

**APPENDIX C:
UNIVERSITY TIMELINE**

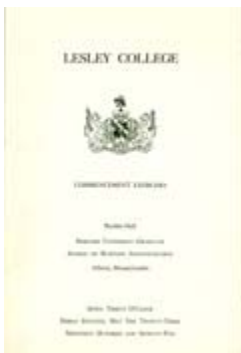
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Edith Lesley Wolfard



Class of 1917



Commencement program,
1930

LESLEY'S FIRST CENTURY

1909

- Edith Lesley Wolfard organizes the Lesley Normal School to train kindergarten teachers. The school opens in Lesley's home at 29 Everett Street in Cambridge's Agassiz neighborhood, north of Harvard Square.

1911

- 11 students take part in Lesley's first graduation ceremony, held at the First Parish Church in Harvard Square.

1912

- The School for Practical Art, precursor of the Art Institute of Boston, is founded by Roy Davidson.

1918

- Gertrude Malloch is named Principal of the Lesley Normal School.
- The Lesley Normal School is renamed the Lesley School.

1922

- Adjoining houses are acquired for use as residence halls.
- Alumni Hall is built as an assembly hall with classrooms in the basement.

1924

- First yearbook, *The Lesleyan*, published.

1928

- Enrollment reaches a milestone with over 300 students, both boarding and day.

1930

- Lesley adopts Edith Lesley Wolfard's family's coat of arms, two griffins holding a field medal, as its coat of arms.

- Lesley adopts "I had perished had I not persisted" as its motto.



Tennis match, 1939

1934

- In the midst of the Depression, enrollment dwindles to 63 students.

1938

- Gertrude Malloch is appointed chief administrator as Edith Lesley Wolfard's health begins to decline.

1939

- After thirty years of private ownership, the Lesley School is incorporated as a non-profit institution.



Lesley College sign, 1943

1941

- Lesley Board of Trustees established to make Lesley a school of "collegiate caliber."

1944

- Dr. Trentwell Mason White (1944-1960) begins tenure as President
- The Lesley School becomes a four-year, not-for-profit educational institution and is authorized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to be renamed Lesley College and given the right to confer the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education.
- President White writes the school song, "Loyal Lesley Daughters."

1945

- Lesley awards first bachelor's degrees.



Edward Ingraham Lounge in White Hall, 1958

1949

- "Lesley Laboratory for Learning" created with acquisition of three private elementary schools: Lesley-Ellis, Dearborn and Carroll-Hall.

1950

- Stebbins Hall built, adding two floors to Alumni hall, including a library.

1953

- Edith Lesley Wolfard dies.
- Lesley receives authority to award master's degrees.

1955

- Lesley is organized into the Undergraduate School and the Graduate School.
- The Graduate School awards first graduate degrees.
- The Undergraduate School is accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, now the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).



The Lesley Review, 1962

1958

- White Hall, a residence hall and dining commons, opens.

1960

- Dr. Don Orton (1960-1984) begins tenure as President.
- Graduate training for special education is offered in response to growing interest in learning disabilities.

1964

- NEASC accredits Lesley's graduate programs.
- Lesley issues its first master plan for development. The plan, which calls for the demolition 29 Everett Street and adjacent houses and the creation of a central campus quadrangle, is only partially executed. 29 Everett Street is preserved.

1967

- City of Cambridge grants Lesley permission to close off part of Mellen Street which bisects the campus.
- The School for Practical Art is renamed the Art Institute of Boston (AIB) and is established as a non-profit institution of higher education.

1970

- AIB moves to Kenmore Square.

1973

- The new campus, or "urban academic village," is completed after a decade of planning and construction. The new campus creates a quadrangle with a library, residence hall space, academic offices, theatre and classrooms.



Fundraising, Parents Weekend, 1969



Library groundbreaking, 1971

1976

- Lesley receives authority to award Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study.

1981

- Programs in Management for Business and Industry, forerunner to the School of Management, established.

1982

- The Threshold Program, a non-degree campus-based program for young adults with diverse learning disabilities and other special needs, is begun.
- AIB receives accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

1985

- Margaret A. McKenna (1985-2007) begins tenure as president. McKenna's tenure is marked by expanded degree programs, off-campus programs and the size of the physical campus. Endowment grows from less than \$1 million when McKenna takes office in 1985 to over \$45 million at the conclusion of her presidency. Enrollments more than double during that same period.



Margaret A. McKenna, 1985

1986

- Lesley receives approval from the Massachusetts Board of Regents to amend its charter and award doctoral degrees.

1988

- AIB awards its first BFA degrees.

1994

- Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences is established.
- Lesley acquires former Sears Roebuck & Company Retail Store building in Porter Square.

1995

- Lesley becomes part of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Division III.



Threshold graduation, 1996

1996

- First on-line courses offered.

1997

- First on-line degree program begins.

1999

- Lesley merges with the Art Institute of Boston which becomes a constituent college in Lesley's university structure and adds a campus in Boston's Kenmore Square to the university's property inventory.
- Lesley receives an award from the Victorian Society of America "for preserving the Victorian character of Cambridge."



Cross Country award- winners, 2006

2000

- Approval granted for change of name: Lesley College becomes Lesley University.
- Lesley's undergraduate liberal arts program assumes the name Lesley College.

2003

- School of Management discontinued.
- Lesley begins offering two M.F.A. degrees.

2005

- Lesley College becomes co-educational; men admitted to all Lesley degree programs.



School of Education, 2007

2007

- Dr. Joseph Moore (2007 to present) begins tenure as President.
- School of Education moves to new, consolidated location in University Hall, the former Sears Roebuck building.

2008

- Nearly forty years after his death, a charitable trust established by former Lesley trustee Frank C. Doble brings \$136 million to the University. It is the largest gift in Lesley's history and among the largest in the history of American higher education.

- Groundbreaking on first new buildings in over 35 years, two new residence halls with retail along Massachusetts Avenue.
- Lesley University and the Episcopal Divinity School (EDS) form a partnership to share ownership of the EDS campus, located on Brattle Street near Harvard Square and Lesley's historic quad campus.
- Lesley's Teacher Education Program is accredited by the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC).

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