# DECADES OF CHANGE

The University of Tampa has come so far since 1995, thanks in large part to President Vaughn's forwardthinking strategies. And while it's become customary to strive to stay ahead of what is to come, sometimes it's important to take a moment and reflect on the past.

This timeline represents some of the highlights from the Vaughn era, which forever will be intertwined with the future of the University. Indeed, the momentum behind UT's milestones only continues to build.

Ronald L. Vaughn is named the 10th president of The University of Tampa. Vaughn inherits over \$1 million in debt and record-low enrollment numbers but is confident that he can reverse course.

UT pays off \$1.6 million



# Total student enrollment

increases from 2,388, the first increase after four vears of decline. marking the beginning of UT's turnaround. An enrollment goal is set: 3,600 students.

### John and Susan Sykes announce a \$10 million gift for the College of Business, Center

The first new building in Vaughn's presidency is a residence hall named Alfred and Beverly Austin in 2005.

Baseball wins the Div. II national championship, the first NCAA championship in Vaughn's presidential tenure.

The College of Business receives accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the premier accrediting agency for business degree programs worldwide.

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and opens, enhancing UT's business programs. Crescent Place, later dedicated to

The Sykes College

of Business building,

completes renovations

originally McKay Auditorium,

The first-ever capital campaign is announced with a goal of \$40 million, which is quickly exceeded and raised to \$80 million the next year.

UT is ranked in the top tier in Best Regional Universities (South) by U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges for the first time.

> Enrollment exceeds 1995 goal of 3,600 students.

**BEST** 

The residence floors of the Vaughn Center open following a donation from John and Susan Sykes for a student center named to honor President Vaughn. The rest of the building opens the following year.

2003

Straz Hall opens in the

fall. It is called Stadium

Place until its dedication

to David Straz in 2005.

Pepin Stadium is complete just in time for the first soccer game

UT's first waterfront Marine Research Lab, located off campus on Tampa Bay, is dedicated with a tarpon fishing tournament over the summer.

of the season.





The tennis complex on the west end of campus is dedicated to the Naimoli and Young families.

The R.K. Bailey Art Studios, a stunning complex of galleries and studios, opens in a former storage warehouse.

Faculty employment is 450, leading to the restructuring of the University into four separate colleges.

The Scarfone/Hartley Gallery opens in the R.K. Bailey Art Studios to showcase art from students, faculty and the community.



Originally built in

1928, David Falk

Theatre undergoes

major renovations to

update the interior.

Princeton



# Urso Hall opens in the fall to house 182 students on Kennedy

The Sykes College of Business

Review for the first time.

is recognized by The Princeton

Boulevard.

Morsani Hall opens with eight new food options on campus this fall, bringing the total options to 22.



# Property acquired on the

Featuring state-of-the-art

tech equipment, the Cass

science labs, film studios and

**Building** elevates UT's science

and communication programs.

southwest side of campus will house the Kennedy/Boulevard Building's offices, classrooms and language services.

To support the mind, body and spirit of the UT community, the campus welcomes the additions of the Sykes Chapel and Center for Faith and Values and the Dickey Health and Wellness Center.

The MacKechnie Building houses the ELS Language Center for students whose first language is not English.

UT is inducted into one of the nation's most prestigious honor societies, Phi Kappa Phi



## President Barack Obama and Vice

President Joe Biden hold a town hall meeting on campus, marking the first time a sitting president and vice president visit UT.



The largest residence hall yet,

Howard and Patricia Jenkins.

Jenkins Hall, is dedicated to donors

A Quality Enhancement Plan is

submitted to bolster research and



Princeton

The Princeton Review names UT a "Best College" for the first time.

The new Naimoli Family Athletic and Intramural Complex is home to the new women's lacrosse team.

### 2015

One of UT's oldest residence halls, McKay Hall, receives a total makeover to rival even the most modern facilities.

Entrepreneurs, cybersecurity majors and Starbucks lovers now have a home in the Daly Innovation and Collaboration **Building** 

UT is awarded the prestigious Sen Paul Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization for integrating international education across all aspects of campus.

UT athletic logos get a new look.

Palm Apartments Phase II replaces ResCom residence hall and allows for more students to move onto campus.



SENATOR PAUL SIMO

THE UNIVERSITY

INVEST IN EXCELLENCE

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

2018

UT's second capital

campaign is completed,

raising more than \$160 million.

The Southard Family Building, formerly Riverside Center, is rebuilt to add 20,000 square feet and modernize the design.

In the same year, a digital fabrication lab is built in the R.K. Bailev Art Studios.



open with two chemistry labs and

a molecular techniques lab.

### The Ferman Center for the Arts provides a creative and transformative space for the College of Arts and Letters.

2021

Spartan Studies general education curriculum is

2023 President Vaughn



announces retirement,

to take place in 2024.



### 2022 The Fitness and Recreation Center is renovated and rededicated to Benson Alex The Science Research Labs Riseman '78.

The Jenkins Health and Technology Building is complete with labs, IT services, offices and classrooms.

The Susan and John Sykes Ars Sonora stands a majestic 105 feet in the middle of



