and 2012 with respect to the growth rate in the first quintile may have more to do with responses to external economic conditions than internal policy issues. Future researchers may want to investigate these anomalies from a qualitative perspective.

## Boarding and Day Tuition Growth Rates Stratified by the Average Ratio of Total

## Endowment to Total Income

For an even better measure of wealth, the ratio of a school's total endowment to its total income was calculated. Analyzing a school's endowment in relation to the size of its budget allows one consider the actual effect of the endowment on a school's income. For instance, a $\$ 5$ million endowment could generate a substantial percentage of the income for a school with a budget of $\$ 5$ million, but a much smaller percentage of income for a school with a budget of $\$ 100$ million. Table 4.40 displays day tuition growth rates for schools stratified into quintiles using this method. Day tuition seems to move in a similar fashion, year-to-year, across all quintiles, suggesting again that day school tuition practices are tied more to independent economic factors than they are to individual school wealth.

Table 4.40: Day Tuition Growth Rates at Schools that Charge Day Tuition by the Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

|  | 1st Quintile |  | 2nd Quintile |  | 3rd Quintile |  | 4th Quintile |  | 5th Quintile |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| 2004 | 107 | 0.044 | 125 | 0.045 | 131 | 0.039 | 125 | 0.042 | 134 | 0.042 |
| 2005 | 119 | 0.034 | 131 | 0.030 | 136 | 0.030 | 129 | 0.031 | 135 | 0.032 |
| 2006 | 137 | 0.029 | 132 | 0.018 | 139 | 0.024 | 135 | 0.025 | 135 | 0.023 |
| 2007 | 136 | 0.031 | 133 | 0.029 | 140 | 0.025 | 132 | 0.026 | 135 | 0.028 |
| 2008 | 138 | 0.036 | 140 | 0.028 | 137 | 0.036 | 135 | 0.028 | 135 | 0.026 |
| 2009 | 141 | 0.024 | 139 | 0.020 | 136 | 0.019 | 140 | 0.019 | 136 | 0.017 |
| 2010 | 140 | 0.046 | 138 | 0.047 | 138 | 0.042 | 140 | 0.043 | 138 | 0.049 |
| 2011 | 135 | 0.025 | 135 | 0.017 | 138 | 0.020 | 137 | 0.023 | 136 | 0.023 |
| 2012 | 132 | 0.008 | 134 | 0.008 | 134 | 0.005 | 132 | 0.008 | 125 | 0.006 |
| 2013 | 125 | 0.024 | 129 | 0.023 | 131 | 0.019 | 130 | 0.019 | 122 | 0.019 |

The overall average growth rate in each quintile hovers between a low of $2.59 \%$ in the third quintile to $2.99 \%$ in the first quintile. The next highest overall average growth rate is only $2.68 \%$ in the fifth quintile. On a yearly basis, growth rates move in similar fashion, usually differing by less than $1 \%$. Even here, day tuition grows more or less equally across all types of schools.

Boarding tuition growth rates stratified by the ratio of total endowment to total income are presented in Table 4.41. In the first quintile below, tuition remained more or less constant in 2009 and also 2012, as shown by the slightly negative growth rate (again, recall that all rates shown are calculated based on tuition prices in constant dollars).

Table 4.41: Boarding Tuition Growth Rates at Schools that Charge Boarding Tuition by the Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

|  | 1st Quintile |  | 2nd Quintile |  | 3rd Quintile |  | 4th Quintile |  | 5th Quintile |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| 2004 | 23 | 0.034 | 24 | 0.018 | 22 | 0.036 | 26 | 0.034 | 21 | 0.039 |
| 2005 | 24 | 0.030 | 25 | 0.018 | 24 | 0.028 | 27 | 0.028 | 24 | 0.036 |
| 2006 | 22 | 0.012 | 25 | 0.014 | 26 | 0.008 | 27 | 0.019 | 24 | 0.029 |
| 2007 | 22 | 0.035 | 25 | 0.021 | 24 | 0.021 | 25 | 0.028 | 25 | 0.031 |
| 2008 | 26 | 0.027 | 25 | 0.023 | 23 | 0.027 | 24 | 0.026 | 24 | 0.025 |
| 2009 | 26 | -0.003 | 25 | 0.014 | 24 | 0.024 | 26 | 0.018 | 23 | 0.016 |
| 2010 | 26 | 0.087 | 25 | 0.040 | 25 | 0.040 | 27 | 0.046 | 24 | 0.037 |
| 2011 | 26 | 0.019 | 24 | 0.028 | 24 | 0.022 | 27 | 0.027 | 25 | 0.030 |
| 2012 | 25 | -0.013 | 23 | 0.013 | 24 | 0.023 | 24 | 0.003 | 24 | 0.008 |
| 2013 | 23 | 0.063 | 22 | 0.020 | 21 | 0.022 | 23 | 0.036 | 20 | 0.026 |

The upper three quintiles-those schools whose total endowment is valued at $100 \%$ or more of their total annual income-sometimes have growth rates that moved more or less in unison from in 2004 and 2008 and yet these growth rates vary more widely in other years. It is hard to single out any one particular pattern. When one looks at the average overall growth rates per quintile, one sees that more quintiles have an average growth rate of between $2.50 \%$ and $2.83 \%$; the second quintile is the one exception in that it sports an overall average growth rate of $1.97 \%$.

The key takeaways from the findings in the first research question are that boarding tuition and day tuition behave in substantially different ways: while boarding tuition remains doubly more expensive than day tuition, day tuition nevertheless grew faster from 2003 to 2013. Additionally, schools that have high ratios of total annual giving to total income charge more for
day tuition yet less for boarding tuition than do schools with lower ratios of total annual giving to total income. This trend holds for the ratio of total endowment to total income-the bestendowed schools charged lower boarding tuition yet higher day tuition. However, the proportion of students on financial aid, the ratio of total endowment to total income and the ratio of total annual giving to total income all seem to have minimal impact on tuition growth rates. Tuition growth rates therefore grow according to other factors, most likely Baumol's cost disease other external economic factors.

## Research Question 2

What is the average proportion of students receiving financial aid overall and what is the average proportion of students receiving financial aid when schools are stratified by: (a) School Type; (b) Class Code; (c) quintiles based on the ratio of total annual giving to total income; (d) quintiles based on the ratio of total endowment to total income; and, (e) quintiles based on tuition price?

In order to calculate the proportion of students on financial aid, the quotient of a school's financial aid enrollment and its enrollment was calculated for each year. Ratios that were greater than one were left blank since such a value could only have occurred by a data entry error. This happened for fewer than 30 schools in the overall dataset prior to the selection of 732 schools that is used in this dissertation. Table 4.42 shows the overall proportion of students on financial aid from 2003 to 2013 enrolled at those schools in the study.

Table 4.42: Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid, 2003-2013

| Year | N | Mean |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2003 | 689 | 0.1752 |
| 2004 | 641 | 0.1827 |
| 2005 | 671 | 0.1851 |
| 2006 | 641 | 0.1880 |
| 2007 | 653 | 0.1906 |
| 2008 | 648 | 0.1971 |
| 2009 | 712 | 0.2051 |
| 2010 | 695 | 0.2351 |
| 2011 | 696 | 0.2482 |
| 2012 | 672 | 0.2514 |
| 2013 | 655 | 0.2536 |

The overall proportion of students on financial aid increased monotonically from 2003 to 2013, starting at $17.52 \%$ and ending with $25.36 \%$ in 2013; the overall average percentage of students on financial aid over the entire 11 years was was $21.17 \%$. The most dramatic increase in financial aid proportion occurred in the wake of the financial crisis of 2008-9: in 2008, only $1971 \%$ of students received financial aid and yet by 2010 there were $23.51 \%$ of students receiving financial aid.

## Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid Stratified by School Type

If there are differences in financial aid practices among different types of schools when it comes to the mixture of boarding and day students, this stratification will reveal those differences immediately. As shown in Table 4.43, the differences in the proportion of students on financial aid when stratified by School Type is striking. By far, boarding and boarding-day schools have a much larger proportion of students on financial aid.

Table 4.43: Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid, by School Type, 2003-2013

|  | Boarding |  | BoardingDay |  | DayBoarding |  | Day |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| 2003 | 11 | 0.2784 | 70 | 0.3158 | 51 | 0.2272 | 557 | 0.1508 |
| 2004 | 11 | 0.3033 | 68 | 0.3134 | 46 | 0.2164 | 516 | 0.1599 |
| 2005 | 10 | 0.2760 | 70 | 0.3267 | 48 | 0.2347 | 543 | 0.1608 |
| 2006 | 9 | 0.3001 | 60 | 0.3266 | 49 | 0.2240 | 523 | 0.1667 |
| 2007 | 9 | 0.3088 | 67 | 0.3257 | 48 | 0.2240 | 529 | 0.1685 |
| 2008 | 8 | 0.3158 | 64 | 0.3353 | 45 | 0.2400 | 531 | 0.1751 |
| 2009 | 11 | 0.3086 | 73 | 0.3416 | 53 | 0.2490 | 575 | 0.1817 |
| 2010 | 10 | 0.3153 | 73 | 0.3690 | 50 | 0.2807 | 562 | 0.2123 |
| 2011 | 10 | 0.3420 | 71 | 0.3841 | 49 | 0.2924 | 566 | 0.2256 |
| 2012 | 9 | 0.3516 | 69 | 0.3802 | 46 | 0.2869 | 548 | 0.2306 |
| 2013 | 6 | 0.3399 | 62 | 0.4029 | 48 | 0.2824 | 539 | 0.2329 |
| Average | 11 | 0.3039 | 75 | 0.3462 | 53 | 0.2538 | 593 | 0.1893 |

There is a strong connection between the presence of a boarding program and the practice of giving financial aid. Of course, schools with boarding programs are much more expensive than day schools and, as has been seen above, generally have larger endowments. A one way analysis of variance showed that the differences in the mean proportion of students on financial aid between school type were in fact significant, $F(3,728)=71.4, p<0.001$. Results from the Sidak post-hoc test are shown in Table 4.44; with the exception of boarding schools, boarding-day schools have statistically significant higher percentages of students on financial aid than any other type of school.

Table 4.44. Sidak Comparisons for Financial Aid Proportion by School Type

| Comparisons | Mean Difference | Std. Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Boarding vs. Boarding-Day | -0.04229 | 0.02995 |
| Boarding vs. Day Boarding | 0.05012 | 0.03074 |
| Boarding vs. Day | $.11467^{*}$ | 0.02823 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $.09241^{*}$ | 0.01665 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day | $.15696^{*}$ | 0.01137 |
| Day-Boarding vs. Day | $.06455^{*}$ | 0.0133 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


## Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid Stratified by Class Code

Without even viewing the results of this stratification, one is likely to intuitively conclude that what is true for boarding students above will also hold for secondary students, i.e., a strictly elementary school would likely have a lower proportion of students on financial aid than would a secondary school. This is precisely what Table 4.45 reveals: elementary schools average $17.86 \%$ of students on financial aid; combined elementary and secondary schools average $20.22 \%$ of students on financial aid; and, strictly secondary schools average $30.74 \%$ of students on financial aid.

Table 4.45: Proportion of Students that Receive Financial Aid, by Class Code, 2003-2013

|  |  |  | Both <br> Elementary and <br>  <br>  Elementary |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Moreover, across all categories the percentage of students on financial aid grows slowly prior to 2008, and then much faster after 2009, possibly again suggesting that schools see the need to respond to large economic conditions when it comes to giving financial aid, though strictly secondary schools have always provided financial aid to greater than $20 \%$-indeed, in excess of $28 \%$ - of their students in the years of this study.

## Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid Stratified by Quintiles Based on the Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

This part of the research question seeks to determine whether schools with more successful annual giving campaigns provide financial aid to a greater percentage of their students. Table 4.46 shows that schools which garner the lowest percentage of their income from annual giving do indeed provide financial aid to a lower percentage of their students.

Table 4.46: Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid, by the Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income, 2003-2013

|  | 1st Quintile |  | 2nd Quintile |  | 3rd Quintile |  |  | 4th Quintile |  | 5th Quintile |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |  |
| 2003 | 134 | 0.1439 | 137 | 0.1548 | 141 | 0.1544 | 139 | 0.1904 | 138 | 0.2319 |  |
| 2004 | 128 | 0.1534 | 122 | 0.1680 | 132 | 0.1606 | 131 | 0.1979 | 128 | 0.2332 |  |
| 2005 | 134 | 0.1529 | 130 | 0.1662 | 137 | 0.1639 | 139 | 0.2059 | 131 | 0.2369 |  |
| 2006 | 132 | 0.1587 | 129 | 0.1716 | 130 | 0.1632 | 121 | 0.2023 | 129 | 0.2457 |  |
| 2007 | 130 | 0.1614 | 129 | 0.1679 | 136 | 0.1707 | 128 | 0.2084 | 130 | 0.2458 |  |
| 2008 | 125 | 0.1708 | 127 | 0.1804 | 135 | 0.1747 | 128 | 0.2088 | 133 | 0.2495 |  |
| 2009 | 142 | 0.1790 | 141 | 0.1878 | 144 | 0.1809 | 143 | 0.2195 | 142 | 0.2583 |  |
| 2010 | 139 | 0.2146 | 138 | 0.2152 | 137 | 0.2117 | 140 | 0.2508 | 141 | 0.2820 |  |
| 2011 | 137 | 0.2339 | 139 | 0.2346 | 141 | 0.2241 | 143 | 0.2603 | 136 | 0.2885 |  |
| 2012 | 139 | 0.2334 | 138 | 0.2433 | 132 | 0.2339 | 137 | 0.2637 | 126 | 0.2853 |  |
| 2013 | 134 | 0.2424 | 130 | 0.2460 | 134 | 0.2311 | 128 | 0.2641 | 129 | 0.2859 |  |
| Average | 147 | 0.1869 | 145 | 0.1960 | 147 | 0.1892 | 146 | 0.2262 | 147 | 0.2603 |  |

Schools in the first three quintiles have fewer than one-fifth of their students on financial aid; however, in the fourth quintile, an average of $22.62 \%$ of students are on financial aid, and in the fifth quintile - the schools that raise the largest percentage of their income from annual givingan average of $26.03 \%$ of students are on financial aid. Intuitively, this makes sense since annual giving campaigns are often advertised as directly benefitting a school's financial aid fund. As one is accustomed to seeing, the percentage of students on financial aid jumped in all quintiles in 2010, perhaps in response to economic conditions. A one way analysis of variance test confirms that there is a statistically significant difference in financial aid proportions between the quintiles, $F(4,727)=13.946, p<0.001$. Results from the Sidak post-hoc test are shown in Table 4.47 below. Schools in quintiles four and five award financial aid to statistically significant greater percentages of students than schools in the first three quintiles.

Table 4.47. Sidak Comparisons for Proportional Financial Aid Enrollment by Ratio Total Annual Giving to Total Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 vs, 1 | $.07339^{*}$ | 0.01187 |
| 5 vs. 2 | $.06428^{*}$ | 0.01191 |
| 5 vs. 3 | $.07103^{*}$ | 0.01187 |
| 5 vs. 4 | $.03411^{*}$ | 0.01189 |
| 4 vs. 1 | $.03928^{*}$ | 0.01189 |
| 4 vs. 2 | 0.03017 | 0.01193 |
| 4 vs. 3 | $.03692^{*}$ | 0.01189 |
| 3 vs. 1 | 0.00236 | 0.01187 |
| 3 vs. 2 | -0.00675 | 0.01191 |
| 2 vs. 1 | 0.00911 | 0.01191 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

The direct connection between the ratio of a school's total annual giving to total income and its ability to award financial aid to a healthy percentage of its students is provocative: schools seeking to increase the percentage of their students on financial aid might be well-served in exploring ways to maximize their annual giving.

## Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid Stratified by Quintiles Based on the Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

This aspect of the research question tests whether wealthier schools host a larger proportion of students on financial aid. As the research has shown, schools with robust annual giving campaigns do in fact have larger proportions of students on financial aid. It makes sense to expect that the same will hold for wealthier schools. The data in Table 4.48 verify this hypothesis. And again, one also notices an across-the-board increase in the financial aid proportion occurs in the wake of the 2007-09 recession.

Table 4.48: Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid, by the Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income, 2003-2013

|  | 1st Quintile |  | 2nd Quintile |  | 3rd Quintile |  | 4th Quintile |  | 5th Quintile |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| 2003 | 126 | 0.1460 | 136 | 0.1638 | 141 | 0.1494 | 152 | 0.1844 | 134 | 0.2311 |
| 2004 | 115 | 0.1565 | 130 | 0.1731 | 133 | 0.1590 | 137 | 0.1911 | 126 | 0.2322 |
| 2005 | 133 | 0.1578 | 136 | 0.1739 | 134 | 0.1573 | 145 | 0.1974 | 123 | 0.2429 |
| 2006 | 129 | 0.1615 | 125 | 0.1783 | 133 | 0.1605 | 136 | 0.1964 | 118 | 0.2484 |
| 2007 | 125 | 0.1679 | 132 | 0.1802 | 137 | 0.1658 | 131 | 0.1979 | 128 | 0.2427 |
| 2008 | 123 | 0.1805 | 130 | 0.1819 | 129 | 0.1693 | 143 | 0.2073 | 123 | 0.2472 |
| 2009 | 138 | 0.1785 | 142 | 0.1977 | 145 | 0.1831 | 152 | 0.2124 | 135 | 0.2552 |
| 2010 | 137 | 0.2176 | 141 | 0.2297 | 138 | 0.2116 | 149 | 0.2390 | 130 | 0.2800 |
| 2011 | 136 | 0.2410 | 140 | 0.2459 | 142 | 0.2240 | 153 | 0.2475 | 125 | 0.2867 |
| 2012 | 135 | 0.2381 | 141 | 0.2536 | 134 | 0.2226 | 146 | 0.2576 | 116 | 0.2898 |
| 2013 | 128 | 0.2401 | 133 | 0.2623 | 131 | 0.2211 | 143 | 0.2553 | 120 | 0.2920 |
| Average | 146 | 0.1923 | 147 | 0.2063 | 146 | 0.1854 | 156 | 0.2187 | 137 | 0.2585 |

For schools in the first three quintiles, the average percentage of students receiving financial aid is between $19.23 \%$ and $18.54 \%$. But schools in the fourth quintile average $21.87 \%$ of their students on financial aid, and the wealthiest schools in the fifth quintile-those whose endowment is equal to at least $170 \%$ of their total income - average a total of $25.85 \%$ of their students on financial aid. Additionally, a one way analysis of variance shows that there is a significant difference in the proportion of students on financial aid between these quintiles, $F(4$ 727) $=11.135, p<0.001$.

Not all quintiles are significantly different from one another, as is evident in visual inspection of the data year-by-year above. The wealthiest schools, in the fifth quintile, have significantly (and substantially) more students on financial aid than schools with a lower ratio of total endowment to total income in any other quintile. Table 4.49 summarizes the Sidak post-hoc results and delineates statistically significant differences between other quintiles.

Table 4.49. Sidak Comparisons for Proportional Financial Aid Enrollment by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 v.s 1 | $.06623^{*}$ | 0.01219 |
| 5 vs. 2 | $.05219^{*}$ | 0.01217 |
| 5 vs. 3 | $.07311^{*}$ | 0.01219 |
| 5 vs. 4 | $.03983^{*}$ | 0.012 |
| 4 vs. 1 | 0.0264 | 0.0118 |
| 4 vs. 2 | 0.01236 | 0.01178 |
| 4 vs. 3 | $.03328^{*}$ | 0.0118 |
| 3 vs. 1 | -0.00688 | 0.012 |
| 3 vs. 2 | -0.02092 | 0.01198 |
| 2 vs. 1 | 0.01404 | 0.01198 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


## Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid Stratified by Quintiles Based on Tuition

## Price

In order to stratify by tuition price, schools must again be separated based on whether they charge boarding tuition or day tuition. Returning to the selection of 129 schools that charge boarding tuition, it is possible to calculate quintile cut-offs for boarding tuition. The cut-offs for boarding tuition quintiles are shown in Table 4.50.

Table 4.50: Average boarding tuition, 2003-2013

| Mean |  | $\$ 41,886$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Minimum |  | 6,175 |
| Maximum |  | 71,647 |
| Percentiles | 20 | 38,435 |
|  | 40 | 42,064 |
|  | 60 | 43,580 |
|  | 80 | 44,875 |

In the next table, Table 4.51, the proportion of students receiving financial aid, stratified by boarding tuition price, is shown. As has been discussed above, boarding schools have excellent
track records when it comes to providing financial aid to a large percentage of their students. In four of the five quintiles, the average percentage of students on financial aid is in excess of $30 \%$ and, in the second most-expensive quintile, $33.75 \%$. The fifth and most expensive quintileschools whose average boarding tuition from 2003 to 2013 was in excess of $\$ 44,875$-actually displays the lowest percentages of students on financial aid. This echoes what was seen above in both Table 4.13 and Table 4.14: boarding schools that provided financial aid to some of the lowest percentages of students also had some of the highest tuition. That said, it important to note than an analysis of variance showed that the differences among these quintiles is not statistically significant.

Table 4.51: Proportion of students receiving financial aid, stratified by boarding tuition price, 2003-2013

|  | 1st Quintile |  |  |  | 2nd Quintile |  | 3rd Quintile |  | 4th Quintile |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 5th Quintile |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |
| 2003 | 25 | 0.2591 | 23 | 0.2591 | 26 | 0.2991 | 25 | 0.3044 | 23 | 0.2427 |
| 2004 | 23 | 0.2541 | 23 | 0.2639 | 24 | 0.2981 | 22 | 0.3084 | 24 | 0.2386 |
| 2005 | 24 | 0.2666 | 24 | 0.2894 | 26 | 0.2894 | 24 | 0.3251 | 22 | 0.2504 |
| 2006 | 26 | 0.2692 | 21 | 0.2659 | 18 | 0.2892 | 24 | 0.3225 | 20 | 0.2413 |
| 2007 | 22 | 0.2848 | 22 | 0.2738 | 26 | 0.2730 | 24 | 0.3215 | 22 | 0.2486 |
| 2008 | 18 | 0.3033 | 21 | 0.2857 | 22 | 0.2998 | 23 | 0.3175 | 23 | 0.2526 |
| 2009 | 25 | 0.3143 | 24 | 0.3010 | 26 | 0.2955 | 26 | 0.3275 | 26 | 0.2571 |
| 2010 | 24 | 0.3541 | 24 | 0.3314 | 25 | 0.3162 | 25 | 0.3594 | 25 | 0.2875 |
| 2011 | 23 | 0.3557 | 23 | 0.3500 | 26 | 0.3217 | 24 | 0.3728 | 24 | 0.3259 |
| 2012 | 24 | 0.3460 | 22 | 0.3539 | 24 | 0.3485 | 24 | 0.3869 | 23 | 0.2840 |
| 2013 | 23 | 0.3527 | 20 | 0.3448 | 23 | 0.3386 | 20 | 0.4107 | 22 | 0.3086 |
| Average | 26 | 0.3055 | 25 | 0.3054 | 26 | 0.3037 | 26 | 0.3375 | 26 | 0.2687 |

The 705 schools that charge day tuition in the study were also stratified according to day tuition price as well. The quintile cut-offs are shown in Table 4.52.

Table 4.52: Average Day Tuition, 2003-2013

| Mean | $\$ 20,990$ |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Minimum | 2,966 |  |
| Maximum |  | 43,099 |
| Percentiles | 20 | 15,301 |
|  | 40 | 18,216 |
|  | 60 | 21,950 |
|  | 80 | 26,875 |

The proportions in Table 4.53 tend to follow a progression one has seen again and again with day schools and financial aid: the lower the price, the lower the proportion of students on financial aid. Still, across the board, there is an increase in the percentage of students on financial aid in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis. Prior to 2007 , no quintile averaged more than $20 \%$ of students on financial aid; by 2010, though, all quintiles awarded financial aid to more than $20 \%$ of their students.

Table 4.53: Proportion of Students Receiving Financial Aid, by Day Tuition, 2003-2013

|  | 1st Quintile |  | 2nd Quintile |  | 3rd Quintile |  |  | 4th Quintile |  | 5th Quintile |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Year | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean | N | Mean |  |
| 2003 | 122 | 0.1497 | 135 | 0.1579 | 138 | 0.1651 | 135 | 0.1789 | 135 | 0.1939 |  |
| 2004 | 107 | 0.1654 | 126 | 0.1664 | 129 | 0.1656 | 127 | 0.1869 | 127 | 0.1983 |  |
| 2005 | 124 | 0.1642 | 132 | 0.1691 | 129 | 0.1718 | 128 | 0.1901 | 134 | 0.2035 |  |
| 2006 | 124 | 0.1691 | 123 | 0.1727 | 129 | 0.1794 | 120 | 0.1965 | 124 | 0.1985 |  |
| 2007 | 126 | 0.1761 | 123 | 0.1689 | 126 | 0.1773 | 129 | 0.1978 | 126 | 0.2024 |  |
| 2008 | 123 | 0.1825 | 126 | 0.1847 | 127 | 0.1837 | 126 | 0.2056 | 125 | 0.2039 |  |
| 2009 | 134 | 0.1925 | 135 | 0.1948 | 136 | 0.1871 | 139 | 0.2117 | 141 | 0.2060 |  |
| 2010 | 134 | 0.2205 | 132 | 0.2284 | 132 | 0.2263 | 135 | 0.2428 | 136 | 0.2276 |  |
| 2011 | 128 | 0.2333 | 137 | 0.2436 | 132 | 0.2470 | 137 | 0.2523 | 136 | 0.2367 |  |
| 2012 | 126 | 0.2436 | 130 | 0.2566 | 126 | 0.2420 | 132 | 0.2598 | 133 | 0.2323 |  |
| 2013 | 124 | 0.2393 | 126 | 0.2653 | 123 | 0.2457 | 132 | 0.2555 | 130 | 0.2418 |  |
| Average | 141 | 0.1955 | 141 | 0.2036 | 141 | 0.2019 | 141 | 0.2180 | 141 | 0.2129 |  |

The differences in the results between boarding and day tuition in this research question reflect the differences seen in earlier findings between the financial aid practices at schools with a boarding program and those that are day schools.

In summary, the findings for this research question show that schools that have more substantial financial resources, whether from annual giving or from total endowment, are actively providing financial aid for a significantly larger percentage of students than are schools which lack similar financial resources. Additionally, boarding schools provide financial aid to a substantially higher percentage of their students that do day schools.

The most powerful finding is the direct connection between annual giving and financial aid. Schools that earn $10 \%$ or more of their income from annual giving award financial aid to substantially and statistically significant more students than do schools that earn less than $10 \%$ of their income from annual giving.

## Research Question 3

What is the relationship between: (a) a school's endowment and its tuition price;
(b) the ratio of a school's total endowment to its total income and tuition price; (c) a school's endowment and total annual giving; and (d) the ratio of a school's total endowment to total income and total annual giving.

This question revolves around testing correlations for pairs of variables in the study. The effects of the recession in 2009 were evident in the findings for Research Question 2. Because of this, four different subsets of data were used to explore this question. Subset 1 consists of prerecession data from the years 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006. Subset 2 consists of data from the years 2007, 2008, and 2009. Subset 3 consists of the years 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013. Finally, Subset 4 consists of data from all 11 years in the study, 2003 through 2013. For each subset, the
variables tested were averaged across the years in the subset. By calculating correlations for separate subsets, one can determine whether correlations exist and if they vary over time.

## Relationship Between a School's Endowment and its Tuition Price

Table 4.54 presents the correlations for both boarding tuition and endowment as well as day tuition and endowment for each of the four subsets discussed above.

There is significant correlation between boarding tuition and endowment in several subsets. Significance is reported for Subsets 1, 2, and 4. These correlations are all weak to moderate and are all negative: $-0.445,-0.435$ and -0.357 , respectively. A negative correlation indicates that boarding tuition is inversely proportional to the size of an institution's endowment. During all years except those immediately following the recession (Subset 3), wealthier boarding schools engaged in some sort of price moderation, though only at a weak to moderate degree.

Table 4.54: Correlations Between Day Tuition, Boarding Tuition and Total Endowment, by Subsets of the years from 2003-2013

|  |  | Average Day Tuition | Average Boarding Tuition |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Average <br> Endowment <br> (Sub 1) | Pearson |  |  |
|  | Correlation | -0.059 | -.445** |
|  | Sig. (2-tailed) | 0.114 | 0.000 |
|  | N | 711 | 138 |
| Average <br> Endowment <br> (Sub 2) | Pearson |  |  |
|  | Correlation | -0.060 | -.435** |
|  | Sig. (2-tailed) | 0.108 | 0.000 |
|  | N | 708 | 131 |
| Average <br> Endowment <br> (Sub 3) | Pearson |  |  |
|  | Correlation | .284** | 0.036 |
|  | Sig. (2-tailed) | 0.000 | 0.683 |
|  | N | 714 | 134 |
| Average <br> Endowment <br> (Sub 4) | Pearson |  |  |
|  | Correlation | -0.029 | -.357** |
|  | Sig. (2-tailed) | 0.441 | 0.000 |
|  | N | 724 | 144 |

** Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Boarding tuition prices behave differently in different settings, especially when metrics of institutional wealth are concerned (e.g., earlier in the ratio of annual giving to total income and the ratio of total endowment to total income). With day tuition in this setting, though, the only significant correlation exists during the four years from 2010 to 2013, which correspond to the Subset 3. This correlation is positive at 0.284 indicating that day tuition varied directly in a weak manner with total endowment in the years immediately following the recession. As we have been want to speculate before, day tuition seems less correlated to institutional variables and is possibly more closely linked to external economic factors.

It's important to note that the correlations in Table 4.54 are not strong, for either boarding or day tuition; institutional wealth is not a great predictor of tuition price. Weak to moderate correlations have modest conclusions.

## Relationship Between the Ratio of a School's Total Endowment to its Total Income and Tuition Price

As before, calculations were run separately for boarding tuition and then again for day tuition. Table 4.55 presents correlations for the ratio of total endowment to total income and both boarding and day tuition. For boarding tuition, significant correlations are reported for Subsets 1, 2, and 4. These subsets all boast weak to moderate negative correlations between boarding tuition price and the ratio of a school's endowment to its total income exists. Even when a school's endowment is viewed in relation to its total income, boarding tuition remains negatively correlated with this measure of institutional wealth.

Table 4.55: Correlations Between the Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income and each Boarding and Day Tuition, by Subsets of the Years 20032013

|  |  | Average Boarding <br> Tuition | Average Day Tuition |
| :---: | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Average Ratio of | Pearson Correlation | $.309^{* *}$ | $.288^{* *}$ |
| Total Endowment to | Sig. (2-tailed) | 0.000 | 0.000 |
| Total Income (Sub 1) | N | 138 | 711 |
| Average Ratio of | Pearson Correlation | $-.441^{* *}$ | -0.068 |
| Total Endowment to | Sig. (2-tailed) | 0.000 | 0.071 |
| Total Income (Sub 2) | N | 131 | 708 |
| Average Ratio of | Pearson Correlation | -0.010 | $.228^{* *}$ |
| Total Endowment to | Sig. (2-tailed) | 0.910 | 0.000 |
| Total Income (Sub 3) | N | 134 | 714 |
| Average Ratio of | Pearson Correlation | $-.351^{* *}$ | 0.013 |
| Total Endowment to | Sig. (2-tailed) | 0.000 | 0.730 |
| Total Income (Sub 4) | N | 144 | 724 |

** Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

The same correlations were calculated with respect to day tuition price and are also shown also in Table 4.55 above. The only statistically significant correlations occurred in the first and third subsets, that is, prior to and immediately after the recession years. During these two discrete time periods, day tuition was slightly positively correlated to the ratio of total endowment to total income, meaning that day tuition varied directly with the ratio of total endowment to total income. Still, Subset 4, which takes the entire 11 years together, shows no correlation between day tuition and this measure of institution wealth. Thus the relationship between day tuition and the ratio of total endowment to total income is weak at best. And overall there is a weak connection between the size of a school's endowment in relation to its income and tuition price.

## The relationship between the Ratio of a School's Total Endowment to Total Income and Total Annual Giving

Table 4.56 shows both correlations for the relationship between the ratio of a school's endowment to total income and a school's total annual giving as well as correlations between the ratio of total annual giving to total income and total endowment. The first set of correlations is discussed here. Except for the notable exception of the recession years (Subset 2), one finds a significant positive correlation between the ratio of endowment to income and total annual giving. Perhaps tellingly, the highest correlation value occurs in the first subset, the years 20032006, in which the correlation between the ratio of total endowment to total income and total annual giving was a healthy 0.510 . Then, during the recession years from 2007 to 2009 , no significant correlation existed. Afterward (in years represented by Subset 3), the significant correlation returned again at 0.410 . While none of these correlations is demonstrably strong, these correlations pint to a weak direct connection between annual giving and institutional wealth as measured by the ratio of total endowment to total income.

Table 4.56: Correlations between Average Total Annual Giving and the ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income and also Average Endowment, by subsets of years from 2003-2013

** Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

## The relationship Between a School's Endowment and Total Annual Giving

Unlike the previous question in which in which a school's total endowment taken in relation to its total income-a smoothing of sorts-this question seeks to understand whether raw measures of wealth such as endowment size and annual giving vary directly with one another. Indeed, intuitively, one might expect at the outset that this would reveal a very strong positive correlation. This is not the case. The results are also presented in Table 4.56.

The weak correlations between annual giving and the raw total endowment measure of institutional wealth shows that schools of varying sizes of endowments can be successful at running healthy annual giving campaigns. The highest positive correlation is 0.574 and occurred during the post-recession years (Subset 3), indicating that in the wake of larger economic events, wealth plays a role in recovery. Still, schools looking to increase the amount of money raised through annual giving need not feel stymied if they don't already have large endowments since the correlation between institutional wealth and annual giving is weak at best.

## Research Question 4

In the above findings, one has seen that day tuition pricing behaves somewhat differently than boarding tuition pricing when related to the variables we've investigated. There are also substantially more instances of day tuition than boarding tuition in the sample set. Thus, when turning toward regression, it makes sense to limit one's focus to day tuition, so the research question is:

To what extent do the following variables add to the prediction of day tuition price, $\boldsymbol{Y}$ : ratio of endowment to total income, $\boldsymbol{X}_{\boldsymbol{I}}$; total annual giving per student (i.e., ratio of total annual giving to total enrollment), $\boldsymbol{X}_{2}$; and, average financial aid award (i.e., ratio of financial aid dollars to total financial aid students), $\boldsymbol{X}_{3}$ ?

My predicted regression equation, using the above notations, is:

$$
\mathbf{Y}=B_{0}+B_{1} \boldsymbol{X}_{\boldsymbol{1}}+B_{2} \boldsymbol{X}_{2}+B_{3} \boldsymbol{X}_{\mathbf{3}}
$$

Again, to control for variations in economy, regression models were run for each of the four subsets outlined above in Research Question 3. Since the regression equation was identified in advance, the "Enter" method was used in SPSS when running linear regression tests. A separate regression model was constructed for each subgroup. Table 4.57 shows model summaries. It appears that the predicted equation does a partial job of prediction day tuition price, especially when one looks at Subset 1 and Subset 4.

Table 4.57: Model Summaries, subset of the years 2003-2013

| Model | R | R Square | Adjusted R <br> Square | Std. Error of the <br> Estimate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $.579^{\mathrm{a}}$ | 0.335 | 0.332 | 4885.02085 |
| 2 | $.349^{\mathrm{b}}$ | 0.122 | 0.118 | 6322.52424 |
| 3 | $.335^{\mathrm{c}}$ | 0.112 | 0.108 | 7104.80322 |
| 4 | $.523^{\mathrm{d}}$ | 0.273 | 0.27 | 5745.75864 |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Predictors: (Constant), Average Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income (Sub 1), Average Ratio of Financial Aid Dollars to Enrollment (Sub 1), Average Total Annual Giving Per Student (Sub 1)
${ }^{\mathrm{b}}$ Predictors: (Constant), Average Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income (Sub 2), 2Average Ratio of Financial Aid Dollars to Enrollment (Sub 2), Average Total Annual Giving Per Student (Sub 2)
${ }^{\text {c }}$ Predictors: (Constant), Average Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income (Sub 3), Average Ratio of Financial Aid Dollars to Enrollment (Sub 3), Average Total Annual Giving Per Student (Sub 3)
${ }^{\text {d }}$ Predictors: (Constant), Average Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income (Sub 4), Average Ratio of Financial Aid Dollars to Enrollment (Sub 4), Average Total Annual Giving Per Student (Sub 4)

Model 1, which corresponds to the prerecession years of 2003 to 2006 and Model 4, which corresponds to the entire period from 2003 to 2013, both have relatively large $R^{2}$ values compared to Models 2 and 3.

Table 4.58 shows the coefficients for both Model 1, which uses the years 2003-2006, and Model 4, which corresponds to the years 2003-2013.

Table 4.58. Coefficients for Models 1 and 4, Dependent Variable Average Day Tuition

| Model | Unstandardized Coefficients |  | Standardized Coefficients <br> Beta | $t$ | Sig. | Correlations |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $B$ | Std. <br> Error |  |  |  | Zero-order | Partial | Part |
| (Constant) | 14914.09 | 291.973 |  | 51.08 | 0 |  |  |  |
| Average Ratio of Financial Aid Dollars to Enrollment (Sub 1) | 0.146 | 0.015 | 0.323 | 9.956 | 0 | 0.448 | 0.351 | 0.305 |
| Average Total Annual Giving Per Student ( Sub 1) | 1.119 | 0.114 | 0.345 | 9.791 | 0 | 0.483 | 0.346 | 0.3 |
| Average Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income (Sub 1) | 305.334 | 123.532 | 0.084 | 2.472 | 0.014 | 0.287 | 0.093 | 0.076 |
| (Constant) | 17420.128 | 319.573 |  | 54.511 | 0 |  |  |  |
| Average Ratio of Financial Aid Dollars to Enrollment (Sub 4) | 0.104 | 0.012 | 0.285 | 8.732 | 0 | 0.371 | 0.309 | 0.277 |
| Average Total Annual Giving Per Student (Sub 4) | 1.127 | 0.097 | 0.385 | 11.582 | 0 | 0.437 | 0.396 | 0.368 |
| Average Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income (Sub 4) | -145.713 | 60.162 | -0.078 | -2.422 | 0.016 | 0.013 | -0.09 | -0.077 |

The partial correlations indicate that the variables in the model are not completely independent of one another; as we have seen in earlier findings, there is a relationship between annual giving and the ratio of endowment to income. Thus, this model does not appear to hold much predictive promise beyond underscoring what we have already found in our earlier
analyses. The same concept holds when we look at the correlations in the coefficient table associated with Model 4.

When looking at the individual coefficients, one notices that the inclusion of the ratio of total endowment to total income is not significant. With such a modest $R^{2}$ value, one should be prepared to search for variables that can be added to the model. However, that is beyond the scope of this research question, the aim of which is to test the regression model hypothesized at the outset of this study.

Overall, one sees that per-student annual giving and per-student financial aid awards do play some role in predicting day tuition price.

## Conclusion

The findings in this chapter illustrate both the power and limitations of institutional wealth. Day schools, by and large, have moderate endowments and are able to provide financial aid to a measured proportion of their students. Boarding schools, on the other hand, tend to have larger endowments and are able to provide financial aid to a higher percentage of their students. But boarding tuition is also twice as expensive as day tuition. Additionally, both types of tuition grew at fairly consistent rates across the board, irrespective of the measures of institutional wealth used in this study. This suggests that lurking variables lie behind decisions to increase tuition; the most probable candidates are Baumol's cost disease coupled with external economic conditions. In order to more fully investigate, additional data from a broader range of sources and metrics is needed.

One promising finding has more to do with short-term measures of institutional wealth than the traditional long-view measure of endowments: schools that were able to provide in excess of $10 \%$ of this income via annual giving were able to significantly and substantially grant financial
aid to more of their students than schools that did not raise as much money in annual giving. There is a very real incentive for schools to investigate ways to maximize their annual giving programs.

The next chapter discusses this finding and other findings in more depth.

## CHAPTER 5. DISCUSSION

## Introduction

Today's independent schools in America are descended from the academies that flourished in the early years of the American republic. These schools, lacking the extensive endowments of their English forbearers, pieced together a system of funding that relied on state support, tuition, and philanthropy. American independent schools have inherited these revenue models and now rely primarily on endowments, annual giving, and tuition dollars for their income each year. Additionally, as tuition prices have risen dramatically over the years, financial aid has increasingly become important for independent schools. Thus, gaining an understanding of how these four variables-endowment, annual giving, tuition and financial aid-work together is crucial for further work in understanding independent school financial models.

The goal of this study was to achieve a better understanding of the relationship between tuition price (both boarding and day) and the percentage of financial aid students and different metrics of institutional wealth such as annual giving, endowment and total income by establishing baseline knowledge about the interplay among these variables from a quantitative perspective. Now that this baseline has been established, future research can focus on delving more into these relationships, perhaps via qualitative studies that analyze the decision processes governing the way in which these key variables interact.

With such a direction in mind, this chapter presents seven conclusions drawn from the study's findings, discusses the study's limitations, and provides suggestions of areas for future research.

## Conclusions

Twenty years ago NAIS published Access and Affordability: Strategic Financial Perspectives for Independent Schools and since that time much attention has deservedly been placed on access and affordability in the independent school world. Many of the conclusions below relate directly to issues of access and affordability since they directly address the relationships between financial aid, tuition price, and measures of school wealth.

## Both boarding and day tuition is higher at schools whose student body is made up of at least $\mathbf{5 0 \%}$ boarding students.

The nation's most expensive schools have a significant boarding population. NAIS uses the variable School Type to classify schools in one of four ways: boarding, boarding-day, dayboarding and day. A boarding school serves $95 \%$ or more boarding students. Similarly, a day school has $95 \%$ or more day students. A boarding-day school has at least $50 \%$ (but less than $95 \%$ ) boarding students and a day-boarding school similarly has more than $50 \%$ (but fewer than $95 \%$ ) day students . When tuition was broken down by School Type, even day tuition at boarding-day and day-boarding schools was higher than at day schools (1.30 and 1.08 times as much, respectively). Boarding tuition is already roughly double day tuition. Thus, the presence of a boarding program had a direct effect on the tuition price of the school at both the boarding and day levels. This flies in the face of the intuition of the layperson who incorrectly assumes that the presence of a boarding program is used to moderate day tuition price. That doesn't happen.

## Schools that provide financial aid to the lowest proportion of students charge the lowest tuition price.

Schools were broken up into quintiles based on the proportion of students on financial aid. Schools in the first quintile awarded financial aid to fewer than $12.73 \%$ of their students while
schools in the fifth quintile awarded financial aid to more than $28.88 \%$ of their students. When tuition prices were broken down according to these quintiles, the tuition price for schools that had the lowest percentage of students receiving financial aid was demonstrably lower than at schools that carried a larger percentage of their student body on financial aid. This finding closely parallels tuition prices at the collegiate level, where bargain schools offer less financial aid than their more expensive counterparts.

While this finding makes sense intuitively, it raises the same questions parents of collegeaged students have often wondered about for the parents of school-aged children: are lowerpriced schools really cheaper in the long run, especially when one takes into account the presence of potentially more financial aid from more expensive schools. This is an area that would benefit from further research. Qualitative research could delve into the decision practices surrounding financial aid allotment and tuition price-setting at these schools.

## The nation's boarding schools have a significantly higher percentage of students on financial aid than do day schools.

When the proportion of students on financial aid is stratified by School Type, schools that enroll $50 \%$ or more boarding students average at least $30 \%$ of their students on financial aid whereas schools that are more than $50 \%$ day average less than $30 \%$ of students on financial aid. And for schools that are $95 \%$ or more day students, the difference is even more pronounced: the number of their students on financial aid averages less than $25 \%$. These differences are statistically significant. It would be interesting to follow these findings up with qualitative research that examines the reasons behind these differences: for instance, do boarding schools just give a higher percentage of their student financial aid because they're more expensive, or are they more committed to fostering socio-economic diversity that their day counterparts?

Day tuition grew slightly fasterer than boarding tuition over the years 2003 to 2013.
Even though boarding tuition is substantially more than day tuition, the average boarding tuition only grew from $\$ 36,141$ in 2003 to $\$ 45,647$ in 2013 , which is an increase of $26 \%$. Day tuition increased by $30 \%$ during that same time, from $\$ 16,234$ to $\$ 22,323$. However, this had little impact on the overall difference in the two types of tuitions. The average boarding tuition was 2.02 times the average day tuition in 2003 but by 2013 that ratio had decreased a bit to 1.98 . What is not clear-and cannot be known from this study-are the reasons behind this trend. For instance, is day tuition trying to catch up to boarding tuition, hence its faster growth rate? Or, is boarding tuition growth slowing down in response to national economic factors such as stagnant wages?

The proportion of students on financial aid increased from 2003 to 2013, especially after 2009.

In 2003, only $17.52 \%$ of students were on financial aid. By 2013, that percentage had grown to $25.36 \%$ of students on financial aid. The percentage of students on financial aid jumped most dramatically from $20.51 \%$ in 2009 to $23.51 \%$ in 2010. In fact, the percentage of students on financial aid did not cross the $20 \%$ threshold until 2009.

At the surface, the recession from 2007 to 2009 appears to be the likely culprit for the increase in financial aid from 2009 to 2010. This parallels the findings of Rush and Gilmore (2012) who found that schools were quick to respond to market conditions caused by the 2009 recession.

## The higher the ratio of total annual giving to total income, the greater the percentage of students on financial aid.

Schools in the upper quintile of the ratio of total annual giving to total income have averaged at least $22 \%$ of students on financial aid for the years 2003-2013. Schools in this quintile raised
on average $10 \%$ or more of their total income from their annual giving. By contrast, schools in the lower two quintiles raised less than $6 \%$ of their total income from annual giving.

Most schools market their annual giving campaigns as ways to contribute to the financial aid resources of a school. This finding make clear that the total amount raised in annual giving is important in direct relation to the school's total income: the greater the percentage of income annual giving accounts for, the higher percentage of students on financial aid. Thus, schools searching to increase the percentage of students on financial aid would do well to concentrate on increasing their annual giving returns.

## Boarding and day tuition have an opposite, though somewhat weak, relationship to the ratio of total endowment to total income.

When average tuition prices were stratified according to the ratio of total endowment to total income, day tuition was higher for schools whose endowment was $87 \%$ or more than its total income, yet for boarding tuition the same trend didn't hold: schools in the upper most quintile actually averaged lower boarding tuition prices than schools in other quintiles. Moreover, when correlation tests were run, boarding tuition was negatively correlated with the ratio of total endowment to total income while day tuition had a very weak positive correlation to the same ratio.

For the years 2003 to 2013, the correlation between boarding tuition and the ratio of total endowment to total income, the Pearson correlation coefficient was -0.351 and significant; for day tuition over the same period the Pearson correlation coefficient was 0.013 and not significant. These coefficients are not far enough away from zero to suggest a direct linear connection between tuition price and the ratio of total endowment to total income; still, the ratio of total endowment to total income is a much better predictor of boarding tuition than it is day tuition.

## Recommendations for Practice

The above conclusions suggest three obvious recommendations for practice in the independent school world.

First, schools wishing to increase the number of students for whom they provide financial aid should work very hard to increase the proportion of total income generated by annual giving, striving to provide $10 \%$ of their income by annual giving. This recommendation is at odds with recommendations by Independent School Management that schools should set their tuition prices in order to raise all of the money necessary for income and to only raise money for capital campaigns and not annual budget needs (Independent School Management, 2007). Still, the findings in this study are clear when it comes to financial aid and the ratio of total annual giving to total income: the greater the ratio, the higher the percentage of students on financial aid ${ }^{26}$. In fact, schools that decide to focus on maximizing annual giving proceeds would be following Proctor's (2010) observations that spendable income can often times be more important than a substantial endowment.

Secondly, and as a corollary to the above suggestion, schools would do well to explore the long-term and immediate effects of raising money for endowments versus raising and re-raising money each year in annual giving. While endowments may raise a school's brand and project a sense of permanence, healthy returns from annual giving translate directly into providing financial aid to larger percentages of students. Schools need to decide which form of giving to prioritize over the other: for instance, schools could favor annual giving while dispatching key development officers to focus on endowment growth through primarily planned giving.

[^21]Third, the study highlights differences in financial aid and tuition growth practices between day and boarding schools. The issues of access and affordability that have confronted the independent school world for the last 20 years are not likely to recede any time soon. Thus, schools should decide how much they wish to commit themselves to providing access and affordability-e.g., whether through moderated tuition price, financial aid, or some combination of the two-now and over the next decade and then develop a long term financial plan and strategy that calls for a mixture of tuition increases, annual giving increase and an increase in financial aid allotment.

## Limitations

There are numerous limitations with the dataset from NAIS. In some instances, schools didn't report key demographic data such as School Type, Gender Code or Class Code. In other instances, schools did not report data for each of the eleven years. And in still other instances, schools reported data incorrectly. In order to control for these issues with the dataset, schools that did not report key demographic variables were excluded from the study. In other instances, averages for tuition price or financial aid were calculated for schools that provided a minimum of seven years worth of data. And in cases where data was obviously erroneous-for instance, if a financial aid proportion was greater than one-those data points were excluded from analysis.

The research questions in this study noticeably did not take geography into account. There are substantial differences in the cost of living from state to state and from geographical region to geographical region in this country.

Beyond the above limitations with the dataset, working with such a large dataset necessitated analysis that focused largely on global trends and relationships. Only data reported by schools was used in this study. Thus, it is not possible to identify factors outside the independent school
world that have an impact on tuition price or the number of students on financial aid. In several instances, it appears that changes in tuition price and the financial aid percentages occurred just after the 2008-2009 school year. One naturally wonders if this was due in part to the financial crisis that also occurred at that same time. But one could also surmise that such changes were warranted because of other long-standing systemic economic problems such as stagnant wages. These are intriguing questions but they can't be answered given that this study focused solely on internal independent school metrics.

Finally, this is a quantitative study done with preexisting data. Conclusions drawn can only be inferred from the results of data analysis; it is impossible to know from this study whether or not stakeholders have engaged in decision-making directed at producing some of the results found-for instance, do boarding schools actively decide to provide financial aid to a higher percentage of students than day schools or has this fact developed merely out of necessity given that boarding tuition is substantially higher than day tuition? Likewise, one cannot know the reasons behind the increase dramatic increase in the percentage of students on financial aid from 2003 to 2013-one can only wonder if this was in response to an economic crisis, stagnate wages or perhaps a collective desire on the part of schools to increase the percentage of students for whom they provide financial aid.

## Suggestions for Further Research

The findings in this study were drawn from working with a dataset of 1,979 schools distributed across the United States. Schools were stratified by School Type, Class Code and important economic factors such as annual giving, total endowment, total income and the ratios among those variables. However, given the differences in costs of living from one region of a country to another, it is possible and probable that geographic factors could play a role in the
issues explored in this study. Thus, the results of this study should be interrogated against a breakdown of schools by geographical region. The NAIS dataset already provides a geographic region code, so one could simplify double stratify, first for geographical location and then for the variables stratified in this study. For instance, did the percentage of students on financial aid increase in the same way across all geographical regions? Or did tuition grow at the same rate across geographic regions? One could also investigate the same research questions but this time with respect to age of school, another variable included in the NAIS dataset.

Next, there are places in the dataset where schools have not entered data for certain variables, or even for all variables across a given year or several years. To correct for this, when computing averages of variables across years, averages were only computed for schools that provided seven or more years worth of data for that variable. Given this, there are some obvious ways that a quantitative study can follow directly from this study and explore many of the same questions by selecting a random subset of schools based on School Type and then following up with each school directly in order to fill in missing pieces of the data set. From there, one could go on to attempt to reproduce the results of this study with a smaller, more complete data set.

Qualitative research could be used to explore some of the results of this study. For instance, it would be interesting to capture the thought process and decision making behind the differences in tuition (day and boarding) growth at schools with a substantial boarding population versus schools with a smaller (or nonexistent) boarding population.

Finally, given the obvious differences in practice versus advice from Independent School Management when it comes to the connection between annual giving and financial aid, qualitative research into the way in which school stakeholders receive the advice given by

Independent School Management and how they understand and use the tools at their disposal (tuition price, annual giving, endowment) would prove enlightening.

The independent school world in America has a strong history that closely parallels the development of non-profit institutions in the United States. Developing a better understanding of independent schools is beneficial not just for the independent school world but for the larger American non-profit world as well.

## Public Engagement

As part of my data sharing agreement with NAIS, I will provide them with a copy of this dissertation. I will also share this dissertation with the individuals who participated in my cognitive interviews that helped me determine what variables to request data on from NAIS. If NAIS would like to follow-up with me on the findings and suggestions in this dissertation, I will be happy to work with them and provide them with more information or even conduct follow-up research if requested.

## APPENDIX A. DAY TUITION BY SCHOOL TYPE, 2003-2013

Appendix A. 1
ANOVA Average Day Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 2114121619 | 2 | 1057060809 | 25.559 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 28950636799 | 700 | 41358052.57 |  |  |
| Total | 31064758418 | 702 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for Average Day Tuition by School Type

|  | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Comparisons | $4504.771^{*}$ | 1229.604 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $6187.589^{*}$ | 877.911 |
| Day-Boarding vs. Day | 1682.818 | 938.449 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix A. 2
ANOVA 2003 Day Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 1279748134 | 2 | 639874066.9 | 22.022 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 18741506775 | 645 | 29056599.65 |  |  |
| Total | 20021254909 | 647 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2003 Day Tuition by School Type

| Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $3478.329^{*}$ | 1068.283 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day | $5033.429^{*}$ | 775.535 |
| Day-Boarding vs. Day | 1555.1 | 803.871 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


## Appendix A. 3

ANOVA 2004 Day Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 1402103070 | 2 | 701051535 | 22.704 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 20132574657 | 652 | 30878181.99 |  |  |
| Total | 21534677727 | 654 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2004 Day Tuition by School Type

|  | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Comparisons | $3757.560^{*}$ | 1091.599 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $5211.947^{*}$ | 785.787 |
| Day-Boarding vs. Day | 1454.387 | 828.376 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


## Appendix A. 4

ANOVA 2005 Day Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 1667318551 | 2 | 833659275.4 | 24.477 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 23398875968 | 687 | 34059499.23 |  |  |
| Total | 25066194519 | 689 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2005 Day Tuition by School Type

| Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $3770.841^{*}$ | 1129.619 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day | $5571.474^{*}$ | 816.472 |
| Day-Boarding vs. Day | 1800.632 | 852.206 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


## Appendix A. 5

ANOVA 2006 Day Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 1519429265 | 2 | 759714632.5 | 20.639 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 25103830185 | 682 | 36809135.17 |  |  |
| Total | 26623259449 | 684 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2006 Day Tuition by School Type

|  | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Comparisons | $3966.762^{*}$ | 1190.067 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $5493.316^{*}$ | 870.555 |
| Day-Boarding vs. Day | 1526.554 | 886.06 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix A. 6
ANOVA 2007 Day Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 1742897738 | 2 | 871448869.2 | 22.245 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 26913029396 | 687 | 39174715.28 |  |  |
| Total | 28655927134 | 689 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2007 Day Tuition by School Type

|  | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Comparisons | $4083.655^{*}$ | 1234.885 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $5815.880^{*}$ | 890.053 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day | 1732.225 | 930.71 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


## Appendix A. 7

ANOVA 2008 Day Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 2021934784 | 2 | 1010967392 | 24.308 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 28779956390 | 692 | 41589532.36 |  |  |
| Total | 30801891173 | 694 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2008 Day Tuition by School Type

|  | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Comparisons | $4512.030^{*}$ | 1249.573 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $6151.348^{*}$ | 894.635 |
| Day-Boarding-Day vs. Day | 1639.318 | 950.011 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


## Appendix A. 8

ANOVA 2009 Day Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 2309105316 | 2 | 1154552658 | 26.496 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 30240225696 | 694 | 43573812.24 |  |  |
| Total | 32549331012 | 696 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2009 Day Tuition by School Type

| Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $4968.510^{*}$ | 1284.36 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day | $6637.355^{*}$ | 922.948 |
| Day-Boarding vs. Day | 1668.845 | 972.217 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix A. 9
ANOVA 2010 Day Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 2941994154 | 2 | 1470997077 | 29.863 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 34136160902 | 693 | 49258529.44 |  |  |
| Total | 37078155057 | 695 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2010 Day Tuition by School Type

|  | Mean <br> Comparisons | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $5567.568^{*}$ | 1361.823 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day | $7386.751^{*}$ | 965.876 |
| Day-Boarding vs. Day | 1819.184 | 1043.507 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix A. 10
ANOVA 2011 Day Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 2235667902 | 2 | 1117833951 | 21.829 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 34873183491 | 681 | 51208786.33 |  |  |
| Total | 37108851393 | 683 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2011 Day Tuition by School Type

| Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $4890.571^{*}$ | 1404.452 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day | $6630.283^{*}$ | 1018.136 |
| Day-Boarding vs. Day | 1739.712 | 1054.735 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


## Appendix A. 11

ANOVA 2012 Day Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 1972990896 | 2 | 986495448.1 | 19.065 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 34202046150 | 661 | 51742883.74 |  |  |
| Total | 36175037046 | 663 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2012 Day Tuition by School Type

|  | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Comparisons | $4412.282^{*}$ | 1447.746 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $6303.751^{*}$ | 1042.418 |
| Day-Boarding vs. Day | 1891.468 | 1092.013 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix A. 12
ANOVA 2013 Day Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 1945797046 | 2 | 972898522.8 | 17.808 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 35839718820 | 656 | 54633717.71 |  |  |
| Total | 37785515865 | 658 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2013 Day Tuition by School Type

| Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $4553.593^{*}$ | 1493.301 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day | $6428.202^{*}$ | 1101.072 |
| Day-Boarding vs. Day | 1874.608 | 1101.072 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

APPENDIX B. BOARDING TUITION BY SCHOOL TYPE, 2003-2013
Appendix B. 1
ANOVA Average Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 332061501.4 | 2 | 166030750.7 | 4.468 | 0.013 |
| Within Groups | 4681857310 | 126 | 37157597.7 |  |  |
| Total | 5013918811 | 128 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for Average Boarding Tuition by School Type

| Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Boarding vs. Boarding-Day | -1370.534 | 1973.333 |
| Boarding vs. Day-Boarding | 2068.997 | 2045.907 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $3439.532^{*}$ | 1150.588 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix B. 2
ANOVA 2003 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 194385944.6 | 2 | 97192972.31 | 2.710 | 0.071 |
| Within Groups | 4196049035 | 117 | 35863666.97 |  |  |
| Total | 4390434980 | 119 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2003 Boarding Tuition by School Type

| Comparisons | Mean Difference | Std. Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Boarding vs. Boarding-Day | -1622.914 | 1950.313 |
| Boarding vs. Day-Boarding | 1087.855 | 2023.455 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | 2710.768 | 1173.639 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix B. 3
ANOVA 2004 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 232254020.2 | 2 | 116127010.1 | 3.251 | 0.042 |
| Within Groups | 4322488912 | 121 | 35723048.86 |  |  |
| Total | 4554742932 | 123 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2004 Boarding Tuition by School Type

| Comparisons | Mean Difference | Std. Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Boarding vs. Boarding-Day | -954.931 | 1940.432 |
| Boarding vs. Day-Boarding | 1982.954 | 2014.805 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $2937.885^{*}$ | 1153.088 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix B. 4
ANOVA 2005 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square |  |  |  | F Sig. |  | Between Groups | 285187734.4 | 2 | 142593867.2 | 3.991 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0.021 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Within Groups | 4465925257 | 125 | 35727402.06 |  |  |
| Total | 4751112992 | 127 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2005 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Mean | Std. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Comparisons | Difference | Error |
| Boarding vs. Boarding-Day | -873.437 | 1936.788 |
| Boarding vs. Day-Boarding | 2314.735 | 2006.148 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $3188.172^{*}$ | 1131.32 |

[^22]
## Appendix B. 5

ANOVA 2006 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 295375212.9 | 2 | 147687606.4 | 4.021 | 0.020 |
| Within Groups | 4480933874 | 122 | 36728966.18 |  |  |
| Total | 4776309087 | 124 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2006 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Mean | Std. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Comparisons | Difference | Error |
| Boarding vs. Boarding-Day | -1129.937 | 2050.659 |
| Boarding vs. Day-Boarding | 2139.84 | 2114.557 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $3269.777^{*}$ | 1153.586 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix B. 6
ANOVA 2007 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 309204607.8 | 2 | 154602303.9 | 4.340 | 0.015 |
| Within Groups | 4345792326 | 122 | 35621248.58 |  |  |
| Total | 4654996934 | 124 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2007 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Mean | Std. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Comparisons | Difference | Error |
| Boarding vs. Boarding-Day | -1121.785 | 1937.665 |
| Boarding vs. Day-Boarding | 2245.204 | 2007.456 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $3366.989^{*}$ | 1143.605 |

[^23]Appendix B. 7
ANOVA 2008 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 365075223.3 | 2 | 182537611.7 | 4.993 | 0.008 |
| Within Groups | 4459874425 | 122 | 36556347.74 |  |  |
| Total | 4824949648 | 124 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2008 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Mean | Std. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Comparisons | Difference | Error |
| Boarding vs. Boarding-Day | -824.75 | 2141.039 |
| Boarding vs. Day-Boarding | 2786.458 | 2203.751 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $3611.207^{*}$ | 1147.579 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix B. 8
ANOVA 2009 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean <br> Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 419551257.8 | 2 | 209775628.9 | 4.988 | 0.008 |
| Within Groups | 5257132788 | 125 | 42057062.31 |  |  |
| Total | 5676684046 | 127 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2009 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Comparisons | -1229.943 | 2101.362 |
| Boarding vs. Boarding-Day | 2642.91 | 2176.615 |
| Boarding vs. Day-Boarding | $3872.853^{*}$ | 1227.451 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix B. 9
ANOVA 2010 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean <br> Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 332542221.7 | 2 | 166271110.8 | 3.925 | 0.022 |
| Within Groups | 5294768549 | 125 | 42358148.39 |  |  |
| Total | 5627310770 | 127 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2010 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Boarding vs. Boarding-Day | -1110.787 | 2106.905 |
| Boarding vs. Day-Boarding | 2351.976 | 2189.071 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $3462.763^{*}$ | 1236.77 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix B. 10
ANOVA 2011 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 282338033.4 | 2 | 141169016.7 | 3.344 | 0.039 |
| Within Groups | 5235350119 | 124 | 42220565.47 |  |  |
| Total | 5517688152 | 126 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2011 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Mean | Std. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Comparisons | Difference | Error |
| Boarding vs. Boarding-Day | -1143.993 | 2105.443 |
| Boarding vs. Day-Boarding | 2057.144 | 2185.513 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $3201.137^{*}$ | 1238.1 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix B. 11
ANOVA 2012 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 368954509.7 | 2 | 184477254.8 | 3.751 | 0.026 |
| Within Groups | 5803047240 | 118 | 49178366.44 |  |  |
| Total | 6172001750 | 120 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2012 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Boarding vs. Boarding-Day | -1644.267 | 2372.881 |
| Boarding vs. Day-Boarding | 2112.642 | 2467.539 |
| Boarding-Day vs. Day-Boarding | $3756.99^{*}$ | 1372.459 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix B. 12
ANOVA 2013 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 341947938.9 | 2 | 170973969.4 | 3.324 | 0.040 |
| Within Groups | 5708704895 | 111 | 51429773.83 |  |  |
| Total | 6050652834 | 113 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2013 Boarding Tuition by School Type

|  | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Comparisons | -865.05 | 2689.296 |
| Boarding vs. Boarding-Day | 2793.409 | 2766.449 |
| Boarding vs. Day-Boarding | $3658.460^{*}$ | 1424.117 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


## APPENDIX C. DAY TUITION BY CLASS CODE, 2003-2013

| Appendix C. 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ANOVA Average Day Tuition by Class Code |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sum of |  | Mean |  |  |
|  | Squares | df | Square | F | Sig. |
| Between Groups | 2341459987 | 2 | 1170729994 | 28.553 | 0.000 |
|  | 2878390016 |  | 41002706.7 |  |  |
| Within Groups | 7 | 702 | 9 |  |  |
|  | 3112536015 |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 4 | 704 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for Average Day Tuition by Class Code
Mean Std.

| Comparisons | Difference | Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary vs. Secondary | $-5860.846^{*}$ | 775.623 |
| Elem. vs. Both Elem. and Secondary | $-1740.899^{*}$ | 533.022 |
| Secondary vs. Both Elem. \& Secondary | $4119.948^{*}$ | 732.628 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


## Appendix C. 2

ANOVA 2003 Day Tuition by Class Code

|  | Sum of |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Squares | df | Mean | Square | F |

Sidak Comparisons for 2003 Day Tuition by Class Code

| Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary vs. Secondary | $-4875.623^{*}$ | 679.198 |
| Elem. vs. Both Elem. and Secondary | $-1837.946^{*}$ | 466.134 |
| Secondary vs. Both Elem. \& |  |  |
| Secondary | $3037.677^{*}$ | 638.714 |

[^24]
## Appendix C. 3

ANOVA 2004 Day Tuition by Class Code

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 1554390888 | 2 | 777195444.1 | 25.381 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 20026015354 | 654 | 30620818.58 |  |  |
| Total | 21580406242 | 656 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2004 Day Tuition by Class Code

|  | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Elemparisons | $-4935.982^{*}$ | 693.491 |
| Elem. vs. Both Slem. and Secondary | $-1621.136^{*}$ | 480.559 |
| Secondary vs. Both Elem. \& Secondary | $3314.846^{*}$ | 650.378 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix C. 4
ANOVA 2005 Day Tuition by Class Code
\(\left.\begin{array}{lccccc}\hline \& \begin{array}{c}Sum of <br>

Squares\end{array} \& df \& Mean \& Square \& F\end{array}\right]\) Sig. |  | 1926548939 | 2 | 963274469.6 | 28.604 | 0.000 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 23202798007 | 689 | 33676049.36 |  |  |
| Within Groups | 25129346946 | 691 |  |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2005 Day Tuition by Class Code

| Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary vs. Secondary | $-5374.586^{*}$ | 712.665 |
| Elem. vs. Both Elem. and Secondary | $-1798.058^{*}$ | 487.129 |
| Secondary vs. Both Elem. \& Secondary | $3576.529^{*}$ | 673.512 |

[^25]
## Appendix C. 5

ANOVA 2006 Day Tuition by Class Code

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 1806359335 | 2 | 903179667.6 | 24.830 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 24879808141 | 684 | 36373988.51 |  |  |
| Total | 26686167477 | 686 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2006 Day Tuition by Class Code

| Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary vs. Secondary | $-5248.786^{*}$ | 746.902 |
| Elem. vs. Both Elem. and Secondary | $-1730.350^{*}$ | 507.474 |
| Secondary vs. Both Elem. \& Secondary | $3518.437^{*}$ | 706.468 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix C. 6
ANOVA 2007 Day Tuition by Class Code
\(\left.\begin{array}{lccccc}\hline \& \begin{array}{c}Sum of <br>

Squares\end{array} \& df \& Mean \& Square \& F\end{array}\right]\) Sig. |  | 2025098201 | 2 | 1012549101 | 26.133 | 0.000 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 26696262155 | 689 | 38746389.19 |  |  |
| Within Groups | 28721360356 | 691 |  |  |  |
| Total | 28 |  |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2007 Day Tuition by Class Code

| Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary vs. Secondary | $-5551.396^{*}$ | 770.401 |
| Elem. vs. Both Elem. and Secondary | $-1845.964^{*}$ | 521.971 |
| Secondary vs. Both Elem. \& Secondary | $3705.432^{*}$ | 728.357 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


## Appendix C. 7

ANOVA 2008 Day Tuition by Class Code

|  | Sum of |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Squares | df | Mean | Square | F | Sig. |
| Between Groups | 2267379152 | 2 | 1133689576 | 27.507 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 28602489642 | 694 | 41213962.02 |  |  |
| Total | 30869868794 | 696 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2008 Day Tuition by Class Code

| Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary vs. Secondary | $-5843.840^{*}$ | 787.913 |
| Elem. vs. Both Elem. and Secondary | $-1637.594^{*}$ | 537.063 |
| Secondary vs. Both Elem. \& Secondary | $4206.246^{*}$ | 744.279 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


## Appendix C. 8

ANOVA 2009 Day Tuition by Class Code

|  | Sum of | Mean |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Squares | df | Square | F | Sig. |  |
| Between Groups | 2449788074 | 2 | 1224894037 | 28.264 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 30162648665 | 696 | 43337138.89 |  |  |
| Total | 32612436739 | 698 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2009 Day Tuition by Class Code

| Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary vs. Secondary | $-6067.196^{*}$ | 806.965 |
| Elem. vs. Both Elem. and Secondary | $-1718.770^{*}$ | 549.271 |
| Secondary vs. Both Elem. \& Secondary | $4348.426^{*}$ | 763.209 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


## Appendix C. 9

ANOVA 2010 Day Tuition by Class Code

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 2889074004 | 2 | 1444537002 | 29.310 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 34253049924 | 695 | 49284963.92 |  |  |
| Total | 37142123928 | 697 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2010 Day Tuition by Class Code

| Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary vs. Secondary | $-6590.737^{*}$ | 861.615 |
| Elem. vs. Both Elem. and Secondary | $-1710.655^{*}$ | 586.998 |
| Secondary vs. Both Elem. \& Secondary | $4880.083^{*}$ | 813.681 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix C. 10
ANOVA 2011 Day Tuition by Class Code

|  | Sum of | Mean | F | Sig. |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Squares | df | Square | F |  |  |
| Witween Groups | 2618534375 | 2 | 1309267188 | 25.879 | 0.000 |
| Total | 34554783431 | 683 | 50592655.1 |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2011 Day Tuition by Class Code

| Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary vs. Secondary | $-6311.116^{*}$ | 877.433 |
| Elem. vs. Both Elem. and Secondary | $-1722.140^{*}$ | 599.132 |
| Secondary vs. Both Elem. \& Secondary | $4588.976^{*}$ | 830.007 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


## Appendix C. 11

ANOVA 2012 Day Tuition by Class Code

|  | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 2349582225 | 2 | 1174791112 | 22.983 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 33889933260 | 663 | 51116038.1 |  |  |
| Total | 36239515485 | 665 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2012 Day Tuition by Class Code

|  | Mean <br> Cifference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Elemparisons | $-6048.529^{*}$ | 893.425 |
| Elem. vs. Both Elem. and Secondary | $-1542.952^{*}$ | 612.085 |
| Secondary vs. Both Elem. \& Secondary | $4505.576^{*}$ | 844.009 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix C. 12
ANOVA 2013 Day Tuition by Class Code
\(\left.\begin{array}{lccccc}\hline \& Sum of <br>

\& Squares \& df \& Mean \& Square \& F\end{array}\right]\) Sig. | Between Groups | 2211243276 | 2 | 1105621638 | 20.420 | 0.000 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Within Groups | 35626550738 | 658 | 54143694.13 |  |  |
| Total | 37837794014 | 660 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2013 Day Tuition by Class Code

| Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Elementary vs. Secondary | $-5907.042^{*}$ | 924.372 |
| Elem. vs. Both Elem. and Secondary | $-1665.256^{*}$ | 632.396 |
| Secondary vs. Both Elem. \& Secondary | $4241.786^{*}$ | 873.025 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


# APPENDIX D. DAY TUITION BY PROPORTION OF STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID, 2003-2013 

Appendix D. 1
ANOVA Average Day Tuition by Financial Aid Proportion Quintiles

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 901858783 | 4 | 225464695.7 | 5.222 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 30223501371 | 700 | 43176430.53 |  |  |
| Total | 31125360154 | 704 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for Average Day Tuition by
Quintiles of Proportion of Students on Financial Aid

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-2322.571^{*}$ | 782.58 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-2834.806^{*}$ | 782.58 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-3279.311^{*}$ | 782.58 |
| 1 vs. 5 | -2020.806 | 782.58 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -512.235 | 782.58 |
| 2 vs. 4 | -956.74 | 782.58 |
| 2 vs. 5 | 301.764 | 782.58 |
| 3 vs. 4 | -444.505 | 782.58 |
| 3 vs. 4 | 813.999 | 782.58 |
| 4 vs. 5 | 1258.504 | 782.58 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix D. 2
ANOVA 2003 Day Tuition by Financial Aid Proportion Quintiles

|  | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 697045693.9 | 4 | 174261423.5 | 5.803 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 19368779860 | 645 | 30029116.06 |  |  |
| Total | 20065825554 | 649 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2003 Day Tuition by Quintiles of Proportion of Students on Financial Aid Quintile Mean Std.

| Comparisons | Difference | Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-2198.006^{*}$ | 673.258 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-2303.954^{*}$ | 674.546 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-3081.164^{*}$ | 679.877 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-2138.785^{*}$ | 679.877 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -105.948 | 675.813 |
| 2 vs. 4 | -883.159 | 681.134 |
| 2 vs. 5 | 59.22 | 681.134 |
| 3 vs. 4 | -777.21 | 682.407 |
| 3 vs. 4 | 165.169 | 682.407 |
| 4 vs. 5 | 942.379 | 687.677 |

[^26]
## Appendix D. 3

ANOVA 2004 Day Tuition by Financial Aid Proportion Quintiles

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean <br> Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 536431314.2 | 4 | 134107828.6 | 4.155 | 0.002 |
| Within Groups | 21043974928 | 652 | 32276035.17 |  |  |
| Total | 21580406242 | 656 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2004 Day Tuition by Quintiles of Proportion of Students on Financial Aid
Quintile Mean Std.

| Comparisons | Difference | Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | -1968.566 | 703.361 |

1 vs. $3 \quad$-2119.542* 706.03
1 vs. $4 \quad-2680.142^{*} \quad 698.23$
1 vs. $5 \quad-1783.195 \quad 706.03$
2 vs. $3 \quad-150.975 \quad 701.992$
2 vs. $4 \quad-711.576 \quad 694.146$
2 vs. $5 \quad 185.371 \quad 701.992$
3 vs. $4 \quad-560.601 \quad 696.851$
3 vs. $4 \quad 336.346 \quad 704.666$
4 vs. $5 \quad 896.947 \quad 696.851$

[^27]
## Appendix D. 4

ANOVA 2005 Day Tuition by Financial Aid Proportion Quintiles

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square |  |  |  | F Sig. | Between Groups | 780901835 | 4 | 195225458.8 | 5.508 | 0.000 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Within Groups | 24348445111 | 687 | 35441695.94 |  |  |
| Total | 25129346946 | 691 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2005 Day Tuition by Quintiles of Proportion of Students on Financial Aid Quintile Mean Std.

| Comparisons | Difference | Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-2115.481^{*}$ | 711.555 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-2681.390^{*}$ | 716.768 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-3060.641^{*}$ | 712.833 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-2027.131^{*}$ | 715.439 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -565.908 | 716.768 |
| 2 vs. 4 | -945.16 | 712.833 |
| 2 vs. 5 | 88.351 | 715.439 |
| 3 vs. 4 | -379.251 | 718.037 |
| 3 vs. 4 | 654.259 | 720.624 |
| 4 vs. 5 | 1033.51 | 716.711 |

[^28]
## Appendix D. 5

ANOVA 2006 Day Tuition by Financial Aid Proportion Quintiles

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 767810453 | 4 | 191952613.2 | 5.051 | 0.001 |
| Within Groups | 25918357024 | 682 | 38003456.05 |  |  |
| Total | 26686167477 | 686 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2006 Day Tuition by Quintiles of Proportion of Students on Financial Aid

| Quintile <br> omparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-2134.919^{*}$ | 736.822 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-2719.856^{*}$ | 743.613 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-2979.235^{*}$ | 739.487 |
| 1 vs. 5 | -1744.194 | 745.024 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -584.937 | 743.613 |
| 2 vs. 4 | -844.316 | 739.487 |
| 2 vs. 5 | 390.726 | 745.024 |
| 3 vs. 4 | -259.379 | 746.254 |
| 3 vs. 4 | 975.662 | 751.741 |
| 4 vs. 5 | 1235.041 | 747.66 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix D. 6
ANOVA 2007 Day Tuition by Financial Aid Proportion Quintiles

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean <br> Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 877741829.2 | 4 | 219435457.3 | 5.414 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 27843618526 | 687 | 40529284.61 |  |  |
| Total | 28721360356 | 691 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2007 Day Tuition by
Quintiles of Proportion of Students on Financial Aid

| Quintile <br> omparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-2396.044^{*}$ | 762.32 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-2790.928^{*}$ | 760.933 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-3213.166^{*}$ | 763.725 |
| 1 vs. 5 | -1821.482 | 763.725 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -394.884 | 765.028 |
| 2 vs. 4 | -817.122 | 767.805 |
| 2 vs. 5 | 574.562 | 767.805 |
| 3 vs. 4 | -422.238 | 766.428 |
| 3 vs. 4 | 969.446 | 766.428 |
| 4 vs. 5 | 1391.684 | 769.2 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix D. 7
ANOVA 2008 Day Tuition by Financial Aid Proportion Quintiles

|  | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 886924315.9 | 4 | 221731079 | 5.118 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 29982944478 | 692 | 43327954.45 |  |  |
| Total | 30869868794 | 696 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2008 Day Tuition by Quintiles of Proportion of Students on Financial Aid Quintile Mean Std.

| Comparisons | Difference | Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-2454.430^{*}$ | 788.161 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-2629.613^{*}$ | 788.161 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-3314.459^{*}$ | 786.747 |
| 1 vs. 5 | -1854.694 | 788.161 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -175.183 | 789.572 |
| 2 vs. 4 | -860.029 | 788.161 |
| 2 vs. 5 | 599.736 | 789.572 |
| 3 vs. 4 | -684.845 | 788.161 |
| 3 vs. 4 | 774.919 | 789.572 |
| 4 vs. 5 | 1459.764 | 788.161 |

[^29]
## Appendix D. 8

ANOVA 2009 Day Tuition by Financial Aid Proportion Quintiles

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 852026838.2 | 4 | 213006709.6 | 4.654 | 0.001 |
| Within Groups | 31760409901 | 694 | 45764279.4 |  |  |
| Total | 32612436739 | 698 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2009 Day Tuition by Quintiles of Proportion of Students on Financial Aid Quintile Mean Std.
Comparisons Difference Error
1 vs. $2 \quad$-2281.230* 808.584

1 vs. $3 \quad$-2737.893* 808.584
1 vs. $4 \quad-3225.723^{*} \quad 810.017$
1 vs. $5 \quad-2019.296 \quad 812.936$
2 vs. $3 \quad-456.664 \quad 805.691$
2 vs. $4 \quad-944.493 \quad 807.129$
2 vs. $5 \quad 261.934 \quad 810.058$
3 vs. $4 \quad-487.83 \quad 807.129$
3 vs. $4 \quad 718.598 \quad 810.058$
4 vs. $5 \quad 1206.427 \quad 811.488$

[^30]Appendix D. 9
ANOVA 2010 Day Tuition by Financial Aid Proportion Quintiles

|  | Sum of Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 974090629.9 | 4 | 243522657.5 | 4.666 | 0.001 |
| Within Groups | 36168033298 | 693 | 52190524.24 |  |  |
| Total | 37142123928 | 697 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2010 Day Tuition by Quintiles of Proportion of Students on Financial Aid Quintile Mean Std.
Comparisons Difference Error
1 vs. $2 \quad-2519.498^{*} \quad 865.021$

1 vs. 3 -2848.332* 861.937
1 vs. $4 \quad-3462.286^{*} \quad 863.469$
1 vs. $5 \quad-2206.835 \quad 866.592$
2 vs. $3 \quad-328.834 \quad 863.491$
2 vs. $4 \quad-942.788 \quad 865.021$
2 vs. $5 \quad 312.663 \quad 868.138$
3 vs. $4 \quad-613.953 \quad 861.937$
3 vs. $4 \quad 641.497 \quad 865.065$
4 vs. $5 \quad 1255.45 \quad 866.592$

[^31]Appendix D. 10
ANOVA 2011 Day Tuition by Financial Aid Proportion Quintiles

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square |  |  |  | F Sig. | Between Groups | 1132471081 | 4 | 283117770.3 | 5.350 | 0.000 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Within Groups | 36040846725 | 681 | 52923416.63 |  |  |
| Total | 37173317806 | 685 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2011 Day Tuition by Quintiles of Proportion of Students on Financial Aid Quintile Mean Std.

| Comparisons | Difference | Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-2646.950^{*}$ | 880.594 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-3340.833^{*}$ | 877.386 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-3628.657^{*}$ | 877.386 |
| 1 vs. 5 | -2202.518 | 878.979 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -693.883 | 879.003 |
| 2 vs. 4 | -981.706 | 879.003 |
| 2 vs. 5 | 444.432 | 880.594 |
| 3 vs. 4 | -287.824 | 875.789 |
| 3 vs. 4 | 1138.315 | 877.386 |
| 4 vs. 5 | 1426.138 | 877.386 |

[^32]Appendix D. 11
ANOVA 2012 Day Tuition by Financial Aid Proportion Quintiles

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 1071803024 | 4 | 267950755.9 | 5.036 | 0.001 |
| Within Groups | 35167712461 | 661 | 53203801 |  |  |
| Total | 36239515485 | 665 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2012 Day Tuition by Quintiles of Proportion of Students on Financial Aid Quintile Mean Std.

| Comparisons | Difference | Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-2669.619^{*}$ | 889.464 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-3281.615^{*}$ | 896.203 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-3570.539^{*}$ | 886.224 |
| 1 vs. 5 | -2295.954 | 899.709 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -611.997 | 894.56 |
| 2 vs. 4 | -900.92 | 884.563 |
| 2 vs. 5 | 373.665 | 898.073 |
| 3 vs. 4 | -288.923 | 891.339 |
| 3 vs. 4 | 985.662 | 904.748 |
| 4 vs. 5 | 1274.585 | 894.864 |

[^33]Appendix D. 12
ANOVA 2013 Day Tuition by Financial Aid Proportion Quintiles

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square |  |  |  | F Sig. |  | 1288775753 | 4 | 322193938.1 | 5.783 | 0.000 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 36549018261 | 656 | 55714966.86 |  |  |
| Within Groups | 37837794014 | 660 |  |  |  |
| Total | 3783 |  |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2013 Day Tuition by Quintiles of Proportion of Students on Financial Aid

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-3048.555^{*}$ | 913.615 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-3843.378^{*}$ | 915.35 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-3654.371^{*}$ | 917.109 |
| 1 vs. 5 | -2370.725 | 917.109 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -794.823 | 917.056 |
| 2 vs. 4 | -605.816 | 918.812 |
| 2 vs. 5 | 677.83 | 918.812 |
| 3 vs. 4 | 189.008 | 920.537 |
| 3 vs. 4 | 1472.653 | 920.537 |
| 4 vs. 5 | 1283.645 | 922.285 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


## APPENDIX E. DAY TUITION BY THE RATIO OF TOTAL ANNUAL GIVING TO TOTAL INCOME, 2003-2013

Appendix E. 1

ANOVA Average Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

|  | Sum of |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| Between Groups | 3545137672 | 4 | 886284418.1 | 22.494 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 27580222482 | 700 | 39400317.83 |  |  |
| Total | 31125360154 | 704 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for Average Day Tuition by Quintiles of Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Toal Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-2383.959^{*}$ | 747.576 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-3065.177^{*}$ | 747.576 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-5155.992^{*}$ | 747.576 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-6458.706^{*}$ | 747.576 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -681.217 | 747.576 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-2772.032^{*}$ | 747.576 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-4074.747^{*}$ | 747.576 |
| 3 vs. 4 | -2090.815 | 747.576 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3393.530^{*}$ | 747.576 |
| 4 vs. 5 | -1302.715 | 747.576 |

[^34]Appendix E. 2
ANOVA 2003 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 2260436954 | 4 | 565109238.4 | 20.471 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 17805388600 | 645 | 27605253.64 |  |  |
| Total | 20065825554 | 649 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2003 Day Tuition by
Quintiles of Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Toal
Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-1944.782^{*}$ | 659.36 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-2252.563^{*}$ | 654.385 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-3883.247^{*}$ | 651.996 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-5550.850^{*}$ | 656.839 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -307.781 | 651.764 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-1938.465^{*}$ | 649.365 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-3606.067^{*}$ | 654.228 |
| 3 vs. 4 | -1630.684 | 644.314 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3298.287^{*}$ | 649.214 |
| 4 vs. 5 | -1667.603 | 646.806 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


## Appendix E. 3

ANOVA 2004 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 2513951171 | 4 | 628487792.7 | 21.492 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 19066455071 | 652 | 29243029.25 |  |  |
| Total | 21580406242 | 656 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2004 Day Tuition by
Quintiles of Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Toal
Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-2122.522^{*}$ | 674.649 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-2507.789^{*}$ | 664.614 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-4388.189^{*}$ | 669.499 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-5708.106^{*}$ | 669.499 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -385.267 | 665.946 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-2265.667^{*}$ | 670.82 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-3585.584^{*}$ | 670.82 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-1880.400^{*}$ | 660.727 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3200.317^{*}$ | 660.727 |
| 4 vs. 5 | -1319.917 | 665.64 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix E. 4
ANOVA 2005 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 3019195771 | 4 | 754798942.8 | 23.453 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 22110151175 | 687 | 32183626.16 |  |  |
| Total | 25129346946 | 691 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2005 Day Tuition by
Quintiles of Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Toal
Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-2094.256^{*}$ | 679.314 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-2858.806^{*}$ | 678.078 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-4729.466^{*}$ | 681.834 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-5993.772^{*}$ | 679.314 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -764.55 | 681.727 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-2635.209^{*}$ | 685.463 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-3899.515^{*}$ | 682.956 |
| 3 vs. 4 | -1870.659 | 684.238 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3134.966^{*}$ | 681.727 |
| 4 vs. 5 | -1264.306 | 685.463 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix E. 5
ANOVA 2006 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

|  | Sum of |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| Between Groups | 3026824726 | 4 | 756706181.5 | 21.813 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 23659342751 | 682 | 34691118.4 |  |  |
| Total | 26686167477 | 686 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2006 Day Tuition by
Quintiles of Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Toal Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-2133.911^{*}$ | 710.355 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-2925.373^{*}$ | 709.063 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-4560.182^{*}$ | 712.991 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-6137.565^{*}$ | 707.786 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -791.462 | 710.355 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-2426.271^{*}$ | 714.277 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-4003.654^{*}$ | 709.081 |
| 3 vs. 4 | -1634.809 | 712.991 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3212.192^{*}$ | 707.786 |
| 4 vs. 5 | -1577.383 | 711.722 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix E. 6
ANOVA 2007 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 3250086578 | 4 | 812521644.6 | 21.915 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 25471273777 | 687 | 37076089.92 |  |  |
| Total | 28721360356 | 691 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2007 Day Tuition by
Quintiles of Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Toal Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-2162.986^{*}$ | 729.084 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-2969.509^{*}$ | 734.406 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-4895.935^{*}$ | 733.05 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-6219.643^{*}$ | 729.084 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -806.523 | 733.108 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-2732.949^{*}$ | 731.75 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-4056.658^{*}$ | 727.776 |
| 3 vs. 4 | -1926.426 | 737.053 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3250.135^{*}$ | 733.108 |
| 4 vs. 5 | -1323.708 | 731.75 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


## Appendix E. 7

ANOVA 2008 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 3588832338 | 4 | 897208084.5 | 22.758 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 27281036456 | 692 | 39423463.09 |  |  |
| Total | 30869868794 | 696 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2008 Day Tuition by
Quintiles of Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Toal
Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-2228.228^{*}$ | 750.461 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-3105.430^{*}$ | 753.176 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-5138.060^{*}$ | 751.81 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-6501.115^{*}$ | 750.461 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -877.202 | 753.176 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-2909.832^{*}$ | 751.81 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-4272.886^{*}$ | 750.461 |
| 3 vs. 4 | -2032.63 | 754.519 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3395.684^{*}$ | 753.176 |
| 4 vs. 5 | -1363.054 | 751.81 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix E. 8
ANOVA 2009 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 3630303540 | 4 | 907575885 | 21.733 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 28982133199 | 694 | 41760998.85 |  |  |
| Total | 32612436739 | 698 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2009 Day Tuition by
Quintiles of Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Toal
Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-2416.771^{*}$ | 773.778 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-3027.536^{*}$ | 772.409 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-5272.113^{*}$ | 773.778 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-6550.739^{*}$ | 775.163 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -610.765 | 771.019 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-2855.341^{*}$ | 772.39 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-4133.967^{*}$ | 773.778 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-2244.577^{*}$ | 771.019 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3523.203^{*}$ | 772.409 |
| 4 vs. 5 | -1278.626 | 773.778 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix E. 9
ANOVA 2010 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 4109143636 | 4 | 1027285909 | 21.551 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 33032980292 | 693 | 47666638.23 |  |  |
| Total | 37142123928 | 697 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2010 Day Tuition by
Quintiles of Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Toal
Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-2579.071^{*}$ | 823.734 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-3332.072^{*}$ | 825.219 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-5690.818^{*}$ | 823.734 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-6918.300^{*}$ | 826.723 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -753.001 | 826.681 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-3111.747^{*}$ | 825.198 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-4339.229^{*}$ | 828.183 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-2358.746^{*}$ | 826.681 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3586.228^{*}$ | 829.66 |
| 4 vs. 5 | -1227.482 | 828.183 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix E. 10
ANOVA 2011 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 4310860461 | 4 | 1077715115 | 22.333 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 32862457346 | 681 | 48256178.19 |  |  |
| Total | 37173317806 | 685 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2011 Day Tuition by
Quintiles of Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Toal
Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-2719.456^{*}$ | 837.849 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-3526.045^{*}$ | 840.868 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-5842.903^{*}$ | 839.349 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-7231.407^{*}$ | 842.407 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -806.588 | 836.302 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-3123.447^{*}$ | 834.775 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-4511.951^{*}$ | 837.849 |
| 3 vs. 4 | -2316.859 | 837.805 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3705.362^{*}$ | 840.868 |
| 4 vs. 5 | -1388.504 | 839.349 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


## Appendix E. 11

ANOVA 2012 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 4257710700 | 4 | 1064427675 | 22.000 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 31981804784 | 661 | 48383970.93 |  |  |
| Total | 36239515485 | 665 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2012 Day Tuition by
Quintiles of Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Toal
Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-2568.917^{*}$ | 840.527 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-3627.490^{*}$ | 849.817 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-5829.319^{*}$ | 849.817 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-7302.837^{*}$ | 861.626 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -1058.573 | 843.727 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-3260.402^{*}$ | 843.727 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-4733.921^{*}$ | 855.62 |
| 3 vs. 4 | -2201.828 | 852.982 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3675.347^{*}$ | 864.748 |
| 4 vs. 5 | -1473.519 | 864.748 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix E. 12
ANOVA 2013 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean Square | F | Sig. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Between Groups | 4301888334 | 4 | 1075472083 | 21.037 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 33535905680 | 656 | 51121807.44 |  |  |
| Total | 37837794014 | 660 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2013 Day Tuition by
Quintiles of Ratio of Total Annual Giving to Toal
Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | $-3196.825^{*}$ | 883.477 |
| 1 vs. 3 | $-3815.512^{*}$ | 875.441 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-5931.708^{*}$ | 880.199 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-7577.871^{*}$ | 890.3 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -618.687 | 872.031 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-2734.883^{*}$ | 876.808 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-4381.045^{*}$ | 886.947 |
| 3 vs. 4 | -2116.196 | 868.71 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3762.358^{*}$ | 878.943 |
| 4 vs. 5 | -1646.163 | 883.683 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


# APPENDIX F. DAY TUITION BY THE RATIO OF TOTAL ENDOWMENT TO TOTAL INCOME, 2003-2013 

Appendix F. 1

ANOVA Average Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 2574209218 | 4 | 643552304.5 | 15.778 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 28551150936 | 700 | 40787358.48 |  |  |
| Total | 31125360154 | 704 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for Average Day Tuition by
Quintiles of Ratio of Total Endowment to Toal
Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | -527.75 | 760.621 |
| 1 vs. 3 | -1367.867 | 760.621 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-4388.587^{*}$ | 760.621 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-4469.398^{*}$ | 760.621 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -840.117 | 760.621 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-3860.837^{*}$ | 760.621 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-3941.648^{*}$ | 760.621 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3020.720^{*}$ | 760.621 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3101.531^{*}$ | 760.621 |
| 4 vs. 5 | -80.811 | 760.621 |

[^35]Appendix F. 2
ANOVA 2003 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square |  |  |  | F Sig. | Between Groups | 1695657972 | 4 | 423914493 | 14.884 | 0.000 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Within Groups | 18370167582 | 645 | 28480879.97 |  |  |
| Total | 20065825554 | 649 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2003 Day Tuition by
Quintiles of Ratio of Total Endowment to Toal Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | -771.88 | 678.85 |
| 1 vs. 3 | -1538.743 | 675.256 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-3928.139^{*}$ | 676.438 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-3949.752^{*}$ | 674.089 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -766.862 | 655.71 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-3156.259^{*}$ | 656.927 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-3177.872^{*}$ | 654.508 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-2389.396^{*}$ | 653.212 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-2411.010^{*}$ | 650.779 |
| 4 vs. 5 | -21.613 | 652.006 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix F. 3
ANOVA 2004 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square |  |  |  | F Sig. | Between Groups | 1747205240 | 4 | 436801310 | 14.359 | 0.000 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Within Groups | 19833201002 | 652 | 30419019.94 |  |  |
| Total | 21580406242 | 656 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2004 Day Tuition by Quintiles of Ratio of Total Endowment to Toal Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | -477.5 | 695.657 |
| 1 vs. 3 | -945.873 | 689.586 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-3948.404^{*}$ | 698.201 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-3560.860^{*}$ | 688.418 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -468.373 | 672.669 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-3470.903^{*}$ | 681.498 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-3083.360^{*}$ | 671.472 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3002.530^{*}$ | 675.299 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-2614.987^{*}$ | 665.18 |
| 4 vs. 5 | 387.543 | 674.107 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix F. 4
ANOVA 2005 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 2187202693 | 4 | 546800673.4 | 16.374 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 22942144253 | 687 | 33394678.68 |  |  |
| Total | 25129346946 | 691 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2005 Day Tuition by Quintiles of Ratio of Total Endowment to Toal Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | -848.045 | 693.18 |
| 1 vs. 3 | -1540.974 | 691.941 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-4313.950^{*}$ | 695.706 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-4270.976^{*}$ | 695.706 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -692.93 | 691.941 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-3465.905^{*}$ | 695.706 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-3422.931^{*}$ | 695.706 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-2772.975^{*}$ | 694.471 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-2730.001^{*}$ | 694.471 |
| 4 vs. 5 | 42.974 | 698.222 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix F. 5
ANOVA 2006 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 2327379963 | 4 | 581844990.7 | 16.291 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 24358787514 | 682 | 35716697.23 |  |  |
| Total | 26686167477 | 686 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2006 Day Tuition by Quintiles of Ratio of Total Endowment to Toal Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | -533.13 | 724.915 |
| 1 vs. 3 | -1417.668 | 715.593 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-4235.705^{*}$ | 720.817 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-4347.987^{*}$ | 716.875 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -884.538 | 723.648 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-3702.575^{*}$ | 728.814 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-3814.856^{*}$ | 724.915 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-2818.037^{*}$ | 719.543 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-2930.318^{*}$ | 715.593 |
| 4 vs. 5 | -112.281 | 720.817 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix F. 6
ANOVA 2007 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square |  |  |  | F Sig. | Between Groups | 2425222492 | 4 | 606305623 | 15.840 | 0.000 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Within Groups | 26296137864 | 687 | 38276765.45 |  |  |
| Total | 28721360356 | 691 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2007 Day Tuition by Quintiles of Ratio of Total Endowment to Toal Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | -591.554 | 740.834 |
| 1 vs. 3 | -1368.7 | 740.834 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-4386.502^{*}$ | 748.932 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-4384.481^{*}$ | 746.164 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -777.146 | 736.84 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-3794.947^{*}$ | 744.982 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-3792.927^{*}$ | 742.199 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3017.801^{*}$ | 744.982 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3015.781^{*}$ | 742.199 |
| 4 vs. 5 | 2.02 | 750.283 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix F. 7
ANOVA 2008 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square |  |  |  | F Sig. | Between Groups | 2594739962 | 4 | 648684990.6 | 15.876 | 0.000 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Within Groups | 28275128832 | 692 | 40860012.76 |  |  |
| Total | 30869868794 | 696 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2008 Day Tuition by Quintiles of Ratio of Total Endowment to Toal Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | -408.546 | 762.656 |
| 1 vs. 3 | -1504.979 | 766.835 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-4379.758^{*}$ | 761.298 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-4497.342^{*}$ | 765.424 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -1096.434 | 768.183 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-3971.212^{*}$ | 762.656 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-4088.796^{*}$ | 766.775 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-2874.778^{*}$ | 766.835 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-2992.363^{*}$ | 770.931 |
| 4 vs. 5 | -117.585 | 765.424 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix F. 8
ANOVA 2009 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 2540263438 | 4 | 635065859.6 | 14.656 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 30072173301 | 694 | 43331661.82 |  |  |
| Total | 32612436739 | 698 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2009 Day Tuition by Quintiles of Ratio of Total Endowment to Toal Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | -539.896 | 785.384 |
| 1 vs. 3 | -1518.249 | 786.801 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-4478.415^{*}$ | 785.384 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-4413.086^{*}$ | 786.801 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -978.353 | 788.194 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-3938.520^{*}$ | 786.781 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-3873.191^{*}$ | 788.194 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-2960.167^{*}$ | 788.194 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-2894.838^{*}$ | 789.606 |
| 4 vs. 5 | 65.329 | 788.194 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix F. 9
ANOVA 2010 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 2831106810 | 4 | 707776702.4 | 14.295 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 34311017119 | 693 | 49510847.21 |  |  |
| Total | 37142123928 | 697 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2010 Day Tuition by Quintiles of Ratio of Total Endowment to Toal Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | -540.728 | 842.521 |
| 1 vs. 3 | -1468.661 | 842.521 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-4589.020^{*}$ | 841.01 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-4736.751^{*}$ | 841.01 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -927.933 | 844.03 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-4048.292^{*}$ | 842.521 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-4196.023^{*}$ | 842.521 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3120.359^{*}$ | 842.521 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3268.090^{*}$ | 842.521 |
| 4 vs. 5 | -147.731 | 841.01 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix F. 10
ANOVA 2011 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 3012710774 | 4 | 753177693.6 | 15.015 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 34160607032 | 681 | 50162418.55 |  |  |
| Total | 37173317806 | 685 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2011 Day Tuition by
Quintiles of Ratio of Total Endowment to Toal
Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | 21.049 | 858.908 |
| 1 vs. 3 | -1103.273 | 854.328 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-4619.006^{*}$ | 858.908 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-4508.593^{*}$ | 858.908 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -1124.322 | 851.147 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-4640.055^{*}$ | 855.744 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-4529.642^{*}$ | 855.744 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3515.733^{*}$ | 851.147 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3405.320^{*}$ | 851.147 |
| 4 vs. 5 | 110.413 | 855.744 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix F. 11
ANOVA 2012 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 2941029524 | 4 | 735257380.9 | 14.595 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 33298485961 | 661 | 50375924.3 |  |  |
| Total | 36239515485 | 665 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2012 Day Tuition by
Quintiles of Ratio of Total Endowment to Toal
Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | 170.337 | 862.303 |
| 1 vs. 3 | -1241.378 | 863.892 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-4633.345^{*}$ | 867.134 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-4447.081^{*}$ | 877.391 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -1411.715 | 862.303 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-4803.683^{*}$ | 865.55 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-4617.418^{*}$ | 875.826 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3391.967^{*}$ | 867.134 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3205.702^{*}$ | 877.391 |
| 4 vs. 5 | 186.265 | 880.583 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

Appendix F. 12
ANOVA 2013 Day Tuition by Ratio of Total Endowment to Total Income

|  | Sum of <br> Squares | df | Mean |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Square | F | Sig. |  |  |  |
| Between Groups | 2716194045 | 4 | 679048511.3 | 12.683 | 0.000 |
| Within Groups | 35121599969 | 656 | 53539024.34 |  |  |
| Total | 37837794014 | 660 |  |  |  |

Sidak Comparisons for 2013 Day Tuition by
Quintiles of Ratio of Total Endowment to Toal
Income

| Quintile <br> Comparisons | Mean <br> Difference | Std. <br> Error |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 vs. 2 | -109.538 | 907.808 |
| 1 vs. 3 | -1139.105 | 902.904 |
| 1 vs. 4 | $-4558.900^{*}$ | 904.518 |
| 1 vs. 5 | $-4401.882^{*}$ | 912.911 |
| 2 vs. 3 | -1029.567 | 892.311 |
| 2 vs. 4 | $-4449.361^{*}$ | 893.943 |
| 2 vs. 5 | $-4292.344^{*}$ | 902.434 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3419.794^{*}$ | 888.963 |
| 3 vs. 4 | $-3262.776^{*}$ | 897.501 |
| 4 vs. 5 | 157.018 | 899.124 |

* The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.


## REFERENCES

Bassett, P. (2009). Foreword. In D. Davison \& J. Davison (Eds.), Affordability and Demand (63-72). Washington, D.C.: NAIS.

Bassett, P. F. (2012). Tuition: Pricing and Affordability, from www.nais.org/Articles/Pages/Tuition-Pricing-and-Affordability.aspx
Bassett, P. F., Mitchell, M. J., \& National Association of Independent, S. (2006).
Financing sustainable schools : six steps to re-engineering your school's financial future. Washington, DC: National Association of Independent Schools.

Batiste, H., \& McGovern, M. (2012). The Equity and Justice Outlook: Socioeconomic Diversity 2013-2013 NAIS Trendbook (pp. 100-111). Washington, D.C.: National Association of Independent Schools.

Batiste, H. \& McGovern, M. (2012). The equity and justice outlook: socioeconomic diversity. In S. Hunt, M. McGovern \& N. Raley (Eds.), 2013-2013 NAIS Trendbook (100-111). Washington, D.C.: National Association of Independent Schools.

Beadie, N. (2008a). Toward a History of Education Markets in the United States. [Article]. Social Science History, 32(1), 47-73. doi: 10.1215/01455532-2007-013
Beadie, N. (2008b). Tuition Funding for Common Schools. [Article]. Social Science History, 32(1), 107-133. doi: 10.1215/01455532-2007-015
Bower, J. L., \& Christensen, C. M. (1995). Disruptive Technologies: Catching the Wave. [Article]. Harvard Business Review, 73(1), 43-53.
Brooks, A. C. (2005). What do nonprofit organizations seek? (And why should policymakers care?). Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, 24(3), 543558. doi: 10.1002/pam. 20114

Chadwick School. (2013). Annual Fund Frequently Asked Questions, from http://www.chadwickschool.org/page.cfm?p=486

Christensen, C. M., \& Eyring, H. J. (2011). The Innovative University: Changing the DNA of HIgher Education from the Inside Out Retrieved from http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/innovative-university-claytonchristensen/1100200933? ean $=9781118091258$

Christensen, C. M., Horn, M. B., Caldera, L., \& Soares, L. (2011). Disrupting College: How Disruptive Innovation Can Deliver Quality and Affordability to Postsecondary Education (pp. 72-72): Innosight Institute. 2929 Campus Drive Suite 410, San Mateo, CA 94403.

Coomes, M. D. (2000). The historical roots of enrollment management. New directions for student services, 2000(89), 5-18.

DiMaggio, P. J., \& Powell, W. W. (1983). The Iron Cage Revisited: Institutional Isomorphism and Collective Rationality in Organizational Fields. American Sociological Review, 48(2), 147-160. doi: 10.2307/2095101

Durnin, R. G. (1968). New England's eighteenth-century incorporated academies: Their origin and development to 1850. (Unpublished doctoral dissertation). University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Fan, J. P. H., Titman, S., \& Twite, G. (2012). An International Comparison of Capital Structure and Debt Maturity Choices. [Article]. Journal of Financial \& Quantitative Analysis, 47(1), 23-56. doi: 10.1017/s0022109011000597

Farber, J. S. (2012). The Independent School Financial Model Is Broken: Here's How We Fix It. Independent School, 72(1), 0-0.

Ford Foundation, A. C. o. E. M. (1969). Managing educational endowments: report to the Ford Foundation. New York: Ford Foundation.

Frey, D. (2002). University Endowment Returns Are Underspent. Challenge, 45(4), 109121. doi: $10.2307 / 40722156$

Gatzambide-Fernandez, R. (2009). What is an elite boarding school? Review of Educational Research, 79(3): 1090-1128. doi: 10.3102/0034654309339500
Goldin, C., \& Katz, L. F. (2003). The" virtues" of the past: Education in the first hundred Years of the new republic: National Bureau of Economic Research.

Hansmann, H. (1990). Why Do Universities Have Endowments? The Journal of Legal Studies, 19(1), 3-42. doi: 10.2307/724411

Hossler, D. (1996). From admissions to enrollment management. Student affairs practice in higher education, 56-87.

Hossler, D. (2000). The role of financial aid in enrollment management. New directions for student services, 2000(89), 77-90.
Independent School Management. (2007). The Tuition Book: Theory, Implementation and Financial Aid: Independent School Management.
IRS. (2012). Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, from http://www.irs.gov/uac/Coverdell-Education-Savings-Accounts

Jeynes, S. (2007). The Tuition Book: Theory, Implementation and Financial Aid: Independent School Management.

Keppel, F. P. (1937). The Responsibility of Endowments in the Promotion of Knowledge. Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, 77(4), 591-603. doi: 10.2307/984779

Leslie, B. (2001). Where Have All the Academies Gone? History of Education Quarterly, 41(2), 262-270. doi: 10.2307/369831

Looney, S. (2009). Pricing tuition. In D. Davison \& J. Davison (Eds.), Affordability and Demand (63-72). Washington, D.C.: NAIS.

Mitchell, M. (2012). The financial aid outlook. In S. Hunt, M. McGovern \& N. Raley (Eds.), 2013-2013 NAIS Trendbook (100-111). Washington, D.C.: National Association of Independent Schools.

NACUBO-Commonfund. (2012). NACUBO-Commonfund Study of Endowments.
National Association of Independent Schools, 2011-12 StatsOnline Survey, Table 1200, Washington, D.C.: NAIS

National Association of Independent Schools. (2013). NAIS 10 Markers for Success. Washington, D.C.: National Association of Independent Schools.

National Center for Education Statistics. (2007). Table A-A-6-1. Number and percentage distribution of all school-age children who were homeschooled and homeschooling rate, by selected characteristics: 1999, 2003, and 2007., from http://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/tables/table-hsc-1.asp
Opal, J. M. (2004). Exciting Emulation: Academies and the Transformation of the Rural North, 1780s-1820s. [Article]. Journal of American History, 91(2), 445-470.
Phillips Exeter Academy. (2013). Facts 2013-2014. In P. E. Academy (Ed.). Exeter, Mass: Philips Exeter Academy.
Proctor, A. J. (2010). More than Just Money: Practical and Proactive Steps to Nonprofit Success Retrieved from http://www.amazon.com/Linking-Mission-Finance-Nonprofitebook/dp/B00505PYQU/ref=sr_1_1_bnp_1_kin?ie=UTF8\&qid=1365398627\&sr $=8-1 \& k e y w o r d s=a l l e n+$ proctor
Rush, M. \& Gilmore, B. (2012). When mission and market forces intersect. Washington, D.C.: National Association of Independent Schools.

Smith, P. (1988). Discerning the Subject. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.
Swensen, D. (2000). Pioneering Portfolio Management: New York: The Free Press.
Tobin, J. (1974). What Is Permanent Endowment Income? The American Economic Review, 64(2), 427-432. doi: 10.2307/1816077

Tolley, K. (2001). The Rise of the Academies: Continuity or Change? History of Education Quarterly, 41(2), 225-239. doi: 10.2307/369828


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Philips Exeter Academy, established in 1781, has an endowment in excess of $\$ 1$ billion. The average financial aid award at Exeter is $\$ 36,092$ (tuition is $\$ 41,800$ ) and almost half of Exeter's students receive financial aid. "Exeter provides full financial aid to any family with an annual income of less than $\$ 75,000$." (Understanding Exeter's Finances, 2013, exeter.edu).

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ The New York Times ("What Percent Are You?", January 14, 2012) estimates that a household income of $\$ 115,395$ is in the top $16 \%$ of household incomes in the United States.

[^2]:    ${ }^{3}$ Independent School Management (ISM) views a school's financial equilibrium as a composite of three different levers: employee compensation; hard income from tuition and investments; and student/staff ratio (Independent School Management, 2007).

[^3]:    ${ }^{4}$ For example, even though The McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tennessee (founded 1905) boasts of a $\$ 65$ million endowment, tuition and fees accounted for $81.5 \%$ of its revenue for the 2010 fiscal year (McCallie's IRS 990, 2011, retrieved from guidestar.org)

[^4]:    ${ }^{5}$ My study hinges on ratios such as these.

[^5]:    ${ }^{6}$ Venture schools appear to have been the forerunner of today's for-profit vocational schools. At the K-12 level, one can see vestiges of venture schools in after school programs such as karate academies and Kumon learning centers. ${ }^{7}$ Academies tended to enroll students beyond the local confines of the towns in which they were situated.

[^6]:    ${ }^{8}$ For these two verbs, and the action within the argument attached to them, I am indebted to Paul Smith's (1988) crucial work, Discerning the Subject.

[^7]:    ${ }^{9}$ Obviously, independent schools are unable to garner revenue from research in the same way that private colleges and universities do.

[^8]:    ${ }^{10}$ If an endowment is designed to exist in perpetuity, then it is questionable whether it is even possible for the maximum possible return to ever be realized. The endowment then becomes a teleological trope without end, a never-ending accumulation of capital whose social good is always already yet to be realized, a dream forever deferred.

[^9]:    ${ }^{11}$ Loans for K-12 tuition might be surprising to some readers. In general these loans have higher interest rates than federally subsidized loans for post-secondary education. Informative websites such as http://www.privateschools.com/financialaid.phtml and https://www.salliemae.com/student-loans/private-schoolloan/ discuss loan options available to families at the K-12 level.

[^10]:    ${ }^{12}$ For instance, Chadwick School notes that its annual fund constitutes "unrestricted gifts to operations" and accounts for "about 7 percent of the school's operating budget every year" (Chadwick School, 2013)

[^11]:    ${ }^{13}$ In 1999 there were 850,000 homeschooled children in America. By 2007, that number had nearly doubled to 1,508,000. (National Center for Education Statistics, 2007)

[^12]:    ${ }^{14}$ As of June 30, 2012, Kamehameha Schools endowment was valued at $\$ 9.2$ billion.

[^13]:    ${ }^{15}$ A 2011-2012 survey of 864 of its member schools, NAIS recorded a total combined endowment of $\$ 17.3$ billion with an average of endowment of only $\$ 20$ million per school (Table 1200, NAIS StatsOnline Survey, 2011-12, August 2012)
    ${ }^{16}$ And yet endowments occupy a rather central role in nonprofit management, both symbolic and practical by projecting a sense of permanence and providing spendable income independent of revenue.

[^14]:    ${ }^{17}$ NAIS requirements for membership are delineated online at http://www.nais.org/Articles/Pages/SchoolMembership.aspx. It's worth noting that NAIS membership also carries with a fee based on a school's enrollment; thus not all schools that meet its requirements for membership will necessarily join NAIS, perhaps due to financial considerations or perhaps because they can receive similar services from other organizations.

[^15]:    ${ }^{18}$ It's beyond the scope of this study but it's worth noting that it may be possible to show that the precise nature of non-profit endowments is always already overdetermined in the last instance by Marx's General Law of Capitalist Accumulation.

[^16]:    ${ }^{19}$ NAIS only began collecting variable "Percent of Endowment Value Transferred to Operating Budget" in 2006. Thus, for this variable only, eight years worth of data, from 2006 to 2013, has been provided.

[^17]:    ${ }^{20}$ For the purposes of clarity, variable names will be capitalized in this chapter.
    ${ }^{21}$ For categorization purposes, NAIS defines a boarding school as a school that enrolls at least $95 \%$ boarding students; a day school similarly as $95 \%$ or more day students; a day-boarding school as $51 \%$ to $94 \%$ day students; and, a boarding-day school as $51 \%$ to $94 \%$ boarding students.

[^18]:    ${ }^{22}$ Henceforth "seven-day boarding tuition" will be referred to simply as "boarding tuition."

[^19]:    ${ }^{23}$ Results of ANOVA and Sidak post-hoc tests included in Appendix A.
    ${ }^{24}$ While beyond the scope of this research project, it would be a worthwhile exercise to index tuition price to the actual proportion of boarding and day students.

[^20]:    ${ }^{25}$ This will obviously hamper the ability to draw statistically significant inferences about boarding tuition later on.

[^21]:    ${ }^{26}$ One could, of course, argue that the ratio of annual giving to total income must approach or exceed $10 \%$ in schools that carry a large percentage of their students on financial aid and thus, the higher ratios are merely a consequence of higher percentages of students on financial aid. Certainly the relationship works both ways. But, as a guideline for practice, if a school has a low ratio of annual giving to total income and wants to find a way to offer more financial aid, increasing the income from annual giving is an obvious first step to take.

[^22]:    * The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

[^23]:    * The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

[^24]:    * The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

[^25]:    * The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

[^26]:    * The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

[^27]:    * The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

[^28]:    * The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

[^29]:    * The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

[^30]:    * The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

[^31]:    * The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

[^32]:    * The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

[^33]:    * The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

[^34]:    * The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

[^35]:    * The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

