

Formal opening of Rivier College in 1933 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.

- 1st degree is conferred—a Bachelor of 1936 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.



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).



Former auditorium is converted to Chapel.

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

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

- Construction of Presentation Hall 1976 for Sisters' residence; later used as student housing.
- Sr. Jeanne Perreault, p.m. is 1980 installed as President (1980-1997).
- 1982 New wing and renovations completed in Memorial Hall.

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

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

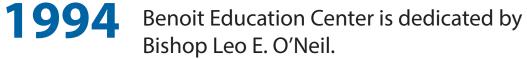


Renovations made to Madeleine Hall.



First "Heritage Day" is celebrated on campus.

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









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.
- **Employment Promise Program** is launched.
- University launches Vision 2020 strategy and The Center for Behavioral Health Professions and Workforce Development.

Clement Street buildings and landscape renovations commence.



2021

2016

2017

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





Renovation of the cafeteria expands College.



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.



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



Sister Madeleine of Jesus, p.m. passes away on March 4.

Construction of Trinity Hall and Dion Center expands campus.



Construction of Adrienne Hall administration building on South Main Street.

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.

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.



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

2000 Construction of Brassard Hall for student housing.



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



2008

2011

Renovation and construction of a new wing at Regina Library.



College launches first doctoral program: Doctor of Education (Ed.D.).

Renovation and installation of artificial turf at Raider Field.

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.

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 Innovation Center is dedicated.

> University launches men's and women's ice hockey.

\$1 million donation launches *Projects Excel* and *Elevate* to renovate Sylvia Trottier Hall.

Saint Marie Rivier canonized by 2022 Pope Francis on May 15, 2022.

> Rivier begins celebration of 90th Anniversary (2022-2023).

Renovation of Sylvia Trottier Hall transforms business and nursing education.

Opening of the Nursing Simulation and Clinical **Education Center.**

The University breaks ground on Rivier Village, apartmentstyle suites.