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# CollegeCounts Alabama's 529 Fund Supplemental Report

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2026

August 2026

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# Market Performance as of 6/30/2026

# Equity Markets (as of 6/30/2026)

| U.S. Equity                       | QTR (%) | YTD (%) | 1 Year (%) | 3 Year (%) | 5 Year (%) |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|------------|------------|
| Russell 3000 Index                | 15.44   | 10.88   | 22.82      | 20.36      | 12.31      |
| Standard & Poor's 500             | 15.20   | 10.21   | 22.32      | 20.61      | 13.41      |
| Russell 1000 Index                | 15.14   | 10.33   | 22.02      | 20.47      | 12.66      |
| Russell 1000 Growth Index         | 16.74   | 5.33    | 17.71      | 22.58      | 13.71      |
| Russell 1000 Value Index          | 13.87   | 16.26   | 27.12      | 17.79      | 11.17      |
| Russell 2000 Index                | 21.49   | 22.57   | 40.78      | 18.60      | 6.98       |
| Russell 2000 Growth Index         | 25.71   | 22.18   | 38.74      | 18.44      | 5.57       |
| Russell 2000 Value Index          | 17.19   | 22.99   | 43.01      | 18.73      | 8.23       |
| Non-U.S. Equity                   | QTR (%) | YTD (%) | 1 Year (%) | 3 Year (%) | 5 Year (%) |
| MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Index           | 14.49   | 13.68   | 27.66      | 18.82      | 8.79       |
| MSCI EAFE Index                   | 10.82   | 9.44    | 20.23      | 16.44      | 9.05       |
| MSCI Emerging Markets Index       | 24.05   | 23.85   | 43.51      | 23.03      | 7.20       |
| MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Small Cap Index | 9.62    | 9.10    | 19.83      | 16.42      | 6.30       |

- U.S. Equity markets posted strong double digit returns during the quarter.
- Within U.S. markets, small cap stocks outperformed large cap stocks and growth stocks outperformed value stocks.
- Non-U.S. equity markets also posted strong results during the quarter.
- Within non-U.S. markets, emerging markets significantly outperformed developed markets.

# Fixed Income & Real Assets Markets (as of 6/30/2026)

| U.S. Fixed Income                   | QTR (%) | YTD (%) | 1 Year (%) | 3 Year (%) | 5 Year (%) |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|------------|------------|
| Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate            | 0.67    | 0.62    | 3.79       | 4.16       | 0.08       |
| Bloomberg U.S. TIPS                 | 0.89    | 1.15    | 3.42       | 3.98       | 1.01       |
| Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield | 2.47    | 1.96    | 5.91       | 8.86       | 4.17       |
| Global Fixed Income                 | QTR (%) | YTD (%) | 1 Year (%) | 3 Year (%) | 5 Year (%) |
| Bloomberg Global Aggregate          | 0.87    | -0.21   | 0.62       | 3.41       | -1.55      |
| Bloomberg Global Aggregate (Hedged) | 1.30    | 1.15    | 3.17       | 4.50       | 0.88       |
| Bloomberg EM USD Aggregate          | 3.42    | 2.03    | 8.03       | 8.46       | 2.02       |
| Real Estate / Commodity             | QTR (%) | YTD (%) | 1 Year (%) | 3 Year (%) | 5 Year (%) |
| Wilshire Global Real Estate         | 6.50    | 7.28    | 9.25       | 9.82       | 3.32       |
| Bloomberg Commodity Index           | -8.08   | 14.36   | 25.46      | 11.69      | 9.37       |

- Fixed income markets posted modestly positive returns during the quarter.
- The best performing sub-asset classes during the quarter were U.S. High Yield and Emerging Market Debt.
- Global REITs posted positive results during the quarter while Commodities had negative returns due to falling energy prices.

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# July Market Performance

# Markets (as of 7/31/2026)

| U.S. Equity                         | MTD (%) | YTD (%) |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Russell 3000 Index                  | -0.47   | 10.35   |
| U.S. Equity by Size/Style           | MTD (%) | YTD (%) |
| Russell 1000 Index                  | -0.35   | 9.93    |
| Russell 1000 Growth Index           | -4.76   | 0.32    |
| Russell 1000 Value Index            | 3.82    | 20.67   |
| Russell 2000 Index                  | -3.03   | 18.85   |
| Russell 2000 Growth Index           | -5.86   | 15.02   |
| Russell 2000 Value Index            | 0.01    | 23.00   |
| Non-U.S. Equity                     | MTD (%) | YTD (%) |
| MSCI EAFE Index                     | 1.96    | 11.59   |
| MSCI Emerging Markets Index         | -3.07   | 20.04   |
| U.S. Fixed Income                   | MTD (%) | YTD (%) |
| Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate            | -1.30   | -0.69   |
| Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield | -0.25   | 1.71    |

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# Plan Performance Summary



## Performance Summary – Direct Plan

- Strong absolute performance for the Target and Age-Based portfolios during the quarter
  - Portfolios underperformed their respective benchmarks due primarily to the reversal of the fair value pricing boost that the international stock index fund received in the first quarter.
- Mixed relative performance from the active fixed income managers
  - PIMCO ST Bond and PGIM Total Return Bond modestly outperformed
  - Vanguard High Yield modestly underperformed
- Negative relative performance from active U.S. equity managers
  - T. Rowe Price Large Cap Growth, DFA Large Cap Value, Vanguard Explorer, and DFA Small Cap Value underperformed
- Positive relative performance from active international equity manager
  - Dodge & Cox International outperformed

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Notable Fund Performance – Direct Plan

- Outperformers:

- *Dodge & Cox International Stock outperformed by 1.73% (Plan Assets - \$7.8 million)*
  - Out of benchmark allocation to emerging markets
  - Stock selection in Japan and within the Materials sector

- Underperformers:

- *DFA Small Cap Value underperformed by 6.17% (Plan Assets - \$5.6 million)*
  - Emphasis on value stocks and stocks with higher profitability detracted from relative performance
  - Underweight allocation to and stock selection within the Information Technology sector
- *Vanguard Explorer underperformed by 3.50% (Plan Assets - \$5.2 million)*
  - Stock selection within the Financials and Industrials sectors
  - Overweight allocation to the Energy sector and modest cash allocation
- *DFA Large Cap Value underperformed by 2.02% (Plan Assets - \$135.0 million)*
  - Emphasis on value stocks and stocks with higher profitability detracted from relative performance
  - Overweight allocation to the Energy sector
- *T. Rowe Price Large Cap Growth underperformed by 1.73% (Plan Assets - \$183.3 million)*
  - Stock selection within the Information Technology sector
  - Overweight exposure to weak relative performing Financials sector

## Performance Summary – Advisor Plan

- Strong absolute performance for the Target and Age-Based portfolios during the quarter
  - Most portfolios underperformed their respective benchmarks due to weak relative performance from the active equity managers
- Positive relative performance from the active fixed income managers
  - PIMCO ST Bond, PGIM Total Return Bond, and AB Global Bond modestly outperformed
- Mostly weak relative performance from active U.S. equity managers
  - T. Rowe Price Large Cap Growth, DFA Large Cap Value, T. Rowe Price Integrated Small Cap Growth, and Avantis Small Cap Value underperformed
  - T. Rowe Price Small Cap Value outperformed
- Mixed relative performance from active international equity managers
  - Neuberger International Select modestly outperformed
  - Vanguard Emerging Markets Select Stock and DFA International Small Company underperformed
- Mixed relative performance from real asset managers
  - Parametric Commodity Strategy outperformed
  - DFA Real Estate underperformed

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Notable Fund Performance – Advisor Plan

- Outperformers:

- *Parametric Commodity Strategy outperformed by 4.54% (Plan Assets - \$18.7 million)*
  - Underweight allocations to crude oil and gold
  - Overweight allocation to cocoa
- *T. Rowe Price Small Cap Value outperformed by 1.31% (Plan Assets - \$8.5 million)*
  - Stock selection within the Industrials, Health Care, and Real Estate sectors
  - Overweight allocation to the strong performing Information Technology sector

- Underperformers:

- *Avantis Small Cap Value underperformed by 3.36% (Plan Assets - \$14.9 million)*
  - Overweight to companies with lower valuations and higher profitability detracted
  - Overweight allocation to the weak performing Energy sector
- *DFA International Small Company underperformed by 2.53% (Plan Assets - \$28.5 million)*
  - Overweight to smaller market cap names and exclusion of high valuation and low profitability detracted
  - Stock selection within the Industrials and Materials sectors
- *T. Rowe Price Integrated Small Cap Growth underperformed by 1.62% (Plan Assets - \$26.1 million)*
  - Stock selection within the Information Technology and Health Care sectors
  - Overweight allocation to the weak performing Energy sector

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