

# Duquesne University History

## Significant Events in Duquesne University History

- 1878 (Oct.) Pittsburgh Catholic School of the Holy Ghost opened its doors  
First enrollment was 40 students
- 1878 College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts established
- 1882 State charter was granted for Pittsburgh Catholic School
- 1885 "Old Main" dedicated, the first building at the University's current location
- 1889 First baccalaureate degree conferred
- 1904 University Chapel dedicated
- 1910 Became The University of the Holy Ghost, the first Catholic University  
in Pennsylvania
- 1911 Renamed Duquesne University of The Holy Ghost
- 1911 School of Law established
- 1913 School of Business Administration established
- 1925 School of Pharmacy established
- 1926 School of Music established
- 1929 School of Education established
- 1937 School of Nursing established
- 1981 Enrollment reaches 6,744
- 1984 Creation of Honors College
- 1987 University Mission Statement approved by Board of Directors
- 1990 School of Health Sciences established
- 1994 Enrollment grows to 9,000 students
- 1994 School of Natural and Environmental Sciences established
- 2002 Filed name change with PA Corporation Bureau to become Duquesne University of The Holy Spirit
- 2006 First time enrollment exceeds 10,000 students
- 2013 School of Business celebrates its centennial
- 2018 University celebrates a history of 140 years

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