



# FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY TAX DEFERRED ANNUITY PLAN

## Investment Performance as of 12/31/2025

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Equities - Variable Annuity	Morningstar Category	Inception Date	Total Returns		Average Annual Total Returns				Total Annual Operating Expenses (%/Per \$1000)		Fee Waiver Expiration	Shareholder Fees & Restrictions*
			3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year/ Since Inception	Gross	Net		
CREF Total Global Stock Account (R4) (QCSTFX) <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Global Large-Stock Blend	09/16/22 07/31/52	3.31%	21.62%	21.62%	20.29%	11.05%	11.94%	0.11%	0.11%		Round Trip: If a round trip is made within 60 calendar days, exchanges into the same account will be restricted for 90 calendar days. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: MSCI ACWI IMI NR USD			3.22%	22.06%	22.06%	19.98%	10.75%	11.45%				
Benchmark: CREF Stock Account Composite Index			3.23%	22.25%	22.25%	20.52%	11.43%	12.47%				

Investment products, insurance and annuity products: are not FDIC insured, are not bank guaranteed, are not deposits, are not insured by any federal government agency, are not a condition to any banking service or activity, and may lose value.

Equities - Mutual Fund	Morningstar Category	Inception Date	Total Returns		Average Annual Total Returns				Total Annual Operating Expenses (%/Per \$1000)		Fee Waiver Expiration	Shareholder Fees & Restrictions*
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American Funds EUPAC Fund Class R-6 (RERGX) <sup>4,5,6</sup>	Foreign Large Growth	05/01/09	4.62%	29.18%	29.18%	16.34%	4.59%	8.46%	0.47%	0.47%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: MSCI ACWI Ex USA NR USD			5.05%	32.39%	32.39%	17.33%	7.91%	8.41%				
Cohen & Steers Institutional Realty Shares (CSRIX) <sup>4,7,8</sup>	Real Estate	02/14/00	-2.57%	3.09%	3.09%	7.27%	5.77%	6.48%	0.76%	0.75%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund.
Benchmark: S&P 500 TR USD			2.66%	17.88%	17.88%	23.01%	14.42%	14.82%				
MFS Value Fund Class R6 (MEIKX) <sup>4,8,9</sup>	Large Value	05/01/06	2.17%	13.27%	13.27%	11.17%	10.20%	10.33%	0.45%	0.44%	12/31/26	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: Russell 3000 TR USD			2.40%	17.15%	17.15%	22.25%	13.15%	14.29%				
Nationwide Geneva Small Cap Growth Fund Class R6 (NWKCX) <sup>4,5,10</sup>	Small Growth	09/18/13	-0.81%	-8.24%	-8.24%	7.66%	1.17%	9.30%	0.83%	0.83%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: Russell 3000 TR USD			2.40%	17.15%	17.15%	22.25%	13.15%	14.29%				
PIMCO RAE US Small Fund Institutional Class (PMJIX) <sup>4,9,10</sup>	Small Value	06/05/15	3.65%	6.29%	6.29%	15.93%	15.83%	12.64%	0.50%	0.50%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: S&P 500 TR USD			2.66%	17.88%	17.88%	23.01%	14.42%	14.82%				
Vanguard Extended Market Index Fund Institutional Shares (VIEIX) <sup>4,10</sup>	Mid-Cap Blend	07/07/97	0.15%	11.42%	11.42%	17.77%	6.20%	11.02%	0.05%	0.05%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: Dow Jones US Total Stock Market TR USD			2.35%	17.05%	17.05%	22.27%	13.07%	14.21%				
Vanguard Growth Index Fund Institutional Shares (VIGIX) <sup>4,5</sup>	Large Growth	05/14/98	1.77%	19.44%	19.44%	32.50%	14.63%	17.45%	0.04%	0.04%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: Dow Jones US Total Stock Market TR USD			2.35%	17.05%	17.05%	22.27%	13.07%	14.21%				

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Vanguard Institutional Index Fund Institutional Shares (VINIX) <sup>4</sup>	Large Blend	07/31/90	2.64%	17.84%	17.84%	22.96%	14.39%	14.79%	0.04%	0.04%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: S&P 500 TR USD			2.66%	17.88%	17.88%	23.01%	14.42%	14.82%				
Vanguard Mid-Cap Growth Index Fund Admiral Shares (VMGMX) <sup>4,5,10</sup>	Mid-Cap Growth	09/27/11	-4.76%	10.69%	10.69%	16.63%	6.35%	11.63%	0.07%	0.07%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: Dow Jones US Total Stock Market TR USD			2.35%	17.05%	17.05%	22.27%	13.07%	14.21%				
Vanguard Mid-Cap Value Index Fund Admiral Shares (VMVAX) <sup>4,5,10</sup>	Mid-Cap Value	09/27/11	2.10%	12.05%	12.05%	11.93%	10.71%	9.94%	0.07%	0.07%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: Dow Jones US Total Stock Market TR USD			2.35%	17.05%	17.05%	22.27%	13.07%	14.21%				
Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund Institutional Shares (VTSNX) <sup>4,6,11</sup>	Foreign Large Blend	11/29/10	4.51%	32.23%	32.23%	17.13%	7.97%	8.54%	0.06%	0.06%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: MSCI ACWI Ex USA NR USD			5.05%	32.39%	32.39%	17.33%	7.91%	8.41%				

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BlackRock Total Return Fund Class K Shares (MPHQX) <sup>4</sup>	Intermediate Core-Plus Bond	12/07/01	1.11%	8.19%	8.19%	5.32%	-0.08%	2.49%	0.38%	0.38%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond TR USD			1.10%	7.30%	7.30%	4.66%	-0.36%	2.01%				

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PGIM High Yield Fund- Class R6 (PHYQX) <sup>4,12</sup>	High Yield	10/31/11	1.24%	9.14%	9.14%	9.95%	4.60%	6.59%	0.38%	0.38%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. PIn Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond TR USD			1.10%	7.30%	7.30%	4.66%	-0.36%	2.01%				
Vanguard Inflation-Protected Securities Fund Admiral Shares (VAIPX) <sup>4</sup>	Inflation-Protected Bond	06/10/05	0.09%	6.87%	6.87%	4.15%	1.03%	2.98%	0.10%	0.10%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. PIn Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond TR USD			1.10%	7.30%	7.30%	4.66%	-0.36%	2.01%				
Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund Admiral Shares (VBIRX) <sup>4</sup>	Short-Term Bond	11/12/01	1.19%	6.08%	6.08%	4.89%	1.52%	2.11%	0.06%	0.06%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. PIn Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: Bloomberg US Aggregate Float Adjusted TR USD			1.07%	7.21%	7.21%	4.68%	-0.37%	2.05%				
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund Admiral Shares (VBTLX) <sup>4</sup>	Intermediate Core Bond	11/12/01	0.99%	7.15%	7.15%	4.67%	-0.42%	1.98%	0.04%	0.04%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. PIn Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: Bloomberg US Aggregate Float Adjusted TR USD			1.07%	7.21%	7.21%	4.68%	-0.37%	2.05%				
Vanguard Total International Bond Index Fund Admiral™ Shares (VTABX) <sup>4</sup>	Global Bond-USD Hedged	05/31/13	0.52%	2.96%	2.96%	5.12%	-0.22%	2.09%	0.10%	0.10%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. PIn Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: Bloomberg Global Aggregate Ex USD TR USD			-0.47%	8.85%	8.85%	3.29%	-3.59%	0.56%				

Multi Asset - Variable Annuity	Morningstar Category	Inception Date	Total Returns		Average Annual Total Returns				Total Annual Operating Expenses (%/Per \$1000)		Fee Waiver Expiration	Shareholder Fees & Restrictions*
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CREF Responsible Balanced Account (R4) (QSCCFX) <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Global Moderate Allocation	09/16/22 03/01/90	2.00%	15.18%	15.18%	13.04%	6.59%	8.28%	0.07%	0.07%	-	Round Trip: If a round trip is made within 60 calendar days, exchanges into the same account will be restricted for 90 calendar days. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: Morningstar Moderate Target Risk TR USD			1.99%	15.95%	15.95%	12.43%	5.95%	7.83%				
Benchmark: CREF Responsible Balanced Account Composite Index			2.43%	15.95%	15.95%	14.29%	7.13%	8.50%				

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Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund (VTWNX) <sup>4,13</sup>	Target-Date 2020	06/07/06	1.63%	12.15%	12.15%	10.78%	4.77%	6.87%	0.08%	0.08%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: MSCI US Broad Market GR USD			2.44%	17.21%	17.21%	22.35%	13.28%	14.37%				
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund (VTVX) <sup>4,13</sup>			2.00%	14.60%	14.60%	12.84%	5.90%	7.87%	0.08%	0.08%	-	
Benchmark: MSCI US Broad Market GR USD			2.44%	17.21%	17.21%	22.35%	13.28%	14.37%				Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund (VTHR) <sup>4,13</sup>	Target-Date 2030	06/07/06	2.30%	16.24%	16.24%	14.27%	6.83%	8.66%	0.08%	0.08%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: MSCI US Broad Market GR USD			2.44%	17.21%	17.21%	22.35%	13.28%	14.37%				

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Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund (VTTHX) <sup>4,13</sup>	Target-Date 2035	10/27/03	2.49%	17.54%	17.54%	15.46%	7.71%	9.40%	0.08%	0.08%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: MSCI US Broad Market GR USD			2.44%	17.21%	17.21%	22.35%	13.28%	14.37%				
Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund (VFORX) <sup>4,13</sup>	Target-Date 2040	06/07/06	2.69%	18.76%	18.76%	16.63%	8.57%	10.13%	0.08%	0.08%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: MSCI US Broad Market GR USD			2.44%	17.21%	17.21%	22.35%	13.28%	14.37%				
Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund (VTIVX) <sup>4,13</sup>	Target-Date 2045	10/27/03	2.87%	19.99%	19.99%	17.76%	9.41%	10.74%	0.08%	0.08%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: MSCI US Broad Market GR USD			2.44%	17.21%	17.21%	22.35%	13.28%	14.37%				
Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund (VFIFX) <sup>4,13</sup>	Target-Date 2050	06/07/06	3.05%	21.41%	21.41%	18.70%	9.95%	11.02%	0.08%	0.08%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: MSCI US Broad Market GR USD			2.44%	17.21%	17.21%	22.35%	13.28%	14.37%				
Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund (VFFVX) <sup>4,13</sup>	Target-Date 2055	08/18/10	3.06%	21.43%	21.43%	18.71%	9.96%	11.02%	0.08%	0.08%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: MSCI US Broad Market GR USD			2.44%	17.21%	17.21%	22.35%	13.28%	14.37%				
Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund (VTTSX) <sup>4,13</sup>	Target-Date 2060	01/19/12	3.06%	21.42%	21.42%	18.71%	9.96%	11.02%	0.08%	0.08%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: MSCI US Broad Market GR USD			2.44%	17.21%	17.21%	22.35%	13.28%	14.37%				

Multi Asset - Mutual Fund	Morningstar Category	Inception Date	Total Returns		Average Annual Total Returns				Total Annual Operating Expenses (%/Per \$1000)		Fee Waiver Expiration	Shareholder Fees & Restrictions*
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Vanguard Target Retirement 2065 Fund (VLXVX) <sup>4,13</sup>	Target-Date 2065+	07/12/17	3.07%	21.43%	21.43%	18.70%	9.98%	10.62%	0.08%	0.08%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: MSCI US Broad Market GR USD			2.44%	17.21%	17.21%	22.35%	13.28%	14.25%				
Vanguard Target Retirement 2070 Fund (VSVNX) <sup>4,13</sup>	Target-Date 2065+	06/28/22	3.07%	21.42%	21.42%	18.71%	-	16.13%	0.53%	0.53%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: MSCI US Broad Market GR USD			2.44%	17.21%	17.21%	22.35%	-	19.25%				
Vanguard Target Retirement Income Fund (VTINX) <sup>4,13</sup>	Target-Date Retirement	10/27/03	1.55%	11.31%	11.31%	9.52%	3.82%	5.33%	0.08%	0.08%	-	Round Trip: You cannot exchange into the fund within 30 calendar days of exchanging out of the fund. Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond TR USD			1.10%	7.30%	7.30%	4.66%	-0.36%	2.01%				

Money Market - Mutual Fund	Morningstar Category	Inception Date	7-Day Yield**	Total Returns		Average Annual Total Returns				Total Annual Operating Expenses (%/Per \$1000)		Fee Waiver Expiration	Shareholder Fees & Restrictions*
				3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year/ Since Inception	Gross	Net		
Vanguard Federal Money Market Fund Investor Shares (VMFXX) <sup>4,14</sup>	Money Market-Taxable	07/13/81	3.71%	0.99%	4.22%	4.22%	4.85%	3.20%	2.14%	0.11%	0.11%	-	Pln Svcs Fee: 0.075%/quarterly
Benchmark: FTSE Treasury Bill 3 Month USD				1.02%	4.40%	4.40%	5.03%	3.31%	2.23%				

**You could lose money by investing in a money market fund. Although a money market fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it cannot guarantee it will do so. An investment in a money market fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. A money market fund's sponsor has no legal obligation to provide support to a money market fund, and you should not expect that the sponsor will provide financial support to a money market fund at any time.**

\*\*The current yield more closely reflects the earnings of this investment choice.

Guaranteed - Fixed Annuity	Inception Date	Total Returns		Average Annual Total Returns				Current Rates		Guaranteed Minimum Rate
		3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception	Rate	
TIAA Traditional Annuity - Retirement Choice Plus <sup>15,16,17</sup>	06/01/06	0.94%	3.77%	3.77%	3.91%	3.59%	3.48%	3.63%	4.25%	3.00%

**Additional Information:**

The current rate shown applies to premiums remitted during the month of January 2026 and will be credited through 2/28/2026. This rate is subject to change in subsequent months. Up-to-date rate of return information is available on your plan-specific website noted above or at 800-842-2733. TIAA Traditional guarantees your principal and a minimum annual interest rate. The current guaranteed minimum interest rate is 3.00% for premiums remitted in March 2025 through February 2026, and is effective through February 2026. The account also offers the opportunity for additional amounts in excess of the minimum interest rate. When declared, additional amounts remain in effect for the twelve-month period that begins each March 1 for accumulating annuities and January 1 for payout annuities. Additional amounts are not guaranteed for the future years. All guarantees are subject to TIAA's claims paying ability. For Retirement Choice Plus (RCP) contracts, and subject to the terms of your employer's plan, lump-sum withdrawals and transfers are available from the TIAA Traditional account without any surrender charges. For certain RCP contracts, any transfer from TIAA Traditional to a competing fund must first be directed to a non-competing fund for a period of 90 days. After 90 days, transfers may be made to a competing fund, including transferring back to TIAA Traditional. (TIAA Contract form IGRSP-02-ACC/TIAA Certificate form IGRSP-CERT3-ACC). After termination of employment additional income options may be available including income for life and IRS required minimum distribution payments. The Contractholder (typically your employer as the sponsor of your plan) has the right to remove TIAA Traditional as a plan option. If elected, the contract's entire TIAA Traditional accumulation will be paid out in 60 monthly installments, without any surrender charge and will be reinvested at the direction of your plan sponsor. Please refer to your contract certificate for additional details.

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Equity risk refers to the risk of loss due to the market price of shares falling. Equity funds and variable annuity accounts generally carry a higher degree of risk than fixed income funds and accounts. Fixed income funds and variable annuity accounts are not guaranteed and are subject to interest rate, inflation and credit risks.

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More detailed information on risks applicable to a particular investment option can be found in the prospectus or other product literature.

## Fees and Expenses

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Fee and expense information for the variable return investment options include the Total Annual Operating Expenses expressed as a percentage and a dollar amount based upon a \$1,000 accumulation both as net (after) and gross (before) of expenses. Total Annual Operating Expenses is a measure of what it costs to operate an investment, expressed as a percentage of its assets, as a dollar amount or in basis points. These are costs the investor pays through a reduction in the investment's rate of return. Expense information shown is based on the most recent information available, but may not reflect all updates and may differ slightly from the prospectus due to rounding. Please consult the most recent prospectus or offering document for more detailed information.

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## About the Benchmark

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## Important Information

1 Total annual expense deductions, which include investment advisory, administrative, and distribution (12b-1) expenses, and mortality and expense risk charges, are estimated each year based on projected expense and asset levels. Differences between actual expenses and the estimate are adjusted quarterly and are reflected in current investment results. Historically, adjustments have been small.

2 The Account's total annual expense deduction appears in the Account's prospectus, and may be different than that shown herein due to rounding. Please refer to the prospectus for further details.

3 The performance shown for Classes R1, R2, and R4 that is prior to their respective inception dates is based on the performance of the Accounts' Class R3. The performance for Classes R1 and R2 for periods prior to their inception has not been restated to reflect the current expenses of Classes R1 and R2, which may be higher or lower than Class R3 for the same period. The performance for Class R4 for the periods prior to its inception has not been restated to reflect the lower expenses of Class R4. Class R3 is now considered the oldest share class for CREF, previously it was R1.

4 Accumulations in funds not managed by TIAA may be subject to administrative charges. These charges are subject to change. Please review current documents related to your plan.

5 Due to their relatively high valuations which are generally a function of expected earnings growth, growth stocks will be more volatile than value stocks and such earnings growth may not occur or be sustained.

6 Securities of foreign issuers may lose value because of erratic market conditions, economic and political instability or fluctuations in currency exchange rates, which may be magnified in emerging markets.

7 Funds that focus their investments in real estate are subject to the risks associated with real estate ownership, including fluctuations in property values, higher expenses or lower income than expected, and potential environmental problems and liability.

8 The net expense ratio reflects a contractual arrangement that has the effect of reducing or limiting the fund's expenses. Without such an arrangement, currently or in the past, returns would have been lower. The arrangement will remain in effect until terminated. Please see the prospectus for details.

9 Value stocks may perform differently from the market as a whole and may be undervalued by the market for a long period of time.

10 Securities of smaller companies may be more volatile than those of larger ones, and they are also often less liquid than those of larger companies because there is a limited market for them.

11 The index shown is for comparative purposes only, and may not match other websites or publications.

12 Investments in high-yield bonds (commonly known as junk bonds) are subject to greater risk of loss of principal and interest and an increased risk of default in comparison to higher-rated bonds.

13 As Target Retirement Date Funds are actively managed, their asset allocations are subject to change and may vary from those indicated. They invest in many underlying funds and are exposed to the risks of different areas of the market. Please note that, as with all mutual funds, the principal value of a Target Retirement Date Fund is not guaranteed. The higher a fund's allocation to stocks, the greater the risk. After the target date has been reached, some of these funds may be merged into a fund with a more stable asset allocation. In addition to the fund level expenses these funds are also subject to the expenses of their underlying investments. Please consult the prospectus for more complete information.

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**15** The TIAA Traditional Annuity guarantees principal and a specified interest rate (based on TIAA's claims paying ability). It also offers the potential for greater growth through additional amounts, which may be declared on a year-by-year basis by the TIAA Board of Trustees. These additional amounts, when declared, remain in effect for the "declaration year" which begins each March 1. Additional amounts are not guaranteed. For more up to date information please visit your employer's microsite or TIAA.org. TIAA Traditional is a guaranteed insurance contract and not an investment for federal securities law purposes.

**16** Accumulations are credited with interest based on when contributions and transfers are received, and your performance will reflect your pattern of contributions. The returns shown in the table reasonably represent what an individual making level monthly premiums would have historically earned over the time periods. Returns for different time periods are calculated in two steps: monthly performance returns are calculated from an accumulation created by a series of level monthly premiums over the prior 10 years (or the inception date of the product if later), and those monthly returns are linked together to determine historical performance for each of the return periods shown.

**17** The Current Rates, Minimum Guaranteed Rates and Fees (if applicable) shown for guaranteed annuities are the rates in effect as of the first day of the month following quarter end. Depending upon the contract, these may apply to new money only or to both new money and existing accumulations. See your annuity contract or certificate for details.





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