September 12, 1958. Alvernia College opens to 28 freshmen and 8 sophomores.

August 11, 1960. The Berks County Court issues a final order of incorporation granting a charter to establish Alvernia College in the Millmont section of Reading as a corporation.

Fall, 1961. First lay women are accepted as students.

July 7, 1969. A music education curriculum is started at Alvernia College. To house the program, Alvernia adds Maria Hall to its campus facilities. Originally located near the site of St. Joseph Villa, this two-story brick structure housed a music library, two classrooms, four practice rooms, a music studio and an office.

August 13, 1968. Ground breaking ceremonies are held for the science building. Pictured left to right are Donald C. Dethoff of the architectural firm of Martin and Dethoff, who designed the building; John F. McGlinn, college board of directors chairman; Sister Blanche, Bernardine provincial superior; Sister Mary Zygmunta, college president; and Fred T. Baker, vice president of Potteiger Co., general contractor.

August 1970. Sister Mary Victorine, a 1929 graduate of the former Mount Alvernia High School, is named the second president of Alvernia College.

Fall, 1971. Art department opens studio in former greenhouse.

August, 1973. Alvernia announces it will begin offering a two-year associate degree program in criminal justice.

September, 1985. Alvernia offers associate degree for physical therapy assistants.


September 2, 1992. New Assisi and Sienna townhouse residences and Nursing Resource Center are dedicated by Most Rev. Thomas J. Welsh, Bishop of Allentown.

July 26, 2000. Master’s degree program in occupational therapy is approved.

July, 2005. Dr. Thomas F. Flynn becomes the sixth president of Alvernia College.