

Earnings Presentation

3rd Quarter 2024



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3rd Quarter 2024 Highlights

Balance Sheet & Capital Allocation

\$2.8B

Private Education Loan Originations in Q3 2024, as compared to \$2.5 billion in the year-ago quarter.

13%

Private Education Loan Originations growth from year-ago quarter.

\$0.11

Common stock dividend per share paid in Q3 2024.

5.3M

Share repurchased in Q3 2024 at an average share price of \$21.58 per share.

12.9%

Total risk-based capital ratio; CET1 capital ratio of 11.6%.

\$0.13

Common stock dividend per share declared for Q4 2024.

\$448M

Capacity remaining under the 2024 Share Repurchase Program as of September 30, 2024.

Statement of Operations & Earnings Summary

\$50M

GAAP Net Loss attributable to common stock in Q3 2024.

\$0.23

Q3 2024 GAAP Net Loss per common share.

5.00%

Net interest margin for Q3 2024, down from 5.43% in Q3 2023.

\$171M

Total operating expenses in Q3 2024, as compared to \$167M in the year-ago quarter.

Additional Key Performance Metrics

ABS Securitization

\$868M

Student loan ABS transaction was successfully priced on 8/7/24.

Represents SLM's largest on-balance sheet ABS transaction to date.

Funding & Liquidity

Deposit portfolio balances at the end of Q3 2024 were 3% higher than at the end of Q2 2024; Q3 2024 mix of brokered vs. retail and other was approximately 46% and 54%, respectively.

2%

Uninsured deposits as a percentage of total deposits as of 9/30/2024.

\$87M

Unrealized losses on marketable securities portfolio as of 9/30/2024.

20 bps

Approximate regulatory capital charge that would result if losses were realized.

Credit Performance

\$271M

Q3 2024 provision for credit losses; **5.84%** total allowance as a percentage of the ending total loan balance plus unfunded commitments and accrued interest receivable on private education loans, compared with 5.99% in Q3 2023.

3.6%

Percentage of Private Education Loans in repayment delinquent 30+ days as of 9/30/2024.

\$77M

Private Education Loan net charge-offs for Q3 2024; 2.08% of average loans in repayment (annualized), compared with 2.53% in Q3 2023.

0.9%

Percentage of Private Education Loans in an extended grace period for Q3 2024⁽⁹⁾; **1.0%** of Private Education Loans in hardship and other forbearances in Q3 2024⁽¹⁰⁾.

- Enhanced loss mitigation programs continue to be a useful tool in helping our borrowers establish positive payment habits.
- Observing continued improvement in our roll to default rates and the percentage of borrowers in loss mitigation programs requiring payment continues to improve as well.

Private Education Loan Trends



Third quarter 2024 originations at approximately \$2.8 billion, 13% higher than the year-ago quarter.



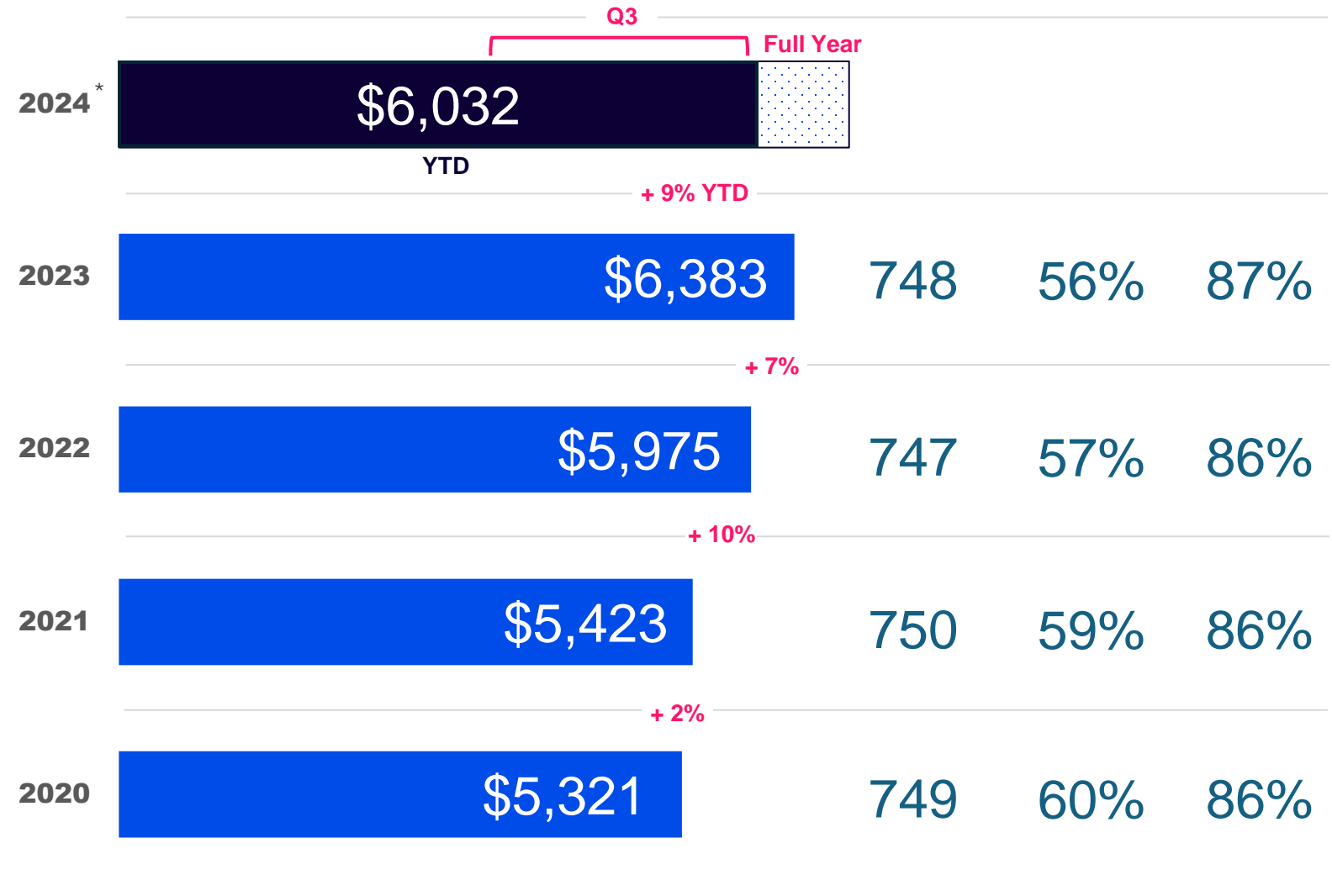
Originations volume for graduate students increased 22% YTD through the third quarter as compared to the year-ago period. While these loans make up only 2% of our total outstanding portfolio, they represent high quality borrowers.

Q3 2024 754 57% 92%
Average FICO at Approval⁽²⁾ In School Payment Cosigned

Q3 2023 749 56% 90%
Average FICO at Approval⁽²⁾ In School Payment Cosigned

Private Education Loan Originations⁽¹⁾

Average FICO at Approval⁽²⁾ In School Payment Cosigned



* The shaded block representing full year 2024 originations is a projected estimate. These estimates and related comments constitute forward-looking statements and are based on performance during the first nine months of 2024 and management's current expectations and beliefs. There can be no guarantee as to whether and to what extent these estimates will be achieved. The Company undertakes no obligation to revise or release any revision or update to these forward-looking statements. See our Forward-Looking Statements disclosures on pg. 2 for more information.

Quarterly Financial Highlights

	Q3 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2023
Statement of Operations (\$ Millions)			
Total interest income	\$653	\$641	\$652
Total interest expense	293	269	268
Net Interest Income	359	372	385
Less: provisions for credit losses	271	17	198
Total non-interest income	24	142	24
Total non-interest expenses	172	159	170
Income tax expense (benefit)	(14)	87	11
Net Income (Loss)	\$(45)	\$252	\$29
Preferred stock dividends	5	5	5
Net income (loss) attributable to common stock	(50)	247	25
Ending Balances (\$ Millions)			
Private Education Loans held for investment, net	\$20,460	\$18,433	\$20,348
FFELP Loans held for investment, net	-	483	551
FFELP Loans held for sale, net	486	-	-
Deposits	\$21,445	\$20,744	\$21,551
Brokered	9,844	10,033	10,376
Retail and other	11,601	10,711	11,175

	Q3 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2023
Key Performance Metrics			
Net Interest Margin	5.00%	5.36%	5.43%
Yield—Total Interest-earning assets	9.07%	9.25%	9.21%
Private Education Loans	10.79%	10.91%	10.96%
Cost of Funds	4.35%	4.16%	4.00%
Return on Assets (“ROA”) ⁽³⁾	(0.6)%	3.6%	0.4%
Return on Common Equity (“ROCE”) ⁽⁴⁾	(10.2)%	50.6%	6.3%
Private Education Loan Sales	\$-	\$1,590	\$-
Per Common Share			
GAAP diluted earnings (loss) per common share	\$(0.23)	\$1.11	\$0.11
Average common and common equivalent shares outstanding (millions)	215	222	229

Credit Performance⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾

Private Education Loans Held for Investment

	Quarters Ended					
	SEP 30, 2024		JUN 30, 2024		SEP 30, 2023	
(\$ Thousands)	Balance	%	Balance	%	Balance	%
Loans in repayment and percentage of each status:						
Loans current	\$ 14,806,983	96.4%	\$ 13,756,538	96.7%	\$ 14,938,462	96.3%
Loans delinquent 30-59 days	\$ 285,471	1.8%	\$ 224,445	1.5%	\$ 283,621	1.8%
Loans delinquent 60-89 days	\$ 149,098	1.0%	\$ 125,384	0.9%	\$ 153,449	1.0%
Loans 90 days or greater past due	\$ 118,703	0.8%	\$ 125,214	0.9%	\$ 129,613	0.9%
Total private education loans in repayment	\$ 15,360,225	100.0%	\$ 14,231,581	100.0%	\$ 15,505,145	100.0%
Delinquencies as % of loans in repayment		3.6%		3.3%		3.7%
Loans in forbearance	\$ 301,414		\$ 259,192		\$ 213,843	
Percentage of loans in forbearance:						
Percentage of loans in an extended grace period ⁽⁹⁾		0.9%		0.8%		0.2%
Percentage of loans in hardship and other circumstances ⁽¹⁰⁾		1.0%		1.0%		1.2%
Allowance as a % of the ending loans in repayment and accrued interest to be capitalized on loans in repayment		8.91%		8.62%		8.84%
Total allowance* as a percentage of the ending total loan balance plus unfunded loan commitments and accrued interest receivable on private education loans		5.84%		5.90%		5.99%
Net charge-offs as a % of average loans in repayment (annualized)		2.08%		2.19%		2.53%

* Total allowance represents the allowance on private education loans and the allowance for the unfunded loan commitments.

Allowance for Credit Losses

Consolidated Statements of Operations – Provision for Credit Losses Reconciliation

(\$ THOUSANDS)	Quarter Ended September 30, 2024	
	BALANCE	
Private Education Loan provision for credit losses:		
Provision for loan losses	\$	109,196
Provision for unfunded loan commitments		157,901
Total Private Education Loan provisions for credit losses	\$	267,097
Other Impacts to the provision for credit losses:		
FFELP Loans	\$	4,368
Provisions for credit losses reported in consolidated statements of operations	\$	271,465

Factors affecting the Provision for Credit Losses 3rd Quarter 2024

- Outsized originations of approximately \$2.8 Billion in the quarter resulted in an overall increase to provision for the period.
- Provision was also impacted by timing of disbursements, as the amount for unfunded loan commitments increased.
- Total provision YTD decreased from the prior year YTD by 9%.

2024 Guidance*

For the full year 2024, the Company expects:

\$2.70 - \$2.80

GAAP Diluted Earnings
Per Common Share

8% - 9%

Private Education Loan Originations
Year-over-Year Growth

\$325 - \$340

million, or

2.1% - 2.3%⁽¹¹⁾

Total Loan Portfolio Net Charge-Offs

\$635 - \$655

million

Non-Interest Expenses

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Footnotes

1. Originations represent loans that were funded or acquired during the period presented.
2. Represents the higher credit score of the cosigner or the borrower.
3. We calculate and report our Return on Assets (“ROA”) as the ratio of (a) GAAP net income (loss) numerator (annualized) to (b) the GAAP total average assets denominator.
4. We calculate and report our Return on Common Equity (“ROCE”) as the ratio of (a) GAAP net income (loss) attributable to SLM Corporation common stock numerator (annualized) to (b) the net denominator, which consists of GAAP total average equity less total average preferred stock.
5. For Private Education Loans on this slide, “loans in repayment” include loans making interest only or fixed payments, as well as loans that have entered full principal and interest repayment status after any applicable grace period (but do not include those loans while they are in forbearance).
6. For Private Education Loans on this slide, “loans in forbearance” include loans for customers who have requested extension of grace period generally during employment transition or who have temporarily ceased making full payments due to hardship or other factors, consistent with established loan program servicing policies and procedures.
7. The period of delinquency is based on the number of days scheduled payments are contractually past due.
8. Accrued interest to be capitalized on loans in repayment includes interest on loans that are in repayment but have not yet entered full principal and interest repayment status after any applicable grace period (but, for purposes of the table, does not include interest on those loans while they are in forbearance).
9. We calculate the percentage of loans in an extended grace period as the ratio of (a) Private Education Loans in forbearance in an extended grace period numerator to (b) Private Education Loans in repayment and forbearance denominator. An extended grace period aligns with The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency definition of an additional, consecutive, one-time period during which no payment is required for up to six months after the initial grace period. We typically grant this extended grace period to customers who may be having difficulty finding employment before the full principal and interest repayment period starts or once it has begun.
10. We calculate the percentage of loans in hardship and other forbearances as the ratio of (a) Private Education Loans in hardship and other forbearances (excluding loans in an extended grace period) numerator to (b) Private Education Loans in repayment and forbearance denominator. If the customer is in financial hardship, we work with the customer and/or cosigner and identify any available alternative arrangements designed to reduce monthly payment obligations, which may include a short-term hardship forbearance.
11. Net charge-offs as a percentage of average loans in repayment.