

# MILTON HERSHEY SCHOOL CHRONOLOGY

## Desk Reference



**MHS Heritage Center at Kinderhaus  
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*Preserving the Past...Capturing the Present...Preparing for the Future*

## ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CHRONOLOGY

### SIGNIFICANT DATES AND EVENTS

#### **Buildings:**

1. Opening of buildings
2. Closing of buildings
3. Major renovations
4. Naming/Renaming of buildings

#### **Individuals:**

Employees who hold an administrative position, appointed or elected or those who work directly with students such as teachers and houseparents. All other employees will not be included unless there is a compelling reason to do so.

1. Date of employment
2. Date of retirement along with the number of years employed and in what capacity.
3. Date of death if death occurred during active employment. Exception to be made in case of Board members, officers of the School, and senior administrative personnel.
4. Date and type of promotion. Individuals who are discharged for reason before retirement will not be listed except in exceptional cases where variances may be made at the discretion of the administration.
5. Class officers and advisers
6. Commencement speakers
7. Board membership
8. Death of students while enrolled in the School

#### **Other Significant Events:**

1. Yearly enrollment total at the end of the month of October
2. Start date and end date of School publications
3. Opening and closing dates of student homes
4. Start and end dates of major educational programs
5. Major improvements to major school programs
6. Major achievements of graduates of the School
7. Major decisions made by the Board of Managers
8. Major decisions made by administration to implement Board decisions
9. New names of School buildings and new student homes
10. Significant academic, vocational, athletic honors, and achievements by students
11. School recognition for programs, etc. by professional organizations or accrediting institutions
12. Miscellaneous items as evaluated worthy by administration

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## **The 1770's**

**1773**

Isaac Hershey is born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

**1774**

Anna Frantz is born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

## **The 1790's**

**1796**

Isaac and Anna Hershey purchase 351.25 acres of land in Derry Township from Peter and Catharine Eberly for 5,041£ (pound sterling), recorded July 28, 1796.

## **The 1800's**

**1802**

Jacob Hershey, father of Henry Hershey, is born to Isaac and Anna Hershey.

**1808**

Nancy Hershey, daughter of Andreas Hershey, wife of Jacob Hershey, is born.

## **The 1810's**

**1817**

Israel Hershey builds Kinderhaus along Horseshoe Pike (US 322).

## **The 1820's**

**1826**

Isaac and Anna Hershey build The Homestead just west of Kinderhaus. The reported cost of the home is \$850.21. In both Kinderhaus and The Homestead, limestone from the land being cleared is used in construction.

## **1829**

January 4, 1829, Henry Hershey is born at The Homestead. He is the first born of Jacob and Nancy Hershey. There are seven children in the family: Henry, born 1829; Joseph, born 1830; Elizabeth, born 1832; Christian, born 1836; Jacob, born 1838; Elias, born 1841; Isaac, born 1846.

## **The 1830's**

### **1831**

Isaac Hershey transfers ownership of The Homestead farm to Jacob Hershey, his son.

### **1835**

September 4, 1835, Veronica (Fanny) Buckwalter Snavely, Milton's mother, is born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

## **The 1850's**

### **1856**

January 15, 1856, Rev. Gottlieb Frederich Kotel, a Lutheran minister in Lancaster, marries Henry and Veronica (Fanny). Henry sets up housekeeping in his father's home, The Homestead.

### **1857**

September 13, 1857, Milton Snavely Hershey is born at The Homestead farm.

## **The 1860's**

### **1862**

April 12, 1862, Milton Hershey's only sibling, Sarena Hershey, is born at Derry Church.

### **1866**

Henry moves his family from Derry Township to Bart Township in Lancaster County where he and Fanny purchase a small run-down farm from Fanny's uncle for \$2,500. Henry calls the farm The Trout Brook Fruit and Fish Farm.

## **1867**

March 18, 1867, Jacob Hershey sells The Homestead farm to Henry Gingrich for \$11,554.

March 31, 1867, Sarena Hershey dies of scarlet fever and is laid to rest in an unmarked grave on her mother's family plot in The New Danville Mennonite Cemetery.

## **1869**

September 3, 1869, Nancy Hershey, Milton's grandmother, dies.

## **The 1870's**

### **1871**

Milton ends his formal days of schooling. In all, he attended seven schools: Derry Church and Rock Ridge Schools in Derry Township, and five schools in Bart Township, Lancaster County: Old Harmony School, Moore's Select Academy, Valley Academy, The Brick School, and Sally Goode's second floor classroom. Milton acquires the equivalent of a 4<sup>th</sup> grade level of education.

Milton is apprenticed to Samuel Ernest, a printer at Gap, Pennsylvania. Henry encourages the apprenticeship because he wants to see his son develop language skills.

Samuel Ernest fires Milton for a lack of interest in developing printing trade skills. He returns home to Nine Points and to his mother.

### **1872**

Milton's mother asks Joseph Royer, a confectioner of Lancaster, to take her son and teach him the confectionery business. Royer accepts Milton to work in his shop as an apprentice at 50-52 High Street in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

July 6, 1872, Catherine Sweeney is born to Irish immigrant parents at 28 Fairmount Street, Jamestown, in western New York State.

### **1876**

Milton leaves his apprenticeship at Royer's shop and decides to go into business for himself.

June 1, 1876, Milton S. Hershey goes into business for himself at 935 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia. He starts his business on \$150.00 of borrowed money.

### **1877**

April 15, 1877, George Copenhaver is born in Berrysburg, Dauphin County, PA.

May 15, 1877, Jacob Hershey, father of Henry Hershey, dies in Cornwall Township, Lebanon County.

### **1878**

Henry Hershey inherits \$8,000 from his father.

## **The 1880's**

### **1882**

February 1882, Milton calls it quits in Philadelphia. He owes money to his family. He is financially broke. He decides to go to Colorado to be with his father. Both Milton and his father decide to go back East with Milton spending time in Chicago and New Orleans.

### **1883**

Milton goes to New York and works for Huyler, a candy manufacturer. Milton begins to make his own candy on the side in his apartment.

### **1886**

In the summer of 1886, Milton S. Hershey returns to Lancaster financially broken and unable to obtain additional credit. A former Philadelphia employee, William Lebkicher, takes him in. He begins making caramel candy in Lancaster.

In the fall of 1886, Milton and his mother rent a small house at 121 East Vine Street in Lancaster. Milton continues his caramel business.

### **1888**

Milton and his mother move to 141 South Duke Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

## **The 1890's**

### **1891**

October 21, 1891, Milton buys a home from Mary A. Bowers at 222 South Queen Street. Milton and his mother make it their home.

November 10, 1891, Milton Hershey purchases 347 Church Street in Lancaster and begins to buy additional properties to provide 450,000 square feet of floor space for his caramel business.

### **1894**

April 14, 1894, Aunt Mattie Snavelly dies at the age of 62. She is buried in the family plot at the Mennonite Cemetery in New Danville, Lancaster County.

### **1895**

April 17, 1895, the first sale of record for caramels is recorded to John Ewing of Glasgow, Scotland.

### **1896**

September 12, 1896, Milton buys the old Homestead farm from Levi Gingrich for \$10,310.69 at public auction. The deed is not recorded until April 1, 1897, due to the financial entanglements incurred by Levi that had to be resolved before the deed could be transferred. There are 36 acres remaining when Milton takes title to the farm.

### **1898**

May 25, 1898, Milton and Catherine Sweeney are married in the Rectory of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. Father Murphy, Assistant Pastor, marries them.

April 1898, Milton Hershey goes to Colorado to bring his father, Henry Hershey, back to The Homestead farm. Henry Hershey remains at The Homestead until his death in 1904.

In September 1898, Milton purchases a house at 143 South Duke Street in Lancaster for his mother. She lives in this house until she moves to Derry Township.

## **The 1900's**

### **1900**

August 10, 1900, Milton sells the caramel factory in Lancaster for \$1,000,000 to the American Caramel Company with headquarters in York, Pennsylvania.

### **1901**

Milton builds a factory building at The Homestead farm, as well as a milk-condensing plant and an experimental dairy barn to the northwest of The Homestead.

### **1902**

The old Homestead bank barn is torn down.

**1904**

February 18, 1904, Henry Hershey dies of an apparent heart attack.

September 1, 1904, Mrs. T. K. Doyle of Wilkes-Barre receives \$100 for suggesting the name Hershey Koko for the new town. Catherine and others object to the name.

**1905**

April 11, 1905, the Hershey Trust Company is established.

Milton and Catherine move from Lancaster into The Homestead.

June 15, 1905, the Trust Company begins operation.

The Homestead is remodeled. Dormers are placed in the attic and a new porch is built.

**1906**

The postal address is changed from Derry Church to Hershey, Pennsylvania. The first mail is delivered on February 7, 1906.

November 17, 1906, Derry Church Railroad Station is closed.

Milton Hershey purchases Kinderhaus from Israel Hershey. The first boys move into the home in 1912.

**1908**

Milton and Catherine move into the High Point mansion.

**1909**

Milton S. Hershey is elected Chairman of the Board of Managers. Milton remains on the Board as its chairman until 1944. He remains on the Board as a member until his death in 1945.

Milton Hershey selects the following individuals to serve on the Board of Managers of the School for the periods of time indicated:

- Jacob B. Curry .....1909-1913
- G. M Hocker .....1909-1917
- J. M. Landis.....1909-1917
- W. H. Lebkicher.....1909-1929 (Vice Chairman....1910-1929)
- I. M. Moyer .....1909-1917
- U. G. Risser.....1909-1925
- J. E. Snyder .....1909-1934
- A.W. Stauffer .....1909-1925

Milton Hershey employs George Copenhaver, 32, from Berrysburg, upper Dauphin County, to be his Superintendent of Farms for the four farms he was to name in the Deed of Trust creating the Hershey Industrial School. He began employment on October 27, 1909.

November 15, 1909, Milton and Catherine Hershey sign the Deed of Trust, which establishes the Hershey Industrial School for poor, orphaned, white males. The Trust is initially endowed with 486 acres of farmland.

## **The 1910's**

### **1910**

September 1, 1910, the first four boys are enrolled in the Hershey Industrial School. At the end of the first year, 17 boys are enrolled in the School. Nelson A. Wagner, Irvin G. Wagner, Jacob A. Weber, and Guy G. Weber.

October 1910, there are 5 boys in the School.

Milton Hershey purchases the Martin Kegerris farm located half way between Hockersville and Campbelltown along Horseshoe Pike, Route 322. Later the farmhouse is called Buena Vista. The entire School operation is housed in The Homestead farmhouse. It serves as a classroom, student home, and school office.

### **1911**

With the number of students increasing, the decision is made in mid year to move the classrooms from The Homestead and to the mechanical building, just north of The Homestead.

The boys, under the direction of Mr. Putt, build the chicken house at the main.

October 1911, there are 17 boys in the School.

### **1912**

June 1, 1912, the second residence for students is opened just east of The Homestead. They name the home Kinderhaus. It is the first building dedicated solely to the housing of students as a School family.

August 1912, George Copenhaver and Milton Hershey hire their first teacher, Harold Cool, a recent graduate from Bloomsburg State Normal School.

October 24, 1912, The Hershey Press reports that there are 24 students enrolled in the Industrial School.

**1913**

J. K. Putt, Mr. Hershey’s head carpenter, builds the Round Barn at the foot of Pat's Hill. It is used as a show place and demonstration area for many of the dairy and farm items Mr. Hershey sells in his store located on Chocolate Avenue. It also has a creamery and sells milk to the public.

August 1913, Rock Ridge School is closed by action of the Derry Township School Board.

October 1913, there are 37 boys in the School.

**1914**

Mr. Feese, leader of the Hershey Band, comes to the campus of the Industrial School to teach the students how to play band instruments. He introduces the students to playing their instruments in a group.

October 1914, there are 40 boys in the School.

The Gingrich home across the highway from The Homestead is opened as a student home. They call it Primary “B.”

**1915**

January 1915 Ezra Hershey is elected to the Board of Managers. He remains on the Board until 1949. He serves as Vice Chairman 1939-1944.

January 1915, James B. Leithiser is elected to the Board of Managers. He remains on the Board until 1921.

January 1915, William F. R. Murrie is elected to the Board of Managers. He remains on the Board until 1947.

January 1915, S. C. Stecher is elected to the Board of Managers. He remains on the Board until 1939. He serves as secretary/treasurer of the Board 1910-1938.

March 25, 1915, Catherine Hershey, Milton's wife, dies in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia of pneumonia. She is 42 years of age.

March 27, 1915, Reverend Francis J. Clark says a mass for Catherine Hershey in Philadelphia. Her body is taken to the Laurel Hills receiving vault where it is held until the new Hershey Cemetery is ready to receive her body in the family plot.

September 1915, The Hershey Press reports George Copenhaver’s teacher assignments:

- Kindergarten .....Miss Carrie Simmons
- Primary Department.....Miss Ruth Beam
- Upper Grades .....George Copenhaver.

October 1915, there are 58 boys in the School.

### **1916**

In May 1916, students move out of The Homestead. For the start of the new school term a student home opens at the Martin Kegerris farm. Milton names it Buena Vista. The students call it the Hill. It is also known as Department B.

September 1, 1916, Milton Hershey employs a General Superintendent, George Signor, from Spring City, Pennsylvania. The School now has seven farms. Mr. Hershey owns seventy-five farms, fifteen of which operate as dairies. He owns 8500 acres of farmland in three counties: Lebanon, Dauphin, and Lancaster.

October 1916, there are 62 boys in the School.

### **1917**

Mr. Hershey renovates the old mechanical building and it becomes the School's main central building. A centralized kitchen, a dining room, and sleeping quarters are all part of the remodeling.

March 31, 1917, Milton Hershey purchases a large home located at Harper's in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, from Samuel Fry. The School uses the home as a quarantine home and calls it Purity Hall. Later, the School renames the home Harpers and uses it as student home. It has a schoolroom in the carriage house. The School closes Harpers in 1938.

April 1917, Mr. Signor resigns and leaves town.

October 1917, there are 71 boys in the School.

### **1918**

Mr. Hershey places 500,000 shares of Hershey stock, valued at \$60,000,000, in trust for the benefit of the School. This represents his stock holdings in his chocolate company.

October 1918, there are 79 boys in the School.

December 18, 1918, Charles Swartz dies of influenza. He is the only student in the School to die during the influenza epidemic, which gripped the nation during this period of history. Charles is buried in the new Hershey cemetery in the area set aside for Milton's boys.

### **1919**

Dr. W. E. Vallerchamp becomes the School's first dentist. He lives in Harrisburg and gives his service to the students free of charge. Milton provides him trolley fare and the latest in dental equipment.

April 14, 1919, Milton moves Catherine's body from Philadelphia to the Hershey family plot in the new Hershey Cemetery overlooking the town.

October 1919, there are 105 boys in the School.

December 30, 1919, the Hershey Industrial School is granted a charter by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

## **The 1920's**

### **1920**

March 11, 1920, Veronica (Fanny) Buckwalter Snavely Hershey dies. She is 84 years of age. Milton buries his mother in the family plot and brings his father's body from the Reformed Mennonite Church Cemetery on Bachmanville Road to the family plot in the new Hershey Cemetery.

In April 1920, the School census records indicate that there are 106 students in the School. There are four homes: Purity Hall, Buena Vista, Primary B, and Kinderhaus.

April 8, 1920, the School's curriculum expands to include the vocational areas of electrical applications, printing, bookbinding, dairying, gardening, horticulture, and garage work.

October 1920, there are 108 boys in the School.

Fall 1920, the Board of Managers decides to build Ivanhoe, a self-contained educational facility in the vicinity of the Homestead and the old mechanical building.

### **1921**

The New York Bank holding outstanding Notes from Milton Hershey's Chocolate Company places R. J. deCamp on the Board. Mr. Hershey removes him from the Board upon redemption of the financial notes held by the bank.

June 1921, the first two students, William Rogers and Jacob Weber, graduate from high school.

September 5, 1921, Ivanhoe is opened for the new school term. It contains classrooms, sleeping rooms, a gym, office space, and storage. Cost is \$60,000. The building has three floors in addition to a basement. Housing is available for 55 students, two to a room.

October 1921, there are 123 boys in the School.

## **1922**

The Industrial School has a small hospital in a house located just east of the School's present Health Center along US 322. This center is a 6-8-bed facility. Each one of the student residences has a sick room, which increases sick beds available for students.

James Putt, Milton Hershey's master carpenter, begins work at the Industrial School.

June 1922, three students graduate from high school.

October 1922, there are 118 boys in the School.

## **1923**

In January and February of 1923, the Industrial School reports 81 cases of influenza. Eighteen hospitals are contacted to assist with the situation. Milton Hershey decides that he must establish a hospital with capacity to care for situations requiring greater bed capacity than the facility located on US 322.

June 1923, eleven students graduate from high school.

September 1923, George Copenhaver employs Berta Harm as a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher in Ivanhoe. In 1930, The School promotes her to Assistant in Admissions. In 1950 the School promotes Berta to Assistant Principal of the Fanny B. Memorial School. She retires in 1953, and passes away on March 31, 1971.

October 1923, there are 116 boys in the School.

November 1923, Milton S. Hershey, aged 66, is photographed with Robert Schaeffer, 4 years 9 months old.

November 9, 1923, New York Times prints a front-page article of Mr. Hershey's gift of \$60,000,000 in Trust for the School.

## **1924**

May 15, 1924, the Hershey Hospital locates in the Fanny B. Hershey home, which is combined with the Gingrich home on E. Chocolate Avenue. The factory's infirmary moves to the new hospital.

June 1924, four students graduate from high school.

September 1924, Dr. Herman Hostetter comes to Hershey at the invitation of Milton Hershey. He supervises the new Hospital and becomes M. S. Hershey's personal physician.

October 1924, there are 167 boys in the School.

## **1925**

January 1925, T. L. McHeffey is elected to and serves on the Board of Managers for one year.

February 26, 1925, Milton Hershey establishes the Cuban Orphans School in Cuba. The School closes on April 12, 1935. The Cuban Government reopens the school and names it the Colonial Infantil Hershey, Aquaceti.

June 1925, four students graduate from high school.

October 1925, there are 175 boys in the School.

## **1926**

June 1926, Harold Handshew Sours becomes the first student to receive college aid from Mr. Hershey. Milton is disappointed when Harold fails to adjust to college life and is reluctant to invest further funds in college aid to students.

June 1926, seven students graduate from high school.

July 5, 1926, student home Caaba opens as a student home. It is the first of three homes to open in 1926.

July 28, 1926, the School lays the cornerstone for the Fanny B. Hershey Memorial School and places in it a time capsule containing the following: 1. Copy of Hershey Press June 25, 1926; 2. Document by D. Paul Witmer; 3. Hershey Chocolate Balance Sheet; 4. 1912 Viewbook; 5. Course Catalogue 1926; 6. M.S. Hershey Picture 1925; 7. Deed of Trust; 8. Statement of Hershey Bank; 9. 1925 Student Application; 10. 1925 Application for Employment; 11. Certificate of Incorporation; 12. Half Silver Dollar.

September 12, 1926, student home Dauphin (known as Cooper) opens as a student home.

October 1926, there are 191 boys in the School.

November 15, 1926, student home Evergreen (known as Boone) opens as a student home.

November 18, 1926, Hershey Industrial School Band's first public appearance at Hershey High School auditorium.

December 30, 1926, The Hershey Press is discontinued due to attempts to cut costs.

## **1927**

February 15, 1927, student home Fosterleigh (known as Allen) opens.

June 1927, seven students graduate from high school.

June 1927, William Wagner receives college aid, but drops out of school to care for a sick uncle. College aid is not offered to students again until the Junior College is founded in Hershey. There is no college aid program for graduates of the School until 11 years after Milton Hershey dies.

July 1, 1927, Fanny B. Hershey Memorial Hall School is completed.

September 5, 1927, the Hershey Industrial School dedicates the Fanny B. Hershey Memorial School. Governor Fisher is the main speaker. It is a state of the art school and the first elementary school building in the nation to have an indoor swimming pool. Cost of building \$500,000.

October 1927, there are 202 boys in the School.

The School's administrators adopt the School Pledge, which George Copenhaver wrote in 1927.

## **1928**

June 1928, eight students graduate from high school.

August 20, 1928, Dale L. Nolen, youngest student ever enrolled in the School. He was 3 years, 4 months old.

October 1928, there are 214 boys in the School.

## **1929**

February 2, 1929, William Lebkicher, a longtime friend of Milton Hershey dies. He served on the Board of Managers from 1909 to 1929, and as the Vice-Chair from 1910 to 1929.

March 15, 1929, student home Gro-Mor (37A) opens on land later occupied by the Hershey Medical Center (1960s). It is one of three homes that open on this date where boys live and milk cows as part of their chore program at the farm home. The School builds a new Gro-Mor at the end of Brook Drive and opens it as a student home in 1964. The dairy farm home program begins for students in sixth through twelfth grades.

March 15, 1929, student home Brookside (26A), located at the corner of Cocoa Avenue and Governor Road, opens. This home is torn down in 1976. The School builds a new home named Brookside in 1964 which is located at 851 Brook Drive.

March 15, 1929, student home Meadowbrook (27A) opens as a farm home where boys in grades 6-12 live and, as part of their chore program milk cows.

May 10, 1929, Boy Scout Troop #75 is organized by Harold Hagaman, physical education instructor.

June 1929, two students graduate from high school.

August 21, 1929, student Thomas Myrich, eight years old, dies from injuries from a school bus accident.

October 1929, there are 242 boys in the School.

October 29, 1929, plans to form the International Quality Products Corporation fold. It was to be a \$125,000,000 merger with food and drug concerns. Milton to receive \$50,000,000 which he planned to use for school expansion.

## **The 1930's**

### **1930**

January 1930, P. A. Staples is elected to the Board of Managers. He remains on the Board until 1956. He serves as Vice Chair 1939-1944, and as Chair 1945-1956.

1930's – Scout cabin in Owl Hills areas turned over to community.

May 15, 1930, student home Oakleigh (38) located on Derry Road opens as a farm home. The home is discontinued in 1938. A new student home named Oakleigh is built in the Intermediate Division in 1961.

June 1930, nine students are graduated from high school.

July 14, 1930, farm home Applehurst opens as a student home for students in grades 6-12. The home is discontinued as a student home in 1984.

August 1, 1930, The School names Miss Berta Harm assistant in the admissions office.

September 30, 1930, student farm home Edgemont opens for students in grades 6-12. The home is renamed Rosemont in 1939. In the early 1960's, students in the Agri-Business program of the School live in the home and the dairy program is discontinued. The greenhouse is discontinued in 1992.

October 1930, there are 308 boys in the School.

### **1931**

February 27, 1931, student Raymond Zettlemyer dies of a ruptured appendix.

February 18, 1931, Pinehurst (35) opens as a farm home and is located off Derry Road by the railroad. The dairy chore program is discontinued in 1965 and food service students move into the student home. The home is discontinued as a student home in 1980.

June 1931, four students are graduated from high school.

1931, First vocational house project completed: 110 Maple Avenue.

June 13, 1931, the first Alumni Banquet is held in the Walnut Room at the Cocoa Inn. George Copenhaver selects Arthur Whiteman to be the first president. Milton Hershey attended, as did other members of the Board of Managers.

September 1931, as the new school year begins, the seventh and eighth grades, which had been attending school at Memorial Hall, move to the second floor of the Community Building to newly created classrooms. They eat their lunch at the Cocoa Inn.

September 1931, Mrs. Fasnacht employed as vocal music teacher at the Hershey Industrial School.

September 22, 1931, farm home Willow Wood located on Crest Lane, just south of Spring Creek, opens for students in grades 6-12

October 1931, there are 378 boys in the School.

November 12, 1931, Cloverdale, located at the intersection of Meadow Lane and US 322, opens as a farm home for students in grades 6-12.

## **1932**

January 4, 1932, student home Broad Acres opens for boys in grades 6-12. In the 1940's, Broad Acres is used as an Alumni House. In the 1950's it is used as a college hall. In the 1960's it is used as a home for food service students. It is closed in 1977 and is later sold to the Hershey Entertainment and Resort Company. The Round Barn, built in 1913, had been connected with this student home until it burned down in 1943.

The School's Infirmary moves to the Community Building, fifth floor, and becomes part of the new Hershey Community Hospital. The hospital remains in the Community Building until March 1941 when the Hershey Hospital and the Industrial School Hospital are combined.

May 7, 1932, student home Bloomingdale (40) opens as a farm home. This home is located along Crest Lane, and is the home to which John and Lucille Hershey are first assigned as second help when they come to the School in January 1939.

June 1932, thirteen students graduate from high school.

September 1932, ninth grade students attend the Derry Township public schools. The seventh and eighth grades remain at the Community Building in classrooms on the second floor.

September 19, 1932, Men-O opens as a farm home. It is located along US 322 on the eastern side of the School's campus. Men-O is named for Menno Hershey who owned the farm and from whom Milton bought the farm. Menno was a distant cousin of Milton's.

October 1932, there are 464 boys in the School.

October 12, 1932, Sunnybank (10) opens as a farm home for boys in grades 6-12. It is located about a mile north of the chocolate factory along Route 743. It is discontinued as a student home in 1964, and later is used as housing for farm personnel.

November 25, 1932, Overview opens as a farm home for students in grades 6-12. It is used as a farm home until the dairy (44) is discontinued in the late 1960's. It is then used as an Intermediate student home and as a temporary home for students during the period when student homes are being built and others are being renovated. Overview is remodeled in August 1964. In 1980 it is discontinued as a student home, and later leased to the Senior Citizens of Derry Township. They use the home until 1998 when a new senior citizen center is made available in Derry Township.

### **1933**

January 23, 1933, Silverbrook (43) opens as a farm home. It remains as a farm home until the fall of 1964 when it is discontinued as a home for students in grades 9-12. The home is then renamed Spring Creek, and used as an Intermediate home for students in grades 5-8. In 1972 it is discontinued as a student home. It is then used to house Farm Division personnel. Since 1992 Spring Creek becomes a facility for the Agricultural Program of the School.

February 2, 1933, Milton Hershey receives, in Cuba, the highest award of the Cuban government, *The Order of Carlos Manuel de Cespedes*, for outstanding contribution to the Cuban economy.

February 16, 1933, Longmeads (2) opens as a farm home for boys in grades 6-12. The home is one of the oldest farm homes in Derry Township having been built in mid 1800. Students work in the dairy as part of their student home chore program until the dairy program is discontinued in 1989. The home is decommissioned as a student home in 2000 and the name is discontinued.

March 8, 1933, Industrial School opens new hospital along U.S. Route 322.

April 3, 1933, Maple Lawn farm home (41) opens for students in grades 6-12. The home is severely damaged by a small tornado in the late 1970's and the School decides to close the home. and it is torn down.

April 18, 1933, Midvale (29) opens as a farm home for students in grades 6-12. The home is located east of the main campus on Crest Lane.

May 5, 1933, the Hershey Industrial School Alumni Association officially organizes 23 years after the students were enrolled.

May 22, 1933, Arcadia (20) opens as a farm home. It is located about 2 miles north of Hershey along Route 39. It is discontinued as a student home in 1964 and used for several years as a residence for farm personnel. In 1982 the vacant home burns down. The Trust Company sells the farm. In 1995 the barn is torn down.

June 1933, six students graduate from high school.

July 14, 1933, Englewood (46) opens as a farm home. It is discontinued as a regular student home in 1964 when the houseparents and the students move to student home Clearview. It is then used as a temporary home for two years and then permanently closed as a student home when the homes on the west end of the campus were closed during the period 1965-66 to make land available for the Hershey Medical Center.

September 19, 1933, Venice (3B) opens as a farm home. It is used as a student home until June 1964, when it is divided into apartments and used as rental units. Venice is located in South Hanover Township across the Swatara Creek from the new Catherine Hall located on Pat's Hill.

October 1933, there are 604 boys in the School.

October 1933, First issue of the Boy Industrialist-published for 2 years. In 1935, the magazine is called the School Industrialist.

October 30, 1933, the Deed of Trust is modified to increase the age for admission to 14 years of age. It also allows orphan boys whose mother or father is deceased to be enrolled.

October 30, 1933, Borderland (45) opens as a farm home. It is located astride the Lebanon/Dauphin County line. Its original name was Recourse, the name given to the home due to the number of boys placed there who had one last change to change their ways to remain in the School. In 1951 the name is changed to Borderland.

November 27, 1933, James Rose, a third grade student living at Harpers, dies of Osteomyelitis.

## **1934**

January 1934, Leon Reisinger is appointed to the music faculty at Hershey Industrial School to replace Mrs. Fasnacht. Mrs. Fasnacht started the School's Glee Club and Choirs. The music faculty is made up of Mrs. Helen Booth, Mr. H. Lindley Seltzer, Mr. Reisinger, and Mrs. Fasnacht.

February 14, 1934, Farm Home Springdale (43A) is built, and opens as a student home. When the excavation for the home is done, workers discover a spring located in the western end of the basement. The home is named Springdale as a result of this discovery.

April 21, 1934, farm home Swatara (6) opens for students. The home is located near the site of an old Indian village. The student home takes its name from the name of the chief of the Indian tribe and the name of the river Swatara that flows just to the north.

June 1934, thirty-one students graduate from high school.

July 16, 1934, farm home Green Hill (7) opens as a student residence for boys in grades 6-12. In May 1968 the home is discontinued as a student home.

August 1934, new hospital for the School opens along Route 322 across the highway from The Homestead.

September 1, 1934, the School employs W. Allen Hammond as principal of the new Junior/Senior High School on Pat's Hill. Mr. Hammond retires in 1959.

September 5, 1934, the shops in the Junior/Senior High School building open for vocational students. Eighty-six boys start their training on that date.

October 1934, there are 740 boys in the School.

October 17, 1934, farm home Union (15) officially opens. The home is located in the Village of Union Deposit. The home is discontinued in 1967 when a new student home Union is built along Hersheypark Drive opening on November 28, 1967.

November 15, 1934, a new Junior/Senior High School is dedicated on Pat's Hill. The construction began in 1932 and took 1½ years to complete at a cost of \$2,500,000.

December 20, 1934, John Snyder passes away. He is Milton Hershey's legal advisor and confidant. Mr. Snyder is responsible for much of the legal work involving Mr. Hershey's business ventures, as well as the Hershey Industrial School.

### **1935**

January 1935, William H. Earnest is elected to the Board of Managers and remains on the Board until 1958.

Class Officers: William C. Irish, President; Raymond Rittenhouse, Vice President; James W. Cluck, Treasurer; and William F. Clark, Secretary.

January 7, 1935, farm home Manada (8) opens for students in grades 6-12. Manada takes its name from the Manada Indians who, before 1763, occupied the area where the home is located. It is discontinued as a student home in 1969.

January 10, 1935, P.N. Hershey, a distant relative of Milton S. Hershey, is elected to the Board of Managers to fill the vacancy created by the death of John Snyder.

March 16, 1935, farm home Glendale (52) opens as a home for boys in grades 6-12.

April 6, 1935, farm home Valley View (48) opens as a student home for students in grades 6-12. The barn is destroyed by fire in 1976 and is rebuilt later that year.

April 10, 1935, farm home Fairway (2B) opens as a student home for students in grades 6-12. It is discontinued as a student home in 1978.

The first class graduates from the new Junior/Senior High School on Pat's Hill. Three members of the Senior Class are chosen to be commencement speakers: James Dower Jr., Vocational Programs; Joseph Gumphier, Commercial Programs; and Eugene Leiter, Academic Programs. There are 32 members in the graduating class.

June 4, 1935, farm home Bonniemead (50) opens as a student home for students in grades 6-12. The barn at Bonniemead is destroyed by fire in summer of 1967. The home is then used to house Explorer Scouts, Post #75.

July 11, 1935, farm home Woodside (36B) opens as a student home. It is a farm home into the 1950's. In the 1960's the home is remodeled and opens as a home to house students who are in the Agri-Business program of the School. Later, Woodside is a home to students in the Glee Club. It is closed as a home in 1989 and torn down to make room for the new Corporate Center of the Hershey Foods Corporation. Woodside was known as the Pheasant and Turkey Farm to many of the boys in the School.

October 1935, there are 880 boys in the School.

October 1, 1935, farm home Vian (51) opens as a student home for boys in grades 6-12.

December 5, 1935, Milton S. Hershey establishes the M. S. Hershey Foundation to support public education in Derry Township.

## **1936**

Class Officers: Philip Kase, President; Elmer Daniels, Vice President; Gerald Smith, Secretary; and William Rine, Treasurer.

January 1936, D. Paul Witmer is elected to the Board of Managers. He remains on the Board for two years. He is re-elected to the Board in 1944, and serves until 1959. He serves as Vice Chairman 1945-1956 and as Chairman of the Board 1956-1959 when he retires.

January 1936, Charles Ziegler is elected to the Board of Managers. He remains on the Board until 1957.

February 26, 1936, student Allan Tellet dies of Rheumatic Fever.

April 13, 1936, student Frank John Klein dies of Tubercular Meningitis.

April 25, 1936, farm home Eastmoor (53) opens as a student home for students in grades 6-12. The home is discontinued as a student home in August 1967, when the Medical Center begins using the building as an office building.

May 13, 1936, farm home Westmoor (54) opens for boys in grades 6-12. It closes as a student home in August 1967 and is torn down in 1981 to make room for the expansion of the Convention Center. The barn is converted into a commercial area. The barn burns down in the spring of 1998.

June 1936, William Earnest Esq. is commencement speaker for the Hershey Industrial School. This is the second graduation to be held in the Junior/Senior High School on the hill.

June 15, 1936, farm home Long Lane (37B) opens for boys in grades 6-12. The home is closed in January 1968 and becomes part of the Medical Center.

The September issue of the *School Industrialist* reports that between January 1, 1936, and September 8, 1936, 13,379 visitors came to the School on Pat's Hill.

October 1936, there are 941 boys in the School.

December 7, 1936, farm home Rolling Green (61) opens as a student home. The barn is destroyed by fire in 1953. The barn is rebuilt and Rolling Green remains a student home until 1968. It is used as a temporary home for several years until the School sells it to the Antique Auto Club in 1971.

### **1937**

January 1937, William S. Crouse is elected to the Board of Managers. He serves as a Board member until 1945.

Class Officers: George Booth, President; Harold Davis, Vice President; Charles Sitler, Secretary; and Wade Hancock, Treasurer.

January 1, 1937, the School employs Robert Schelhorn to replace W. Linton Getz as instructor in woodworking.

June 1937, the Honorable Josh Lee, United States Senator from Oklahoma, is the commencement speaker.

August 27, 1937, farm home Glenview (5B) opens as a student home for boys in grades 6-12. It is closed in 1981 due to wastewater problems.

October 1937, there are 1002 boys in the School.

### **1938**

January 1938, J. R. Hoffman is elected to the Board of Managers. He serves until 1944.

Class Officers: Burdsall Miller, President; Philip Fratti, Vice President; Paul Burke, Secretary; and Leonard Kogut, Treasurer.

February 11, 1938, George Copenhaver, 60, dies. He was employed by Milton Hershey to be the Superintendent of Farms. When the School was founded he was named the School's first Superintendent. He is buried in the Hershey Cemetery.

June 1938, four students are selected to be commencement speakers: Irvin Shook, Robert Haupt, Paul Burke, and Marvin Pinkerton. Their subject is Success.

February 21, 1938, the barn at Brookside (Cocoa and Route 322) burns down.

July 23, 1938, student Franklin Kurtz Neiswender dies from injuries in a barn accident.

September 1, 1938, D. Paul Witmer is appointed Superintendent of the Industrial School. He resigns from the Board to accept the appointment.

September 1938, the first student council is organized on Pat's Hill.

September 14, 1938, the Hershey Junior College opens in the Community Building.

Student home Harpers is sold.

October 1938, there are 958 boys in the School.

November 15, 1938, farm home Green Acres (62) opens as a student home for boys in grades 6-12. It also serves as a home for boys attending the Hershey Junior College in the 1950's. The home is razed in June 2000.

November 16, 1938, student home Habana opens as a student home for boys in grades 6-12. In the early 1960's it serves as a home for students of the Intermediate Division of the School. Later it serves as a home for students in the Food Service program. In the 1980's it becomes a residence for girls in the Senior Program. November 4, 1999, Habana becomes the location for Enrollment Management and Family Relations.

### **1939**

January 1939, Arthur Whiteman, class of 1927, is elected to the Board of Managers. He serves until 1974. He is Treasurer 1939-1956, and Secretary 1939-1962. Milton Hershey personally selects him to serve as a student trainee in the Trust Company and to be a member of the Board. He is the first alumnus to serve on the Board of Managers.

Class Officers: Walter Morris, President; Edwin Hatt, Vice President; Brady Marks, Secretary; and John Milholem, Treasurer.

January 1, 1939, the School employs John and Lucille Hershey as houseparents. They begin as Second Help at student home Bloomingdale. Later in the summer of the same year, they take over as houseparents at farm home Bonniemead.

June 1939, three alumni are commencement speakers: William Wagner, class of 1927 (Industry); Joseph Gumpher class of 1935 (Business); and Eugene Leiter, class of 1935 (Professions). They discuss H.I.S. in retrospect.

July 6, 1939, Hershey Industrial School withdraws from Central Pennsylvania Debating League due to lack of interest among students.

September 3, 1939, the first Industrial School football game is played in the new Hershey Stadium. The score was Lebanon High School 0, Hershey Industrial School 12.

September 13, 1939, the Baking and Candy Making Experimental Kitchen opens in the basement of Convention Hall. It is Milton Hershey's 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

October 1939, there are 1018 boys in the School.

November 15, 1939, Dr. Francis B. Haas, Superintendent of Public Instruction, is the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary speaker.

November 16, 1939, farm home Sunset (49) opens to students in grades 6-12. It is used as a farm home until 1964. The home is then converted to house students in the Agri-Business program of the School. It is discontinued as a student home and is torn down in the 1980's after it is sold to the Country Club of Hershey.

Fall of 1939, the name of farm home Edgemont is changed to Rosemont since it is next to the newly created Rose Garden.

December 10, 1939 – Alumni organize The Homestead Club. First meeting held in Community Building. Russell Heagy, class of 1923, President; Joseph Gumpher class of 1935, Vice President; Henry Stump class of 1926, Treasurer; George Booth, class of 1937 Secretary.

## **The 1940's**

### **1940**

January 1940, Oscar E. Bordner is elected to the Board of Managers. He serves for eight years and retires from the Board in 1948.

First Scout cabin built at Camp Milton. Large cabin built in 1952.

Class officers: William Moore, President; James Bloomfield, Vice President; Richard Hunt, Secretary; and Richard Phelps, Treasurer.

June 1940, two seniors, William Dearden and John Jones, are selected to be the commencement speakers on the subject "Youth and Careers."

September 1, 1940, J. Atlee Young is employed at Milton Hershey School. He is appointed head of the Music Department.

October 1940, there are 1004 boys in the School.

The Rest Home, later called the Receiving Home, located just west of the railroad tracks on the north side of Derry Road, is discontinued.

### **1941**

Class Officers: Travis E. McDaniel, President, John F. Bowman, Vice President, Kenneth V. Hatt, Secretary; Howard A. Council, Treasurer.

March 15, 1941, the Hershey Hospital is combined with the Industrial School's hospital. The new building is located along US 322 across the road from The Homestead.

April 20, 1941, August Frank Draack, a ninth grade student, drowns in the Swatara Creek. He fell from a swing hung in a tree that swung out over the Creek. He had been in the School three weeks.

June 1941, five students formed a panel and gave the commencement address: Howard Council, Robert Galbraith, Richard Light, Frank Bowman, and Ray Lewis. Their topic was "Strengthening and Invigorating Democracy."

October 1941, there are 982 boys in the School.

November 1941, John Bealor, M.D. is employed as head of medical services at the Hershey Industrial School.

### **1942**

Senior class officers: Richard Martin, President; Frank Saksek, Vice President; Edwin Piasecki, Secretary; and Everett Meredith, Treasurer.

June 1942, Theodore A. Distler, President of Franklin and Marshall College, is the Commencement speaker.

June 22, 1942, first students graduate from the Bakers Vocational course.

July 8, 1942, student James Russell Campbell, dies from a ruptured appendix.

October 1942, there are 858 boys in the School.

## **1943**

Senior class officers: Michael Filepass, President; John Shanabrook, Vice President; Charles Bofinger, Secretary; and Martin Kuhn, Treasurer.

As of January 1943, there are 250 Industrial School boys in the armed forces out of a student body of 800: 124 in the Army, 56 in the Air Force, 43 in the Navy, 27 in the Marines. Also, nine teachers and members of the staff serve in the armed forces. By the end of the war 16 faculty and staff members are in armed forces. As of July 31, 1943, there are 473 Hershey boys, as well as alumni, in the service of the country.

March 1943, there are 800 students in the School, 58 faculty, 11 administrators, and 4 secretaries. There are 38 farm homes.

March 25, 1943, the Round Barn at the foot of Pat's Hill burns down. Estimated loss is placed at \$50,000. The cause of the fire is believed to be spontaneous combustion of hay that was not sufficiently dried before storage.

June 10, 1943, a class of 25 female students begins training as mechanics at the Hershey Industrial School. Later they are employed by the Army Air Force at Middletown Air Base.

June 1943, Robert MacGowan, Professor of Philosophy at Florida Southern College, is Commencement speaker.

October 1943, there are 770 boys in the School.

November 20, 1943, the first Cocoa Bean game is played in the Hershey Stadium between the Industrial School and Hershey High School.

## **1944**

Senior class officers: Robert Wallish, President; John McNelly, Vice President; Francis Mc Kniff, Secretary; and Trueman Betts, Treasurer.

Milton Hershey resigns leadership positions in the Chocolate Company, the School, and the Trust Company. However, he retains membership on these boards.

June 1944, Dr. Chessman A. Herrick, President Emeritus of Girard College, is the Commencement speaker.

In the fall of 1944 at the foot of Pat's Hill, one of the smaller round barn buildings that was not destroyed by fire on March 25, 1943 is converted into an airplane hanger by student carpenters.

September 25, 1944, Milton Hershey deeds The Homestead to Prudence Copenhaver for the rest of her natural life as a way of saying "Thank You" for the years of service she and her late husband gave in helping Mr. and Mrs. Hershey in developing the School.

October 1944, there are 699 boys in the School.

### **1945**

Senior class officers: James Mohr, President; John Bushman, Vice President; Fred Douglas, Secretary; and John Smith, Treasurer.

Fall 1945, boxing is discontinued as a recognized sport.

June 1945, The Honorable Theodore R. McKeldon, Mayor the City of Baltimore, Maryland, is the Commencement speaker.

September 13, 1945, Milton Hershey celebrates his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday at The Homestead in the room where he was born.

October 1945, there are 620 boys in the School.

October 13, 1945, Milton Hershey dies at 10:00 a.m. in the West Wing Room 45 in the Hershey Hospital. Milton's funeral is on Tuesday, October 16, at Senior Hall. The Milton Hershey School Glee Club sang The Lord's Prayer. He is laid to rest beside his wife, Catherine, and his mother and father, in the family plot overlooking the town, which he founded.

Fall 1945, boxing as a recognized sport is discontinued.

### **1946**

Senior class officers: Gene Mohr, President; Charles Madeira, Vice President; John Sheaffer, Secretary; and David Bowman, Treasurer.

January-March 1946, the first formal houseparent training program is held at the Industrial School under the direction of John O. Hershey, Director of Guidance at the Junior/Senior High School.

The School obtained a Link Trainer (Flight Simulator) as war surplus and used it to instruct students interested in flight training.

April 1, 1946, The H.I.S. Memorial Home is opened at Student Home Broad Acres.

June 1946, William L. Levengood, Jr., Secretary for Internal Affairs for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is the Commencement speaker.

June 1946, Eleanor King is named Librarian at the Junior-Senior High School.

June 10, 1946, unveiling of pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Hershey in Senior Hall auditorium. The picture of Milton painted by Pierce of Philadelphia hung in the lobby of the Community Building since 1932 was taken down and a similar picture was painted by Pierce of Catherine after Milton's Death in 1945. Both portraits were placed in specially made walnut frames made by the Hershey Lumber Company and unveiled on June 10, 1946, as they were installed in the auditorium of the Junior Senior High School on Pat's Hill.

October 1946, there are 720 boys in the School.

December 21, 1946, the Hershey Trolley makes its final run.

### **1947**

Senior class officers: Ralph Schafer, President; James Norris, Vice President; Adrian Taylor, Secretary; and William Zeitz, Treasurer.

January 1, 1947, Edmund Blanken, printing teacher and the person responsible for setting up the printing shop at the new school on Pat's Hill, transfers to the Chocolate Company's printing department as superintendent of the printing division.

January 6, 1947, fire destroys the barn at student home Fairway

March 21, 1947, Hershey Industrial School grants a charter to the Hershey Industrial School Alumni Association.

June 1947, the President of the Armstrong Cork Company of Lancaster, H.W. Prentis, Jr., is the commencement speaker.

August 1947, five new classrooms are added to the Fanny B. Hershey Memorial School. Until the work is completed, the fifth grade attends classes on Pat's Hill.

Faculty Wives Club holds a fall organizational meeting. This is the first recorded meeting of the Faculty Wives.

October 1947, there are 777 boys in the School.

October 30, 1947, a fire breaks out in the gable end of farm home Gro-Mor causing damage to the roof, side, walls, and windows. The cause of the blaze was undetermined. The fire was extinguished before it could destroy the home.

### **1948**

Senior class officers: Robert Douglas, President; Donald Smith, Vice President; George Berryhill, Secretary; and Dale Adams, Treasurer.

January 1948, Theodore Banks is elected to the Board of Managers. He served for the next twenty years and retired in 1968.

January 1948, John Gallagher is elected to the Board of Managers. He served on the Board until 1960.

1948 is the first season for Interscholastic Wrestling at Hershey Industrial School. Andrew Kovach is the wrestling coach.

February 11, 1948, John Wolfe, commercial teacher, dies at the Hershey Hospital.

June 1948, Walter D. Fuller, President of Curtis Publishing Company, is the Commencement speaker.

June 1948, John O. Hershey is appointed Director of Admissions and Discharge.

October 1948, there are 875 boys in the School.

December 16, 1948, the barn at farm home Gro-Mor is destroyed by fire. All animals were rescued. The barn is rebuilt and completed by the spring of the following year.

### **1949**

Senior class officers: Robert Buck, President; Ray Topper, Vice President; Ira Hartman, Secretary; and Louis Croce, Treasurer.

January 1949, Samuel Hinkle is elected to the Board of Managers. He serves on the Board until 1965.

January 1949 John B. Sollenberger is elected to the Board of Managers (1949-1962).

June 1949, Dr. Allen A. Stockdale, President of the National Manufacturers, is the Commencement speaker.

June 19, 1949, student James Edward Trantum dies in an accident ten weeks after he was enrolled.

August 4, 1949, Prudence Copenhaver, wife of the late George Copenhaver, dies. She established many of the policies and programs that were in practice in the student homes of the School until the early 1990's. She was the School's first matron.

September 1, 1949, the Alumni Home is closed and returned to the School's administration.

October 1949 there are 1006 boys in the School.

November 11, 1949, Charles S. Campayner becomes the last student to be indentured to the School.

## **The 1950's**

### **1950**

Senior class officers: Alton Buck, President; Edward Lyman, Vice President; William Fry, Secretary; and Franklin Etchberger, Historian.

January 1950, James E. Bobb is elected to the Board of Managers. He serves on the Board for 24 years. He is Vice Chairman 1956-1959, Chairman 1959-1974, and retires in 1974.

May 13 and 14, 1950, the Senior Senate sponsors the first Parent Weekend.

June 1950, Nathaniel Leverone, Chairman of the Board, Automatic Canteen Company of America, is the Commencement speaker.

June 1950, First school 16mm film is made for viewing *A Living Heritage for Boys*.

July 31, 1950, student home Granada opens. The name is changed to Dewey in 1962.

July 31, 1950, student home Emerson opens.

August 1, 1950, Miss Berta Harm is named Assistant Principal at Memorial Hall. She is the first female administrator in the School.

August 30, 1950, student home Java opens. The name is changed to Fulton in 1962.

August 30, 1950, student home Grant opens.

October 1950, there are 1056 boys in the School.

### **1951**

Senior Class officers: Donald Allender, President; Robert Mescan, Vice President; Lewis Mervine, Secretary; and William Shring, Historian.

April 1951, Richard A. Rudisill, the School's first Headmaster, joins the School faculty as a reading teacher in Memorial Hall.

June 1951, Dr. Herbert Brown, professor of English at Bowdoin College, is the Commencement speaker.

June 8, 1951, student home Nassau is opened. The name is changed to Longfellow in 1962.

June 8, 1951, student home Monroe opens.

August 14, 1951, student home Linden opens. The name is changed to Hancock in 1962.

August 14, 1951, student home Jackson opens.

August 1951, William A. Hoover is employed as a sixth grade teacher. He later becomes Director of the Junior Division of the School.

September 13, 1951, Norman Vincent Peale is the speaker at the second M. S. Hershey Day Observance held in the Hershey Sports Arena.

October 1951, there are 1080 boys in the School.

October 29, 1951, the Board of Managers announces the appointment of Dr. John O. Hershey to be the School's new Superintendent, to be effective as of November 1, 1951. Dr. Hershey succeeds D. Paul Witmer who remains on the Board of Managers and devotes his full time to Hershey Estates.

December 1, 1951, Hershey Industrial School appoints Alfred Gibble, Director of Student Homelife.

December 24, 1951, the School changes its name from the Hershey Industrial School to Milton Hershey School.

## **1952**

Senior class officers: Thomas Maurer, President Joseph Kwiatkowski, Vice President; Lester Reed, Secretary; and Ferdinand Ketterer, Historian.

Milton Hershey School releases film titled: *A Living Heritage for Boys*

February 20, 1952, School offices move from The Homestead to the Main, later known as The Supply Center.

William E. C. Dearden, class of 1940, is appointed Assistant Director of Student Placement at the School.

March 12, 1952, all faculty members take the Loyalty Oath required of all teachers in the Commonwealth. This Loyalty Oath law is signed by the Governor of the Commonwealth on March 3, 1952.

May 1952, the first School flag is designed and flown from Senior Hall.

The first overstuffed furniture is placed in student homes.

June 1952, the graduating class presents the School with a new School banner.

June 1952, Clayton Rand, author, editor, and columnist, is the Commencement speaker.

September 1952, the School for public showing releases a new school film entitled *A Living Heritage for Boys*.

October 1952 there are 1090 boys in the School, 88.7% come from Pennsylvania.

The large cabin at Camp Milton is completed.

1952-1953, Recreation rooms are added to the farm homes of the School.

### **1953**

Senior Class officers: Joseph Rone, President, Thomas Davies, Vice President, Allan Tilton, Secretary, and Mark Bauder, Historian.

Explorer Post 75 is organized at the Milton Hershey School.

1953, First Issue of the Hershey Press after more than 27 years of not being published when Milton cut expenses for non-essentials during the time his chocolate company was in danger of failing due to the sugar crisis.

May 25, 1953, Dr. Milton Eisenhower is the Commencement speaker. Dr. Eisenhower is President of the Pennsylvania State University. This commencement was a combined commencement of Milton Hershey School, Hershey High School, and Hershey Junior College. It was held in the Hershey Sports Arena.

June 30, 1953, the first black and white television sets are installed in the student homes of the School.

June 1, 1953, Berta Harm retires as Assistant Principal of the Fanny B. Hershey Memorial School. She served the School for 30 years. The School presented Miss Harm with a gift of luggage at a retirement party held in her honor at the American Legion in Hershey. Miss Harm passes away on March 31, 1971.

July 1953, The School closes student home Buena Vista as a Junior Division home.

August 6, 1953, student Leroy R. L. Wiest dies from injuries in a farm accident.

October 1953, there are 1077 boys in the School.

October 13, 1953, Hershey has a birthday party in the Arena for President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

### **1954**

Senior class officers: John Elway; President, Richard Seneca, Vice President; Austin Kraft, Secretary; and Theodore Bohmler, Historian.

May 1954, the last issue of *The School Industrialist* is printed.

The Senior Senate initiates a Memorial Day Service to honor those who lost their lives in the service of their country. The service also includes honoring the life of Catherine and Milton Hershey, staff members, and students who are deceased.

June 1954, Dr. John C. Warner, President of Carnegie Institute of Technology, is the Commencement speaker.

June 1954, Milton Hershey School names Arthur R. Whiteman, class of 1927, Finance, Alumnus of the Year. This is the first time this award is presented.

June 1954, Clair Harnish, Assistant High School Principal and Assistant Director of Placement, retires from Milton Hershey School after 23 years of service to the School. Previously he had been Supervising Principal of the Palmyra schools.

Melvin Garner is named Director of Student Placement.

August 31, 1954, J. Atlee Young retires as a music instructor at the School. He served the School for 14 years before retirement. Young wrote *The Hershey March*, a copy of which is in the School's Historical Records.

October 1954, there are 1042 boys in the School.

October 1954, the School Industrialist changes its name to The Spartan.

October 1954, the Board of Managers commissions Dr. Paul A. W. Wallace, Lebanon Valley College, to research Milton S. Hershey's life.

November 1954, Original Cocoa Bean Trophy retired and replaced by the Alumni Association with a more elaborate trophy.

November 10, 1954, the School dedicates the new addition to the Senior Hall Library.

### **1955**

Senior class officers: John Navilliat, President; Ronald Bender, Vice President; James Ayres, Secretary; and Gerald Long, Treasurer. Faculty Advisor: Landis Heller.

February 1955, the first issue of The Spartan is printed.

March 22, 1955, Carl Byoir and Associates is notified of the School's willingness to participate in the Hallmark Hall of Fame Television Program.

June 1955, Judge Harold Medina of the United States Court of Appeals is the Commencement speaker.

June 1955, Milton Hershey School names Edward C. Uhrich, M.D., class of 1934, Medicine—Pathology, Alumnus of the Year.

June 1, 1955, Harold Hagaman retires after 28 years of service.

June 1, 1955, Miss Ruth Beam retires from the School's teaching faculty after serving 41 years as a teacher in the Hershey Industrial School.

June 1, 1955, Mrs. Edna Moorehead retires after 13 years of service.

July 1955, Ray B. Miller is employed by the music staff and is named Director of The Spartan Marching Band.

October 1955, there are 1006 students in the School.

November 9, 1955, the School's Board of Managers approves a College Aid Program for graduates of the Milton Hershey School.

## **1956**

Senior class officers: Kenneth Roberts, President, Robert Patton, Vice President, William Hutchinson, Treasurer, John Scipione, Historian. Faculty advisor: William Hoffman.

January 1956, Joseph S. Gumpher is elected to the Board of Managers. He is the second graduate of the School to be elected to the Board. He serves as treasurer from 1957-1974, and secretary 1963-1974.

March 1956, a new kitchen is added to the Hershey Hospital. The Hospital becomes the School's Health Center in October 1970.

June 1956, Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, Pastor of Christ Methodist Church, New York City, is the Commencement speaker.

June 1956, Milton Hershey School names Joseph H. Hartshorn, Ph.D., class of 1939, Geology, Alumnus of the Year.

July 1, 1956, student home Broad Acres becomes home for junior college students.

September 1, 1956, the Milton Hershey School employs William R. Fisher, class of 1950 as an instructor in English and German. He is elected President of the School 29 years later.

October 1956, there are 981 boys in the School.

October 23, 1956, the School's Alma Mater is officially adopted, words by Virgil Alexander and music by Purnell Payne.

The Hershey interests hold the first joint Retirees' Christmas Dinner.

December 30, 1956, P. N. Hershey dies. He served the School for 44 years. He was born July 27, 1883, and died at the age of 73 years.

### **1957**

Senior class officers: Allen Henry, President; Joseph Matisak, Vice President; Gerald Ayres, Secretary; and Robert Yablonski, Historian. Faculty advisor: Harold Hacker.

Milking machines (DeLaval and Surge) are installed in the dairy barns of the School during the year.

June 1957, The School designates student homes Westmoor, Meadow Brook, and Willow Wood as Intermediate homes for boys in grades 6-8.

June 1957, Dr. Harold C. Hunt, Eliot Professor of Education, Harvard University, is the Commencement speaker.

June 1957, Milton Hershey School names Joseph S. Gumpher, class of 1935, Finance, Alumnus of the Year.

June 1957, Wilbert E. Moorehead retires as principal of Memorial School. He was employed in 1943 as a mathematics teacher in the Junior/Senior High School. He became principal of the Memorial School in 1947. Mrs. Moorehead also retires from her teaching position at the School.

August 1957, the School appoints William R. Hoover, Director of Elementary Education.

October 1957, there are 985 boys in the School.

### **1958**

Senior class officers: Gary Daum, President; Fred Johnson, Vice President; Martin Ruch, Secretary; and Luther O'Shell, Treasurer. Class advisor: Charles Bikle.

March 1958, Pennsylvania's Department of Agriculture designates the School's farms as the largest acreage owned by one owner to be placed in the Pennsylvania Soil Conservation Program.

May 1, 1958, student Benjamin C. Weaver drowns in the Swatara Creek.

June 1958, Dr. Leonard W. Mayo, Chairman, Executive Committee Mid-Century 1950 White House Conference on Children and Youth, is the School's Commencement speaker.

July 8, 1958, 159 students enroll in the School's first summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hartman retire from active service with the School. Mr. Hartman is Manager of the Business Division of the School at the time of his retirement. Mrs. Hartman is a member of the supply services staff. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman came to the School in 1922.

June 1958, Milton Hershey School names Richard Light, class of 1941, Electrical Engineering, Alumnus of the Year.

August 1, 1958, Richard A. Rudisill is appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Milton Hershey School.

October 1958, there are 1013 boys in the School.

October 28, 1958, student William F. Dayhoff dies of heart failure.

December 1958, the decision is made to employ Katherine Shippen to write a book on Milton Hershey for \$5,000 based on Dr. Paul A. W. Wallace's research.

## **1959**

Senior class officers: Anthony Colistra, President; Leroy Cole, Vice President; David Erdman, Secretary; and John Hoeschele, Historian. Class Advisor: Virgil Alexander.

The School enters into a yearlong celebration of the School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

March 1959, the bell, which Milton Hershey salvaged from the Canasi Sugar Mill in Cuba and brought to Hershey to be installed in the bell tower at the new Junior/Senior High School on Pat's Hill, is taken down from the bell tower and stored at Senior Hall.

March 1959, the revised edition of the Milton Hershey School film entitled *A Living Heritage For Boys* is released for public showing.

May 31, 1959, the School dedicates the Carillon at Senior Hall. The Carillon is moved to Founders Hall in 1970.

June 1959, Dr. Lawrence R. Hafstad, Vice President of Research Staff of General Motors Corporation, is the Commencement speaker.

June 1959, Milton Hershey School names Colonel Burdsall D. Miller, class of 1938, Military Services—Air Force, Alumnus of the Year.

June 1959, Milton S. Hershey, a biography by Katherine O. Shippen and Paul A. W. Wallace, is published and released for distribution.

July 1, 1959, W. Allen Hammond, High School Principal, retires. He served the School as High School principal since 1934.

July 1, 1959, Earle Markley, Director of Vocational Education, retires. He had been Director of Vocational Education since 1934.

September 1, 1959, M. Nelson Durand is hired by the School to be a science teacher at the high school level. He becomes Director of the Junior and Intermediate Programs in 1960.

October 1959, there are 1033 boys in the School.

October 2, 1959, Milton Hershey School Alumni Association presents a bronze statue of M.S. Hershey and a boy. The statue is the work of Walter Hancock, a sculptor from Gloucester, MA.

December 31, 1959, Dr. Herman Hostetter retires from active service to the School. He was Milton Hershey's personal physician until Mr. Hershey's death in 1945. Dr. Hostetter came to the Hershey area in 1924 at the personal invitation of Milton S. Hershey to head the hospital Milton created in his mother's former home on East Chocolate Avenue.

## **The 1960's**

### **1960**

Senior class officers: Harry Heath, President; Alvin Seyler Vice President; William Shaner, Secretary; and Robert Heller, Treasurer. Faculty Advisor: Ray Miller.

January 1, 1960, Melvin Garner is appointed Director of Secondary Education.

January 1, 1960, Vocational Shops House Project for Mr. Gibble and Dr. Shaeffer on Homestead Lane.

January 1, 1960, John Aichele, class of 1939, is appointed Administrative Assistant at Senior Hall.

January 1960, Dr. John Hershey becomes the first President to live at The Homestead.

The School conducts experiments with washers and dryers in the student homes. There is opposition from the Hershey Laundry.

January 1, 1960, Dr. John Valenti is appointed School Physician replacing Dr. Herman Hostetter who retired.

February 1960, The Anniversary Evaluation Committee, Dr. Frederick Allen, Dr. Leonard Mays, and Miss Helen Hubbell begin their study of Milton Hershey School.

June 1, 1960, Hershey Estates closes its greenhouse, which is located at the underpass on Derry Road.

June 1960, the Link Trainer Simulator, used for instruction, is discontinued due to lack of interest.

June 1, 1960, the Honorable Luther W. Youngdahl, U.S. District Court, Washington, D.C., is the Commencement speaker.

June 1, 1960, Milton Hershey School names William P. Wagner, class of 1927, Industrial Service Engineering, Alumnus of the Year.

August 1960, Memorial Hall is renovated and a dining room added. A 1960 Viewbook is added to the time capsule.

September 1, 1960, graduates of Milton Hershey School who attend Hershey Junior College move to and live on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Community Building. The School pays a flat rate of \$600 per month for all MHS students living in the Community Building.

October 1960, there are 1080 boys in the School.

October 31, 1960, the School completes the addition of music suites at the Junior/Senior High School on Pat's Hill at a cost of \$107,531.76.

## **1961**

Senior class officers: John O'Brien, President; Richard Purcell, Vice President, Carlo Gilotte, Secretary, Ronald Schaffer, Treasurer, and Eric Kline, Historian. Faculty advisor: Frederick Miller.

January 1, 1961, Vocational Shops House Project for Dr. Richard Rudisill – Homestead Lane.

June 5, 1961, The Honorable Walter Judd, U.S. Congressman from Minnesota, is the Commencement speaker.

Estey pianos are purchased for student homes at a cost of \$188 each.

June 1961, Milton Hershey School names Laurence W. Fredrick, Ph.D., class of 1945, Astronomy, Alumnus of the Year.

July 1961, The Board approves a plan to use station wagons for student home transportation.

August 1, 1961, the School appoints Rodney McLaughlin Director of Student Personnel.

August 1, 1961, the School appoints Frederick Miller Director of Student Placement.

August 4, 1961, student home Cedarview opens. It is the first home to be opened in a new area of the campus, which houses students in the newly created Intermediate Division for students in grades 5-8.

August 21, 1961, student home Dogwood opens.

September 11, 1961, student home Elmwood opens.

September 1961, the drill team performs for the first time with the Spartan Varsity Band.

September 25, 1961, student home Hemlock opens.

October 1961, there are 1083 boys in the School.

October 11, 1961, student home Laureldale opens.

October 17, 1961, student home Oakleigh opens. This is the second home by that name. The first home, on Derry Road, opened in 1930 and closed in 1938.

November 9, 1961, student home Birchland opens in the Intermediate Division.

## **1962**

Senior class officers: Clarence DeVoe, President, Thomas Murray, Vice President, Leon Legutko, Secretary, Theodore Thomson, Treasurer John Russell, Historian. Class advisor: William R. Fisher.

January 1962, The School purchases the first 16-passenger station wagons for use in Intermediate homes. The cost of each vehicle is \$5,454.00.

January 1962, Kenneth Hatt, class of 1941 is elected to the Board of Managers becoming the third graduate of the School to be elected to the Board. He served from 1962-1990, and served as Chairman of the Board 1986-1990.

January 1962, Harold Mohler is elected to the Board of Managers. He served 1962-1984.

January 1962, William E. Schiller is elected to the Board of Managers. He served 1962-1974.

January 1962, Vocational House Project for William Hoover – Meadow Lane.

The number of homes in the Junior Division, grades K-5, is increased to 17 homes.

The Fanny B. Hershey Memorial School is renovated and additional classrooms are added.

January 1, 1962, Charles Newcomer is appointed Administrative Assistant at Senior Hall replacing John Aichele who is appointed Administrative Assistant at the Supply Center.

January 1962, the pond in the Junior Division's campus is named Tapawingo Pond by Jack Silar, Housefather.

February 1, 1962, student home Monroe opens. The home's capacity is listed as 12 students with an emergency capacity listed as 14 students.

May 1962, student Robert (Dughman) Curtis is killed in an auto accident.

June 4, 1962, Walter K. Bailey, Chairman of the Board and President, Warner and Swasey Company, Cleveland, Ohio, is the Commencement speaker.

June 4, 1962, Milton Hershey School names Kenneth V. Hatt, class of 1941, Business, Alumnus of the Year.

August 1, 1962, William R. Fisher, class of 1950 is named Assistant Director of Secondary Education.

August 7, 1962, student home Fulton opens.

August 1962, the School begins the Electronics Course in the Senior High School. Kenneth Cook is the instructor.

September 1962, the first 14-passenger student home station wagons are used to transport Intermediate students to school at Senior Hall.

September 1, 1962, the addition to the Auto Shop at Senior Hall opens. The addition features a state of the art Sun Diagnostic machine and an open pit for front-end alignments.

September 13, 1962, student home Adams opens. This is the first home in a new cluster of homes known as the National Cluster.

September 27, 1962, student home Buchanan opens.

October 1962, there are 1120 boys in the School.

October 8, 1962, student home Eisenhower opens.

October 15, 1962, student home Madison opens.

October 23, 1962, student home Jefferson opens.

October 30, 1962, student home Washington opens.

November 6, 1962, student home Lincoln opens.

November 13, 1962, student home Logan opens.

November 20, 1962, student home Dickinson opens.

November 27, 1962, student home Franklin opens.

December 18, 1962, student home Harris opens.

### **1963**

Senior class officers: Richard Stramm, President; John Waite, Vice President; Paul Mott, Secretary; Randall Fasnacht, Treasurer; Wayne Heller, Historian. Faculty advisor: John Cook.

January 1963, John O. Hershey is elected to the Board of Managers. He serves 1963-1981. He was President of the School 1963-1981, Vice Chair of the Board 1974, and Chairman of the Board 1974-1981.

January 1963, Vocational House Project for John Aichele.

January 3, 1963, Dr. John O. Hershey is elected as the first President of the Milton Hershey School.

January 3, 1963, Dr. Richard A. Rudisill is elected as the School's first Headmaster.

January 8, 1963, student home Penn opens.

January 1963, John O. Hershey is elected Vice President of Hershey Trust Company and appointed to the boards of The Hershey Foundation, Milton Hershey School, and Hershey Estates.

January 15, 1963, student home Weiser opens.

January 22, 1963, student home Steigel opens.

May 1, 1963, The School employs Joseph A. Brechbill as Director of the Senior Home Division.

May 14, 1963, student home Perry opens.

May 14, 1963, student home Revere opens.

June 3, 1963, William Scranton, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is the Commencement speaker.

June 1963, Milton Hershey School names John Hart, class of 1936, Personnel Management, Alumnus of the Year.

June 4, 1963, student home Van Buren opens.

June 13, 1963, student home Sherman opens.

June 25, 1963, student home Thorpe opens.

July 1, 1963, Elizabeth Rupp R.N., Milton Hershey's personal nurse, retires after 30 years of service to Mr. Hershey and the School.

August 8, 1963, student home Moldavia opens.

August 22, 1963, student home Deer Park opens.

August 23, 1963, The Orphans' Court of Pennsylvania approves the transfer of \$50,000,000 to the M.S. Hershey Foundation for the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Milton Hershey School renovates and expands the Supply Center including dismantling the old kitchen where M.S. Hershey conducted early chocolate experiments.

September 3, 1963, student home Liberty opens.

September 12, 1963, student home Greenfield opens.

October 1963, there are 1183 boys in the School.

October 14, 1962, the new dining room opened at Memorial Hall allowing all students to eat lunch at the same time.

October 25, 26, 27, 1963, first Annual Alumni Golf Tournament held at Hershey Park Golf Club.

November 30, 1963, Ivanhoe is razed as part of the renovations at the Supply Center.

## **1964**

Senior class officers: Robert Swegart, President; John Henderson, Vice President; William Schwanger, Secretary; Milton Purcell, Treasurer; George Delany, Historian. Faculty advisor: John Showalter.

Spartan Meadows opened for use in the Intermediate Division

January 1964, John Baum is elected to the Board of Managers, 1964-1977.

January 1964, William Dearden, class of 1940 is elected to the Board of Managers. He becomes the fourth graduate of the School to serve on the Board. He serves from 1964-1985. He serves as Chairman of the Board 1981-1984.

January 1964, Vocational House Project – Charles Wolgemuth – Meadow Lane.

January 8, 1964, student home Jackson opens.

May 25, 1964, Board of Managers make the decision to recognize all students leaving at age 18 to be alumni of the School even though they did not graduate.

June 1, 1964, Eugene M. Zuckert, secretary of the Air Force, is the Commencement speaker.

June 1, 1964, the School names William E. C. Dearden, class of 1940, Marketing, Alumnus of the Year.

June 2, 1964, student home Ridgeview opens.

June 23, 1964, student home Clearview opens.

July 1, 1964, Melvin Garner resigns as Director of Secondary Education to accept a position in Vocational Education in the State of Maryland.

July 10, 1964, student home Crest Lane opens.

July 28, 1964, student home Evergreen opens.

August 1, 1964, the School names William R. Fisher, class of 1950, as Director of Secondary Education.

August 1, 1964, the School appoints Carl Stump as Assistant Director of Secondary Education/Vocational Education.

August 18, 1964, student home Rock Ridge opens.

August 27, 1964, is the official date of the founding of the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

September 1, 1964, student home Highland opens.

October 1964, there are 1350 boys in the School.

October 6, 1964, student home Fosterleigh opens. It is the second home by that name. The first home named Fosterleigh (known as student home Allen) was built in 1927 and was located near the School's Supply Center.

October 20, 1964, student home Trailway opens.

November 3, 1964, Student home Silverbrook opens. This is the second home named Silverbrook. The first home (Dairy 43) opened on January 23, 1933. It is renamed Spring Creek on November 1, 1964, when it becomes an Intermediate student home. In 1997 it becomes the site of the School's new Horticulture Center. The old student home is turned into office space.

November 17, 1964, student home Gro-Mor opens. This is the second home named Gro-Mor. The first home was located at the site of the present Medical Center of the Pennsylvania State University Medical School. The house was torn down and the medical school used the barn to house research animals. The first Gro-Mor farm home opened as a student home on March 15, 1929, and remained a farm home for boys until it closed in 1964 when the Trust turned the property over to the Medical Center. The new Gro-Mor is located at the end of Brook Drive on main campus.

December 8, 1964, student home Brookside opens. The home is located at the end of Brook Drive on the main campus. The first home named Brookside was located at the corner of Cocoa Avenue and US Route 322. It opened as a student home on March 15, 1929. It was one of three farm homes opened on that date by Milton Hershey. The boys from these three homes were the first to milk dairy cows as part of their educational experience at the School.

## **1965**

Senior class officers: Joseph Loughlin, President; James Wilt, Vice President; Perry Dawson, Secretary; John Chronister, Treasurer; and Jonathan Fisher, Historian. Faculty Advisor: Matthew Belicic.

January 1965, Vocational House Project for Nelson Durand – Meadow Lane.

May 20, 1965, student home Oak Grove opens. The home is located in the Pennland Cluster.

June 7, 1965, Dr. Howard A. Rusk, Director of the Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, New York University Medical Center, is the Commencement speaker.

June 7, 1965, Milton Hershey School names Frank J. Brady, M.D., class of 1937, Medicine—Anesthesiology, Alumnus of the Year.

June 22, 1965, student home Pinegrove opens.

July 1, 1965, the Hershey Junior College holds its final commencement. The college is officially closed and merged with the Harrisburg Area Community College. The college opened in the fall of 1938 and was a Derry Township educational institution for 27 years.

August 12, 1965, student home Spring Mount opens.

August 17, 1965, student home Plainfield opens.

October 1965 – Academic and vocational facilities at the senior high school level named Senior Hall. (Source William R. Fisher Annual Report 1965)

October 1965, there are 1378 boys in the School.

December 2, 1965, Paul Reitz, scoutmaster and instructor at Senior Hall since 1937, dies.

### **1966**

Senior Class officers: Roger Fasnacht, President; Marvin Weinberg, Vice President; Keith Lasch, Vice President; Cary Lambert, Treasurer; and Larry Varon, Historian. Class advisor: Harold Hoerner.

January 1966, Vocational House Project –William Fisher, class of 1950 – Meadow Lane

February 3, 1966, student home Windward opens.

February 26, 1966, the Hershey Medical Center of the Pennsylvania State University breaks ground 318 acres of land. This is made possible by a \$50,000,000 grant from the M.S. Hershey Foundation.

March 8, 1966, student home Edgewood opens.

April 14, 1966, student home Ridgeway opens.

May 24, 1966, student home Edgewater opens.

June 16, 1966, student home Lenape opens.

June 6, 1966, Eric Walker, President of the Pennsylvania State University, is the Commencement speaker.

June 6, 1966, Milton Hershey School names Charles F. Bofinger, class of 1943, Advertising, Alumnus of the Year.

July 1, 1966, M. Nelson Durand is named Director of the Intermediate Division of the Milton Hershey School. Donald R. Witman is named Assistant Director.

July 5, 1966, student home Iroquois opens.

August 2, 1966, Catherine Hall, the education building for the new Intermediate Division, is opened for grades 5-8.

August 23, 1966, student home Conestoga opens.

September 3, 1966, Covered bridge over the Swatara Creek is destroyed by fire. Bridge is burned by two boys who were students at the Derry Township High School. It was termed an accident by the police report.

September 6, 1966, student home Nanticoke opens.

October 1966, there are 1417 boys in the School.

October 4, 1966, student home Shawnee opens.

### **1967**

Senior class officers: John Duffy, President; Michael Wright, Vice President; Stanley Russek, Secretary; Thomas McClay, Treasurer; and Harold Sandoe, Historian. Advisor: Anthony Colistra.

1967 – First Cross Country Team formed. League champions and undefeated, 9-0

1967 – New wood shingle roof installed at Homestead. (Source: John Aichele's Annual report for 1967)

January 1967, Vocational House Project – Dr. Joseph Brechbill – Brook Drive.

June 5, 1967, Gilbert Nurick, Esq., former Board Member and President of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, is the Commencement speaker.

June 5, 1967, the School names William J. Geen, Esq., class of 1947, Law, Alumnus of the Year.

July 24, 1967, Richard D. Thomas, science and mathematics instructor, dies.

August 10, 1967, student home Maizeland opens.

August 15, 1967, work is completed on the renovations to Senior Hall. Classrooms and hallways are carpeted. New medical and dental suites and new lockers are placed in the building.

August 21, 1967, student home Wyandot opens. It is used as a swing home during the 60's and 70's and used as an Intermediate or Senior Division home as needed.

August 28, 1967, work begins on site at Founders Hall. It takes three years to complete. The cost to construct the building is never officially disclosed. The actual original cost is estimated at \$25,000,000.

September 13, 1967, student home Limestone opens.

September 25, 1967, the first class of medical students at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center begin studies.

October 1967, there are 1467 boys in the School.

October 3, 1967, Tuscarora student home opens.

November 28, 1967, student home Union opens. Located in Derry Township, it is the second home to have this name. The first home named Union was located in Union Deposit, East Hanover Township and was connected to Dairy #15. This former student home Union was opened in 1934.

December 19, 1967, the nurses' quarters at the Health Center are razed. This building was located just east of the main building of the School's Health Center.

### **1968**

Senior class officers: Richard Hughes, President; Richard Bonchack, Vice President; Clarence Fritz, Secretary; Thomas Viviano, Treasurer; and Donald Bunfield, Historian. Faculty advisor: George Hollich.

Dr. John O. Hershey is elected Vice President of Hershey Estates.

John Horner is appointed head football coach replacing Gary Cooper who resigned to devote his full attention to his duties as Assistant Director of the Intermediate Home Division.

January 1968, Vocational House Project for Dr. Rodney McLaughlin – Brook Drive.

January 8, 1968, student home Canalview opens.

February 1, 1968, the Experimental Candy Kitchen is discontinued. This had been a shop training area for students in the School. The kitchen was located in the basement of the Convention Hall.

February 4, 1968, work is completed on the new show barn of the School—Dairy 84, located at student home Maizeland. It is a freestanding barn with two milking parlors for 100 milking cows.

March 5, 1968, student home Southfield opens.

May 7, 1968, student home Foxdale opens. It is first used as a home for the members of the School's Glee Club.

May 22, 1968, the admissions policy is modified to admit non-white students.

June 3, 1968, Admiral William C. Mott, Executive Vice President, U.S. Independent Telephone Association, is the Commencement speaker.

June 3, 1968, Milton Hershey School names Colonel Edward J. Ruddy '47, Military Service—Marine Corps., Alumnus of the Year.

June 4, 1968, The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania concurs with the petition of the Managers of the School to admit non-white boys to the School.

July 1968, the dairy barn at student home Bonniemead burns down. Cause of fire is given as careless handling of matches by students assigned to Bonniemead.

July 1, 1968, the Farm Division merges with the Business Division making a new department in the School called the Division of Business Affairs.

August 12, 1968, the first non-white students are enrolled in the School.

September 1968, the General Building Trades Shop was opened to students.

September 1968, Dr. Lee Backenstose is appointed Director of Health Services at Milton Hershey School.

October 1968, there are 1526 boys in the School.

## **1969**

Senior class officers: James Harvey, President; Gary Knisley, Vice President; Michael Dennis, Secretary; Danny Duppstadt, Treasurer; and Brian Yost, Historian. Faculty Advisor: William Altand.

The first Explorer Post was started at student home Fosterleigh with Leonard Kozlowski as Explorer Advisor.

January 1969, Vocational House Project for Gary Cooper.

May 1969, there are 1583 boys in the School.

June 2, 1969, Arthur Godfrey, radio and television personality, is the Commencement speaker.

June 2, 1969, Milton Hershey School names Harry D. Snow, class of 1943, Entertainment, Alumnus of the Year.

June 10, 1969, student home Munsee opens and houses Milton Hershey School Glee Club.

June 10, 1969, Milton Hershey School completes the building and renovation program started at the beginning of the decade. During this time 63 new student homes were built and 40 were renovated. The dairy barns were renovated and roads in and around the campus re-directed to allow for the campus re-alignment. All recommendations by the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee which were accepted by the School's Board of Managers are now implemented with the completion of Founders Hall in 1970.

October 1969, there are 1500 boys in the School.

## **The 1970's**

### **1970**

Senior class officers: James Hanawalt, President; John Davis, Vice President; Richard Prokopick, Treasurer; Michael Moreland, Secretary; and Robert Grubb, Historian. Faculty advisor: Andrew Kavalecs.

January 1970, Vocational House Project 70-72 for William Houtz.

January 23, 1970, Departments of Business Affairs and Accounting occupy offices in Founders Hall.

April 7, 1970, Allen Hammond, retired high school principal, dies. He is 75 years of age.

June 1, 1970, Charles Conrad, Jr., U.S.N., NASA Astronaut, is the Commencement speaker.

June 1, 1970, Milton Hershey School names Albert D. Rickmers '40, Education, Alumnus of the Year.

June 1970, three teachers announce their retirement at the close of the 1969-1970 school year:

Leah C. Risser.....	Elementary School.....	39 years of service
Chester I. Timmins.....	English/Mathematics.....	23 years of service
Merl L. Stuckey .....	Printing.....	23 years of service

July 21, 1970, Larry E. Hollingsworth, an instructor at Catherine Hall, dies.

August 1, 1970, Clyde Ebersole retires as the School's Comptroller after 39 years of service in various positions in the Hershey companies and the School.

August 1970, William Houtz is appointed Comptroller, replacing Mr. Ebersole who retired.

August 10, 1970, the bronze statue of Mr. Hershey and the boy is moved from Senior Hall to Founders Hall.

August 27, 1970, first banquet held in Founders Hall Camelot Room (Opening of School Faculty Dinner).

August 30, 1970, first worship service held in Founders Hall chapel/auditorium.

September 11-13, 1970, Founders Hall is dedicated. The weekend activities include installing a time capsule under the seal in the center of the Rotunda.

September 13, 1970, as part of the Dedication Ceremonies, the Alumni Association present fifty state flags to the School as a gift to be hung around the Rotunda.

October 1970, there are 1550 boys in the School.

October 14, 1970, Hershey Hospital closes to the public and the patients are transferred to the Hershey Medical Center of the Pennsylvania State University.

October 15, 1970, the old Hershey Hospital is re-opened as the Health Center for the Milton Hershey School. The School appoints Dr. Lee Backenstose as Director of Medical Services.

December 5, 1970, the first wedding is held in Founders Hall, Ronald Gebhart, Class of 1966.

December 20, 1970, the Retirees' Christmas Dinner is moved to Milton Hershey School, Founders Hall.

December 24, 1970, the Deed of Trust is restated. It allows boys up to the age of 16 years to be enrolled in the School regardless of race.

## **1971**

Senior class officers: Robert Weidman, President; Jack Muzichuck, Vice President; Paul Moffa, Treasurer; Sean Ryan, Secretary; and Scott McAdams, Historian. Faculty advisor: James Butch.

Camp Carrol Skating Club Cabins (6) turned over to the school. Renamed Camp Swatee.

January 1971, Gilbert Nurick is elected to the Board of Managers. He serves for one year.

January 1, 1971, students leaving the School at age of 18 years are no longer considered as alumni of the School. This change is brought about by a change in the Deed of Trust.

January 1, 1971, Milton Hershey School closes its poultry farm operations.

January 25, 1971, Antique Automobile Association acquires former Rolling Green farm home as a site for their National Headquarters.

March 31, 1971, Miss Berta Harm passes away. Miss Harm retired from Milton Hershey School in 1954.

June 7, 1971, the first commencement is held in Founders Hall.

June 7, 1971, the first non-white students graduate from Milton Hershey School, Carl Wilson, a business student and Marshall Nixon, an auto mechanic.

June 7, 1971, Dr. John W. Oswald, President of The Pennsylvania State University, is the Commencement speaker.

June 7, 1971, Milton Hershey School names Everett H. Jones, class of 1950, Public Relations, Alumnus of the Year.

June 1971, three members of the School faculty announce their retirement:

Dorothy Bikle.....Elementary Education.....16 years of service  
Marion Ellenberger ....Elementary Education.....41 years of service  
Eleanor King .....School Teacher, Librarian, Archivist.41 years of service

August 1971, Edith Long is appointed Librarian at Senior Hall.

September 11, 1971, Mr. J. Atlee Young passes away

October 1971, there are 1553 boys in the School.

## **1972**

Senior class officers: Richard Staniszewski, President; Ray Moser, Vice President; Daniel Crosby, Secretary; Dennis Manning, Treasurer; and Philip Norris, Historian. Faculty Adviser: John Storm.

Student home Broad Acres sold to Hershey Estates for undisclosed amount.

January 1972, Vocational House Project 72-74 for Kenneth Longenecker – Brook Drive.

March 10, 1972, Nurses' home behind School's Health Center is demolished.

June 1972, there are 145 seniors in the Class of 1972.

June 5, 1972, Rev. James T. Cleland, D. D., Dean of the Chapel, Duke University, is the Commencement speaker.

June 5, 1972, Milton Hershey School names The Rev. Dr. Clark Hobby, class of 1947, Religion, Alumnus of the Year.

June 1972, two members of the faculty announce their retirement:

Phyllis Shuler .....Elementary Education.....21 years of service  
William Behney Buser. Physical Education.....25 years of service

June 1972, tropical storm *Agnes* floods many homes on campus and does considerable property damage to student homes. Water from well at Founders Hall supplies water to the School and community.

October 1972, there are 1550 boys in the School.

December 9, 1972, Milton Hershey School becomes member of PIAA with an “A” Classification.

### **1973**

Senior class officers: Ralph Tomassi, President; Joseph Swift, Vice President; Gary Krow, Secretary; Alan Baxter, Treasurer; and Michael Gruhler, Historian. Faculty Advisor: Andrew Kavalecs.

February 2, 1973, John S. Davis II dies while instructing students at Senior Hall. He was a teacher and athletic coach.

June 4, 1973, Joseph V. Paterno, head football coach of Pennsylvania State University, is the Commencement speaker.

June 4, 1973, Milton Hershey School names Lewis W. Eckert, class of 1939, Research and Development, Alumnus of the Year

July 1, 1973, the following members of the faculty and staff retire:

W. Lyndon Hess.....	Senior Hall .....	32 years of service
Paul Kleinfelter .....	Senior Hall .....	39 years of service
Philip K. Shuler.....	Senior Hall .....	43 years of service
Kathryn Aungst.....	Memorial Hall.....	23 years of service
Catherine Custer.....	Memorial Hall.....	14 years of service
Grant Custer .....	Director of Enrollment.....	24 years of service

August 3, 1973, John Gavazzi, a counselor at the School, dies.

October 1973, there are 1506 boys in the School.

### **1974**

Senior class officers: Robert Hawley, President; William Baer, Vice President; Jeffery Lyon, Secretary; William Mottin, Treasurer; and John Taylor, Historian. Faculty advisor: Dr. Joseph Brechbill.

January 1974, John M. Aichele, class of 1939 is elected to the Board of Managers. He serves on the Board of Managers from 1974-1986. He is Vice President of the School from 1974-1979, Executive Vice President from 1979-1981, President from 1981-1984, and Chairman of the Board from 1985-1986.

January 1974, Edward R. Book is elected to the Board of Managers, 1974-1987.

January 1974, W. S. Cashel, Jr. is elected to the Board of Managers, 1974-1976.

January 1974, Samuel Schreckengaust is elected to the Board of Managers, 1974-1979.

January 1974, John Shuey is elected to the Board of Managers 1974-1987.

April 14, 1974, student William C. Terrill Jr. drowns at Pinchot State Park in a boating accident.

May 25, 1974, Edward Russek , class of 1966, becomes the first Milton Hershey School graduate to receive a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Pennsylvania State University's Medical School.

June 3, 1974, James E. Bobb, Chairman of the Board of Managers, and Arthur Whiteman, class of 1927 and member of the Board of Managers, deliver the Commencement address to the graduates.

June 3, 1974, Milton Hershey School names John M. Aichele, class of 1939, Business Affairs—Education, Alumnus of the Year.

July 16, 1974, John Aichele, class of 1939, is named Vice President of Business Affairs. Dr. Richard Rudisill is named Vice President - Headmaster.

October 1974, there are 1409 boys in the School.

October 12, 1974, Milton Hershey School's Alumni Association dedicates Memorial Grove during Homecoming Weekend.

December 31, 1974, Alfred T. Gible, Director of Houseparent Staff, retires after 43 years of service to the School.

December 1974, Special diets menu for adult employees discontinued.

## **1975**

Senior class officers: Michael Hawley, President; Michael Matier, Vice President; Jeffery Bailey, Secretary; James Carroll, Treasurer; and Peter Bulgarino, Historian. Faculty advisor: Robert Wallace.

January 1, 1975, Dr. Joseph A. Brechbill is appointed Director of Houseparent Staff.

June 2, 1975, Dr. Roy D. Hudson, President, Hampton Institute, is the Commencement speaker.

June 2, 1975, Milton Hershey School names Archie L. Good, V.M.D., class of 1938, Veterinary Medicine, Alumnus of the Year.

July 1, 1975, the following faculty and staff retire:

Dorothy Kluck .....	School Dietitian .....	44 years of services
Thural Brehm.....	Director of Family School Relations.....	35 years of service
John Showalter.....	Senior Hall.....	39 years of service
Orville H. Strait.....	Senior Hall .....	32 years of service

October 1975, there are 1342 boys in the School.

October 30, 1975, Harold Hoerner, plumbing Instructor at Senior Hall, dies at the age of 48 years.

### **1976**

Senior class officers: Richard Mitchell, President; Michael Bear, Vice President; Robert Leon, Secretary; Douglas Connor, Historian; and Jeffery Milne, Chaplain. Faculty advisor: William R. Prescott.

January 1, 1976, Kenneth Longenecker appointed Director of the Senior Home Life Division.

January 1, 1976, Vocational House Project on Middletown Road.

May 30, 1976, student John Arnett Way dies of Meningitis (Reye's Syndrome).

There is a year-long celebration of the founding of our country. The Liberty Bell hangs in the center of the Rotunda at Founders Hall and students dressed as 1776 Militia guard the bell on weekends.

June 7, 1976, William D. Ruckelshaus, partner of Ruckelshaus, Beveridge, Fairbanks and Diamond, Washington, D.C., is the Commencement speaker.

June 7, 1976, Milton Hershey School names James D. Dower, Jr., class of 1935, Architecture, Alumnus of the Year.

July 1, 1976, the following members of the School faculty retire:

George Sandel.....	43 years of service
Robert Schelhorn .....	38 years of service
John Fox.....	31 years of service
Phyllis Baugher.....	25 years of service
Eleanor Wood .....	15 years of service

August 1976, the barn at Valley View burns down. It is rebuilt in 1977.

August 1976, Student home Overview is closed as a student home.

September 3, 1976, student Richard D. Schell dies in a train accident at Derry Road crossing.

October 1976, there are 1216 boys in the School.

November 15, 1976, the Deed of Trust is restated to permit the enrollment of students without regard to gender. The requirement that students have to be orphaned to enter the School is deleted.

### **1977**

Senior class officers: Kenneth Kennedy, President; Richard Potts, Vice President; Thomas Zehmisch, Secretary; David Schreffler, Historian; Robert Cavanaugh, Treasurer; and Neal Felix, Chaplain. Advisors: Audery DeMuth, Gilson Cash.

January 1977, J. Paul Lyet is elected to the Board of Managers, 1977-1984.

January 1977, William Mobraaten is elected to the Board of Managers, 1977-1988.

February 14, 1977, the first social orphans enroll at Milton Hershey School.

March 1977, first year the Acropolis yearbook cover was designed by a student.

March 1, 1977, Robert Andreylsa, David H. Johnson, and B. Anton Hess conducted an evaluation of the School's administrative procedures and curricular programs.

March 14, 1977, the first eight girls are enrolled in the Junior Program at Milton Hershey School.

June 6, 1977, Art Linkletter, television personality, entertainer, author and lecturer, is the commencement speaker.

June 6, 1977, Milton Hershey School names William H. Pugh, class of 1943, Government—Diplomatic Service, Alumnus of the Year.

July 14, 1977, the first five girls enroll in the Intermediate Division.

October 1977, there are 1162 students in the School.

November 18, 1977, Kenneth R. Irwin, housefather, is killed in an auto accident on Hersheypark Drive while going to Senior Hall to pick up his students at the end of the day.

### **1978**

Senior class officers: William Lawrence, President; Alan Krashesky, Vice President; Al Green, Secretary; Schuyler Brody, Treasurer; and Barry Woodcraft, Chaplain. Faculty advisors: John Cook, Charles Francis.

June 1978, Francine I. Neff, former Treasurer of the United States and Vice President of the Rio Grande Valley Bank, is the Commencement speaker.

June 5, 1978, Milton Hershey School names Thomas R. Davies, Ph.D., class of 1953, Theoretical Physics, Alumnus of the Year.

June 5, 1978, Milton Hershey School names Richard W. Davies, Ph.D., class of 1954, Theoretical Physics, Alumnus of the Year.

July 1, 1978, the following members of the faculty retire:

William A. Yottey.....	43 years of service
Thomas O. Pratt .....	37 years of service
Olive M. Kleinfelter.....	29 years of service

July 19-20, 1978, the Senior Division enrolls eleven sophomore girls.

Alumni Grove is dedicated.

October 1978, there are 1305 students in the School.

### **1979**

Senior class officers: Michael Black, President; Ronald Andrews, Vice President; Harry Dulio, Secretary; Ronald DiBetta, Treasurer; Jeffery Kephart, Historian; and Paul White, Chaplain.  
Faculty Advisors: Lewis K. Webster, Warren H. Hitz.

March 28, 1979, the accident at Three Mile Island Nuclear Plant forces Milton Hershey School to close school early for Easter vacation.

June 4, 1979, Richard Thornburgh, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is the Commencement speaker.

June 4, 1979, Milton Hershey School names David B. Bowman, class of 1946, Law, Alumnus of the Year.

July 1, 1979, Andrew Kovach, teacher and coach, retires after 35 years of service to Milton Hershey School.

August 1979, the Milton Hershey School discontinues buying steam from Hershey Foods to heat the Supply Center, The Homestead, and three student homes.

August 1, 1979, John M. Aichele, class of 1939, is named Executive Vice President.

October 1979, there are 1313 students in the School.

## **The 1980's**

### **1980**

Senior class officers: Ari Puliatti, President; Steven Slabonik, Vice President; Stacey Hammond, Secretary; Howard Carrico, Treasurer; and John Dennish, Historian. Faculty advisors: William R. Prescott, Kenneth H. Cook.

The Class of 1980 is the last class to graduate with all male members in the class.

June 2, 1980, Rafer L. Johnson, holder of World and Olympic Decathlon records, is the Commencement speaker.

June 2, 1980, Milton Hershey School names E. Wallis Callahan, class of 1944, Culinary Arts, Alumnus of the Year.

July 1, 1980, Robert Oesterling is appointed Assistant Director Senior Home Life Division.

July 1, 1980, Audrey DeMuth is appointed Director of Enrollment.

August 23, 1980, the Board of Managers approves the first Long-Range Plan developed by the Long-Range Committee of the Staff.

September 1980, New Horizons, a vocal jazz choir, is formed as a new organization in the music program of the School. This is the first vocal group to combine male and female voices.

September 1980, the first issue of *The Intercom*, an adult staff newsletter, is printed.

October 1980, there are 1290 students in the School.

December 1, 1980, for the first time in history Milton Hershey School plays a girls' basketball game at Linden Hall, Lititz, PA. MHS won 40-29.

December 31, 1980, Dr. John O. Hershey retires as Chairman of the Board of Managers and President of Milton Hershey School after serving the School from 1939-1981. He completed 42 years of service to the School.

### **1981**

Senior class officers: Charles Lister, President; Kevin Carter Vice President; Sandra Snyder Secretary; Rene Puliatti, Treasurer; Preston Morris, Historian; and Dorothy Halbleib, Chaplain. Faculty advisors: Charles Francis '61, John Cook.

January 1981, Richard Zimmerman is elected to the Board of Managers, 1981-1994.

January 1, 1981, John Aichele, class of 1939 is elected President of the Milton Hershey School.

March 28, 1981, Milton Hershey School's basketball team becomes All State Champions. D. Michael Weller '66 is the head basketball coach.

May 8, 1981, Student Home Westmoor is razed to make more parking space at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

May 15, 1981, Dr. John O. Hershey receives the Horatio Alger award at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony at the Hershey Convention Center.

May 28, 1981, Milton Hershey School becomes State Champions in track. Leroy Galloway is the head track coach.

June 1, 1981, Jack Twyman, Chairman of the Board, Super Foods, Inc., is the Commencement speaker.

June 1, 1981, Milton Hershey School names Michael Kay, class of 1954, Thoroughbred Racing, Alumnus of the Year.

June 1, 1981, the first female students graduate from the Milton Hershey School: Christine Brennan, Connie Lynn Clark, Mary Elizabeth Clayborne, Dorothy Elizabeth Halbleib, Pamela Anne McNesby, Wendy Sue Rodriguez, Sandra Kay Snyder, Lynn Ann Troischt, and Robin Ann Zarzecke.

June 1, 1981, the following faculty and staff members retire:

Clyde Stacks...Art teacher and Vocational General Instructor... ..43 years of service  
Catherine Becker.....Admissions Director .....17 years of service

August 1981, First phase of the Long Range Planning for the School is completed.

September 3, 1981, student Brian K. McNeill, 16 years of age, dies of Frederichs Atasia.

October 1981, there are 1234 students in the School.

1981, Girls Field Hockey completes first year as an organized sport.

## **1982**

Senior class officers: Paul Carrico, President; Neal Collins, Vice President; William Mills, Secretary; Donald Kerr, Treasurer; Thomas Keegan and Carol Gilmore, Historians; and Alfred Cesarine, Chaplain. Faculty advisors: A. James Jones, J. Duncan Kriebel.

May 1982, Milton Hershey School wins State Class AA boys track championship title.

June 7, 1982, Carlos J. Arboleya, Vice President of Barnett Banks of Miami, is the Commencement speaker.

June 7, 1982, Milton Hershey School names Charles G. Gebelein, Ph.D., class of 1947, Chemistry, Alumnus of the Year.

June 1982, Donna Gerhold is the first girl to graduate whose father, David Gerhold, class of 1941, is also a graduate.

June 6, 1982, Jacob A. Klinedinst, a School administrator for the Home Division, dies.

June 14, 1982, Thural V. Brehm, a School administrator, dies.

After 25 years of service to the School, Howard Baum, Manager of the Supply Center, retires 1982.

June 1982 retirements: Russell Daubert, Auto Mechanics Instructor; Ella Schreffler, Supply Center; Jane Stacks, Secretary/Historical Records; Woodrow W. Bonney, Superintendent of Construction and Maintenance.

July 1, 1982, Robert L. Oesterling is appointed Director of Senior Home Life Division.

August 1982, The School appoints a Coordinator of the Cooperative Work Program.

October 1982, there are 1225 students in the School.

November 5, 1982, Ernest J. Szollosy, a former houseparent, dies of smoke inhalation at Student Home Longfellow.

December 1982, the Combined Christmas Party for all of the Hershey Interests is discontinued. Milton Hershey School, the Trust Company, the Hershey Bank, the Hershey Library, and HERCO host a Christmas Party for their retirees. Hershey Foods Corporation hosts a separate Christmas Party for their retirees.

### **1983**

Senior class officers: Kenneth Kerr, President; Elizabeth Narvaez, Vice President; Jacqueline Rodriguez, Secretary; Jeff Lutz, Treasurer; and Reggie Bowers and Anthony Ciprino, Historians. Faculty advisors: A. James Jones, J. Duncan Kriebel.

January 1983, Robert C. Allen is elected to the Board of Managers, 1983-1989.

January 18, 1983, Inaugural Ball in honor of Governor Richard Thornburgh is held in Founders Hall.

February 2, 1983, William Houtz is elected Vice President of Finance for Milton Hershey School.

March 21, 1983, Paul Clark is employed as Superintendent of Construction and Maintenance.

May 21, 1983, Milton Hershey School wins District 3 AA State Championship in boys and girls track.

June 6, 1983, Mary Kay Ash, Chairman of the Board, Mary Kay Cosmetics, is the Commencement speaker.

June 6, 1983, Milton Hershey School names John Rineman, class of 1945, Medical Service Administration, Alumnus of the Year.

June 1, 1983, D. Lee Backenstose M.D., Medical Director of the School, retires after 14 years of service to the School.

July 1983, Milton Hershey School begins construction of Henry Hershey Field.

July 1, 1983, Harold Good, class of 1936 retires as instructor in sheet metal, refrigeration, welding instructor.

July 1, 1983, the School employs its first security officers. HERCO no longer provides this service.

August 1, 1983, Dr. Richard Rudisill is appointed Senior Vice President of Milton Hershey School.

August 1, 1983, William Fisher, class of 1950 is elected Vice President of Education.

August 1, 1983, John Storm is appointed Director of Secondary Education.

August 13, 1983, Hershey's National Track and Field Youth Program finals are held for the first time in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

September 1983, Charles Bofinger, class of 1943, designs Milton Hershey's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo.

October 1983, there are 1256 students in the School.

## **1984**

Senior class officers: Trish Waldron, President; Rodney Gingerich, Vice President; Christine Cox, Secretary; Mark Redmann, Treasurer; Edward Savadge and Peter Hughes, Historian, and Margaret Reilly, Chaplain. Faculty advisors: A. James Jones, J. Duncan Kriebel.

1984, Mr. Robert Guyer is named head football coach.

January 1984, William Fisher, class of 1950 is elected to the Board of Managers and served the following term 1984-1991. He is Vice President of the School, 1983-1984, and President, 1985-1991. He becomes the fifth alumnus of the School to serve on the Board of Managers.

January 1984, Rod Pera is elected to the Board of Managers and served the following term 1984-1994. He was chairman of the Board 1991-1993, and Acting President of the School 1991-1993.

January 1984, John Rineman, class of 1945 is elected to the Board of Managers, 1984-1993. He becomes the sixth graduate of the School to serve on the Board.

January 1984, Juliet Rowland is elected to the Board of Managers. She is the first woman elected to the Board and serves as Chairperson of the Board in 1995-1996.

January 13, 1984, Mr. Alfred T. Gible, Director of Home Division dies. William Dearden, class of 1940 delivers the eulogy.

February 1984, The Spartan Lounge opened in Catherine Hall for students in grades 9-12.

March 1984, The Hershey Foundation publishes *One of a Kind: Milton Snavely Hershey 1856-1945* by Charles Schuyler Castner.

June 4, 1984, Dr. Richard Leshner, President, Chamber of Commerce of the United States, is the Commencement speaker.

June 4, 1984, Milton Hershey School names William M. Duff, class of 1952, Architecture—Building Construction, Alumnus of the Year.

August 9, 1984, the first meeting is held of the newly formed Executive Committee composed of the School's President and the Directors of Finance, Business Administration, Education, Agri-Business, Residential Program, and Student Personnel Services.

August 1984, Mary E. Saye, Memorial Hall faculty, retires after 20 years of service to the School.

August 18, 1984, Henry Hershey Field is inaugurated and opens, hosting the Seventh Annual National Track and Field Youth Program.

September 1984, in conjunction with Homecoming and 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, Henry Hershey Field is dedicated.

September 1, 1984, Dr. Richard Rudisill, Senior Vice President, retires from Milton Hershey School after 33 years of service.

October 1984, there are 1157 students in the School.

November 1984, The School decides to end the Intramural Ice Hockey Program.

### **1985**

Senior class officers: Peter Gurt, President; Maurice Bonaparte, Vice President; Holly Ditullo, Secretary; Joanne Troischt, Treasurer; Victor Young and Thomas Davidson, Historians.  
Advisors: A. James Jones, Addie Sheppard.

January 1, 1985, Robert Oesterling is appointed Director of Education. Michael Weller '66 is appointed Director of Senior Home Life Division with Gilson Cash as his Assistant.

January 1985, Kenneth Wolfe is elected to the Board of Managers.

January 3, 1985, William R. Fisher, class of 1950 is elected President of the Milton Hershey School.

January 3, 1985, Dr. Robert Oesterling is appointed Director of Education at Milton Hershey School.

June 3, 1985, The Reverend Dr. Robert Schuller, Senior Pastor, Crystal Cathedral, "Hour of Power" Television Ministry, is the commencement speaker.

June 3, 1985, Milton Hershey School names William R. Fisher, class of 1950, Education, Alumnus of the Year.

September 1985, the Varsity Choir begins as a musical organization replacing the all-male Glee Club.

September 1, 1985, Virgil Alexander retires after 33 years as Music Teacher, Glee Club Director, and Public Information Director.

October 1985, there are 1107 students in the School.

October 1, 1985, Grace Fisher retires as Administrative Assistant in the Business Division after 23 years of service.

### **1986**

Senior class officers: Ruben Rodriguez, President; Brenda Armstrong, Vice President; Beth Wetzler, Secretary; Aretha Wilson, Treasurer; Amy McCloskey and Michael Shultz, Historians.  
Advisors: A. James Jones, William Prescott.

January 1986, Bruce McKinney, class of 1955, is elected to the Board of Managers. He becomes the seventh graduate of the School to serve on the Board.

June 2, 1986, Dr. Rodrigue Mortel, Chairman, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Hershey Medical Center, is the Commencement speaker.

June 2, 1986, Milton Hershey School names James C. Mancuso Ph.D., class of 1945, Education—Psychology, Alumnus of the Year.

June 3, 1986, student Michael J. Bolt dies of an aneurysm (Morfan's Disease).

July 1, 1986, the following faculty members retire:

Josephine M. Baum.....Catherine Hall Faculty .....28 years of service

Edith B. Long.....Senior Hall Librarian .....24 years of service

Harold Good, Class of 1936...Vocational Instructor/Sheet Metal.... 45 years of service

September 1, 1986, John Aichele, class of 1939 second President of the School, retires as Chairman of the Board of Managers after 42 years of service to the School. William R. Fisher, class of 1950, is named Chief Executive Officer.

October 1986, there are 1113 students in the School.

## **1987**

Senior class officers: Martha Cruz, President; Michael Smith, Vice President; Heather Elliott, Secretary; Elizabeth Lucas, Treasurer; Jason Wolfe, Historian; and Mark Riggelman, Chaplain. Faculty Advisors: J. Duncan Kriebel, A. James Jones.

Henriett Wheeler is appointed Benefits Manager.

During 1987-1988 school year, the School moves from 3/4" tape to VHS format in the production of video projects in the Television Studio.

During 1987-1988 school year, the School's educational programs move to a letter grading system replacing the numerical system used since the School's founding.

January 5, 1987, Dr. Joseph A. Brechbill is appointed Director of Planning and Research.

January 5, 1987, Milton Hershey School appoints Charles Francis, class of 1961 as Director of Human Resources.

January 20, 1987, Inaugural Ball in honor of Governor Robert P. Casey is held in Founders Hall.

March 1987, the Perm Ballet Group from the USSR visits Milton Hershey School.

March 15, 1987, the first issue of *Resources*, an employee newsletter, is published.

April 1, 1987, Donald R. Witman is appointed Director of the Junior Division. Edward Ruth is appointed Assistant Director, Intermediate Division.

May 8, 1987, the Executive Committee discontinues corporal punishment as a method of discipline.

June 1, 1987, Col. Guion S. Bluford, NASA Astronaut, is the Commencement speaker.

June 1, 1987, Milton Hershey School names J. Bruce McKinney, class of 1955, Business Management, Alumnus of the Year.

July 1, 1987, Agnes Souders, Memorial Hall Faculty, retires after 24 years of service to the School.

July 8, 1987, William Houtz, Vice President of Finance, dies.

August 1, 1987, William Hoover, Memorial Hall Principal and Director of the Junior Division, retires after 36 years of service to the School.

August 6, 1987, the Faculty Wives organization ceases to exist as an organization.

August 30, 1987, student Michael A. Troisi, dies from bone cancer.

September 1, 1987, Alan Malkoff is elected Vice President of Finance and Administration at the Milton Hershey School.

October 1987, there are 1033 students in the School.

December 3, 1987, Dr. Richard A. Rudisill, retired Senior Vice President, dies.

## **1988**

Senior class officers: April Humphries, President; Michael Britcher, Vice President; Denise Pereira, Secretary; Teresa Smith, Treasurer; Rosario Sollazzi, Historian; and Erwing Flagg, Chaplain. Advisors: A. James Jones, J. Duncan Kriebel.

February 1, 1988, Richard Dieterle, Drafting instructor, retires.

March 14, 1988, Milton S. Hershey is inducted into the U.S. Business Hall of Fame.

April 1, 1988, Kenneth Smitley, General Building Trades instructor, retires

June 6, 1988, Dr. Bryce Jordon, President of the Pennsylvania State University, is the Commencement speaker.

June 6, 1988, Milton Hershey School names James D. Hoeschele, Ph.D.class of 1955, Biomedical Research, Alumnus of the Year.

July 1, 1988, the following faculty members retired:

Harold Reichard.....Catherine Hall Music .....23 years of service  
Kenneth Smitley.....Building Trades, Senior Hall .....23 years of service  
Richard K. Dieterle.....Drafting Instructor, Senior Hall .....21 years of service

August 22, 1988, Gary Drayer is employed as the School's first purchasing agent.

October 1988, there are 1041 students in the School.

October 3, 1988, Todd Decker is employed as the School's first Risk and Safety Director.

October 17, 1988, Clyde Stacks, artist and teacher in Vocational General, passes away.

October 22, 1988, the School's new film-video *The Vision* is shown to alumni and students at Homecoming.

### **1989**

Senior class officers: Melissa Federinko, President; Mark Pershpalaj, Vice President; Heidi Seifert, Secretary; Maria Trinh, Treasurer; Tobi Davis, Historian, and Mike Prescott, Chaplain.  
Advisors: A James Jones, Dr. D. Rodney Chamberlain.

January 1989, William Alexander is elected to the Board of Managers.

January 1989, Ronald Glosser is elected to the Board of Managers.

March 8, 1989, the School adopts The Statue as the official logo of The Milton Hershey School.

June 5, 1989, Dinah Shore, star of television, radio, and screen, is the Commencement speaker.

June 5, 1989, all student home are equipped with microwave ovens.

June 1989, Estey pianos placed in the student homes in the 1960 are replaced with electronic pianos.

June 1989, Milton Hershey School names Adrian E. Taylor, class of 1947, Advertising, Design and Journalism, Alumnus of the Year.

July 1, 1989, the following faculty members retire from active service to the School:

Harry Buck '43 .....Auto Shop, Senior Hall .....26 years of service  
Richard O. Hugendubler .....Print Shop, Senior Hall .....26 years of service

August 1989, the School razes cabins 1-5 along the Swatara Creek due to their poor condition. Green cabin remains.

August 1, 1989, Carl Stump, Assistant Director of Secondary Education, retires with 33 years of service to the School.

August 1, 1989, the dairy program, part of the training received by students in the Senior Program of the School, is discontinued after 60 years of operation in the School.

Fall 1989, student home Woodside is razed to make room for the new corporate headquarters of Hershey Foods Corporation.

October 1989, there are 1024 students in the School.

December 1989, first noontime concerts are held in the rotunda of Founders Hall. School musical groups perform and are open to the community.

## **The 1990's**

### **1990**

Senior class officers: Daniel Reynolds, President; Jackie Stroman, Vice President; Gina Carlo, Secretary; Mary Ellen Bauder, Treasurer; Trina Poole, Historian; Oona McNeely, Historian; and Jennifer Dailey, Chaplain. Advisors: A James Jones, Barbara Baylor.

January 1990, Dr. C. McCollister Evarts is elected to the Board of Managers.

January 1, 1990, Dr. Joseph A. Brechbill is named Director of School and Community Relations.

January 10, 1990, *MHS Today*, the student produced news program, is first shown.

February 8, 1990, The Board of Managers adopts the goals of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Initiative.

March 16, 1990, Milton Hershey School announces the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Initiative setting forth long-range planning goals for the future of the School. The School announces plan to update it educational and residential programs. Ambassador to the United Nations Thomas Pickering is guest speaker at a special convocation held in Founders Hall.

April 12, 1990, William Fisher, class of 1950 announces his intention to retire as president of the School.

May 22, 1990, student Michael F. Black, age 10, is killed by a drunk driver.

June 4, 1990, Norman Vincent Peale, author, minister, and religious educator, is the Commencement speaker.

June 4, 1990, Milton Hershey School names John A. O'Brien, class of 1961, Psychology, Alumnus of the Year.

July 1, 1990, Milton Hershey School buses comply with color regulations. Brown and gold colored buses at the School are retired.

July 1, 1990, the following teachers retire from Milton Hershey School:

Robert L. Stambaugh .....History, Catherine Hall .....33 years of service  
Joseph N. Hogarth, class of 1940.....Plumbing, Senior Hall.....18 years of service

August 15, 1990, Donald Pearson, Home and School visitor, dies while on duty at the School.

September 1, 1990, Linda Miller is appointed Director of Communications.

October 1990, there are 1052 students in the School.

### **1991**

Senior class officers: Megan Casey, President; Christopher Errichetti, Vice President; Agnes Trinh, Secretary; Sherri Gilpin, Treasurer; Ronette Smith, Chaplain; and Gretchen Seifert and Amy McDonald, Historians. Advisors: Randy Eshelman, A. James Jones.

April 5, 1991, the Hershey Trust Company assumes operational control of 6,000 acres of the 9,200 acres owned by the School. The School managed all the land since 1968.

June 6, 1991, Dr. Rodney Reed, Dean of the College of Education at the Pennsylvania State University, is the Commencement speaker.

June 3, 1991, Milton Hershey School names Graham W. McIntyre class of 1949, U.S. Army—Education, Alumnus of the Year.

June 1991, the dairies at student homes Men-O and Glendale are officially closed. (Ref: 052.10.2.496.16)

July 1, 1991, the following faculty and staff members retire:

Kenneth Cook .....Electronics Instructor .....32 years of service  
Dr. Edward Shaeffer .....Dentist.....28 years of service  
John Hoerner .....Machine Shop .....28 years of service  
Dorothy Esbenshade .....Language.....21 years of service  
Gray Johnson .....Counselor .....21 years of service  
William Prescott.....Social Studies Teacher .....18 years of service

July 15, 1991, Dr. Frances O'Connor is installed as the first woman president of the School. She becomes the School's fourth president.

August 1991, Helen Dodge is appointed Director of Special Functions.

August 1, 1991, Milton Hershey School's Agri-Business Division is renamed Land Management Division.

August 7, 1991, Dr. Frances O'Connor is elected to the Board of Managers and serves on the Board for a period of nine months. During that time she also serves as President of the School 1991-1992.

September 1, 1991, William R. Fisher, class of 1950 officially retires as the third president of the Milton Hershey School. He served the School for 35 years as a faculty member, administrator, and as President of the School.

September 1, 1991, the School begins placing computers in student homes for student use.

September 1, 1991, the duties of the Intermediate School Principal are revised to eliminate responsibility for Intermediate Division homes.

September 15, 1991, the first issue of *Legacy* for alumni, parents, staff, and the public is published.

October 1991, there are 1083 students in the School.

November 1, 1991, the School closes its Fruit Farm located west of Hershey on Hersheypark Drive. The fruit stand is reopened east of Founders Hall on US Route 322.

December 16, 1991, Hershey Trust Company begins operations at High Point.

## **1992**

Senior class officers: Eileen Martin, President; Rochelle Espinal, Vice President; John Mueller, Secretary; Rhonda Hughlett, Treasurer; Sheila Arrington, Historian; and Indira Belizaire, Chaplain. Faculty advisor: Teresa Govelovich.

January 21, 1992, a cafeteria program for the noon meal replaces family style meals in Senior Hall dining room.

April 28, 1992, Dr. Frances O'Connor, fourth President of the School, resigns.

May 1, 1992, Rod Pera, Esq., Chairman of the Board of Managers, becomes Acting President of the School and the fifth person to hold that position at the School.

May 31, 1992, First year Commencement is held on Sunday afternoon instead of Monday evening.

May 31, 1992, Dr. Charles Osgood, author, radio, and television commentator is the Commencement speaker.

June 1992, Milton Hershey School names Otto R. Weber, M.D. '41, Medicine—Humanitarian, Alumnus of the Year.

July 1, 1992, the following faculty members retire:

Matthew Belicic .....Counselor .....35 years of service  
Roy Dice .....Intermediate School faculty .....26 years of service

July 7, 1992, Gilson Cash appointed Director of Residential Programs.

August 1, 1992, the following staff members retire:

John Cook .....teacher, coach, Director of Religious Education .....33 years of service  
Donald Witman .....teacher, coach, administrator .....33 years of service  
Verna Royer .....Residential Program .....40 years of service  
(Verna Royer was the first female administrator in the Residential Program.)

August 1, 1992, Dr. Joseph A. Brechbill, retires as Director, School and Community Relations, and begins part-time employment as the Curator of Historical Records.

August 1, 1992, Edward Ruth is named Director of the Intermediate Educational program.

August 3, 1992, Steven L. Kitsmiller is appointed Assistant Principal of Catherine Hall's Middle School Program.

August 3, 1992, Nancy Porter is appointed Principal of the Fanny B. Hershey Memorial Hall Elementary School.

September 1, 1992, M. Nelson Durand retires after 33 years of service to the School. Nelson was instrumental in developing the Intermediate Program and served as its Director from 1966 to the date of his retirement.

October 1992, there are 1104 students in the School.

November 1, 1992, the following staff members retire:

Dr. Rodney McLaughlin .....Director of Student Personnel Services...32 years of service  
Ray B. Miller .....teacher, bandleader, Director of Public Relations ....37 years of service  
Gary Cooper .....administrator, Intermediate Division .....28 years of service

November 15, 1992, the School's Admissions office moves to The Homestead.

### **1993**

Senior class officers: Takiyah Watford, President; Jennifer Sloane, Vice President; Marie Conteh, Secretary; Andre McIntosh, Treasurer; Cathy Rowe and Erika Roebuck, Historians; and Deana Breach, Chaplain. Advisors: Lewis Webster Randy Eshelman.

January 1, 1993, the School charges staff members a monthly rental fee for their campus housing. This charge does not apply to houseparents or farm workers.

January 18, 1993, Robert L. Sloane named Vice President of Operations.

March 1993, Dr. Gary Gruber is appointed Director of Research and Professional Development.

March 19, 1993, the Board of Managers announces that the educational scholarship for qualified students will increase to \$4,000 a year.

May 7, 1993, The Executive Committee approves a Bicycle Policy for students.

June 6, 1993, Jeff Blatnick, Olympic Gold Medal Wrestling Champion, is the Commencement speaker.

June 6, 1993, Milton Hershey School names David Q. Voight, Ph.D., class of 1944, Author—Educator, Alumnus of the Year.

June 10, 1993, the Board of Managers adopts a resolution to add a vocational component to the School's Vocational/Technical Program.

June-July 1993, the Camelot Room decor is removed and replaced with School pictures. A large picture of Mr. Hershey holding a boy is placed over the fireplace.

June 27, 1993, Dr. Arthur Levine of the Harvard Graduate School is elected the sixth President of Milton Hershey School.

July 1993, Milton Hershey School establishes an Agricultural Service Program.

July 12, 1993, Dr. Levine resigns the office of President of the School citing personal reasons.

August 1, 1993, the School implements a Smoke-Free Campus Policy.

August 1, 1993, Dr. Christine M. Miller is named Vice President of Communications and Enrollment Management.

August 11, 1993, Dr. William Lepley is elected President of the Milton Hershey School. Dr. Lepley, from Iowa, becomes the School's seventh President.

September 2, 1993, six administrators are relieved of their duties as the School goes through a reorganization of its administrative structure:

Charles Francis, class of 1961 .....Director of Human Resources  
Alan Malkoff,.....Vice President of Finance and Administration  
Audrey DeMuth, .....Director of Admissions  
Gibson Cash, .....Director of Residential Programs  
Dennis Lubold,.....Director of Supply Services  
Michael Weller, class of 196 .....Assistant to the President

September 9, 1993, the School's faculty files with the Labor Relations Board asking the Pennsylvania State Education Association to represent them in collective bargaining sessions.

September 13, 1993, Rod Pera, Esq., resigns as acting president.

September 15, 1993, William L. Lepley begins duties as the 7<sup>th</sup> president.

September 16, 1993, Milton Hershey School's houseparents file with the National Labor Relations Board to have the Chocolate Workers Union represent them in collective bargaining sessions.

September 20, 1993, Dr. William L. Lepley is appointed Chairman of the School's Board of Managers, and serves as Chair until June 1994.

October 1993, there are 1127 students in the School.

October 4, 1993, a cafeteria style serving system replaces the family style meals at noon for Intermediate students at Founders Hall.

October 12, 1993, Dr. Mavis Kelley is appointed Vice President, Institutional Advancement.

October 25, 1993, Ms. Sally Mentor is named Senior Vice President, Student and Family Life.

November 15, 1993, The National Institute of Youth Sciences in Agriculture and the Environment formally opens at Milton Hershey School.

November 19, 1993, the faculty votes to unionize and have the PSEA represent them in contract talks (102-65 with 9 challenged votes).

## **1994**

Senior class officers: Nyugen Smith, President; Mai Nguyen, Vice President; Michael Schrader, Treasurer; Govinda Antonelli, Historian; and Jennifer Russell, Chaplain. Faculty advisors: Lewis Webster, Randy Eshelman.

January 1994, The Reverend John S. McDowell, class of 1960 is elected to the Board of Managers. He becomes the eighth graduate of the School to serve on the Board.

January 27, 1994, the houseparents of the School vote to unionize and have the Chocolate Workers Union represent them in contract talks.

March 24, 1994, Lloyd Morgan, Assistant Director of Junior Division, dies.

April 1, 1994, Richard Shadel, class of 1954 is appointed Director of Supply Services.

April 2, 1994, Mrs. Lucille Hershey, wife of Retired President John O. Hershey, dies.

April 4, 1994, Ruben Nazario is named Vice President of Human Resources.

April 13, 1994, the School breaks ground for the new elementary building and 20 student homes.

June 5, 1994, Rick Petino, head basketball coach at the University of Kentucky, is the Commencement speaker.

June 5, 1994, Milton Hershey School names David I. Bowser, class of 1957, Building Construction, Alumnus of the Year.

June 1, 1994, Dr. Christine Miller, who was serving as Vice President for Communications and Admissions, is appointed Director of Admissions.

June 1, 1994, Helen Dodge is appointed Special Assistant to the President.

June 7, 1994, Rod Pera, Esq., resigns from the Hershey Trust Company's Board of Directors and the Milton Hershey School's Board of Managers. He retains a seat on the Board of Directors HERCO and the Hershey Foods Corporation.

September 1994, President William L. Lepley announces The President's Policy Council members. In addition to the president, members include:

Sally Mentor.....Senior Vice President Student and Family Life  
Dr. Mavis Kelley .....Vice President Institutional Advancement  
Ruben Nazario .....Vice President of Human Resources  
Helen Dodge .....Special Assistant to the President

September 7, 1994, the Residential Program is reorganized to promote empowerment of primary caregivers at the student residences.

October 1994, there are 1108 students in the School.

October 3, 1994, Dr. Lawrence Davenport is appointed Vice President of Finance and is named to the President's Policy Council.

October 20, 1994, Dr. William L. Lepley, School President, announces plans to designate The Homestead as the Alumni House.

November 1994, decision is made to install security systems in the student homes of the School.

December 1994, Sally Mentor, Senior Vice- President Student and Family Life, announces her resignation.

1994, more than half of the staff homes on campus are turned over to the supervision of the Hershey Trust Company.

### **1995**

Senior class officers: Edith Hutchins, President; Bambi Holt, Vice President; Keith McAninch, Secretary; Christine Brown, Treasurer; Jamiee Cheeley and Mamiedee George, Historians; and January Frey, Chaplain. Faculty Advisors: Joel Sheaffer, Cliff Ainsworth.

January 1995, W. Don Cornwell is elected to the Board of Managers.

January 1995, Lucy Hackney is elected to the Board of Managers.

January 1995, Dr. Mavis Kelley's title is changed to Vice President, Programs, later changed to Senior Vice President, Programs.

February 7, 1995, the School announces a smoke-free campus policy.

March 1995, the Milton Hershey School moves to a contracted Food Service Program.

May 26, 1995, Memorial Hall holds the first Visionary Award ceremony at the elementary school. The Award is presented to students who best exemplify the character traits valued by Milton and Catherine Hershey.

June 4, 1995, Coretta Scott King, Civil Rights Activist, is the Commencement speaker.

June 4, 1995, Milton Hershey School names A. John Gabig, class of 1953, Corporate Law, Alumnus of the Year.

June 1995, *MHS Today* wins first place in a video expo competition.

June 2, 1995, student home Switzerland opens.

June 2, 1995, student home Gibraltar opens.

June 2, 1995, student home Trinidad opens.

June 2, 1995, student home Ecuador opens.

June 2, 1995, student home Gold Coast opens.

June 2, 1995, student home Santo Domingo opens.

June 2, 1995, the Fanny B. Hershey Memorial School (opened in 1927) is closed. This is the last day of classes.

June 7, 1995, student home Ross opens.

June 7, 1995, student home Carnegie opens.

June 8, 1995, the School announces the reorganization plan for land operations and agricultural related areas.

July 1, 1995, Robert Sloane is named Executive Director of Development.

July 14, 1995, student home Roosevelt opens.

July 14, 1995, student home King opens.

July 14, 1995, student home Parks opens.

July 23, 1995, La-Toya Lawton, a senior home on summer break, drowns near her home in New York City.

June 27, 1995, President William L. Lepley, reorganized the School administration. Six vice president positions are reduced to three: Dr. Lawrence Davenport, Vice President of Finance and Operations; Dr. Mavis Kelley, Vice President of Programs; and Ruben Nazario, Vice President of Human Resources.

July 28, 1995, student home Tubman opens.

July 28, 1995, student home Taft opens.

July 28, 1995, student home Kennedy opens.

August 1, 1995, Dr. Richard Pierce is appointed Dean of Community Life.

August 1, 1995, Reverend Anthony Carpenter resigns as Director of Religious Education to take a pastorate near Baltimore, Maryland.

August 11, 1995, student home Monitor opens.

August 11, 1995, student home Pine Hill opens.

August 11, 1995, student home Spring Grove opens.

August 17, 1995, student home Pitcher opens.

August 18, 1995, student home Braddock opens.

August 18, 1995, the new Fanny B. Hershey Memorial Hall Elementary School opens.

August 21, 1995, student home Heinz opens.

September 1995, Preventive maintenance done to the façade around main entrance to Senior Hall on Pat's Hill – Maintenance involved building a supporting structure around and over the main entrance area to prevent loose brick falling with potential to injure individuals entering/exiting building.

September 7, 1995, the Board of Managers approves the demolition of the Fanny B. Hershey Memorial Hall school building. The original cost to build this building was \$51,679.55.

September 8-9, 1995, alumni, students, and staff, under the supervision of David Bowser, class of 1957, construct the Alumni Memorial Grove Grand Pavilion.

September 13, 1995, the M. S. Hershey stamp is unveiled in the Hershey Sports Arena with approximately 8000 in attendance. Postmaster Runyon is the principal speaker. The Alumni Association was instrumental in getting the stamp authorized by the United States Post Office.

September 28, 1995, plans are announced to raze the Fanny B. Hershey Memorial Hall Building, which was built in 1927 by Milton S. Hershey.

October 1995, there are 1082 students in the School.

October 12, 1995, Steve Kitsmiller is appointed acting Principal of the new Memorial Hall following the resignation of the former principal, Nancy Porter.

October 16, 1995, Harvey B. Snyder, M.D., Medical Director of Health Services 1982-1985, passes away in Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

October 22, 1995, the dedication of the Grand Pavilion in Alumni Grove is part of the Homecoming activities.

October 26, 1995, Operations personnel vote 76-37 for union representation by the Chocolate Workers Union Local 464.

November 1995, Support Services employees join the Chocolate Workers Union Local 464.

November 1, 1995, William V. Larkin, D. Ed., is appointed Director of Organizational Development and Pathways to Learning Center.

November 15, 1995, the new Fanny B. Hershey Memorial Hall Elementary School is dedicated.

December 7, 1995, Milton S. Hershey is named to the Hall of Fame of the International Association of Parks and Attractions.

December 18, 1995, Fanny B. Hershey Memorial Hall is torn down.

December 20, 1995, the last Personnel Bulletin is issued. Starting with the year 1996 e-mail will be used to record employee and student changes of status.

## **1996**

Senior class officers: Findayawah Gbollie, President; Emily Archambault, Vice President; Shahidah Bilal, Secretary; Yu Hsuan Chen, Treasurer; and Gerivonni Flippen and Holly Boykin, Historians. Faculty advisors: Peter Gurt and Mark Zerbe.

January 1, 1996, Reverend Michael Wagner is named Director of Religious Programs at the Milton Hershey School.

January 1, 1996, the School discontinues the Student Personnel Bulletin as a publication. The information is sent out electronically as follows: Admissions data—Admissions office, transfers and houseparent changes—Community Life, withdraws—Student Grants and Records.

January 4, 1996, the Milton Hershey School Home Page becomes operational.

February 1, 1996, Lawrence Best, Director of Recreation, retires after 32 years of service.

March 1996, new signage is installed to identify the campus and buildings to visitors to the School.

March 1, 1996, Robert Stets, Esq., is hired as the School's first full time general counsel and named to The President's Policy Council.

March 1, 1996, Connie Aungst, nurse administrator at the Health Center, retires from active service with the School.

March 7, 1996, the first group of students is added as e-mail users: Doris Grubb's class of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Memorial Hall.

March 15, 1996, Shawntel Smith, Miss America 1996, is the speaker at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Alumni Senior Dinner held in Founders Hall.

March 29, 1996, The Strategic Plan to Nurture and Educate Children is distributed to all MHS employees.

April 4, 1996, John Gabig, class of 1953 establishes a Milton S. Hershey Scholarship at Gettysburg College.

April 12, 1996, Jean Hunter, Memorial Hall Faculty, dies.

April 18, 1996, the Vocational Education Program is validated as substantial and meaningful, thereby meeting the requirements of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the School and the Attorney General's office of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

April 25, 1996, Joyce Mulderig, housemother at Student Home Perry, dies.

May 3, 1996, Kinderhaus is discontinued as a student home. It served the School as a student home for almost 85 years.

May 13, 1996, houseparents' Union Local #464, and the School reach a two-year agreement on an employment contract.

June 2, 1996, Diana Golden, Olympic Gold Medal Winner of the 1988 Winter Games, is the Commencement speaker.

June 2, 1996, Milton Hershey School names LeRoy Baker, Ph.D., class of 1957, Scientist—Biochemistry, Alumnus of the Year.

June 11, 1996, Perry, Dean, Rogers and Partners, architects of Boston, MA, and El Associates of Harrisburg are selected to work with the School on campus development.

June 11, 1996, the five-year plan to nurture and educate children is approved by the Board of Managers.

June 12, 1996, the Admissions Office moves from The Homestead to Catherine Hall.

August 1996, the former Home Division of the School is renamed Neighborhood and Family Life.

August 15, 1996, the office of Student Grants and Records moves from Founders Hall to The Homestead.

August 1, 1996, Dr. Sandra L. Barnes is appointed Principal of the Elementary School Program at Memorial Hall.

September 1, 1996, the United States Post Office starts mail delivery to the student homes of Milton Hershey School.

September 9, 1996, Lois Bowman is appointed Senior Director of Operations.

October 1996, there are 1083 students in the School.

October 16, 1996, Frank Neiswender, a teacher at Senior Hall, passes away.

October 21, 1996, Dr. Pamela Blake Welmon is named Director of Career and Vocational Education.

November 15, 1996, a time capsule is placed in the cornerstone and sealed at Memorial Hall.

November 27, 1996, Milton Hershey School becomes a member of the Child Welfare League of America.

December 16, 1996, the Card Access security system is implemented in major buildings.

### **1997**

Senior class officers: Cyndy Mondelus, President; Vanessa Agosto, Vice President; Victoria Bond, Secretary; Elizabeth Cunningham, Treasurer; Curtis Davis, Chaplain; and Jose Villa Rodriguez and Vicky Escrojin, Historians. Faculty advisors: Lewis Webster, Permanent Class Advisor, and Tanya Lucas.

January 15, 1997, the following individuals were appointed to the School's Board of Managers:

Anthony J. Colistra, Ed.D., Class of 1957

John Gabig, Esq. '57

Donald A. Brown, Esq.

Joan Lipsitz, Ph.D.

A. Morris Williams, Jr.

January 21, 1997, Milton Hershey School publishes its first Annual Report.

February 1, 1997, Richard Hann, Senior Director of Operations, retires after 30 years of service.

March 1, 1997, a new policy is implemented at the Milton Hershey School to promote student sibling relationships.

March 1997, Dr. William L. Lepley, President of Milton Hershey School, announces the appointment of a study committee to recommend to the Board of Managers possible uses or disposition of Senior Hall when the School no longer needs the building. Richard Zimmerman, retired CEO and Chairman of the Hershey Foods Board chairs the committee.

April 2, 1997, Dr. Rodney Chamberlain, Dean of Scholastic Affairs, announces his resignation to accept a position as Executive Head of the University Lake School in Hartland, Wisconsin. Dr. Chamberlain has been with the Milton Hershey School since 1975.

April 15, 1997, the Board of Managers approves the Religion and Student Spiritual Development Policy.

April 18, 1997, ground is broken for the Horticulture Center of the School's Agriculture and Environmental Education Program.

April 19, 1997, Earle Markley, former head of the Vocational Program, dies at the age of 103. Earle was selected by Milton S. Hershey to organize and develop the Vocational Program at Senior Hall. He retired in 1959.

May 1, 1997, Milton Hershey School's Vocational Program is validated as substantial and meaningful by a special validation team headed by Dr. Roy V. Peter, Jr. of the Oklahoma Department of Vocational and Technical Education. Validation requires that the program meet the requirements of the Memorandum of Understanding between the School and the Attorney General's office of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

June 1, 1997, Sandra McBrayer, 1994 National Teacher of the Year and the 1993-94 California Teacher of the Year, is the Commencement speaker.

June 1, 1997, Milton Hershey School names Merrill Lynn, Ph.D., class of 1948, Research Scientist, Alumnus of the Year.

June 5, 1997, the display in the North Lounge at Founders Hall that was installed in 1972 is dismantled.

June 16, 1997, an Open House is held at Senior Hall to solicit input about what should be done with the Senior Hall building when the School no longer needs the building.

July 21, 1997, the Dairy Barn at Green Acres is torn down. The student home is razed June 26, 2000.

August 1, 1997, James Butch, Math Teacher and Athletic Equipment Manager, retires after 32 years of service.

August 1, 1997, the Residential Program moves to a neighborhood program in its organizational structure and programming.

August 1, 1997, Dr. Mavis Kelley is appointed Senior Vice President of Programs and Chair of the Senior Leadership Team.

August 1, 1997, Dr. Evan Pattishall III is named Director of Medical Services and Dean of Community Services.

August 1, 1997, the display of historical pictures and artifacts opened in North Lounge of Founders Hall.

August 11, 1997, Dr. Gene R. VanDyke is named Dean of Scholastic Affairs.

August 11, 1997, the Spartan Express Grocery Store opens at the Supply Center.

September 20, 1997, The Homestead opens the new Hershey Room exhibit, a pictorial display chronicling the life of Milton Hershey and his town and school.

October 1997, there are 1034 students in the School.

October 1997, the School completes construction of the Horticulture Center.

October 1997, the Varsity Football Team completes the first undefeated season in the history of the School. Robert Guyer is head coach.

October 1997, Dr. David Gibson is appointed Director of Research and Evaluation.

November 1997, the Spartan football team completes its varsity schedule becoming the first football team in the School's history to have an undefeated season.

November 1, 1997, Lynette Waller, Music faculty, retires after 42 years of service to the School.

November 1997 MHS Adult Leadership Academy is announced.

December 8, 1997, Valarie Wolfe, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, dies unexpectedly at home.

## **1998**

Senior class officers: Alicia Peters, President; Soloman Melson, Vice President; Allison Gradel, Secretary; Carolina Lopez, Treasurer; Roland Adewimi, Chaplain; and Kevan Kneuker and Jesse De Los Santos, Historians. Faculty Advisors: Jodi Enoch, Clifford Ainsworth, and Lewis Webster, Permanent Junior/Senior Class Advisor.

January 1998, coordinated clothing program for elementary and middle school students begins.

March 16, 1998, John Shuey, former member of the Board of Managers from 1974-1987, dies.

March 31, 1998, Westmoor barn, located on West Governor Road, burns down.

May 18, 1998, a work place violence policy is announced.

May 30, 1998, the School holds groundbreaking ceremonies for the School's Town Center complex.

May 31, 1998, Dr. Samuel Betances, Professor of Sociology at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, is the Commencement speaker.

May 31, 1998, Milton Hershey School names Ivan Dietrich, J.D., class of 1942, Law, Alumnus of the Year.

June 2, 1998, Wendy Puriefoy, J. Robert Hillier, and Hilary Pennington are appointed to the Board of Managers.

June 4, 1998, the School's new Weapons Policy is announced to employees.

June 1998, student Yatta Sampson, an eighth grader, dies after a lengthy battle with cancer.

June 30, 1998, William DeLiberty, Athletic Director, retires.

July 1998, Agriculture and Environmental Education sponsors a group of students on a 3-week study tour to Russia. The students study Russian agriculture and farming.

July 28, 1998, Richard Shadel, class of 1954, retires as Director of Supply Services.

August 1998, coordinated clothing for high school students begins.

October 1998, there are 1037 students in the School

October 16, 1998, Virgil Alexander, the School's Glee Club Director from 1951-1985, dies.

November 1, 1998, Psychological Services offices move into Kinderhaus.

1998, Milton Hershey School implements the School's internet system.

## **1999**

Senior class officers: President, Jowharah Haddad; Vice President, Candace Benjamin; Secretary, Abie Boima; Treasurer, Yusefa Hopkins; Chaplain, Malcolm Brown; Historians, Andre Whittaker, Aisha Allison; Advisors, Dawn Gearhart, Deborah Newborn, and Lewis Webster, Permanent Junior/Senior Class Advisor.

January 1, 1999, part time employees begin using a time clock to keep track of work hours.

February 5, 1999, Reverend Michael Wagner resigns his position as Director of Religious Programs at the School.

February 11, 1999, Edward Ruth, Catherine Hall Principal, is appointed Coordinator of Pre-Service and In-Service Training at the School beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.

February 22, 1999, Lois Bowman, Senior Director of Operations, dies.

June 6, 1999, Milton Hershey School names Wayne W. Hepler, class of 1943, Engineering/Aerospace, Alumnus of the Year.

June 6, 1999, Dr. Beverly Coleman-Miller is the Commencement speaker.

June 1999, Major landscape renovations take place returning to the original design of when Milton and Catherine lived at The Homestead from 1905-1908.

July 21, 1999, student home Ridgeway closes.

August 16, 1999, Dr. Burton Cohen is appointed principal of the Middle School program and the Catherine Hall building. He resigned in June 2000 to accept a position with the Palo Alto, California Unified School District.

August 23, 1999, W. Allen Hammond Learning Resource Center opens.

September 1, 1999, the School begins celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of service to youth.

The following teachers retire from full time service on the dates indicated:

John Bare, Jr.....	Catherine Hall .....	September 1, 1999
William Bitner .....	Senior Hall .....	September 1, 1999
Ethel Campbell.....	Catherine Hall .....	September 1, 1999
Larry Casebeer .....	Senior Hall .....	November 1, 1999
Patricia Dugan.....	Memorial Hall.....	September 1, 1999
Doris Grubb .....	Memorial Hall.....	October 1, 1999
Matthew Hoover .....	Senior Hall .....	September 1, 1999
Roger Killian.....	Catherine Hall .....	September 1, 1999
Jeanne Hostetler .....	Catherine Hall .....	September 1, 1999

October 7, 1999, Catherine Hall faculty and students move from the old to the new Catherine Hall located in the Town Center complex.

October 15, 1999, renovations to the Camelot Room in Founders Hall are complete. It is renamed the Founders Hall dining room and will serve as the main dining room for the school. The renovations include a new sound system, skylights, and completely new decorations in the room. Also, the kitchen and serving areas were completely redesigned to include food and salad bars.

October enrollment is 1077 students.

October 25, 1999, the School's barber and beauty shops move to former student residence Ridgeway, located on Route 743.

November 4, 1999, former student home Habana is officially opened as the site of the offices of Enrollment Management and Family Relations.

November 13, 1999, Nelson Wagner, class of 1922 and one of the first four students enrolled in the School, dies in the Lebanon Hospital. He was 95 years of age.

December 7, 1999, Judge Warren Morgan denies the School's *Cy Pres* petition to create the Catherine Hershey Institute for Learning and Development known as CHILD.

December 1999, Scott Rosenberg is appointed Assistant Middle School Principal.

December 17, 1999, The Board of Managers approved the following buildings to be named as indicated below:

The new senior high school building is named **Senior Hall**.

The new gymnasium is named **The Spartan Center**.

The new middle school is named **Catherine Hall**.

The old Catherine Hall is named **Copenhaver Student Center**.

The new library is named the **W. Allen Hammond Learning Resource Center**.

The former student home Habana is named **The Berta Harm Enrollment Management and Family Relations Center**.

The new art center is named **The Clyde Stacks Visual Arts Center**.

December 31, 1999, Donald Brown retires from the Board of Managers. He was elected to the Board on January 15, 1997.

## **The 2000's**

### **2000**

Senior class officers: President, Aisha Granville; Vice President, Krystal Smith; Secretary, Maria Ham; Treasurer, Arabelis Liriano; Chaplain, Marie Sankoh; Historians, Zach Miller, Jeremy Bagenstose; Advisors, Cliff Ainsworth, Charles Harper, Lewis Webster, Permanent Junior/Senior Class Advisor/Assistant SGA Advisor.

January 2, 2000, Behavioral Assistance and Management Program officially begins. This program is part of the Psychological Services.

January 12, 2000, The Board of Managers approves a policy to increase post-high school educational benefits for graduates of the School. The School's new policy requires graduates to raise \$2,000 a year towards their higher education expenses. The School pays all additional college tuition and related expenses.

January 20, 2000, houseparents demonstrate for the first time in the School's history. Their demonstration was to call attention to the lack of discipline and security in the student homes of the School.

February 2000, the Spartan Center opens to students, staff, and faculty.

February 29, 2000, The Board of Managers employs the law firm of Kirkpatrick and Lockhart and Dick Thornburgh to undertake an independent legal review of the way in which the Board, the School, and the Trustees are carrying out the provisions of The Deed of Trust.

June 2000, Dr. Burton Cohen, Middle School Principal, resigns to accept a position at Palo Alto California Unified School District.

June 1, 2000, Robert Hoppie, Assistant Principal at Senior Hall, retires.

June 1, 2000, the School and the Alumni Association signs a Pact of Understanding.

June 3, 2000, the Commencement speaker is Jeff Yalden, an international motivational speaker.

June 3, 2000, Milton Hershey School names James J. Finnegan, class of 1948, Editorial Writer, Alumnus of the Year.

June 9, 2000, is the last day Senior Hall is used as a senior high school.

June 9, 2000, in order to begin renovations at Memorial Hall, classes move temporarily to old Senior Hall.

June 26, 2000, student home Green Acres, built in 1938, is torn down to make room for new student homes being built in that area of the campus.

July 2000, the following individuals retired from full time employment at Milton Hershey School:

Bonnie Casebeer .....	Science Teacher .....	Senior Hall
Edward and Donna Kelly .....	Houseparents .....	Neighborhood/Family Life
Mervin Miller .....	Maintenance Department .....	Operations
Wilma Miller .....	Administrative Secretary .....	Senior Hall
Odile Yohn .....	Food Service .....	Founders Hall

July 1, 2000, student home Longmeads is closed.

July 1, 2000, new student home Maple Lawn opens at 590 Crest Lane. The original student home named Maple Lawn was located on East Derry Road in Hershey.

July 1, 2000, the new student home Meadowbrook opens at 400 Meadow Lane. The old student home Meadowbrook closed August 1, 2000.

July 1, 2000, new student home Monroe opens at 408 Meadow Lane. The original student home named Monroe was located along Governor Road and was a home housing Junior Division students.

July 1, 2000, new student home Rolling Green opens at 235 Harvest Lane. The original home named Rolling Green was located on West Governor Road.

July 1, 2000, the names of student homes Habana and Dewey are permanently retired.

July 3, 2000, carpet is installed in the dining room at Founders Hall.

July 5, 2000, Dr. Lawrence Davenport resigns his position as Vice President, Finance and Operations, to become a Senior Vice President of a consulting firm in California.

July 5, 2000, Ruben Nazario, Vice President Human Resources, is named Vice President Human Resources and Operations.

July 8, 2000, new student home Green Acres opens at 205 Harvest Lane and replaced old student home Green Acres which was closed.

July 19, 2000, new student home Sunset opens at 668 Crest Lane. Former student home Sunset was located on East Derry Road in Hershey. It was torn down in 1994 after being sold to the Hershey Country Club.

July 20, 2000, new student home Arcadia opens at 662 Crest Lane. The old student home Arcadia was located north of Hershey along Route 39.

July 25, 2000, new student home Buena Vista opens at 674 Crest Lane. Former student home Buena Vista was located along US Route 322, east of Founders Hall.

July 27, 2000, new student home Grant opened at 440 Meadow Lane. The home originally named Grant was built in the 1950's and was located along Governor Road east of The Homestead.

July 31, 2000, new student home Hancock opens at 335 Heritage Lane. The home originally named Hancock was built in the 1950's and was located along Governor Road east of The Homestead and across the street from the Health Center.

August 7, 2000, student home Novello opens at 980 Homestead Lane.

August, 9, 2000, new student home Eastmoor opens at 255 Harvest Lane. An old student home by that name was located on west Governor Road and is now part of the Medical Center.

August 10, 2000, new student home Westmoor opens at 245 Harvest Lane. An old student home by that name was located on west Governor Road where the Convention Center now stands.

August 11, 2000, new student home Sunnybank opens at 875 Brook Drive. The original Sunnybank (10) was located north of Hershey on Route 743.

August 11, 2000, the statue *The Diver* is moved from Senior Hall on Pat's Hill to the new Senior Hall in the Town Center.

August 15, 2000, Board of Managers agree to property swap of former Heisey property for Glendale.

August 22, 2000, a ribbon cutting ceremony officially opens the new Senior Hall in the Town Center.

August 24, 2000, Walter Rodriguez is appointed Principal of Catherine Hall Middle School.

August 30, 2000, Student Home Meadow Brook is razed to make way for campus expansion.

September 1, 2000, Student Home Vian is closed as a student home.

September 13, 2000, the Report of the Independent Counsel on the Milton Hershey School's Board of Managers performance in handling their responsibilities as managers is distributed.

September 30, 2000, the Dearden House (formerly Glendale) is dedicated as a Recreation and Conference Center, a Homestead Chapter project.

October 2000, 1172 students are enrolled in Milton Hershey School.

October 4, 2000, the School's Historical Records begins to computerize records on the MARC Library Computer Program. The listing is placed on the School's Intranet.

December 2000, Bruce McKinney, class of 1955 retires from the Board of Managers.

## **2001**

Senior class officers: President, Ibn Nasser Haddad; Vice President, Milton Gatewood; Secretary, Dan Aleshinloye; Treasurer, Ajua Kouadio; Historian, Anika Burton; Chaplain, Anton Trouchin; Advisors, Dawn Gearhart, Deborah Newborn, and Lewis Webster, Permanent Junior/Senior Class Advisor/Assistant SGA Advisor.

January 2001, The Clyde Stacks Visual Arts Center opens.

January 18, 2001, Milton Hershey School art museum is opened in the Clyde Stacks Visual Arts Center. Julia Cruse is the Center's first director.

January 30, 2001, the Central Operations Facility is fully functional with all operations departments in one place.

The first issue of *MHS Express*, a publication of the Admissions Office, is published in January 2001.

February 1, 2001, the Copenhaver Student Center medical clinic opens. By the end of February the Center is fully functional.

February 1, 2001, Lawrence J. Mesaric, Jr., housefather at student home Pine Hill, dies of a massive heart attack.

April 2001, Thomas Mederos and Terry Mederos design a School flag for the Town Center Dedication.

April 29, 2001, the School dedicates the Town Center complex. Several hundred people are in attendance.

June 2001, the following Alumni are elected to the Milton Hershey School Board of Managers: Robert F. Cavanaugh, class of 1977, Dr. Michael W. Matier, class of 1975, and Joseph M. Senser, class of 1974.

June 6, 2001, Dr. Benjamin Carson, Director, Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery, Johns Hopkins Hospital, is the Commencement speaker.

June 6, 2001, Milton Hershey School names George W. Cave, class of 1947, CIA: Directorate of Operations, Alumnus of the Year.

June 18, 2001, Helen S. Dodge becomes Director of Visitor Relations and Historical Records, under Research and Organizational Development.

June 18, 2001, Thomas E. Gluck is hired as the Assistant to the President and becomes a member of the President's Policy Council.

June 28, 2001, Student Home Manada opens. This is the second home by that name. The first home was located in East Hanover Township and opened January 7, 1935.

July 5, 2001, student home Union Canal opens. This is the third student home with the name Union Canal. This is the first home whose name incorporates the name of the former student homes (Union) with the name of the cluster in which it was located.

July 12, 2001, student home Woodside opens. The first student home by that name opened in September 1935 and was located where Hershey Foods Corporate Headquarters is located.

July 18, 2001, student home Long Lane opens. The first student home by that name opened in 1936 and closed due to the building of the Hershey Medical Center in the 1960's.

July 20, 2001, student home Venice opens. This is the second student home by that name. The first student home was a farm home located in East Hanover Township, Dauphin County.

July 25, 2001, student home Glenview opens. This is the second student home by that name. The first student home Glenview was located north of Hotel Hershey, across the Swatara Creek near the village of Sand Beach. It opened as a farm home on August 27, 1937.

July 31, 2001, student home Broad Acres opens. This is the second student home by that name. The first student home was located at the foot of Pat's Hill along Hersheypark Drive and opened as a farm home on January 4, 1932. The former student home was razed in 2000 to make way for Hersheypark improvements and expansion.

August 1, 2001, student home Blue Ridge opens as a student home.

September 1, 2001, Dr. Ronald Thompson is employed as Vice President, Research and Organizational Development.

October 2001, there are 1216 students enrolled in the School.

December 2001, the Attorney General reports his finding to the Board of Managers and later to the Alumni Association. No public report was made available.

December 9, 2001, *60 Minutes*, a CBS television news program, airs a 30-minute segment on Milton Hershey School.

December 13, 2001, Todd Decker is appointed Senior Director of Operations.

December 17-19, 2001, the Blue Ribbon Task Force visits Milton Hershey School on a fact finding mission. The members of the Task Force are: David Barasch, Dr. Angela Diaz, Jerry Thomas, Dr. David Wolfe.

## **2002**

Senior class officers: President, Shanta Lawry; Vice President, Tinarion Neely; Secretary, Judith Harry; Treasurer, Latoya King; Historian, Ashleigh Wykoff and Kim Ross; Chaplain, Joel Smith; Advisors, Michele Colon, Deborah Newborn, and Lewis Webster, Permanent Junior/Senior Class Advisor and Head SGA Advisor.

January 2, 2002, student home Fieldstone opens.

January 3, 2002, student home Vista-Verde opens.

January 9, 2002, Dr. C. McCollister Evarts and Kenneth Wolfe retire from the Board of Managers.

January 30, 2002, Milton Hershey School requests permission to close Meadow Lane. The request is withdrawn.

June 2, 2002, Milton Hershey School names Robert J. Brill, class of 1960, Agri-business Entrepreneur, Alumnus of the Year.

June 2, 2002, Dan Clark, author, is the Commencement speaker.

June 13, 2002, Dr. William L. Lepley announces his plans to retire as President and CEO of the Milton Hershey School.

July 25, 2002, the Hershey Trust Company announces its willingness to entertain bids for the control of the Hershey Foods Corporation.

August 1, 2002, the School appoints Dr. Warren Hitz, Jr. as Director of Alumni Services.

August 1, 2002, the School appoints Stephen Mark Seymour as Executive Director of Enrollment Management and Family Relations.

August 1, 2002, the School appoints George Hollich as Director of Standards Implementation

August 1, 2002, the School appoints Dr. Sandra Barnes as Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

August 1, 2002, the School appoints Dr. Ruby Pannoni as Principal of Fanny B. Hershey Memorial Hall Elementary School.

August 31, 2002, the following people retire: Dale Aucker, Duncan Kriebel, Robert Patton class of 1956, Beverly Palton, Bruce Wieder.

September 1, 2002, Gerald Long '55, Coordinator of Financial Aid, announces his retirement.

October 31, 2002, student enrollment is 1,299.

October 31, 2002, Dr. David Gibson, Research and Evaluation, announces his retirement.

November 15, 2002, in an historic action by the Attorney General's office, the Board of Managers was re-organized. The following Board Members were removed: William Alexander, W. Don Cornwell, A. John Habig, class of 1953, Lucy D. Hackney, J. Robert Hillier, A. Morris Williams, Wendy D. Puriefoy, John S. McDowell, class of 1960, Michael Matier, class of 1975, and William Lepley.

November 16, 2002, the new Board of Managers of the Milton Hershey School is: Raymond L. Gover, Richard H. Lenny, Velma A. Redmond Esq, Leroy S. Zimmerman Esq. Continuing to serve are: Robert F. Cavanaugh, class of 1977, Dr. Anthony J. Colistra, class of 1959, Dr. Joan S. Lipsitz, Hillary C. Pennington, Joseph M. Senser, class of 1974, Juliet C. Rowland.

November 19, 2002, The Board of Managers announced the appointment of John O'Brien, class of 1961 as Interim President of the School, effective December 2, 2002.

November 30, 2002, Dr. William L. Lepley resigns as President of Milton Hershey School.

December 2, 2002, John O'Brien, class of 1961 begins as Interim President of the School.

## **2003**

Senior class officers: President, Adrienne Caulk; Vice President, Kristen Rivera; Secretary, Elizabeth Gonzalez; Treasurer, Mo Kabba; Historian, Stasha Floyd and Henry Torres; Chaplain, Godwin Benjamin; Advisors, Michele Colon and Lewis Webster, Permanent Junior/Senior Class Advisor and Head SGA Advisor.

January 2003 - The SGA P.R.I.D.E. Initiative Program (Positive Relationships and Interpersonal Development through Extracurricular activities) is introduced by Lewis Webster, Permanent Junior/Senior Class Advisor and Head SGA Advisor.

January 14, 2003, John O'Brien, class of 1961 restructures the School's leadership and creates a new Leadership Team with a 12-member team as follows: Vice President of Human Resources, Director of Financial Services, Senior Director of Operations, Assistant to President for School Community Relations, Dean of Community Services, Dean Neighborhood and Family Life, Executive Director of Enrollment and Family Relations, Executive Director Systems Planning and Development, Vice President Legal and Financial Services, Vice President Research and Development, Dean of Scholastic Affairs.

January 24, 2003, Dr. Mavis Kelley, Vice President, announces her retirement effective January 29, 2003. Dr. Kelley joined the staff October 12, 1993.

February 1, 2003, Helen Dodge, appointed Director of Board and Visitor Relations, is added to the School's Leadership Team.

March 2003, the following staff members announce their retirement:

Dr. William Larkin, Director of Organizational Development and Pathways to Learning Center

Joyce Findley, Coordinator, Family Relations and Student Orientation

March 5, 2003, Peter Gurt, class of 1985 named Interim Assistant to the President of Program Review and Support.

March 6, 2003, Henry Stump, class of 1926 and oldest living alumnus, dies at age 94. Henry enrolled in the School in 1912.

March 7, 2003, Walter Rodriguez, Principal of Catherine Hall, resigns.

March 10, 2003, Cynthia Richmond appointed Executive Program Analyst.

May 11, 2003, William Dearden, class of 1940, former Chairman of the Board of Managers, dies.

June 1, 2003, Richard H. Lenny, President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board of Hershey Foods Corporation is the Commencement speaker. Alumnus of the Year is J. Barry Love, class of 1951, teacher and philosopher.

June 2003, Spartan Peace Prize announced by John O'Brien, class of 1961. Student award is made in honor of Frank O'Brien, class of 1959.

June 26, 2003, lights installed at Henry Hershey Field.

July 2003, the following staff members announce their retirement:

Joanne Balliet.....Neighborhood Consultant  
Paul Clark.....Director Project Management  
George Hollich.....Director of Standards Implementation  
Gary Painter .....Manager, Facilities  
Edward Ruth .....Coordinator of Pre-Service & In-Service Training  
Dr. Robert Sloane.....Executive Director of Systems, Planning & Development  
Dr. David G. Thompson.....Director of Psychological Assessment & Clinical Education

July 27, 2003, new Agreement reached between the Board of Managers and the Attorney General's office in reference to the conflict of interest.

August 2003, The School pledge written in 1926 by George Copenhaver is revised by John O'Brien, class of 1961, President of the Milton Hershey School.

August 1, 2003, the following assignments were made as the school re-structures its administrative organization:

Dr. Evan Pattishall .....Medical Director  
Dr. Gene Van Dyke.....Director of Visual and Performing Arts  
Annette Cole-Gill.....Head of the Elementary School Division  
Dr. Warren Hitz .....Executive Director, Applied and Integrated Learning  
Dr. Beth Shaw .....Executive Director, Student Health Services  
Lewis Webster .....Executive Director, Student Life and Leadership  
Dr. Robert Fehrs, class of 1963...Head of the Middle School Division

August 4, 2003, Peter Gurt, class of 1985 is appointed to oversee the following functions: Alumni Relations, Enrollment Management and Family Relations, Legal Services, Operations, Finance, Communications, Information Technologies, Board and Visitor Relations, and Research and Strategic Planning.

August 2003, School discontinues multi-age housing and returns to three divisions in home life: Elementary, Middle, and Senior Divisions

August 4, 2003, Ruben Nazario resumes former title of Vice President of Human Resources. In addition to other program areas, Peter Gurt, class of 1985 assumes responsibility for Operations.

August 18, 2003, Dr. Nick Nissley, class of 1984, begins duties as Director of Organizational Development.

August 18, 2003, the following re-organization becomes effective:

John O'Brien, class of 1961 .....	President
Peter Gurt, class of 1985 .....	Vice President
Ruben Nazario .....	Vice President, Human Resources
Alfonse Carbonara .....	Director, Financial Services
Annette Cole-Gill.....	Elementary Division Head
Helen Dodge .....	Director, Board and Visitor Relations
Robert Fehrs, class of 1963.....	Middle Division Head
Scott Richardson .....	Principal, Catherine Hall
Deborah Brown.....	Assistant Principal, Catherine Hall
Anthony Cortes .....	Director, Home Life, Middle Division
Myron McCurdy, class of 1982 .....	Assistant Director, Home Life, Middle Division
Cindy Kelly.....	Coordinator of Health Services
John O'Brien, class of 1961 .....	Senior Division Acting Head
John Storm .....	Principal, Senior Hall
William Weber.....	Assistant Principal, Senior Hall
Kris Vogeles .....	Director, Home Life, Senior Division
James Carter.....	Assistant Director, Home Life, Senior Division
Sharon Gates .....	Coordinator of Student Health Services
Jo-Ann Olszewski .....	Coordinator of College and Career Services
Robin Case .....	Director, Home Life, Elementary Division
Mike Grimm.....	Assistant Director, Home Life, Elementary Division

September 10, 2003, John O'Brien, class of 1961 is installed as the School's eighth President.

September 11, 2003, Peter Gurt, class of 1985 is appointed Vice-President, Administration.

September 11, 2003, The United States Army Third Infantry presents a special program "Prelude to Taps." The United States Army Band presents a special program as part of the dedication weekend for Founders Hall.

September 14, 2003, Inauguration of eighth President of Milton Hershey School, Johnny O'Brien, class of 1961.

September 19, 2003, the pictures of Milton and Catherine Hershey are installed in the South Lounge of Founders Hall, formerly located in the auditorium at Senior Hall (Pat's Hill).

September 23, 2003, Brown and Gold Café officially opens in Copenhaver Student Center, under the leadership of Helen Dodge.

September 25, 2003, Dr. Nick Nissley, class of 1984 is appointed Chief Learning Officer and Director of Organizational Effectiveness.

September 26, 2003, Dr. Ronald Thompson retires from Milton Hershey School as Vice President of Research and Strategic Planning.

October 1, 2003, Milton S. Hershey is inducted in the Labor Hall of Fame.

October 1, 2003, Ralph Carfagno, class of 1973 is appointed Director of Graduate Services.

October 2003, student enrollment is 1298.

November 11-12, 2003, Board of Managers announced decision to use Old Senior Hall as a building for middle school students.

November 11-12, 2003, Board of Managers announced approval of growth of enrollment to 1,800 over next 10+ years.

December 1, 2003, 74 employees sign up for one of two voluntary transition plans: VTAP (Voluntary Transition Assistance Program) and VRAP (Voluntary Retirement Assistance Program).

December, 2003, Customer Service employees purchased and delivered gifts for the elementary students who were unable to go home for the holidays.

## **2004**

Senior Class Officers (2004-2005): President – Cassie Wentzel; Vice President – Massiel Estevez; Secretary – Nicole Lugo-Mitchell; Treasurer Makeda Seyum; Historian – Nadir Amin, Angelica Rugege; Chaplain – Claudia Benjamin. Class advisor: Kelley Wilson

January, 2004, The Board of Managers approved the following Mission Statement: “In keeping with Milton and Catherine Hershey’s Deed of Trust, Milton Hershey School nurtures and educates children in social and financial need to lead to fulfilling and productive lives.”

January, 2004, the Spartan Peace Prize Award is established by John O'Brien, class of 1961 in memory of his brother, Frankie. It is an annual award given to the high school student who best exemplifies the character of a peacemaker, one who stands up for others, especially for the underdog.

January 27, 2004, Robert Stets Esq., General Counsel to the School, resigns after eight years as Legal Counsel to the School.

January 27, 2004, Peter Gurt, class of 1985 is named Vice President of Student Life and Head of the Senior Division.

January 27, 2004, The School's Leadership Team is re-organized as follows:

Ruben Nazario .....	Vice President of Human Resources
Peter Gurt, class of 1985 .....	Vice President, Student Life & Head of Senior Div.
Al Carbonara .....	Sr. Director, Finance
Nick Nissley, class of 1984.....	Director, Organizational Learning & Effectiveness
Helen Dodge .....	Director of Board and Visitor Relations
To Be Named .....	Sr. Director, Operations
To Be Named .....	General Counsel
Mark Seymour .....	Sr. Dir, Enrollment Management & Family Relation
Ralph Carfagno, class of 1973 .....	Sr. Director, Graduate Services
Bob Fehrs, class of 1963 .....	Head of the Middle Division
Annette Cole-Gill.....	Head of the Elementary Division
Beth Shaw .....	Sr. Director, Student Health Services
Warren Hitz.....	Sr. Director, Applied & Integrated Learning
Lew Webster .....	Sr. Director, Student Life & Leadership
Cindy Richmond.....	Senior Program Analyst

February 12, 2004, Barry Sloane, Director, Student Programs, resigns effective February 13, 2004.

March 1, 2004, Susan T. Danin, PhD, is named Director, Office of Research and Evaluation.

March 24, 2004, Warren Hitz, Sr. Director, Applied & Integrated Learning announces his retirement effective June 6, 2004.

John O'Brien '61, President, announces the appointment of David W. DeLuce Esq. as Milton Hershey School's General Counsel, effective May 1, 2004.

May 1, 2004, the Spartan Ambassadors are formed. This group is comprised of alumni/alumnae who recruit and train others to assist Admissions in identifying potential students for MHS. They attend opportunity fairs to give testimonials to families about our programs and to help on enrollment day.

May 7, 2004, Tamba Tongu is the first recipient of the Spartan Peace Prize Award.

May 20, 2004, David W. DeLuce Esq. resigns as General Counsel.

May 20, 2004, James M. Sheehan Esq. is appointed General Counsel for the School effective June 11, 2004.

June 6, 2004, John Storm, Milton Hershey School Senior Hall Principal, is the Commencement speaker.

June 6, 2004, Brigadier General Richard C. Zilmer, class of 1970, career Military, is Alumnus of the Year.

June 9, 2004, after 38+ years of service, Helen Dodge, Director, Board and Visitor Relations, announces her retirement effective August 13, 2004.

August 23, 2004, Visitors Center Assistant as a full-time position in Founders Hall is discontinued, as is the Visitors Center as an administrative unit in the organizational chart of the School.

September 10, 2004, The Visitor Relations department is dissolved. Personnel in the former Visitor Relations department will now report to the Communications Office.

September 20, 2004, continuing education scholarship program as revised is announced. Program further identifies terms of scholarship and how earned by students in grades nine through twelve.

September 20, 2004, Sandra Walls-Culotta, M.Ed., is named Senior Director of Applied and Integrated Learning.

September 24, 2004, first annual Spartan Hall of Fame, an award recognizing those individuals in the Visual and Performing Arts and in Athletics who bring fame to MHS.

Inductees:

Virgil Alexander .....music teacher  
George Hollich.....drama teacher  
Purnell Payne .....music teacher  
Ray Miller .....music teacher and band director  
Celeta Carter, class of 1991 .....track and field  
Amy Debor, class of 1994 .....track and field  
John Elway, class of 1954.....football  
Conrad Ihrie, class of 1958 .....football  
Robert Fehrs, class of 1963.....wrestling  
Nolan Perry, class of 1954 .....wrestling  
Carl Rhodes, class of 1960.....wrestling  
A. Scott McAdams, class of 1971.....swimming  
John Savickas, class of 1989.....basketball  
Leroy Galloway .....coach for track & field  
Andrew Kovach .....coach for wrestling  
1989 Girls' track & field team  
Ralph Hoar.....coach for football, basketball, baseball, boxing, track & field

September 25, 2004, Richard Purcell, class of 1961, receives posthumously the first 'Unsung Graduate Award' at the Homecoming banquet. This award honors a lifetime achievement by an alumnus or alumna who dedicates the better part of his or her life to the children and ideals of MHS.

October 2004, student enrollment is 1273.

November 1, 2004, John Storm retires as Principal of the Senior High School.

December, 2004, YRE joins with Customer Service employees held fundraising activities as well as purchased gifts for all the students unable to go home for the holidays. This year also included a party for the students at Memorial Hall cafeteria.

## **2005**

Senior Class Officers (2005-2006): Chairperson – Britney Scott; Vice Chairs – Bukola Ojo and Abigail Johnson; Secretary – Aurielle Moffitt; Treasurer – Sarah Duncan; Historian – Kaitlin Fournier; Publicity – Crystal Fox; Chaplain – Aimee Durnin

January 31, 2005, Appeals Court rules in a 4-3 decision that the Alumni Association has standing to challenge decisions made by the Commonwealth's Attorney General's Office and the Board of Managers of the Milton Hershey School.

February 2005, the Board of Managers approves renovations to the old Junior-Senior High School building on Pat's Hill which will convert the building into a middle school for students in grades 5-8. Overall budget approved is \$110 million. Costs include renovations to building, construction of recreational areas, practice fields, new roads, etc.

February 18, 2005, John O'Brien, class of 1961 announces the following administrative changes:

Jim Sheehan, Esq., Vice President Legal and External Relations, to include the following areas: Legal Services, Board of Managers Relations, Government Relations, Visitor Relations, Communications/PR, MHS Community Relations

Dr. Nick Nissley, class of 1984, Vice President Workforce and Organization Effectiveness, to include the following areas: Human Resources, Organization Learning and Leadership Development, Research and Evaluation, Springboard Academy and Innovation Lab (SAIL), School History

John Davis, Project Manager, SAIL (Springboard Academy and Innovation Lab)

Al Carbonara, Acting Vice President of Administration, to include following areas: Financial Services, Facilities and Construction, Program Supply Services, Risk and Safety, Customer Service, and Information Technologies

Cindy Richmond, Senior Director of Program Supply Services

March 7, 2005, Peter Gurt, class of 1985, Vice President Student Life, announces the following administrative changes:

D. Michael Weller, class of 1966 assumes the position of Director, Transitional Services and reports to Pete Gurt. Included with Weller's new assignments are College and Career Counseling, student part-time work, student cooperative work, student internships, and Continuing Education Scholarship Program.

Graduate Services Office name is changed to Alumni Relations and Programs and focuses on the development of overall alumni relations and programming in support of MHS students. In addition, this office will oversee the development and design of the William E. Dearden Alumni Campus (including Southfield Alumni Center and Inn, the Purcell Friendship Hall and the Friendship Garden. Ralph Carfagno, class of 1973, Senior Director, reports to Pete Gurt.

April 19, 2005, Hershey Foods changes name to Hershey Company by action at the Annual Stockholders' meeting held in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

May 14, 2005, Ralph Fink, class of 1941, passes away. He was a student, houseparent and retiree.

May 16, 2005, student home Boone closes.

May 29, 2005, Girls' Track Team places first in AA State competition. Mr. Leroy Galloway is the coach.

June 5, 2005, Bonnie St. John, motivational coach, author and speaker is the Commencement speaker.

June 5, 2005, Alan D. Krashesky, class of 1978, Journalism, is named distinguished Alumnus of the Year at Commencement.

June 17, 2005, Connie McNamara joins the School as Director of Communications.

July 1, 2005, Renovations to old Senior Hall on Pat's Hill begins. A new middle school building is created.

July 18, 2005, Dr. Deloras Jones joins the School as Director of Organization Learning and Leadership Development.

July 18, 2005, Student homes Gibble, Hoover, Morgan, Rudisill and County Line opens.

July 20, 2005, John O'Brien, class of 1961, announces the promotion of Dr. Beth Shaw to Executive Director of Student Services. The following departments will be under Dr. Shaw's leadership: Applied and Integrated Learning, Enrollment Management & Family Relations, Student Character & Leadership, Student Health Services.

August 1, 2005, Office of Student Life and Leadership program name is changed to Office of Student Character and Leadership.

September 23, 2005, Cynthia Lighty is employed as Director of Employee and Labor Relations.

September 30, 2005, second annual Spartan Hall of Fame inductees:

R. Dale Peiffer, class of 1949 .....voice & instrumental music  
John Singley, class of 1946.....voice & instrumental music  
Malcolm Brown, class of 1999 .....art, voice & instrumental music  
Jason Brown, class of 1999.....art, voice & instrumental music  
Clyde Stacks HM .....artist & art teacher  
Phillipa Ashby, class of 1989.....track & field, cross country & basketball  
Tim Rupp, class of 1968 .....wrestling  
Carlton Bleiler, class of 1981.....track & field, wrestling & football  
Mike Weller, class of 1966 .....coach boys' basketball  
1980-81 boys basketball team including Mike Greene, class of 1981, Bob Gurt, class of 1982, Wesley Little, class of 1982, John Loxterkamp, class of 1982, Allan Lynch, class of 1982, William Mills, class of 1982, Kenny Sawyer, class of 1981, David Seltzer, class of 1982, Pete Smith, class of 1981, Derek Tillman, class of 1982.

October 1, 2005, student enrollment is 1365 (Male: 664, Female: 701).

October 3, 2005, James McMahon is employed as Director of School History. He previously had served as Director and Senior Curator of collections at the Hershey Museum.

October 17, 2005, student home Hogan opens.

October 18, 2005, student home Lopez opens.

October 24, 2005, student home Palmer opens.

December, 2005, Customer Service and YRE employees raise enough money through fundraising to purchase gifts for at least 70 children who remain on campus for the holidays. Food, face painting and a DJ made an enjoyable party for the children.

## **2006**

Senior Class Officers (2006-2007): Chairperson – Elizabeth Ortiz; Vice Chair –Travinna Nerestant; Secretary – Katelyn Danforth; Treasurer – Alex Valentine; Historians –Yenee Wondafrash and Samantha Bowers; Publicity – Ambra Haskins; Chaplain – Johnna Tansimore. January 4, 2006, the School's first Transitional Living homes for seniors, Emerson and Caaba, open. Both were renovated into suites with two resident coordinators. Caaba is the boy's home and Emerson is the girls' home.

January 6, 2006, the Transitional Living Program is announced with an initial group of 20 male and 20 female students in a pilot program. Students were selected on the basis of maturity and willingness to participate in this initial program.

January 16, 2006, Chantal Rukundo-Kaarara is the first recipient of the Diversity Appreciation Award as part of the Martin Luther King Day activities. This annual award is given to the high school student who best exemplifies respect for the differences found in others, regardless of those differences.

January 16, 2006, Martin Luther King is celebrated on campus with an all-school assembly, mural unveiling and many student activities. This was previously a vacation day for students and staff.

January 20, 2006, The School's first president, Dr. John O. Hershey, passes away in the Harrisburg Hospital on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. He served the school as second help in a farm home, houseparent in the Sr. Division, guidance counselor, driver training instructor, Director of Admission & Discharge, Asst. Superintendent, Present, Board of Managers member and Chairman of the Board of Managers. He retired after serving the School for 42 years and 3 months of service. A memorial service is held in the Founders Hall auditorium Saturday, February 25, with a buffet luncheon in the Founders Hall dining room.

January 23, 2006, LeRoy Zimmerman is elected to the Board of Managers.

February 6, 2006, Lew McNaughton passes away after 23 years of service to MHS. He served as a Business Analyst in the Business Division of the School.

April, 2006, Trymaine Lee, Class of 1996, receives the Pulitzer Prize for his reporting on the hurricane Katrina disaster. He is part of the reporting team for the New Orleans Times-Picayune newspaper.

April 3, 2006, Dr. Joan Singleton joins the School as Vice President of Workforce and Organization Effectiveness.

April 3, 2006, Mr. Elliott Robinson joins the School as Vice President Administration and Operations.

April 3, 2006, Scott Richardson, Principal of Catherine Hall Middle School, begins new position as Director of Springboard Academy.

May 9, 2006, Debra Brown appointed Principal of Catherine Hall.

May 2006, Dr. Nick Nissley, class of 1984, Vice-President of Workforce and Organization Effectiveness, leaves Milton Hershey School.

May 22, 2006, Lea Achim is the second recipient of the Spartan Peace Prize Award.

May 23, 2006, Doreen Garman is appointed Alumni Campus Coordinator.

May 27, 2006, the School's Community Recreation Center opens at MHS.

June 6, 2006, Willy Jolley, a motivational speaker, addresses the class at Commencement.

June 6, 2006, E. Michael Kenna, class of 1970, Entrepreneur Printing, is named Alumnus of the Year at Commencement exercises.

June 7, 2006, The Centennial Celebration Advisory Committee for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the School held its first full advisory meeting. The committee includes:

Peter Gurt, class of 1985 .....	Vice President of Student Life
James McMahon .....	Director of School History
Connie McNamara .....	Sr. Director of Communications
Lewis Webster .....	Sr. Director of Student Character & Leadership
Bruce McKinney, class of 1955 .....	former Board of Managers
William Fisher, class of 1950 .....	former School President & Board of Managers

July 3, 2006, Robert Peterson is appointed Director of Facilities Services.

July 5, 2006, Martin Masterson is appointed Assistant Principal, Middle Division.

July 5, 2006, Matthew Campbell is appointed Assistant Principal, Middle Division.

July 18, 2006, Springboard Academy holds groundbreaking ceremonies. Springboard staff will assist 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students in their transition to MHS.

July 21, 2006, the new Supply Center holds groundbreaking ceremonies.

August 11, 2006, Norman Miller retires from MHS with 29 years of service in the Agri-Business Division.

August 23, 2006, Catherine Skena is appointed Coordinator of Alumni Relations and Programs.

September 7, 2006, Michael Weller, class of 1966, is named Interim Director of the Senior Division.

September 21, 2006, the third annual Spartan Hall of Fame inductees:

In Visual and Performing Arts:

J. Duncan Kriebel.....teacher, Director of Dramas

Robert Schelhorn .....art Instructor

Elizabeth Cunningham, class of 1997.....drama

Edwin Vega, class of 1998.....voice, dance, and drama

1949 H.I.S. Quartet.....voice

In Athletics:

Ray Topper, class of 1949 .....football, baseball, and basketball

John O'Brien, class of 1961 .....football, baseball, and basketball

Frank Etchberger, class of 1950.....football, baseball, and basketball

Brenda Armstrong, class of 1986.....basketball

John Cook and retired teacher & coach .....boys & girls basketball, softball, football

October 1, 2006, Enrollment reaches a milestone number of 1509 students, the first since the 1972-73 school year.

December, 2006, Customer Service and YRE hosted a Christmas party for the 4<sup>th</sup> year at the Purcell Friendship Hall. Gifts for the children were provided by fundraising activities. There was plenty of food and the DJ returned this year for entertainment. In addition, many employees and their children joined the party. The Alumni Wives donated cookies.

December 26, 2006, Glenn Schneck is appointed Manager of Vehicle & Equipment/Central Inventory.

December 29, 2006, State Supreme Court rules that the Alumni Association does not have legal status to challenge the Board of Managers and the Administrative decisions pertaining to Milton Hershey School.

## 2007

Senior Class Officers (2007-2008): Senior Class Officers (2007-2008): Chairperson – Lolo Ojo; Vice Chairperson – Cindy Gamboa; Secretary – Angela DeGiorgio; Treasurer – Amanda Plecker; Historians – Haneefa Conteh & Shakiera Daniel; Publicity – Jackie McKenna & Sultana Karim; Chaplain – Whitney Robinson; Committee Member – AJ Fofanah.

January 1, 2007, James Nevel elected to the Milton Hershey School's Board of Directors.

January 1, 2007, Kenneth Cook, a teacher for 31 years at the School, passes away after a short illness.

January 15, 2007, Anna-Christine Scull is the second recipient of the Diversity Appreciation Award.

March 3, 2007, "Life Thru My Lens---A Life Journey", a collection of art by photojournalist John Robaton, class of 1958, is on exhibit at the Clyde Stacks Visual Arts Center Gallery.

March 5, 2007, Old Senior Hall on Pat's Hill is renamed Catherine Hall. Intermediate Division students, grades 5 through 8 will attend school here. It is the third building on campus so named. Originally, Catherine Hall was built and opened in 1966. In 2001, this building was renamed Copenhaver Center and a new building in the Town Center was named Catherine Hall. In 2007, that building became part of the Senior High school facilities.

March 14, 2007, Samuel Shouse is the third recipient of the Spartan Peace Prize Award.

March 21, 2007, Christina Donnelly is named Aquatics Manager of Aquatic Facilities and Programs.

April 2, 2007, Shannon Coughlin, class of 1988, is named Alumni Campus Services Associate.

April 24, 2007, The MHS Heritage Center at Kinderhaus opens as the new home for the Department of School History.

May 8, 2007, the "Welcome to Hershey" stone sign on the southern slope of Pat's Hill, north of the Hersheypark and Hershey Stadium, was reinstated after a lapse of 34 years. The sign was first placed there in 1953 and discontinued in 1973 due to maintenance issues. It was re-instituted as part of the School's desire to return to root values and traditions. The stone sign was considered to be visual evidence of that commitment by the School to the School family and the community. The MHS Community, Hershey Community, Local and State officials participated in the ceremony.

June 10, 2007, Andy Alessie receives the second 'M.S. Hershey Unsung Spartan Award' at the Class Day Awards ceremony. He has been the wrestling coach, physical education teacher at Memorial Hall and relief houseparent.

June 10, 2007, Thomas McClay, class of 1967, Entrepreneur Electronics, is named Distinguished Alumnus of the Year at Commencement exercises.

June 10, 2007, Jim Ellis, a swim coach who inspired the film “Pride”, is the guest speaker at Commencement exercises in Founders Hall.

July 2, 2007, Duane Martin begins his newly created position as Supervisor of Plant Operations and Maintenance. He was formerly Supervisor of Mechanical Trades.

August 1, 2007, Research and Evaluation Department, under Workforce Organizational & Effectiveness is now under Student Support Services.

August 8, 2007, the new Catherine Hall ribbon cutting ceremonies are held.

August 20, 2007, the new Catherine Hall on Pat’s Hill opens for students in grades 5 through 8.

August 20, 2007, Bruce Jenner, Olympic Champion, is the guest speaker at the Opening of School Assembly.

August 20, 2007, the theme for this school year is ‘Nothing But Excellence’.

August 29, 2007, Springboard Academy is completed and open.

September 4, 2007, Communications announces the new Centennial Celebration website – **<http://www.mhs-pa.org/100> years.**

September 7, 2007, Carolyn Kelly-Mueller, DMD, is the new Director of Dental Services at MHS.

September 8-9, 2007, Springboard Academy enrolls 75 new students: 37 boys and 38 girls.

September 13, 2007, M.S. Hershey’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration is held at Founders Park with MHS family and community members participating.

September, 2007, Enrollment reaches 1,642 students in MHS.

September 13, 2007, Kinderhaus holds a grand opening in honor of M.S. Hershey’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

September 17, 2007, Robert Reese is elected as a member of the Hershey Trust Company Board of Directors. His grandfather was H.B. Reese.

September 17, 2007, David Carll retires as Senior Director of Construction and Facilities.

September 21, 2007, 'Environmental Stewardship in Action', a collection of art works by Mike Kenna, class of 1970, is on exhibit at the Clyde Stacks Visual Arts Center. Mike is deeply involved with environmental stewardship in the printing industry.

September 21, 2007, fourth annual Spartan Hall of Fame inductees:

In Visual and Performing Arts:

Marcus James, class of 1999.....musician

Leonard Walden, class of 1958.....musician

Bakari Stamps, class of 1992 .....musician

Annabel Rosario, class of 1997 .....musician

In Athletics:

Wayland Alexander, class of 1959 ....wrestling

Devvon Bradley, class of 1989 .....track

Harrison Jackson, class of 1983 .....track

William 'Pete' Smith, class of 1981 ..football

Jennifer Sloane, class of 1993.....track & field

James Porach, class of 1957.....football, basketball, baseball

September 22, 2007, Catherine Hall is dedicated on Pat's Hill.

September 22, 2007, the portraits of Milton and Catherine Hershey are unveiled during Homecoming weekend at the new Catherine Hall.

September 24, 2007, General Colin Powell, former Secretary of State and military commander, speaks at a special assembly for students and staff.

October, 2007, Enrollment reaches 1,703 students in MHS, another milestone of passing 1,700 students.

October 16, 2007, James Mead is elected to the Hershey Trust Board and MHS Board of Managers.

November 12, 2007, the MHS Clothing Center closes at the old Supply Center on Homestead Lane.

November 16, 2007, the last lunch is served at the old Supply Center on Homestead Lane.

November 26, 2007, the new Supply Center located on Bachmanville Road, next to the Central Operations Facility opens.

***Milton Hershey School Board of Managers Chronology***

<b><i>Board Member</i></b>	<b><i>Deceased</i></b>	<b><i>Service</i></b>	<b><i>Office Held</i></b>	
Curry, J.B.	2/6/1913	1909-1913		
Hershey, Milton S.	10/13/1945	1909-1945	Chair	1910-1944
Hocker, G.M	6/25/1917	1909-1917		
Landis, J.A.	8/15/1941	1909-1925		
Lebkicher, William H.	2/10/1929	1909-1929	Vice Chair	1910-1929
Moyer, I.M.	8/19/1917	1909-1917		
Risser, U.G.	2/10/1934	1909-1925		
Snyder, John E.	12/20/1934	1909-1934	Vice Chair	1933-1934
Stauffer, A.W.			1909-1925	
Hershey, Ezra F.	8/6/1949	1915-1949	Vice Chair	1939-1944
Leithiser, James B.	9/29/1935	1915-1921		
Murrie, William F.R.	9/7/1950	1915-1947		
Stecher, S.C.	5/8/1939	1915-1939	Secretary-Treasurer	1910-1938
deCamp, R.J.		1921-1921		
McHeffey, T.L.		1925-1926		
Staples, P.A.	7/23/1956	1930-1956	Vice Chair Chair	1939-1944 1945-1956
Earnest, William H.	7/22/1963	1935-1958		
Hershey, Paris N.	12/30/1956	1935-1956		
Witmer, D. Paul	4/5/1981	1936-1938		
Ziegler, Charles F.	9/22/1957	1936-1957		
Crouse, William S.	11/15/1972	1937-1945		

Hoffman, J.R.	9/7/1968	1938-1944		
Whiteman, Arthur R.	6/30/1988	1939-1974	Treasurer Secretary	1939-1956 1939-1962
Bordner, Oscar E.	9/28/1957	1940-1948		
Witmer, D. Paul	4/5/1981	1944-1959	Vice Chair Chair	1945-1956 1956-1959
Banks, Theodore R.	10/23/1976	1948-1968		
Gallagher, John J.	7/8/1968	1948-1960		
Hinkle, Samuel F.	4/19/1984	1949-1965		
Sollenberger, John B.	8/29/1967	1949-1962		
Bobb, James E.	1/22/1982	1950-1974	Vice Chair Chair	1956-1959 1959-1974
Gumpher, Joseph S.	3/10/1988	1956-1984	Treasurer Secretary	1957-1974 1963-1974
Hatt, Kenneth V.		1962-1990	Chair	1986-1990
Mohler, Harold S.	8/31/1988	1962-1984		
Schiller, William E.	5/2/1990	1962-1974		
Hershey, John O.	2/20/06	1963-1981	MHS President Vice Chair of Bd. Chair of Board	1963-1981 1974 1974-1981
Baum, John S.	1/18/1988	1974-1977		
Dearden, William E.	5/10/2003	1964-1985	Chair	1981-1984
Nurick, Gilbert	10/28/1993	1971-1971		
Aichele, John M.		1974-1986	MHS Vice President MHS Exec Vice Pres MHS President Chair of Bd.	1974-1979 1979-1981 1981-1984 1985-1986

Book, Edward R.		1974-1987		
Cashel, W.S. Jr.		1974-1976		
Schreckengaust, Samuel A.		1974-1979		
Shuey, John T.		1974-1987	Secretary-Treasurer	1974-1987
Lyet, J. Paul	6/7/1984	1977-1984		
Mobraaten, William L.		1977-1988		
Zimmerman, Richard A.		1981-1994		
Allen, Robert C.		1983-1989		
Fisher, William R.		1984-1991	MHS Vice President MHS President	1983-1984 1985-1991
Pera, Rod J.		1984-1994	Chair of Bd. Acting President	1991-1993 1992-1993
Rineman, John F.	11/3/2001	1984-1993		
Rowland, Juliet C.		1984-	Acting Chair Chair	2 <sup>nd</sup> half 1994 1995-1996
Wolfe, Kenneth L.		1985-2002		
McKinney, J. Bruce		1986-2000		
Alexander, William H.		1989-2002	Chair	1997-1998
Glosser, Ronald D.		1989-1994		
Evarts, C. McCollister		1990-2002	Chair	1999-2000
O'Connor, Frances R.		1991-1992	MHS President	1991-1992
Lepley, William L.		1993-2002	Chair MHS President	9/93-6/94 1993-2003
McDowell, John S.		1994-2002		
Cornwell, W. Don		1995-2002		

Hackney, Lucy D.	1995-2002		
Brown, Donald A.	1997-2000		
Colistra, Anthony J.	1997-	Chair	2003-2005
Gabig, John A.	1997-2002	Chair	2001-2002
Lipsitz, Joan S.	1997-		
Williams, Morris A.	1997-2002		
Hillier, J. Robert	1998-2002		
Pennington, Hillary C.	1998-		
Puriefoy, Wendy D.	1998-2002		
Vowler, Robert C.	1998-2002		
Cavanaugh, Robert F.	2001-		
Matier, Michael W.	2001-2002		
Senser, Joseph M.	2001-		
Gover, Raymond L.	2003-		
Lenny, Richard H.	2003-		
Redmond, Velma A.	2003-		
Zimmerman, Leroy S.	2003-	Chair	2006
Nevels, James	2007		