Fall 1961. First lay women accepted as students.

November 1962. First issue of *The Alvernian* is published.

November 30, 1967. The Middle States Commission on Higher Education announces full accreditation for Alvernia.


October 24, 1982. Sister Dolorey is inaugurated as third president of Alvernia.

October 15, 1984. Camelia Sadat, daughter of former Egyptian president Anwar Sadat, speaks at Alvernia on “My Father, My President.”

December, 1964. The commitment to service was established early in Alvernia’s history. L-R: Rosemary Pedano ‘67, Valetta Painter Eshbach ‘68, and JoAnne Petriccione Wagner ‘67 prepare baskets for the Christmas food drive.

October 17, 1988. First Homecoming held.


October 19, 1985. The Administration Building is officially renamed Francis Hall.

October 3, 1990. Ground is broken for the Franco Library.

October 1, 1992. The Italian-American Research Center in the Dr. Frank A. Franco Library Learning Center is dedicated.

Fall 1999. Alvernia begins offering Master’s degrees in business administration, education, and liberal studies.

October 4, 2005. Mychal Judge residence hall is dedicated in honor of the Franciscan chaplain of the New York Fire Department who was among the first casualties of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.