

Five Decades of Growth and Excellence:

1960 Dade County Junior College begins operations in temporary facilities. Kenneth R. Williams, first President.

1962 Dr. Peter Masiko named second President of Dade County Junior College.

1963 North Campus' first permanent building completed.

1964 South Campus begins operations in temporary facilities.

1968 Florida Legislature separates community colleges from public school system. Miami-Dade now governed by its own District Board of Trustees

1969 100,000th student enrolled.

1971 Construction begins on a third campus in downtown Miami.

1971 Allied Health Center opens at Mount Sinai.

1972 InterAmerican Center opens in Little Havana.

1973 College renamed Miami-Dade Community College.

1976 Medical Center Campus dedicated.

1978 Beginning of Educational Reforms: Standards of Academic Progress implemented; computerized Academic Alert and Advisement System begins.

1980 Dr. Robert H. McCabe named third President of Miami-Dade Community College.

1981 Hialeah Center opens.

1984 Downtown campus renamed Mitchell Wolfson New World Center Campus.

1985 First community college in the U.S. to have graduated 100,000 students.

1990 Homestead Campus opens.

1992 Referendum passes – Community Endowment established.

1992 Hurricane Andrew: \$13 million in damages to campuses.

1992 First 25 Endowed Teaching Chairs awarded.

1993 College receives first Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for excellence in teaching and learning.

From a humble beginning
in temporary
facilities...



1985 Designated the Finest Community College in America.

1988 New World School of the Arts created.

1989 Liberty City Entrepreneurial Education Center opens.

1995 Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón named fourth President of Miami-Dade Community College.

1998 Year of implementation for Education Review, Reengineering, Technology Master Plan and Odyssey proposals.

1998 InterAmerican Center becomes InterAmerican Campus.

1998 Tamiami Aviation Center established at Tamiami airport.

1998 Computerworld Smithsonian Award for Technological Innovation.

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2000	Learning Agenda initiated.	2005	Freedom Tower donated to MDC.
2001	1 million students enrolled since 1960.	2006	1.5 millionth student enrolled.
2001	State approves 4-year baccalaureate degree in Education.	2006	First entering class admitted, Bachelor of Applied Science in Public Safety Management, Fall Term.
2003	May 24, 2003: Florida Legislature authorizes name change from M-DCC to Miami Dade College (MDC).	2007	First graduates, Bachelor of Applied Science in Public Safety Management
2003	First class seeking Bachelor of Science in Education admitted in Fall Term.	2007	Hialeah Center becomes Hialeah Campus.
2003	Honors College begins.	2008	First entering class admitted, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Spring Term.
2005	First Bachelor of Science in Education graduates from MDC.	2008	Miami International Film Festival and Miami Book Fair International celebrate 25th anniversaries.
2005	Learning Agenda II initiated.	2009	Chronicle of Higher Education selects MDC as one of the "Great Colleges to Work For."
2005	MDC-West opens.	2009	First entering class admitted, Bachelor of Science in Electronic Engineering Technology (Summer Term); Health Science with Option in Physician Assistant Studies and in Film, Television, and Digital Production (Term Fall).
2010	Confucius Institute opened.	2010	MDC launched new culinary program - the Miami Culinary Institute.
2010	Four new baccalaureate degrees offered in response to workforce needs.	2010	Celebrated MDC's 50th anniversary.
2010	New state-of-the-art Science Complex opened at North Campus.	2012	First entering class admitted, Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences and Early Childhood Education.
2015	BS and BAS new bachelors.		