

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE TIMELINE

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| <p>1854 RI State Normal School, 8th in U.S., opens in Providence in rented space on the corner of Weybosset and Eddy Streets</p> <p>1857 Normal School moves to Bristol</p> <p>1865 General Assembly ends funding, Normal School in hiatus</p> <p>1866 State-subsidized teacher instruction begins at Providence Conference Seminary (East Greenwich) and Lapham Institute (Scituate)</p> <p>1871 General Assembly re-authorizes Normal School, re-opens on Hoyle Square in Providence</p> <p>1878 Normal School moves to its first state-owned home, the former Providence High School on Benefit Street</p> <p>1887 RI Normal School Alumni Association established</p> <p>1893 First Model and Training School opens, corner of Halsey & Benefit Streets, Providence</p> <p>1898 New purpose-built Normal School dedicated on Smith Hill</p> <p>1908 Admission limited to high school graduates</p> <p>1910 First student government established</p> <p>1920 Institution becomes Rhode Island College of Education (R.I.C.E.), baccalaureate program established</p> <p>1922 First baccalaureate degrees awarded; five students receive B.Ed.</p> <p>1924 <i>Alma Mater</i>, composed previously by Prof. Grace Electa Bird and Helen S. Leavitt, is officially published</p> <p>1924 First advanced degrees awarded; two students receive M.Ed.</p> <p>1927 Class of '27 establishes anchor as school symbol, representing symbol on state flag</p> <p>1927 Student newspaper, <i>The Anchor</i>, publishes first edition</p> <p>1929 First yearbook, <i>Ricoled</i>, is published</p> <p>1929 Men's basketball inaugurated as first intercollegiate sport</p> <p>1942 Secondary school curriculum established</p> <p>1943 Accreditation by American Association of Teachers Colleges</p> <p>1958 New \$5.6 million Mount Pleasant campus opens</p> <p>1958 College is accredited by New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools</p> <p>1959 Undergraduate enrollment exceeds 1,000 for first time</p> <p>1960 Name changed to "Rhode Island College"; mission expanded to become comprehensive state college</p> | <p>1960 By student vote, "Anchormen" is adopted as name for intercollegiate athletics teams</p> <p>1963 Council of Rhode Island College established</p> <p>1963 First Bachelor of Arts degrees awarded</p> <p>1964 Departmental Honors Program established</p> <p>1965 Rhode Island College Foundation established</p> <p>1966 Upward Bound Program established</p> <p>1968 Master of Arts degree is introduced</p> <p>1969 Nursing program approved</p> <p>1971 First separate commencement ceremony for advanced degrees</p> <p>1972 Faculty vote to organize and affiliate with the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, for collective bargaining purposes</p> <p>1973 Professional staff vote to organize and affiliate with the RI Federation of Teachers for collective bargaining purposes</p> <p>1974 Student Community Government (SCG) officially incorporated</p> <p>1976 Women's Center established</p> <p>1979 School of Social Work officially established</p> <p>1987 RIC becomes charter member of NCAA Division III's Little East Conference</p> <p>1989 Center for Industrial Technology established (would become Center for Management and Technology in 1994, School of Management and Technology in 2002, School of Management in 2005)</p> <p>1992 Walsh Center destroyed by fire</p> <p>1999 College confers its first doctorates as two Ph.D. in Education degrees are awarded</p> <p>2004 The College celebrates its Sesquicentennial</p> <p>2007 School of Nursing established</p> <p>2007 Adjunct faculty vote to organize and affiliate with the RI Federation of Teachers and Health Professionals for collective bargaining purposes</p> <p>2012 Voters approve largest-ever bond issue for RIC - \$50 million for classroom building renovation & expansion</p> <p>2014 President Barack Obama becomes first sitting US President to visit RIC</p> <p>2015 First commencement held off campus since 1958</p> |
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