



Adelphi's 125th anniversary—2021–2022—will be a topic in almost all of the written materials produced at the University this year. Here are some ways you can talk about it in newsletters, emails, event programs and remarks.

Our yearlong celebration, "[Building Tomorrow Together](#)," will be filled with events highlighting Adelphi's progress through the years. It will also put a spotlight on the way members of our community—students, faculty, administrators, alumni and friends—are working together to shape the University's future.

[Adelphi's history](#) stretches back to 1863 with the establishment of Adelphi Academy in Brooklyn, New York. Thirty years later, the Academy's principal, Charles H. Levermore, PhD, moved to expand the private preparatory school into a four-year, coeducational liberal arts college. On June 24, 1896, Adelphi College received its charter from the Board of Regents of the State of New York. College classes began that September with 57 students and 16 instructors.

Having outgrown the Adelphi Academy building, the College and its more than 650 students moved to [Garden City](#) in 1929, becoming the first coeducational institution of higher learning on Long Island. Adelphi was granted university status in 1963.

[Today](#), Adelphi University has more than 7,500 undergraduate and graduate students from 44 states and 65 countries, more than 1,000 full- and part-time faculty members, and [learning hubs in Manhattan, the Hudson Valley and Suffolk County on Long Island](#).

[Adelphi "firsts":](#)

- In 1938, Adelphi established one of the first dance departments at an American college, bringing renowned choreographer and dancer Ruth St. Denis to campus as head of the new program.
- In 1943, Adelphi helped meet the wartime need for nurses by establishing New York state's first Central Collegiate School of Nursing and the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps.
- In 1966, Adelphi's Institute for Advanced Psychological Studies (since rededicated as the Gordon F. Derner School of Psychology) became the world's first university-based professional program in clinical psychology.
- In 2006, Adelphi became the only university on Long Island, and one of only a handful in New York state, to offer a PhD in nursing.
- In 2015, Christine M. Riordan, PhD, became the first woman to serve as Adelphi's president.



Join our 125th anniversary celebration:

- You can [share your Adelphi story](#) with the University community by telling us about a person, class, event or experience that made a difference for you.
- You can [show your Adelphi pride](#) with these Zoom backgrounds, social media templates and profile frames, anniversary logos and email signatures.
- You can [show your support of Adelphi](#) and help us build tomorrow by making a gift that will make a real difference in the lives of our students.

Awards and Recognition

- *U.S. News & World Report*: 2022 Best College, Top Performer for Social Mobility, Best Value School, Best College for Veterans, Best Grad School for Nursing, Best Undergraduate Business Program and Best Undergraduate Nursing Program
- *Money* magazine Best College for Your Money
- *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education* 2021 Top U.S. College
- Named a 2020 Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Campus Center
- Prep for Success program nationally honored for career guidance
- The Princeton Review Best Northeastern College including naming our Robert B. Willumstad School of Business as a 2021 Best Business School
- Four-time consecutive winner of the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, the only national honor recognizing U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion across their campus.