

CANISIUS RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENTS

JOHN J. HURLEY

President, Canisius College





1997 **Named Vice President for College Relations and General Counsel**

Renovation of Bosch Hall completed

1998 Pastor Aerobics Center opened
Purchase and renovation of Desmond Hall
Construction and dedication of Patrick Lee Student Fitness Center

1999 George M. Martin Hall dedicated

2000 Lyons Hall dedicated
Montante Cultural Center dedicated
Imagine Canisius, largest capital campaign, concluded with \$38.8 million raised, surpassing the goal by \$8.8 million.

Urban Leadership Learning Community (former McGowan Learning Community Program) established

2001 Renovated Demerly Hall opened
Delevan Townhouses Phase 1 opened
Old Main re-dedicated





2002 Renovated Economou Dining Hall opened
Delevan Townhouses Phase 2 opened
Construction of Koessler Plaza
Employer Assisted Housing program launched. It is the first of its kind in WNY to provide forgivable loans to employees who purchase homes in the areas surrounding the college.

2003 Renovated Campion Hall opened

2007 **Named Executive Vice President**

2008 BlueCross BlueShield Building purchased

2010 **Installed as 24th President of Canisius College, the first lay president in 150-year history of Canisius College**

Hamlin Park Initiative created to return college-owned homes in the historic Hamlin Park neighborhood to owner-occupiers after renovation.

2011 Office of Mission & Identity created





2012 Successful close to *A Legacy of Leadership*. The comprehensive campaign for Canisius raised a historic \$95.5 million for the college - \$5.5 million over goal – and secured vital support for scholarships and new academic programs.

Online Education Task Force formed to develop recommendations for the future of online education

Comprehensive plan designed to develop Bouwhuis Library into a state-of-the-art learning commons

Developed Hiring for Mission Initiative

Retained the Pappas Consulting Group to complete a comprehensive review of the college's operation and make recommendations to correct the college's structural deficit. The Strategic Assessment Initiatives implemented thereafter ultimately eliminated approximately \$3 million in operating expenses through the administrative program review.

Science Hall opened

2013 Nelson D. Civello '67 Financial Markets Lab expanded and renovated

2015 Established Retention Task Force to boost undergraduate retention

ESPN3 Golden Griffin Sports Broadcast Center and sports broadcast journalism concentration created





Making a transformative education more affordable.

2015-16 Oversaw Middle States Commission on Higher Education self-study and monitoring report and implementation of recommendations

2016 Led the development of college's new strategic plan: *Canisius 150: Excellence, Leadership, Jesuit*

Initiated and led the development of a comprehensive policy manual

Worked with the Faculty Senate to formalize new, constructive approaches and policies to support shared governance

2017 *Excellence Within Reach* tuition reduction initiative lowers tuition for full-time undergraduate students by 23 percent

2018 Finalized the development of Canisius' first Plan for Sustainability

Founding member of the Movement to Restore Trust – lay organization to respond to the Church sex abuse scandal in the Diocese of Buffalo and rebuild trust in the Catholic Church

2019 Leased more than 20,000 square feet of space in Science Hall to Catholic Health to house a major health technology project

Finalized the Canisius College Facilities Master Plan





2019 Hamlin Park Initiative concluded, with \$500,000 invested in the renovation of 10 homes

Jesuit Superior General affirmed Canisius as a Catholic, Jesuit institution of higher education following college's completion of Mission Priority Examen

Hired the college's first dedicated staff member to oversee Diversity and Inclusion

2020 New Buffalo Institute (NBI) launched

Office of Mission & Ministry created

Penfold-Gareis Fitness Center opened

Physician Assistant Studies Program is accredited

Restructuring – Charting the Next Course

2020- Covid-19 Pandemic - Canisius transitioned to contingency plan

2021 Inaugural class of Physician Assistant Program welcomed to Canisius

The Canisius College Endowment grows 70 percent over the past decade to reach a high watermark value at \$158 million





Awards and Honors

Inducted as a Distinguished Alumnus of Canisius College in 2002, Hurley is also a recipient of the college's LaSalle Medal (1996). St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute inducted him into its Signum Fidei Society (1998) and the University of Notre Dame presented him with its Exemplar Award (1997). He has received HOME's James Crawford Award (1990) and the Director's Award (1997) for outstanding service to the cause of fair housing. In 2012, Christ the King Seminary conferred an honorary degree upon Hurley. In 2019, the St. Thomas More Guild in Buffalo presented him with its St. Thomas More Award in recognition of his work on the Catholic Church sex abuse scandal.

