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