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The First 90 Years: 1926–2016

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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
90TH ANNIVERSARY
1926

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n Few, Duke University President, 1924–1940

Full timeline, more info on the 90th anniversary:

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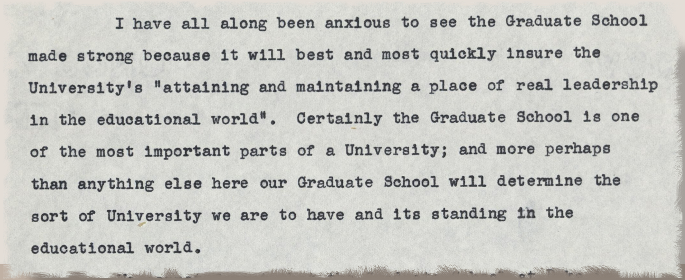
Milestones

Alumni

Leaders

The Graduate School is founded

Pictured: William Preston Few, Duke's first president, on the importance of The Graduate School to the university.



I have all along been anxious to see the Graduate School made strong because it will best and most quickly insure the University's "attaining and maintaining a place of real leadership in the educational world". Certainly the Graduate School is one of the most important parts of a University; and more perhaps than anything else here our Graduate School will determine the sort of University we are to have and its standing in the educational world.

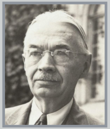
Fall 1926

First doctorates

Zoology students Dean W. Rumbold (left in photo) and Frederick J. Holl received Duke's first Ph.D.'s on June 6, 1928.

First female Ph.D

Rose M. Davis received her doctorate in chemistry on June 5, 1929.

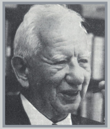


William H. Glasson

Dean, 1926-1938

Calvin B. Hoover

Dean, 1938-1948



Paul M. Gross

Dean, 1948-1952

Duke joins AAU

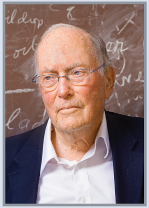
Sponsored by UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke is invited to join the Association of American Universities, a seal of approval for Duke's elite status as a research institution.

Nov. 1938

Beginning of the end to segrega

The Board of Trustees announces that Duke's graduate
will begin admitting students without regard to race.
school students matriculated in fall 1961. The Graduate
students—James Nathaniel Eaton, Ida Stephens Owens
Reuben—enrolled in 1962, a year before Duke's first

March 8, 1961



Charles H. Townes

A.M.'37 Physics
Invented the precursor to the laser and won both the Nobel Prize and the Templeton Prize.

Photo courtesy of UC Berkeley

Juanita M. Kreps

A.M.'44, Ph.D.'48 Economics
Was the first woman and first economist to serve as U.S. secretary of commerce.

Charles S. Sydnor

Dean, 1952-1954

Marcus E. Hobbs

Dean, 1954-1960

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Dean, 1960

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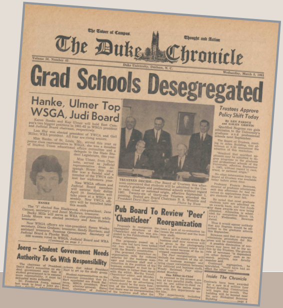
Black undergraduates.



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Trustees Approve Policy Shift Today

By LEN PARDUE and GALEN GRIFFIN

TRUSTEES DECIDE—The Board of Trustees this afternoon announced that students will be admitted to the University's graduate and professional schools without regard to race, creed or national origin, effective September 1, 1961. Twenty-six of thirty-one Trustees attended the meeting. Seated are Board Chairman B. S. Womble and President Deryl Hart (left). Photo by Hass

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Inside The Chronicle

Increased recrui
# of minority stud

Duke hires its first minority
recruiter, Jacqueline Looney,
The Duke Endowment Fell
minority graduate students

1987

Evelyn F. Murphy

Ph.D.'65 Economics

Became the first woman to hold constitutional office in the state of Massachusetts, serving as lieutenant governor.

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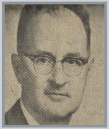
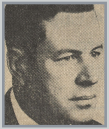


Richard L. Predmore

Dean, 1962-1969



John C. McKinney

Dean, 1969-1981

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Leading the way

The launch of the Preparing Future Faculty and Responsible Conduct of Research programs makes the school a national leader in co-curricular programs.

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Student support services expanded

The Office of Graduate Student Affairs is created to develop support services for graduate students.

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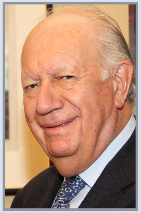
First Black Ph.D.'s

In 1967, James Roland Law (psychology) and Ida Stephens Owens (physiology and biochemistry) became the first African Americans to earn Ph.D.'s from Duke. Law went on to become a James B. Duke Distinguished Professor at Johnson C. Smith University, while Owens established a highly regarded NIH research lab.



Ricardo Lagos

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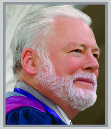
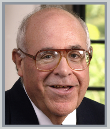
Craufurd D. Goodwin

Dean, 1981-1987



S. Malcolm Gillis

Dean, 1987-1992



Lewis M. Siegel

Dean, 1992-200

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New home

The Graduate School moves into its current location on Campus Drive, originally the home of Duke's second president.

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Sylvia A. Earle

A.M.'56, Ph.D.'66 Botany
Noted oceanographer, explorer, and, in the words of former vice president Al Gore, "the face of marine biology."

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Jo Rae Wright

Dean, 2006-2011

David F. Bell

Interim Dean, 2011-2012

First Black dean

Paula D. McClain becomes the first African American to serve as dean for any of Duke’s 10 schools.

Professional development expands

New programs help students more fully explore career paths.

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that saved thousands of

Carmichael S. Roberts

Ph.D.’95 Chemistry

Named one of the world’s top 100 young entrepreneurs by MIT’s *Technology Review*.

Paula D. McClain

Dean, 2012-Present

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