

## RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE TIMELINE

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