



# St. Andrews

The History of

**1956**

Laurinburg/Scotland County chosen by the Board of Trustees as the home to the new Presbyterian College.

**1957**

The Board-appointed panel issued a document called the "Chapel Hill Report" in the summer of 1957 that led to the formation of the widely acclaimed Christianity and Culture program. (C&C)



**1958**

Flora Macdonald College merged with Presbyterian Junior College in Maxton, NC, to establish St. Andrews.



**January 15, 1960**

Ansley C. Moore appointed 1st President by the Presbytery before the college opened.

**September 23, 1960**

The Board of Directors name the new institution St. Andrews Presbyterian College.



**1966**

The Physical Education building and O'Herron Pool are completed.



**1970s**

Student Center renovated and renamed Henry Belk Student Center. Katherine McKay Belk Tower also constructed. Morgan Jones and Avinger Auditorium completed.



**November 23, 1974**

The first Science Olympiad held on the St. Andrews campus. The founding of this event eventually led to a state-wide competition currently held each year.

**1980**

The core programs of the college were revised to incorporate C&C, SAS and STMS programs. The new St. Andrews General Education program (SAGE) broke new ground in curriculum development by introducing interdisciplinary studies.



**1988**

Thomas Reuschling named president.

**1990**

St. Andrews extended its high-quality education to adult learners through a satellite campus at nearby Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst.



**1994**

Warren Board named president.

**1996**

The college first appeared in US News & World Report. Each year since that first appearance, this well-known publication has ranked St. Andrews in the 4th Tier among the nation's best liberal arts schools.



**2001**

Doug Hix named president.

**2007**

St. Andrews further extended its commitment to adult learners by adding an online program.



**2012**

St. Andrews began offering the MBA program. The first graduates completed their graduate degree in 2014.

**1896**

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The founding of Flora Macdonald College in Red Springs, NC.



**1950**

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Early planning to strengthen Presbyterian higher education in the eastern region of the state began by the Synod of North Carolina of the Presbyterian Church in the US.



**April 15, 1959**

A groundbreaking ceremony, held at what is now the east end of Lake Ansley Moore marked the beginning of the construction of the physical plant on the 800-acre plant site.

**1960**

**September 22, 1961**

The College opened with 750 students. The first classes met at eight o'clock in the morning followed by the first Opening Convocation.

**1964**

DeTamble Library completed.



**1969**

Donald Hart named president.

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STMS developed (Selected Topics in Modern Science)

**1970**



**1972**

St. Andrews Press began publishing.

**1975**

A.P. Perkinson, Jr., named president.



**1978**

Kings Mountain dorm renovated and renamed Pate Hall (as it is named today.)

**1980**



**1989**

The Scottish Heritage Center was created for the preservation of Scottish heritage. It was moved to its current location in 2009. The Pipe Band was also founded during this time and is one of the top bands in the Eastern United States.



**1996**

The Therapeutic Riding degree began and was the first undergraduate degree of its kind in the country. The St. Andrews Equestrian Team continues to be national champions.

**2000**

**2002**

John Deegan named president.



**December 21, 2006**

Paul Baldasare named president, and is currently presiding over the North Carolina campus.



**2011**

Webber International University and St. Andrews Presbyterian College received approval to merge the two institutions. SAPC became a branch campus of WIU and changed its name to St. Andrews University.