IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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CAROLINE KEEVEN, on behalf of)	APR 25, 2025
herself and all others similarly situated,)	JOAN M. GILMER
•)	CIRCUIT CLERK ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MO
Plaintiff,)	
) Cause No	:21SL-CC05384
v.)	
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Webster University,)	
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Defendant.)	

<u>|PROPOSED|</u> ORDER APPROVING ATTORNEYS' FEES, EXPENSES, AND SERVICE <u>AWARD</u>

This matter came before the Court for hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Expenses, and Service Award from Settlement with Defendant Webster University ("Fee Application").

The Court, being fully advised in the premises, and pursuant to Mo. Sup. Ct. R. 52.08, finds and orders as follows:

- 1. Plaintiff's Fee Application requests an award of attorneys' fees of one-third of the Settlement Amount of \$250,000; an award of \$2,389 for litigation expenses; and a Service Award to Plaintiff in the amount of \$5,000, all to be paid out of the common settlement funds established by Defendant Webster University ("Webster").²
- 2. The Court finds that these requests are authorized by the parties' Settlement Agreement and that the Settlement Agreement sets forth reasonable procedures and deadlines for payment.

¹ Unless otherwise stated, all defined terms used herein have the meanings set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

² The Fee Application was posted on the Settlement Website.

- 3. The request for attorneys' fees is fair and reasonable, considering: (1) the results obtained/benefit conferred on the Class; (2) the complexity of the issues at stake in this action; (3) the experience, skill, and reputation of the attorney's involved and vigor of the opposition; (4) the duration of the litigation and time spent by the attorneys on the matter; (5) the great risk of pursuing the matter on a contingent basis; and (6) fees awarded in similar cases.
- 4. The Court finds that an award of costs of \$2,389 will reimburse Class Counsel for expenses that they reasonably bore during the course of the case.
- 5. The requested service award to Plaintiff of \$5,000 is fair and reasonable in light of the time and effort that Plaintiff devoted to this case. This award is separate from and in addition to any award to which Plaintiff may be entitled as a Class Member.
- 6. No objections to the Fee Application have been filed with the Court and no party to this litigation has opposed the Fee Application.

Accordingly, the Fee Application should be, and hereby is, **GRANTED**.

NOW THEREFORE, GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

- 1. The Settlement Administrator shall pay from the Settlement Escrow Class Counsel's reasonable attorneys' fees in the amount of \$83,333. This amount shall be paid as follows: \$56,166.50 from the Fee Class Fund and \$27,166.50 from the Meal Plan Class Fund
- 2. The Settlement Administrator shall pay from the Settlement Escrow Class Counsel's litigation expenses in the amount of \$2,389. This amount shall be paid as follows: \$1,194.50 from the Fee Class Fund and \$1,194.50 from the Meal Plan Class Fund.

- 3. The Settlement Administrator shall pay from the Settlement Escrow Plaintiff Keeven's Service Award in the amount of \$5,000. This amount shall be paid as follows: \$2,500 from the Fee Class Fund and \$2,500 from the Meal Plan Class Fund.
- 4. The Settlement Administrator is ordered to make these payments pursuant to the procedures and deadlines set forth in the Settlement Agreement.
 - 5. There is no just reason for delay of enforcement or appeal of this Order.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.		Judge Division 14 April 25, 2025
DATED:	, 2025	
		Hon. Kristine A. Kerr