

90 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

—1840-1940—

1843

On December 21, seven Sisters of Mercy from Carlow, Ireland, arrived in Pittsburgh and established the first community of the Sisters of Mercy in the United States.

1894

The Sisters of Mercy purchased a 13-acre site in Oakland as the location of a new motherhouse and Our Lady of Mercy Academy for K-12 students.

1929

Stock market crashes on October 14. Depression begins.

The Sisters of Mercy opened Mount Mercy College on September 24.

1932

Franklin D. Roosevelt elected president of the United States.

Mother M. Ireneaus Dougherty becomes the institution's first titular president and remains in this position until 1947. Sister Regis Grace was acting president for 22 years.

1933

The first commencement ceremony for Mount Mercy College was conducted, and the college's seal and motto—Ad Superna, Non Superba (To the Eternal, not the Perishable)—was established.

1936

Aquinas Hall was built to house the library and administrative offices.

—1941-1960—

1941

Pearl Harbor attacked by Japan on December 7. U.S. enters World War II.

Trinity Hall opened as the science center for the college.

1943

Sisters of Mercy celebrate their 100th anniversary of their arrival in the U.S.

1946

Following World War II, men were admitted to the school under the G.I. Bill. One of these students was the late Pete Flaherty, former mayor of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County Commissioner. The men take classes at Mount Mercy for their freshman and sophomore years, but must transfer to another college or university to graduate.

1947

Mother M. Francella McConnell is named president and served in this role until 1952.

1948

Antonian Hall opened with office, classroom, and theatre space.

1952

Mother Margaret Mary Corbett is named president and served in this role until 1960.

1953

Dwight D. Eisenhower elected President.

1955

Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat to a white person on a public bus in Alabama.

1960

John F. Kennedy elected President.

Sister M. Muriel Gallagher is named president and served in this role until 1963.

—1961-1980—

1961

The Frances Warde Hall residence hall was opened. Prior to this, students lived in houses or halls on Darragh Street, Terrace Street, and on Fifth Avenue.

1963

President John F. Kennedy assassinated in Dallas, Texas. Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson sworn in as president.

1967

Sister Jane (Camillus) Scully is named president and served in this role until 1982.

1968

Richard M. Nixon elected president.

1969

U.S. Astronaut Neil Armstrong is the first man to walk on the moon.

1968

Grace Library (the building that would become University Commons in 2015) opened.

Mount Mercy College changed its name to Carlow College.

1970

Curran Hall was opened to house the nursing school.

1973

Internet invented.

1975

Carlow's mission statement was drafted.

1976

Jimmy Carter elected president.

1978

The Women's Studies program and a weekend college were established.

1980

Ronald Reagan elected president.

—1981-2000—

1982

Sister Marylouise Fennell is named president and served in this role until 1988.

1983

The Carlow Hill College (also known as the Hill Education Center) opened in the Hill House Association. In 1994, it moved to its own office space on Bedford Avenue, and—ten years later—it moved onto the Carlow campus.

1988

George H.W. Bush elected president.

Sister Grace Ann Geibel is named president and served in this role until 2005.

1989

Berlin Wall falls.

1992

Bill Clinton elected president.

1993

Carlow begins offering an accelerated learning program for working adults.

1999

The A.J. Palumbo Hall of Science and Technology opened.

1993

Sisters of Mercy celebrate the 150th anniversary of coming to the U.S. Historic marker dedicated on Penn Avenue, Downtown.

Former President Sister Jane Scully honored by Pittsburgh Magazine as one of the most influential Pittsburghers of the 20th Century.

2000

George W. Bush is elected president.

—2001-2010—

2001

Terrorists crash planes into the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and Shanksville, Pa.

2003

Columbia Space Shuttle Disaster.

2004

Carlow College officially became Carlow University.

2005

Carlow appointed its first lay president, Dr. Mary Hines. She served in this role until 2013.

2006

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics named Carlow a "Champion of Character" school for the fourth consecutive year.

2007

Carlow received approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to offer its first doctoral program, the PsyD in Counseling Psychology.

2008

Barack Obama is elected president.

2007

Carlow received approval to offer an MBA program.

Carlow's Adult Degree Center celebrated its 30th anniversary.

2009

A revision of the Carlow mission statement was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Carlow University announced its new Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program.

2009

Carlow University became a sponsor of the Yellow Ribbon Program.

Carlow University was selected for the U.S. President's Community Service Honor Roll.

2009

Carlow Laureates awards program was created and its first recipients were honored.

2010

The Mercy Center for Service was created.

2009

Carlow University began the observance of its 80th Anniversary year.

Carlow University awarded its first doctoral degrees to 10 DNP students.

—2011-2019—

2011

Carlow University announced its online Master of Science in Fraud and Forensics degree program—one of a very few such programs in the world.

2012

Carlow University Celtics softball team won the NAIAs AMC conference championship.

The university received the largest alumna/trustee gift in its history to endow the Michele R. Atkins Chair for Ethics Across the Curriculum.

2012

Carlow alumna Rita M. McGinley gives \$5 million, the largest gift in Carlow University's history.

2013

The Principal Path, a walkway connecting parking Lot A and Antonian Hall, was completed.

2014

Carlow's first-ever Men's Basketball team began competing in the NAIA in the fall of 2014.

In July, Dr. Suzanne K. Mellon was appointed Carlow University's 10th president.

2014

Academic restructuring into three colleges—Health and Wellness, Leadership and Social Change, and Learning and Innovation.

Nursing received a full 10-year re-accreditation for all programs from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

2015

The total remodel and retrofitting of the 82,500 square foot University Commons building was completed in August 2015.

2016

Donald Trump is elected president.

College of Professional Studies launched.

2016

Reaccreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education for nine years: Carlow received 22 citations of accomplishment, significant progress, or exemplary/innovative practice from the visiting accreditation team.

The Hub for Workforce Development and Innovation developed with a \$500,000 grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation.

2019

St. Joseph Hall renovation is completed.

Atkins Center for Ethics is launched. William Schweers, JD, is the inaugural executive director.

2019

New partnerships/collaborations for a nursing program with Saint Vincent College, an Intraoperative Neuromonitoring program with UPMC/Procirca, and an articulation agreement with the workforce development organization Partner4Work.

Celtic Simulation Center for Innovative Learning opens.

2019

Center for Digital Learning and Innovation established a University Innovation Lab, launching a new Virtual Reality Program.

Sisters of Mercy celebrate their 175th anniversary of arriving in the U.S.