Celebrating our past.                Securing our future.
Celebrating 150 Years

Canisius College is a place where leadership is inspired. Why? Because our decisions and actions are guided by values rooted in our Catholic, Jesuit mission. Our students cultivate the skills and values to succeed in their professional careers and lead meaningful lives, no matter where their paths may take them. The world has more ethical and dynamic leaders, compassionate healthcare providers, talented financial experts and caring educators, who all share a Canisius education. Our goal is to leave students transformed by their experience here—smarter, of course, but also wiser, more compassionate and inspired to lead.

This year we celebrate our 150th anniversary and we are poised to embark on a future built squarely upon the college’s Jesuit tradition, impressive reputation for academic excellence, and solidarity with our surrounding community.

As we celebrate this exceptional milestone, we want to make certain that Canisius remains strong for generations and so we look to our dedicated alumni, faculty, staff, volunteers, friends—our entire Canisius College community—to come together to help secure our future.

Celebrate, Show Your Support, Keep Our Traditions Strong

As we celebrate our sesquicentennial, there is no better time or way to showcase your support for Canisius than with a gift to Canisius Fund 150. Your support fuels innovation on campus and enables faculty to revitalize our curriculum and create life-changing student experiences through service and co-curricular activities. Gifts to Canisius Fund 150 provide much-needed scholarships and financial aid that will attract students who believe in our mission and the academic excellence and experience a Canisius education provides.

Our facilities and physical plant have served us well throughout the years, but the expenses to maintain, upgrade, renovate and restore our physical plant are ongoing and costly. Gifts to Canisius Fund 150 provide much-needed support for facility renovations and upgrades that will meet the evolving academic needs of our faculty and students. Financial support will also allow us to enhance the overall campus learning and living environment, inspiring more students to enroll.

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Student Scholarship

Nearly 96 percent of undergraduate students receive financial aid in the form of scholarship support. Annual gifts to Canisius Fund 150 provide scholarships and tuition assistance for our talented and deserving students. This crucial support enables students with aspirations for a Canisius education to make their choice based on their personal goals and dreams, not finances.

Curriculum Revitalization

As Canisius College prepares to educate students for the next 150 years, we have embarked on a strategy to invest in emerging programs and experiential learning opportunities for students that meet the ever-changing needs of employers and interests of students. Innovative programs that harness new modalities and interdisciplinary approaches to teaching and learning, emphasize collaboration and provide service or internship opportunities will best prepare our students for the evolving job market. All of our undergraduate, post-baccalaureate certificate and graduate programs reflect a steadfast commitment to academic excellence, making Canisius a competitive choice for prospective students.

Notably, we have turned our attention to allied health programs, including a new physician assistant master’s degree program that is on track to enroll its first cohort in 2021. This program will prepare practitioners to become nationally-certified and state-licensed medical professionals who will practice medicine and deliver patient care in Western New York and beyond. This is only the beginning. Your support of Canisius Fund 150 fuels our vision for academic excellence and provides the resources necessary for course and program development, new faculty positions, facility improvements and other investments that keep the college’s academic portfolio and pedagogy of the highest quality.

Facility Updates and Renovations

Driven by a vision to become a leading educational choice for those who seek innovative learning opportunities, Canisius has developed a Facilities Master Plan as a companion to the Strategic Plan, Canisius 150, to guide the college into the future.

Canisius College intends to make investments in our physical plant that will enrich the experience for students, faculty, staff, volunteers and visitors to campus with a welcoming, safe, attractive and enjoyable working, learning and living environment. The primary goals of the plan are to strengthen the academic facilities, renew the student experience with improved study, residential, recreational, athletic and reflection spaces, and enhance and revitalize campus life. The college will also continue to examine opportunities to optimize space utilization, integrate sustainable design strategies, and support our relationship with the surrounding Hamlin Park community.

The completion of Science Hall is a top priority within the scope of the college’s plans that will have a cascading effect across the entire campus. Science Hall, when complete, will be an interdisciplinary center that houses the college’s science departments, as well as signature programs such as the new physician assistant program, Institute for Autism Research, the George E. Schreiner, MD ‘43 Pre-Medical Center, Center for Professional Development, and the ESPN Golden Griffin Sports Broadcast Center. The design of laboratories and classroom spaces will match the high-quality teaching and research that distinguish our programs and prepare students for in-demand careers in the growing life sciences and allied health economy in our region and beyond.

Academic Excellence

- BS Sport and Exercise Healthcare began Fall 2018
- MS Data Analytics began Fall 2018
- MS Sport Product Development began Fall 2018
- BS Integrated Marketing Communication will begin Fall 2019
- MS Finance will begin Fall 2019
- MS Physician Assistant Studies - slated to begin Spring 2021
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate - Data Analytics
- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate - Integrated Marketing Communication

New computer science professor with expertise in cybersecurity to develop the program
The space also provides us with the flexibility to collaborate with community partners, such as Catholic Health, which now occupies a portion of Science Hall. This partnership not only enables Catholic Health to complete a transformational electronic medical records initiative, it also provides Canisius with an opportunity to make substantial progress on the build-out of the facility and develop a pipeline of talent that will give students real-world experience. We are already working with Catholic Health to create internships and mentoring opportunities for students who will be future leaders in IT, data analytics, finance, health care and a host of other related disciplines.

The Facilities Master Plan also calls for additional formal and informal gathering spaces for student meetings and events, as well as more recreation space. Plans are underway for a student fitness facility in Palisano Pavilion, along with upgrades to the Richard E. Winter ’42 Student Center. Other projects such as classroom updates, improvements to meeting space and green areas throughout the campus will have significant impact on the student experience.

Reinvestments in our existing facilities are critical for us to remain a competitive choice for prospective students. Gifts to Canisius Fund 150 will support these critical projects as well as the restoration and preservation of Christ the King Chapel—an essential gathering place that is core to our history, mission and values.