“Drawing Out the Goodness”

a very brief historical timeline of
1961
- Diocese of Allentown established

1962
- Bishop McShea gives $2 million

1963
- Fr. J. Stuart Dooling, 1st president

1964
- Groundbreaking on May 17
- PA charter on May 27

Allentown College of Saint Francis de Sales
THE FORMATIVE YEARS (1960’S)

1965-66
- freshman class arrives 9/15/65
- dedication 11/6/65

first residence halls
- Conmy Hall (dedicated Nov 1966)
- Wills Hall (dedicated Dec 1966)

first intercollegiate athletic event (Oct 1967)

first Commencement (May 1969)

first Theatre performance (Nov 1969)

full Middle States accreditation (Apr 1970)
**The 1970’s**

**Transformations**
- first Women students (Sept 1970)
- the great Flood (Aug 1971)
- joining the N.C.A.A. (1972)
- new curriculum (1973-74)
- McShea College Center (Sept 1974)

**Growth & Expansion**
- ACCESS begins (1976-77)
- REV. DANIEL GAMBET, 2nd president (Oct 1978)
The 1980’s

**Vision & Vitality**

- first Winter commencement (Jan 1981)
- Labuda Center opens (Feb 1982)
- first Marcon lecture (Feb 1984)
- first Furphy lecture (Apr 1985)

**More Growth**

- first Master’s degrees (May 1987)
- ACCESS at Easton campus (1987-88)
- Gerald White, first lay chairman of the board (Oct 1988)
The 1990’s +

- New athletic fields (1991)
- PSF launched (June 1992)
- Campbell Hall opens (Fall 1994)
- U.S. News & World Report ranking (Sept 1995)
- Iacocca Studio dedicated (Fall 1997)
- Fr. Bernard O’Connor, 3rd president (Oct 1999)
- Allentown College becomes DeSales University on 1/1/01
ENTERING A NEW CENTURY

The first decade …

- Salesian Center for Faith & Culture (April 2000)
- Hurd Science Center (2001)
- DeSales University Center
  - dining center opens (2003)
  - White Pavilion opens (2007)
- Salesian statues
  - Our Patrons (2012)
  - Oblate Founders (2014)

… until now

- Lansdale Area campus (2011)
- going Global
  - India (2005)
  - Romania (2007)
  - Ireland (2012)
  - Peru (2012)
  - Greece (2012)
- Gambet Center for Business & Healthcare (2013)
- First doctoral (DNP) graduates (2014)
INTO THE FUTURE …

True Devotion
Perfектs All Things