



# 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 Innovation 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.
- 2022** Saint Marie Rivier canonized by Pope Francis on May 15, 2022. Rivier begins celebration of 90<sup>th</sup> 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, apartment-style suites.