ALBRIGHT COLLEGE’S FOUNDING INSTITUTIONS

Union Seminary
Central Pennsylvania College
Albright Collegiate Institute
Albright College at Myerstown
Schuylkill Seminary
Schuylkill College
Union Seminary in 1856. It was renamed Central Pennsylvania College in 1887.
Union Seminary teachers and students in 1874.
An 1880s era classroom at Central Pennsylvania College.
Central Pennsylvania College, 1899.
Physics lab, Central Pennsylvania College, 1899.
Central Pennsylvania College Class of 1899.
The Central Pennsylvania College baseball team.
Schuylkill Seminary founded in 1881 in downtown Reading.
Gymnasium
Schuylkill Seminary in Reading.
Schuylkill Seminary
Fredericksburg, Pennsylvania, 1889.
1902 Schuylkill Seminary returned to Reading.
Selwyn Hall Episcopal Boys’ School
Late 1800’s
The building had been abandoned in 1895 by the Episcopal Boys School.
Schuylkill Seminary 1906
Women’s Basketball Champions
Shirk Stadium was built in 1909 and acquired by Schuylkill Seminary in 1923.
The stadium was completely reconstructed in 2005.
Schuylkill Seminary Class of 1913.
Masters Hall was built in 1920.
Named after Albright’s ninth president, Harry V. Masters, it now houses five academic departments.
Students, faculty and administration gather inside White Chapel in the late 1920’s, shortly after Schuylkill Seminary became Schuylkill College.
Built in 1882, White Chapel has burned and been repaired three times.
Albright Collegiate Institute became Albright College at Myerstown in 1895.
Old Main
Albright College at Myerstown
The Albright College Band on the steps of Mohn Hall, Myerstown, Pennsylvania.
Albright College baseball team, Myerstown, 1899.
Albright College at Myerstown, football team, 1904.
The first Albright May Queen was crowned in 1922 and the last in 1962.
Albright College in Reading
1929 - 2006
Consolidation Day, 1929

The merger of Schuylkill College and Albright College.
Reading celebrates the merger with a parade along Penn Street.
Built in 1773, Sylvan Chapel was once the spring house for the farm located here.
The pulpit and benches were brought from the Jacob Albright Memorial Church in Kleinfeltersville.
Merner-Pfeiffer Hall of Science was constructed in anticipation of the merger of Schuylkill and Albright Colleges.
Built in 1929, Teel Hall housed the Evangelical School of Theology from 1929 to 1954.
Teel Hall’s Kachel Chapel has seen many Albrightians become husbands and wives.
The World War I Monument in the 1930s. Masters Hall is in the background.
Kappa Upsilon Phi brothers in 1935. The fraternity was the first at Albright College, established in 1900.
During the Depression Albright often staged theatrical productions to entertain the Reading community.
700 students formed a human chain in 1963 to move books to the new Gingrich Library.
1937 May Queen Amy Leitner (right) with Maid of Honor Mildred Newkirk.
Albright Lake in 1937. This is where the May King wound up after he was crowned.
Albright Lake has been reduced through the years to the current Sylvan Pond.
The May King tradition may have been the beginning of “ponding” at Albright.
1937, William “Lone Star” Dietz became the new Albright football coach.
This 1937 team became the first undefeated team in Albright College history.
The Albright Marching Band performs at a 1937 home football game.
The Class of 1937 graduates on the lawn of Selwyn Hall.
A 1937 view of Merner-Pfeiffer Hall of Science.
During World War II Albright served as a training site for the Army Air Force
Albright College sent care packages to its students serving in the military during the 1940s.
Football was just one of many programs that were temporarily discontinued from 1942-1945.
Albright students re-create the raising of the American flag at Iwo Jima.
Bollman Center completed in 1952
It was renovated in 1999.
A Life Sports Center and Natatorium were also added to the facility.
The Albright Campus in the 1940s.
The Albright Campus in 2006.
Pi Alpha
Albright’s first sorority
The Class of 1948 included Joseph E. Coleman, the first African-American graduate of Albright College.
Mr. Coleman later went on to become a research chemist, patent attorney, author and Philadelphia City Council president from 1980-1992.
Fans await the start of an Albright football game in the early 1950s.
Professor Marcus Green, D.Sc. was known to terrify pre-med students.
Green, and the skeleton that hung in his classroom, taught at Albright for 40 years before retiring in 1971.
John Potsklan coached the lions to their second undefeated season in 1960.
Dr. Harry Masters led Albright College into the 1960s. Dr. Masters held the office of president longer than any president in Albright history.
Faculty and administrators, October 1962.
1962-1967 saw the construction of “the quad”
WXAC
September 8, 1965
White Chapel.
The snack area in the Campus Center, 1967.
In 1969, 700 students took over the library for a student sit-in calling for greater diversity among the student body.
Songfest started in the 1960s.
Songfest was a competition among fraternities, sororities and other campus organizations.
Faculty, administrators and trustees lead an academic procession in 1978.
North Hall
Construction
1989
Accelerated Degree Completion Program
2000
First Master Degree Graduates
2004
Schumo Center for Fitness and Well-Being
2006
Sylvan Pond & Gardens
2007