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Dietitians' Training School (renamed School of Nutrition, then School of Dietetics) is established. It is currently the Nutrition and Dietetics Program in the School of Allied Health Professions and the Nutrition Program in the School of Public Health.

College of Medical Evangelists receives an "A" rating from the Council on Medical Education.

School of Nursing Alumni Association is established. *Sponsored in honor of Ruth Cipriani Harris '58 with love from her family*

1924
Outdoor amphitheater is completed and serves as the site of graduation ceremonies through June 11, 1950.

Board of the College of Medical Evangelists votes to open its first dental office in the Loma Linda Sanitarium.

Second Loma Linda Hospital, currently the west wing of Nichol Hall, opens.

Cooperative plan of medical education—with alternate months of practicum and class work—commences and continues through 1935.

1925
A. Lyle Winslow, MD, and G. Mosser Taylor, MD, are the first College of Medical Evangelists graduates to take the national board examinations.

Ellen G. White's Testimony Studies on Diet and Foods (renamed Counsels on Diet and Foods) becomes the first textbook used by the college's Dietetics Program.

U.S. Army 47th General Hospital is established in Loma Linda.

1928
College Church (now Loma Linda University Church) organizes with 284 members and begins meeting in the original Loma Linda Hospital (renamed West Hall in 1924).

Harveian Society is established to stimulate research and to advance medical education among faculty and graduates.

1929
Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital (currently the main section of Nichol Hall) is dedicated.

Wall Street's financial crash pushes the country into the Great Depression (1929-early 1940s).

Loma Linda's landmark water tower on the hill is completed.

H.M.S. Richards begins broadcasting the "Tabernacle of the Air" radio program (renamed the "Voice of Prophecy") on Los Angeles radio station KNX-AM 1070. *Sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Ronald R. Scott*

First National Bank of Loma Linda opens and prints federally authorized currency bearing the signature of Reed Thomas, the bank president.

1931
School of Medicine Alumni Association incorporates and begins its alumni publication, *The Journal of the Alumni Association College of Medical Evangelists*.

1932
Woman's Auxiliary to the School of Medicine Alumni Association (renamed the National Auxiliary in 1992) is established.

1934
Medical Cadet Corps—designed to allow Adventists to be exempt from bearing arms—begins at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. The program is adopted by CME in 1936 and by the worldwide church in 1939.

Burden Hall opens and serves as a meeting place for the College Church. The auditorium is also used for education and entertainment assemblies. Its lower level houses the college library.

1935
Outdoor amphitheater—remodeled with the addition of an acoustic shell and orchestra pit—is named the Loma Linda Bowl.

1936
Anatomy building opens (named Alfred Q. Shryock Hall in 1959). *Sponsored by Loma Linda University Division of Human Anatomy*

Pathology building opens (named Newton G. Evans Hall in 1959). *Sponsored by Loma Linda University School of Medicine Department of Pathology*

1937
Schools of Nursing and Dietetics are accredited by the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools.

School of Laboratory (Medical Technology) Technique is established. *Sponsored by LLU School of Medicine Department of Pathology*

Sabbath chimes ring for the first time from the belfry of the Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital. *Sponsored by Shirley Tan, MD, SM Class of 1971*

1939
*Loma Linda Bulletin*, a community newspaper, begins publication.

1940
Physiology and pharmacology building opens (named Edward H. Risley Hall in 1959).

1941
United States enters World War II (1939-1945).

School of Physical Therapy is established. *Sponsored in honor of LeRoy K. Thompson, MD, by Fred B. Moor, Jr., MD*

Medical Radiography Program commences.

1942
Arthur G. Daniels Hall (men's residence) opens, occupying the site on which the Alumni Hall for Basic Sciences now stands.

1943
47th General Hospital, organized by CME in 1926, is activated in Modesto, California, to meet wartime demands.

Accelerated, three-year curriculum of medical education commences at the College of Medical Evangelists. *Sponsored by Lee J. Richards, SM 1947 and Glyndon L. Richards*

Army Specialized Training Program is offered at CME to help meet wartime demands for junior officers and soldiers with technical skills.

1944
47th General Hospital is moved to Papua, New Guinea. *Sponsored in honor of Harriet Smith Reeves, RN, EdD, 47th New Guinea and Luzon*

Amphitheater in the pathology building is named after Oran I. Cutler.

Philanthropic gift of Beasley Farm in Pomona leads to establishment of Loma Linda Foundation to manage properties and donors' gifts.

1945
U.S. Army medical corpsman and conscientious objector, Desmond Doss, is awarded the U. S. Congressional Medal of Honor.

1946
Association of Seventh-day Adventist Self-supporting Institutions (ASI) is organized.

1947
Department of Religion is organized.
Museum of Embryology is named after Alfred Q. Shryock.

1948

School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine is established. Sponsored in honor of Bruce W. Halsted, MD by Raymond E. Ryckman, PhD

Nursing programs on the Loma Linda and White Memorial campuses are combined.

1949

East-end expansion of the Loma Linda Sanitarium and Hospital opens, housing ER, OR, surgery, OB, and delivery.

1950

First telecast of “Faith for Today” airs in New York City.


Niels B. Jørgensen, DDS, and Forrest Leffingwell, MD, develop the “Loma Linda Technique” of intravenous sedation for pain and anxiety control.

First Adventist Pathfinder Clubs are organized.

1951

First College of Medical Evangelists’ graduation ceremony is held at the Redlands Bowl.

Future School of Dentistry is voted by General Conference officers to be part of the College of Medical Evangelists. Sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. David Rynearson

American Medical Association recommends that the Loma Linda and Los Angeles campuses of the College of Medical Evangelists at Loma Linda.

Administration building opens (named Percy T. Magan Hall in 1965).

Vernier-Radcliffe Memorial Library opens. Sponsored in honor of University Library employees

School of Dentistry admits its inaugural class of 43 students. Sponsored by Clifford W. Morgan, DDS honoring Douglas Roberts, DDS

1954

School of Graduate Studies is established (renamed Graduate School in 1961).

Seventh-day Adventist Dietetic Association is established.

1955

American Medical Missionary College rock, a gift from its class of 1899 to AMMC, arrives at CME from Battle Creek, Michigan.

Sponsored by the Milton J. Murray family

School of Dentistry building opens (named Prince Hall in 1970).

“Be A Part of the Action” is adopted as the college’s 50th anniversary theme and became the motto in 1956. Sponsored in honor of Milton J. Murray, PR and Development, 1949-1961

First volume of the Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary is published; series was completed in 1966.

Winea Simpson, MD, writes the first paper in maternal and child health showing the negative effects of smoking. Sponsored by Drs. Brian and Maureen Bull

1956

116) School of Nursing grants its first master's degrees. Sponsored by Loma Linda University School of Nursing

1957

School of Dentistry receives full accreditation from the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association.

School of Dentistry awards degrees to 39 graduates at its first commencement ceremony. Sponsored by Charles W. Beckett, DDS SD’57 and Barbara B. Beckett, RN SMUSN ’52

School of Dentistry Alumni Association is established. Sponsored by LLU School of Dentistry Alumni Association

1958

School of Graduate Studies confers on Norman Case the first PhD degree (in anatomy) awarded by a Seventh-day Adventist school. Sponsored by Loma Linda University Division of Human Anatomy

Business Center opens and includes bank, post office and cafeteria.

First Adventist Health Study (known as the Adventist Mortality Study) is conducted by Frank R. Lemon, MD, and Richard T. Walden, MD, DVM.

1959

First service-learning trip to Chiapas, Mexico, includes students and faculty from the Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, and Nursing.

Baccalaureate degree Dental Hygiene Program commences. Sponsored in honor of Violet Bates, First Chair, by Dental Hygiene Alumni

1960

The College of Medical Evangelists was first accredited by the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools in 1937. In 1960, it received its first accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Using the heart-lung machine for the first time, a CME surgical team removes a bullet from a man’s heart—inspiring organization of the open-heart surgery team.

Current Kate Lindsay Hall (women’s dormitory) opens.

Raymond Wahlen, DDS, becomes the first alumnus of the School of Dentistry to serve as a missionary, assigned to South Korea.

“Five Day Plan to Stop Smoking” is developed by J. Wayne McFarland, MD, and Elman J. Folkenberg, BA. Sponsored in honor of J. Wayne McFarland, MD ’39 by Hervey W. Gimbel, MD ’55

Councilors organization is established to advise and assist the president in the development and enhancement of the College of Medical Evangelists. Sponsored in honor of Jerry Pettis and Shirley Pettis Councilors Founding President

Completion of the College Church (later renamed Loma Linda University Church of Seventh-day Adventists), is celebrated as 240 members march into the first building constructed exclusively for their worship.

School of Dentistry initiates their graduate programs beginning with Orthodontics. Sponsored in honor of Milford J. Anholm, DDS, MS by Howard W. Conley, DDS, MS

1961

College of Medical Evangelists is renamed Loma Linda University. Sponsored by Drs. Brian and Maureen Bull

1962

Board of Trustees votes to move the third- and fourth-year clinical teaching programs from Los Angeles to Loma Linda and consolidate the School of Medicine on the Loma Linda campus. Sponsored by the children of Godfrey T. Anderson, President, CME and LLU 1954-1967

Sponsored by Loma Linda University School of Nursing

1963

Loma Linda University College of Medicine is first accredited by the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools. Sponsored in honor of Bruce Halsted by the Bruce W. Halsted, MD Memorial Foundation

First class enters the College of Medicine.

Baccalaureate degree Dental Hygiene Program commences.

Sponsored in honor of Violet Bates, First Chair, by Dental Hygiene Alumni
Graduate School building opens (named Frederick Griggs Hall in 1963).

Interstate 10 opens through north Loma Linda.

1963

137) Newly established Loma Linda University Overseas Heart Surgery Team completes its first mission in Pakistan. 

Sponsored in honor of 1,000 dedicated Heart Team members by Jerry Daly

School of Medicine affiliates with Riverside County General Hospital for clinical rotations, facilitating the consolidation of the school on the Loma Linda campus.

University SCOPE publishes its first issue.

President John F. Kennedy is assassinated.

Medical Records Administration Program, now the Health Information Management Program, commences.

School of Medicine organizes the Walter E. Macpherson Society to enhance its academic programs. 

Sponsored by the Walter E. Macpherson Society

1964

U.S. surgeon general's report, "Smoking and Health," is issued 100 years after Ellen G. White declared tobacco to be "a poison of the most deceitful and malignant kind."

Fire destroys the third floor of Edward H. Risley Hall, displacing the Biochemistry Department.

1965

Loma Linda University Hospital construction begins; later expanded from nine to 11 stories during construction.

School of Dentistry receives a federal grant to establish and operate a dental clinic at Monument Valley, Utah. The clinic opens in 1966.

1966

School of Health Related Professions is established (renamed School of Allied Health Professions in 1971).

Jerry L. Pettis is elected to the US house of Representatives from the 33rd Congressional District (included Loma Linda).

Faculty Dental Office opens, providing practice and recruitment opportunities for the School of Dentistry.

Undergraduate nutrition programs join the School of Health Related Professions.

Melvin P. Judkins, MD, SM Class of 1947, introduces the Judkins technique for coronary arteriography. 

Sponsored by Cliff and Kay Morgan to honor Dr. and Mrs. J

Charles Teel Sr. establishes the Clinical Pastoral Education Program.

Biochemistry building opens (named Raymond A. Mortensen Hall in 1974).


1967

School of Tropical and Preventive Medicine and School of Nutrition and Dietetics are reorganized as the School of Public Health and moved to Nichol Hall.

Loma Linda University Hospital performs its first organ transplant (kidney). 

Sponsored in honor of Louis Smith, MD, SM 1949, pioneer transplant surgeon

La Sierra College is unified with Loma Linda University.

Patients are transferred to new Loma Linda University Hospital from the hospital on the hill. 

Sponsored in honor of 4 children and 12 grandchildren by Betsy Jones.

Original Loma Linda Sanitarium (northeast of Kate Lindsay Hall) is razed.

Overseas Heart Surgery Team starts open heart surgery program in Greece. 

Sponsored by the children of Wilfred M. Huse, MD

Association of Seventh-day Adventist Nurses is established (ASDAN).

1968

Dale Gentry Auditorium and Gymnasium opens.

Publication of the Trading Post begins, providing classified adds for the community.

Social Action Corps (SAC) is founded. 

Sponsored by Richard and Judy Hart

House of Thrift (HOT) is started by the School of Nursing Alumni Association providing scholarships by selling donated items.

1969

Old Loma Linda University Hospital on the "Hill" is renamed Francis D. Nichol Hall.

Apollo 11 astronauts are the first to walk on the moon. 

Sponsored in honor of Lew and Marian Mowery

First Helistop opens at Loma Linda University Hospital with financial support from the Volunteer Service League (Pink Ladies).

1970

University minority affairs program commences and is renamed the Office of Diversity in 1994 to emphasize commitment to inclusiveness in all aspects of campus life. Its scope and name expand in 2008 to the Office of Community Partnerships and Diversity. 

Sponsored by Lawrence D. and Betty Jeanne Longo

Center for Perinatal Biology is established.

Sponsored by Richard M. Nixon and Governor Ronald Reagan announce the construction of a new VA hospital on 15 acres donated by Loma Linda University.

Top floor of Loma Linda University Medical Center opens.

1971

Loma Linda Community Hospital opens. It is purchased by Loma Linda University Medical Center in 1982, and renamed Loma Linda University East Campus Hospital in 2005.

First hospital-owned helicopter ambulance begins service at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

1973

School of Nursing moves into Linda Valley Convalescent Hospital, named West Hall in 1974.

Loma Linda University Medical Center staff implant first pacemaker.

University Councilors equip an athletic field north of Gentry Gymnasium.

1974

Overseas Heart Surgery Team performs open-heart surgery in Vietnam.

First Loma Linda Fine Arts Festival is held.

First Adventist Health Study questionnaire is sent to 50,000 Adventists in California.

1975

Congressman Jerry L. Pettis dies in a private airplane crash in San Gorgonio Pass.

Vietnamese refugees arrive in Loma Linda, with 410 of them housed in Gentry Gymnasium. 

Sponsored in honor of those involved in the evacuation by Ralph and Pat Watts.
1976
Loma Linda Ellen G. White Estate/SDA Research Center is dedicated in the University Library.
Hand Rehabilitation Center is established by the Occupational Therapy Department.
General anesthesia program for dentists commences at Loma Linda University Medical Center. The program relocates to Prince Hall in 1988.
Sponsored in honor of David L. Anderson, DDS by faculty of Koppel SCD Center
First major expansion of Prince Hall is completed, consolidating dental administrative offices into a five-story tower.
Sponsored in honor of Judson Klooster, DDS by Arlene Klooster

1977
Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Medical Center opens.
Sponsored by Chaplain and Mrs. Norman Goodwin
Faculty Medical Offices (FMO) building opens.

1979
Open Hearts for Children provides funding for cardiac surgery for children from developing countries.
Sponsored by Julia, Sophie, Annelise Rigsby and Austin Harrison
Loma Linda University and the Medical Center become separate corporations.
Loma Linda University Medical Center becomes a Level 1 regional trauma center for Inyo, Mono, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.
Black Alumni Association (BALL) of Loma Linda and La Sierra counties are established.

1980
The "Good Samaritan" limestone sculpture by Alan Collins is unveiled on the University mall. A bronze replacement is unveiled in 1995.
Sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Marcelo Bada and family
Del E. Webb Memorial Library and Randall Amphitheater open.
Sponsored in honor of my father, Ralph E. Cutler, MD by Drew C. Cutler, MD
New A. G. Daniells Residence Complex opens on the "Hill."
School of Medicine Alumni Center (named Carrol S. Small Alumni Center in 1998) opens.

1981

1982
Adventist Health System—Loma Linda is created to coordinate health services on the campus.

1983
Center for Health Promotion is established.

1984
Alumni Hall for Basic Sciences opens.
Transplant surgery with baboon-to-human donor heart by Leonard Bailey, MD, on two-week-old "Baby Fae" begins infant heart-transplant program.
Sponsored in honor of the precious babies who give and receive new hearts
Center for Christian Bioethics is established with Jack Provovsha as founder.

1985
Loma Linda Ellen G. White Estate Branch Office opens.
Students for International Mission Service (SIMS) is organized to coordinate global service activities.
209) First human-to-human infant heart transplant is performed on "Baby Moses" at Loma Linda University Medical Center by Leonard Bailey, MD.
Sponsored by Beverly and David Reeves, MD
International Dentist Program (IDP) commences to offer United States dental educational opportunities for foreign trained dentists.
Sponsored by Mike and Safia Fitzpatrick and Greg and Irmgart Mitchell

1986
Irwin and Virginia Schuman Pavilion opens as first addition to Loma Linda University Medical Center since 1967.
Sponsored by the family of Takkun Lo, MD, MPH, LLU School of Medicine 1986

1987
Outpatient Surgery Center opens next to Faculty Medical Office (FMO).
Leonard Bailey, MD, performs infant transplant surgery on three-hour-old Paul Holc, the world's youngest heart-transplant recipient.
First International Congress on Vegetarian Nutrition, organized by Loma Linda University nutrition faculty, is held in Washington, DC.
Associate in Science degree in Respiratory Therapy commences in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

1988
Regional cancer center was established at Loma Linda University by the State of California.
Sponsored in honor of Alan King, MD, SM 1958 by the LLU Cancer Center
International Heart Institute is established.
Sponsored by the dedicated men and women of the LLUSM class of 2008
Loma Linda University Medical Center's south wing (phase one) opens.

1989
School of Dentistry begins its annual Clinic with a Heart—a one-day free clinic for the underserved.
Center for Fertility and In Vitro Fertilization is established.
Estate gift from Robert and Esther-Ann Forbes triples the size of the University's operating endowment.
Loma Linda University accepts medical students and residents from Oral Roberts University, School of Medicine when it closes.

1990
Cogeneration Plant becomes operational, providing sufficient heating, cooling and electricity for the campus.
Board of Trustees votes to end the twenty-three year union between Loma Linda University and La Sierra College.
Board designates Loma Linda University as a Health Sciences University.
Department of Pathology in the School of Medicine becomes the University's first fully endowed academic unit.
Sponsored by LLU School of Medicine Department of Pathology
Loma Linda University Medical Center opens the world's first hospital-based Proton Treatment Center.
Sponsored in honor of James M. Slater, MD by LLU Radiation Medicine

1991
Cancer institute is established (renamed Cancer Center in 2007).
Sponsored by Mark and Michelle Reeves
Loma Linda University Behavioral Medicine Center (BMC) is established.
Sponsored in honor of Lyn B. Behrens for her passion and vision

1992
Newly remodeled TotalCare Birth Center opens.
Annual Kids Care Fair is established by Loma Linda University Medical Center.
Children's Hospital Foundation is established.
Organ Transplantation Institute is established.

1993
First annual Children's Hospital Gala is held.
Loma Linda University Children's Hospital opens.
School of Dentistry Center for Implant Dentistry opens.
1994
Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital opens in Hangzhou, China as a Western-style medical center through collaboration with Loma Linda University and Loma Linda University Medical Center.
*Sponsored by Dr. Urs and Darlene Bryner, School of Medicine 1973-B*
Rehabilitation, Orthopedic, and Neurosciences Institute (RONI) is established.
Center for Radiation Biology is established with support of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to conduct radiation research.
*Sponsored in honor of James M. Slater, MD by LLU Radiation Medicine*

1995
Drayson Center recreational complex opens.
Loma Linda University radiation experiment is conducted on board the space shuttle Atlantis.
Center for Molecular Biology and Gene Therapy is established.
Bronze Good Samaritan sculpture is unveiled on the University Mall, replacing the original limestone sculpture. Social Action Corps Health System relocates to former Norton Air Force Base, expanding primary care services to underserved communities.
*Sponsored in appreciation for all who demonstrate God's love so profoundly at SACHS*
School of Dentistry Service-Learning Program expands to the Coachella Valley School District.

1996
Twins Shawna and Janelle Roderick, conjoined at the liver, are successfully separated.
Robert M. Ricketts Orthodontic Research and Learning Center opens.

1997
Center for Spiritual Life and Wholeness is established with Wil Alexander as founder.
Chan Shun Pavilion opens providing expanded space for cancer research.
Denver D. Coleman Pavilion opens, housing School of Medicine administrative offices.
Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center is established.
Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House opens.
Center for Joint Replacement is established.
Loma Linda Broadcasting Network (LLBN) commences operation.
Hispanic Alumni of Loma Linda University (HALL) is established.

1998
U.S. Postal Service stamp honoring organ donations is unveiled at Loma Linda University Medical Center.
Neurosurgery Center for Research, Training, and Education is established.
Heritage Society commences.
Center for Dental Research is established.
*Sponsored by the Center for Dental Research*

1999
Minority Introduction to Health Sciences (MITHS) Program commences, acquainting high school students with health careers.
"Big Hearts for Little Hearts," providing philanthropic support for Children's Hospital, commences.
Adventist Health International (AHI) is established to strengthen Adventist hospitals and clinics.
*Sponsored in appreciation for all those who care and serve the least of these*

2000
Prince Hall expands to provide additional clinical space.
The Hutto-Patterson Pediatric Dental Clinic and Koppel Special Care Dentistry Center open in the new addition.

2001
The nation experiences the tragic events of September 11.

2002
School of Pharmacy is established.
*Sponsored by Loma Linda University School of Pharmacy family*
Ritchie Mansion is renovated, providing campus housing for cancer patients.
PhD degree program in the School of Nursing commences.
*Sponsored by Loma Linda University School of Nursing*

2003
School of Science and Technology is established.

2004
"Venom ER" TV series begins airing on Animal Planet channel, featuring SM faculty member, Sean P. Bush, MD.
*Sponsored by the Department of Emergency Medicine*

2005
Centennial celebration of Loma Linda University and Loma Linda University Medical Center focuses on theme of "Fulfilling the Vision."
School of Nursing celebrates its centennial year.
*Sponsored by Loma Linda University School of Nursing*
Si Se Puede ("Yes you can") is founded as a "pipeline" program for Latino high school students.
Perinatal Institute is established.

2007
Global Health Institute is established.
*Sponsored in honor of LLU Partners and Champions of International Service*

2008
Institute for Community Partnerships is established to support and coordinate local outreach to the community.
Nutrition and Dietetics programs celebrate 100 years of vegetarian nutrition education.
Lifestyle Medicine Institute is established.
Loma Linda University Heart and Surgical Hospital is established.
*Sponsored in honor of dedicated physicians and staff by Jesse Mock, Administrator*
The "Come Unto Me" bronze sculpture by Victor Issa is unveiled at the entrance of Loma Linda University Medical Center in 2009.

2009
School of Medicine celebrates 100 years. The names of the active faculty members are on the surrounding pavers.
*Sponsored by LLU School of Medicine, Class of 2009*
Centennial Complex opens.
*Sponsored in honor of Campaign Volunteers and Donors*