

POINTS OF PRIDE WITHIN UB'S

University History

The University at Buffalo was founded in 1846 as a private medical college and merged with the State University of New York system in 1962. Today, UB is a flagship institution in the SUNY system, the state's premier public center for graduate and professional education, and its largest and most comprehensive campus.

CLASS BEGINS

The first classes at UB were conducted on February 24, 1847. The school began operations in a leased building at the corner of Seneca and Washington streets in Buffalo with 66 registered students and a faculty of seven physicians.



MUSIC NOTES

Music has a long history at UB, from Frank Sinatra's 1941 appearance at Pep Week to the 1955 inauguration of the annual Slee Beethoven String Quartet Cycle to the 1975 premiere of the annual June in Buffalo new music festival, developed by UB professor and composer Morton Feldman and featuring composers John Cage, Earle Brown, and Christian Wolff.

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FOUNDED

1846

STUDENT BODY

66 in 1846
 27,220 in 2006

FACULTY SIZE

7 in 1846
 2,435 in 2006

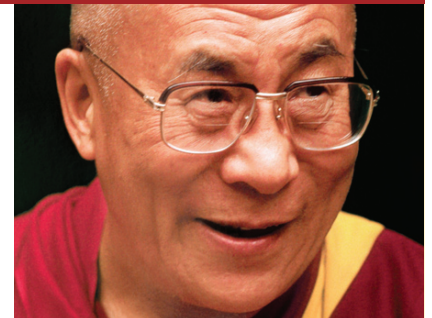
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK STATUS

1962

CHANCELLORS/PRESIDENTS

- > Millard Fillmore, Chancellor 1846-74
- > Orsamus H. Marshall, Chancellor 1874-84
- > Eben Carleton Sprague, Chancellor 1885-95
- > James O. Putnam, Chancellor 1895-1902
- > Wilson S. Bissell, Chancellor 1902-03

- > Charles P. Norton, Chancellor 1905-20
- > Samuel P. Capen, Chancellor 1922-50
- > T.R. McConnell, Chancellor 1950-54
- > Clifford C. Furnas, Chancellor 1954-62, President 1962-66
- > Martin M. Meyerson, President 1966-69
- > Robert L. Ketter, President 1970-82
- > Steven B. Sample, President 1982-91
- > William R. Greiner, President 1991-2004
- > John B. Simpson, President



NOTABLE SPEAKERS

The historic 2006 visit of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama was a crowning achievement of UB's Distinguished Speakers Series. Other guests in the series, which was launched in 1987, have included Nobel Prize author Toni Morrison, former president Jimmy Carter, actor Sidney Poitier, and news anchor Katie Couric. Honored speakers of past decades have included Robert Frost, Carl Sandburg, T.S. Eliot, Benjamin Spock, and Martin Luther King Jr.

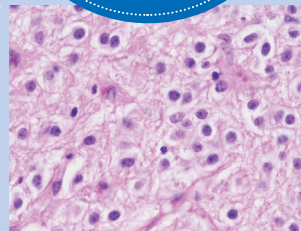
NEW LAW
 Charles P. Norton, UB's sixth chancellor, helped found the Buffalo Law School, which was assumed into the University of Buffalo in 1891.

Community Outreach



CITIZEN AWARDS

Recipients of the Chancellor's Medal, the highest award given by the university, exemplify what it means to be a "great citizen of Buffalo." Winners include actress Katharine Cornell, architect E.B. Green, artist Charles Burchfield, aviation pioneer Lawrence Bell, conductor Josef Krips, Nobel Laureate Herbert Hauptman, and poet Robert Creeley.



CANCER RESEARCH

In 1898 the New York State Institute for the Study of Malignant Diseases (now Roswell Park Cancer Institute) was founded as the first government supported cancer research program in the world.



NATIONAL RESEARCH

The country's first national center for earthquake engineering research, MCEER develops and applies knowledge and advanced technologies to reduce earthquake losses.