Celebrating Rivier's Heritage

1933 Formal opening of Rivier College in Hudson, New Hampshire.
College is founded by Sister Madeleine of Jesus, p.m., who served as President from 1933–1946, with 7 faculty members and 3 students.

1934 Rivier enrolls 24 students: 19 residents and 5 commuters.

1935 New Hampshire State Legislature formally charters the College.

1936 1st degree is conferred—a Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) to Miss June Fortune.

1937 First Commencement ceremony is held—three students receive degrees.

1941 Rivier College campus moves from Hudson to Nashua, New Hampshire; new campus includes four buildings.

1943 College expands—classes held in Molloy Hall.

1944 Installation of Our Lady statue, Queen of the Campus, in the Sunken Garden behind Madeleine Hall.

1945 First building is constructed on campus; Memorial Hall houses an auditorium and classrooms.
First Commencement ceremony is held on Nashua campus.

1946 Construction of St. Joseph Annex includes a chemistry lab, academic and administrative rooms.

1947 Sister St. Pascal, p.m. is installed as President (1947–1953).

1948 College is accredited by New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

1949 Former auditorium is converted to Chapel.

1951 Renovation of the cafeteria expands College.

1953 New Hampshire Legislature grants Rivier charter to confer master's degrees.
Sister Marie Carmella, p.m. is installed as President (1953–1955).

1955 Sister Adelard-Marie, p.m. is installed as President (1955–1957).

1957 Sister Clarice Dion, p.m. is installed as president (1957–1969).

1958 Celebration of Rivier's 25th anniversary—Sister Madeleine of Jesus is the Guest of Honor, and Mrs. Rose Kennedy is the keynote speaker.

1959 Construction of Regina Library, Mendel Hall, and Guild Hall expand facilities.

1962 Construction of Louis Pasteur Hall (to be renamed Sylvia Trottier Hall) includes chemistry and physics laboratories.

1965 Sister Madeleine of Jesus, p.m. passes away on March 4.
Construction of Trinity Hall and Dion Center expands campus.

1968 Construction of Adrienne Hall administration building on South Main Street.

1969 Sr. Gloria Lemieux, p.m. is installed as President (1969–1973).

1974 Sr. Doris Benoit, p.m. is installed as President (1974–1980).

1976 Construction of Presentation Hall for Sisters' residence; later used as student housing.

1980 Sr. Jeanne Perreault, p.m. is installed as President (1980–1997).

1982 New wing and renovations completed in Memorial Hall.

1983 Nursing programs introduced in collaborative venture with St. Joseph Hospital.

1984 Construction of Muldoon Health and Fitness Center expands athletic facilities.

1986 Renovations made to Madeleine Hall.

1990 First "Heritage Day" is celebrated on campus.

1991 School of Undergraduate Studies becomes co-educational—35 men are enrolled as full-time students.

1994 Benoit Education Center is dedicated by Bishop Leo E. O'Neil.

1996 College establishes presence on the World Wide Web.

1997 Sr. Lucille Thibodeau, p.m. is installed as President (1997–2001).
Outreach is made for Black Unity Partnership Charter.
RISE (Rivier Institute for Senior Education) program is launched promoting lifelong learning.

1998 Annex is added to Louis Pasteur Hall; building is renamed Sylvia Trottier Hall and dedicated by Bishop Francis J. Christian.
College reformats academic structure from four to two schools.
Molloy Hall is renovated and becomes administrative building.
Presentation Hall is renovated for student occupancy.

1999 College secures $1 million from the federal government for instructional technology.

2000 Construction of Brassard Hall for student housing.

2001 Dr. William Farrell is installed as the College's first lay President (2001–2011).

2007 Renovation and construction of a new wing at Regina Library.

2008 College launches first doctoral program: Doctor of Education (Ed.D.).
Renovation and installation of artificial turf at Raider Field.

2011 Sr. Paula Marie Buley, IHM, is installed as President (2011–present).

2012 Office of Global Engagement is established.
College officially becomes Rivier University on July 1, 2012.

2013 University celebrates its 80th anniversary.
Second doctoral degree program is added: Doctor of Psychology.
Global Scholars Honors Program is initiated.

2014 Gateway Projects transform Rivier campus.
Resurrection Chapel is renovated and rededicated.
Learning Commons opens as student and alumni resource center.

2015 Heritage Plaza is completed and dedicated by Bishop Francis J. Christian.
Doctor of Nursing Practice program is launched.
Rivier University Online learning is initiated.
Sunken Garden is renovated and renamed the Sharon McOsker Tamposi Alumni Legacy Garden.

2016 Employment Promise Program is launched.

2017 University launches *Vision 2020* strategy and The Center for Behavioral Health Professions and Workforce Development.
Clement Street buildings and landscape renovations commence.

2018 University receives $2.04 million Health Resources and Services Administration grant.

2019 University breaks ground on construction of Science and Innovation Center, the hallmark of *Vision 2020*.
Joanne Merrill Field and Linda Robinson Pavilion are dedicated.

2020 Science and Technology Center is dedicated.

2021 University launches men's and women's ice hockey.
$1 million donation launches *Projects Excel* and *Elevate* to renovate Sylvia Trottier Hall.