



# “DRAWING OUT THE GOODNESS”

a very brief historical timeline of



DESALLES UNIVERSITY

# THE FOUNDING (1964-65)



1961

- Diocese of Allentown established



1962

- Bishop McShea gives \$2 million



1963

- FR. J. STUART DOOLING, 1<sup>st</sup> president



1964

- groundbreaking on May 17
- PA charter on May 27



**ALLENTOWN COLLEGE OF  
SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES**



# THE FORMATIVE YEARS (1960's)

## 1965-66

- freshman class arrives 9/15/65
- dedication 11/6/65



## first residence halls

- Conmy Hall (dedicated Nov 1966)
- Wills Hall (dedicated Dec 1966)

## first intercollegiate athletic event (Oct 1967)

## first Commencement (May 1969)

## first Theatre performance (Nov 1969)

## full Middle States accreditation (Apr 1970)



# THE 1970's

## *Transformations*

-  first Women students (Sept 1970)
-  the great Flood (Aug 1971)
-  joining the N.C.A.A. (1972)
-  new curriculum (1973-74)
-  McShea College Center (Sept 1974)

## *Growth & Expansion*



**ACCESS**  
Accelerated Degree

begins (1976-77)



REV. DANIEL GAMBET, 2<sup>nd</sup> president  
(Oct 1978)



# THE 1980'S

## *Vision & Vitality*

- 👤 first Winter commencement (Jan 1981)
- 👤 Labuda Center opens (Feb 1982)



- 👤 first Marcon lecture (Feb 1984)
- 👤 first Furphy lecture (Apr 1985)

## *More Growth*

- 👤 first Master's degrees (May 1987)
- 👤 ACCESS at Easton campus (1987-88)
- 👤 Gerald White, first lay chairman of the board (Oct 1988)





# THE 1990'S +

👤 new athletic fields (1991)

👤 PSF launched (June 1992)



👤 Campbell Hall opens (Fall 1994)

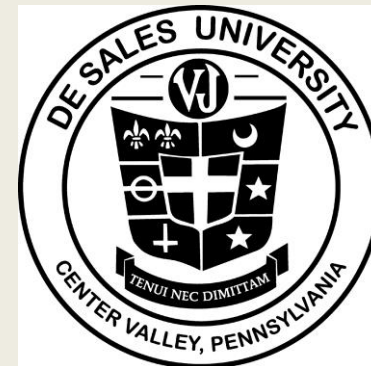
👤 U.S. News & World Report ranking (Sept 1995)



👤 Iacocca Studio dedicated (Fall 1997)

👤 Fr. Bernard O'Connor, 3<sup>rd</sup> president (Oct 1999)

👤 **Allentown College becomes  
DESALES UNIVERSITY on 1/1/01**



# ENTERING A NEW CENTURY

## *The first decade ...*

- Salesian Center for Faith & Culture (April 2000)

- Hurd Science Center (2001)



- DeSales University Center
  - dining center opens (2003)
  - White Pavilion opens (2007)



- Salesian statues
  - Our Lady (2004)
  - Our Patrons (2012)
  - Oblate Founders (2014)



## *... until now*

- Lansdale Area campus (2011)

- going Global
  - India (2005)
  - Romania (2007)
  - England (2008)
  - Ireland (2012)
  - Peru (2012)
  - Greece (2012)

- Gambet Center for Business & Healthcare (2013)



- First doctoral (DNP) graduates (2014)



# INTO THE FUTURE ...



*True Devotion  
Perfects All Things*

