

Northwestern 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan

As of 09/30/2009

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EQUITIES As of 09/30/2009			Total Returns		Average Annual Total Returns				Gross/Net Expense Charge	Fee Waiver Expiration
VARIABLE ANNUITY	Symbol	Inception Date	3-Month	YTD	1 Year	5 Year	10 Years	Since Inception		
CREF Equity Index Account Account Number: 008 See notes: 25, 34, 105, 121	--	04/29/94	16.18%	20.84%	-6.70%	1.16%	0.36%	7.36%	0.49%/0.49%	--
CREF Global Equities Account Account Number: 006 See notes: 25, 34, 105, 121	--	05/01/92	18.42%	27.15%	-2.10%	3.28%	0.61%	6.83%	0.65%/0.65%	--
CREF Growth Account Account Number: 007 See notes: 25, 34, 105, 121	--	04/29/94	14.13%	26.63%	-2.35%	1.56%	-3.44%	5.56%	0.58%/0.58%	--
CREF Stock Account Account Number: 002 See notes: 25, 34, 105, 121	--	08/01/52	17.65%	25.77%	-3.05%	2.79%	1.03%	9.70%	0.59%/0.59%	--
MUTUAL FUND										
TIAA-CREF Equity Index Fund Fund Number: 373 See notes: 34, 121	TIQRX	03/31/06	16.14%	20.84%	-6.60%	--	--	-3.87%	0.33%/0.33%	--
TIAA-CREF Growth and Income Fund Fund Number: 011 See notes: 34, 121	TRGIX	10/01/02	15.91%	21.75%	-2.66%	4.86%	--	7.40%	0.75%/0.75%	--
TIAA-CREF International Equity Fund Fund Number: 013 See notes: 34, 121, 131	TRERX	10/01/02	18.94%	25.61%	-3.42%	4.59%	--	9.61%	0.79%/0.79%	--
TIAA-CREF International Equity Index Fund Fund Number: 027 See notes: 34, 121, 131	TRIEX	10/01/02	19.25%	26.85%	1.57%	5.82%	--	10.49%	0.36%/0.36%	--
TIAA-CREF Large-Cap Growth Fund Fund Number: 348 See notes: 34, 121, 301	TILRX	03/31/06	13.67%	24.89%	-4.17%	--	--	-2.73%	0.78%/0.77%	01/31/10



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TIAA-CREF Large-Cap Growth Index Fund Fund Number: 019 See notes: 34, 121, 301	TRIRX	10/01/02	13.89%	26.95%	-2.06%	1.48%	--	4.80%	0.35%/0.34%	04/30/10
TIAA-CREF Large-Cap Value Fund Fund Number: 014 See notes: 34, 121	TRLCX	10/01/02	19.87%	28.32%	-0.88%	2.10%	--	7.46%	0.74%/0.74%	--
TIAA-CREF Large-Cap Value Index Fund Fund Number: 020 See notes: 34, 121	TRCVX	10/01/02	18.15%	14.70%	-10.77%	0.59%	--	5.69%	0.35%/0.35%	--
TIAA-CREF Mid-Cap Growth Fund Fund Number: 015 See notes: 34, 121	TRGMX	10/01/02	17.44%	36.44%	-2.69%	3.15%	--	9.00%	0.81%/0.81%	--
TIAA-CREF Mid-Cap Value Fund Fund Number: 016 See notes: 34, 121	TRVRX	10/01/02	20.30%	31.52%	-3.98%	5.20%	--	11.10%	0.77%/0.77%	--
TIAA-CREF Real Estate Securities Fund Fund Number: 017 See notes: 34, 121	TRRSX	10/01/02	31.70%	13.79%	-28.95%	-0.66%	--	6.90%	0.81%/0.81%	--
TIAA-CREF S&P 500 Index Fund Fund Number: 018 See notes: 34, 121	TRSPX	10/01/02	15.50%	19.05%	-7.11%	0.70%	--	4.89%	0.31%/0.31%	--
TIAA-CREF Small-Cap Blend Index Fund Fund Number: 024 See notes: 34, 121, 131, 301	TRBIX	10/01/02	19.13%	21.84%	-10.06%	2.13%	--	8.39%	0.42%/0.35%	04/30/10
TIAA-CREF Small-Cap Equity Fund Fund Number: 028 See notes: 34, 121, 131	TRSEX	10/01/02	19.17%	21.70%	-8.57%	1.17%	--	8.04%	0.78%/0.78%	--
TIAA-CREF Social Choice Equity Fund Fund Number: 012 See notes: 34, 121	TRSCX	10/01/02	16.56%	23.09%	-6.17%	1.70%	--	6.00%	0.46%/0.46%	--

REAL ESTATE As of 09/30/2009

VARIABLE ANNUITY	Symbol	Inception Date	Total Returns		Average Annual Total Returns				Gross/Net Expense Charge	Fee Waiver Expiration
			3-Month	YTD	1 Year	5 Year	10 Years	Since Inception		
TIAA Real Estate Account Account Number: 009 See notes: 25, 34, 101, 105	--	10/02/95	-7.64%	-23.79%	-33.83%	0.02%	3.86%	5.12%	1.01%/1.01%	--

FIXED INCOME As of 09/30/2009

VARIABLE ANNUITY	Symbol	Inception Date	Total Returns		Average Annual Total Returns				Gross/Net Expense Charge	Fee Waiver Expiration
			3-Month	YTD	1 Year	5 Year	10 Years	Since Inception		
CREF Bond Market Account Account Number: 005 See notes: 25, 34, 105, 121	--	03/01/90	4.07%	6.59%	9.20%	4.22%	5.79%	6.82%	0.50%/0.50%	--
CREF Inflation-Linked Bond Account Account Number: 010 See notes: 25, 34, 105	--	05/01/97	2.85%	7.60%	4.58%	4.26%	7.03%	6.34%	0.50%/0.50%	--

MUTUAL FUND										
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TIAA-CREF High-Yield Fund Fund Number: 355 See notes: 34, 121, 131, 301	TIHRX	03/31/06	10.32%	35.87%	18.54%	--	--	5.28%	0.69%/0.65%	01/31/10
TIAA-CREF Short-Term Bond Fund Fund Number: 361 See notes: 34, 121, 301	TISRX	03/31/06	3.17%	4.79%	7.07%	--	--	4.56%	0.63%/0.55%	01/31/10

MONEY MARKET As of 09/30/2009

VARIABLE ANNUITY	Symbol	Inception Date	Yields	Total Returns		Average Annual Total Returns				Gross/Net Expense Charge	Fee Waiver Expiration
			7-Day Current Yield*	3-Month	YTD	1 Year	5 Year	10 Years	Since Inception		

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

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			Yields		Total Returns		Average Annual Total Returns			Gross/Net Expense Charge	Fee Waiver Expiration
VARIABLE ANNUITY	Symbol	Inception Date	7-Day Current Yield*	3-Month	YTD	1 Year	5 Year	10 Years	Since Inception		
CREF Money Market Account Account Number: 003 See notes: 25, 30, 34, 78, 105, 121	--	04/01/88	0.01%	0.00%	0.11%	0.73%	3.08%	3.00%	4.46%	0.47%/0.47%	--

GUARANTEED As of 09/30/2009

				Rates of Return			
GUARANTEED ANNUITY				1 Year	5 Year	10 Years	Current Rate
TIAA Traditional Account Account Number: 001 See notes: 26, 32, 101, 105				3.91%	3.55%	5.59%	3.00%

MULTI-ASSET As of 09/30/2009


			Total Returns		Average Annual Total Returns			Gross/Net Expense Charge	Fee Waiver Expiration	
VARIABLE ANNUITY	Symbol	Inception Date	3-Month	YTD	1 Year	5 Year	10 Years			Since Inception
CREF Social Choice Account Account Number: 004 See notes: 25, 34, 105, 121	--	03/01/90	12.19%	18.04%	2.26%	3.12%	2.95%	8.29%	0.53%/0.53%	--

MUTUAL FUND

TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2010 Fund Fund Number: 135 See notes: 34, 121, 301	TCLEX	10/15/04	10.68%	16.18%	3.36%	--	--	3.17%	0.87%/0.66%	01/31/10
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2015 Fund Fund Number: 136 See notes: 34, 121, 301	TCLIX	10/15/04	11.81%	17.77%	2.49%	--	--	2.96%	0.89%/0.67%	01/31/10
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2020 Fund Fund Number: 137 See notes: 34, 121, 301	TCLTX	10/15/04	12.86%	19.22%	1.40%	--	--	2.51%	0.92%/0.69%	01/31/10
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2025 Fund Fund Number: 138 See notes: 34, 121, 301	TCLFX	10/15/04	13.89%	20.53%	0.08%	--	--	2.09%	0.94%/0.70%	01/31/10
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2030 Fund Fund Number: 139 See notes: 34, 121, 301	TCLNX	10/15/04	14.99%	21.78%	-1.41%	--	--	1.58%	0.96%/0.71%	01/31/10
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2035 Fund Fund Number: 140 See notes: 34, 121, 301	TCLRX	10/15/04	15.93%	23.04%	-1.94%	--	--	1.59%	0.98%/0.72%	01/31/10
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2040 Fund Fund Number: 141 See notes: 34, 121, 301	TCLOX	10/15/04	15.91%	23.04%	-1.91%	--	--	1.98%	0.95%/0.72%	01/31/10
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2045 Fund Fund Number: 522 See notes: 34, 121, 301	TIFRX	11/30/07	15.91%	23.10%	-2.93%	--	--	-14.48%	7.08%/0.73%	04/30/10
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle 2050 Fund Fund Number: 525 See notes: 34, 121, 301	TLFRX	11/30/07	15.88%	22.64%	-4.08%	--	--	-14.67%	8.17%/0.72%	04/30/10
TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Retirement Income Fund Fund Number: 528 See notes: 34, 121, 125, 301	TLIRX	11/30/07	8.88%	13.74%	4.86%	--	--	-3.39%	2.17%/0.63%	04/30/10
TIAA-CREF Managed Allocation Fund Fund Number: 352 See notes: 34, 121, 124, 301	TITRX	03/31/06	12.15%	18.17%	1.39%	--	--	-0.54%	0.77%/0.71%	01/31/10

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- 30 The 7-day money market yield listed more closely reflects the current earnings of the money market annuity account than does the total return.
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- 26 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.
- 32 Interest credited to TIAA Traditional Annuities includes a guaranteed rate of between 1% and 3%, plus any additional amounts that are established on a year-by-year basis. The additional amounts, when declared, remain in effect through the "declaration year," which begins each March 1.
- 101 All displayed performance and statistical data have been compiled by TIAA-CREF.
- 105 Annuities are designed for retirement savings or for other long-term goals. They offer several payment options, including lifetime income. Payments from TIAA and CREF variable annuities are not guaranteed, and the payment amounts will rise or fall depending on investment returns. Mutual funds do not offer the range of income options available through annuities.
- 124 The Managed Allocation fund operates at a zero expense ratio because the fund advisor does not receive a management fee for its services to the fund and has agreed to be responsible for providing the services reasonably necessary for the ordinary operation of the fund. Shareholders indirectly bear their pro rata share of the fees and expenses of the fund in which the Managed Allocation fund invests.
- 125 This is a new investment choice being offered by TIAA-CREF and no performance is available this quarter.
- 131 You will be charged a 2.00% fee of the amount redeemed or exchanged out of the fund within 60 calendar days of the initial purchase date. Please see the prospectus for details about this redemption fee and certain exemptions that may apply. The above performance data does not reflect the deduction of the redemption fee, and if reflected, the fee would reduce the performance quoted.
- 301 The net annual expense reflects a contractual reimbursement of various expenses by the fund's advisor. This reimbursement may be discontinued at any time.

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