



## RU IN HISTORY

Charter signed: *March 10, 1910*  
First board meeting: *July 26, 1910*  
First president elected: *October 3, 1911*  
First faculty elected: *June 6, 1913*  
First session of classes: *September 17, 1913*  
First commencement: *June 6 – 9, 1914*  
First two-year diploma awarded: *June 8, 1914*  
First four-year B.S. degree awarded: *June 6, 1921*

**2010** marks a significant milestone for Radford University: the 100th anniversary of the March 10, 1910, signing of the charter that created the State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Radford.

For nearly 60 years, Radford College grew as a distinguished public institution of higher education for women. In 1972, the student body became co-educational, and in 1979 the institution became known as Radford University. Penelope W. Kyle, J.D., was appointed the sixth president in 2005.

Under President Kyle's direction, a strategic plan was developed by the Commission for the Future of Radford University – *RU 7-17, Forging a Bold New Future*. The 7-17 vision statement offers an overarching direction for the next decade.

*Radford University will be among the top 50 masters universities in the nation and will become increasingly known as a model for student-centered learning, transforming its students into graduates who will be among the most sought after by the nation's best employers and who will become leaders in their communities and chosen careers in the arts, business, education, health and human services, medical professions, the humanities, the sciences, and technology.*

Now is the time to celebrate the century and honor the university's new level of excellence. Now is also the time to look to the future and to engage all constituencies. Together, we can establish the university's role in its second century.

You are encouraged to discover the uniqueness of Radford University and to join in creating the next chapter in its history. Under the banner *Celebrating the Century — Forging the Future*, you are invited to be part of Radford University's Centennial.



















