

1960



Dr. Horace Sturgis overlooking construction of original library, ca. 1965

1963

Board of Regents charts a new junior college in Cobb County.

1965

Dr. Horace Sturgis named the first president of the new junior college in Cobb County.

1964

Hubert Dewberry of the Chancellor's office and a steering committee select an area formerly part of the Steve Frey farm as the campus site for the new junior college in Cobb County.

1966

Kennesaw Junior College (KJC) holds its first classes on the campus of the Southern Technical Institute, and the first issue of the school newspaper, *The Sentinel*, is published.

1967

KJC campus opens.

1967

KJC holds its first commencement ceremony and confers degrees on five students.

Kennesaw Junior College dance, 1967



1968

KJC receives full accreditation status from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

1970



Kennesaw Junior College bus, ca. 1970

1975

Dedication of the James V. Carmichael Student Center.

1977

KJC becomes Kennesaw College (KC).

1976

KJC is granted four-year status by the Board of Regents.



Attendees at the dedication of the James V. Carmichael Student Center, 1975

1980

1980
KC awards its first bachelors degrees.

1981
Dr. Siegel establishes the View of the Future Committee to strengthen professional and educational practices at KC.

1983
KC establishes the First-Year Experience program.



Student playing intercollegiate athletics at Kennesaw College, 1983

1981
KC names Dr. Betty L. Siegel as its second president. Dr. Siegel is the first woman president within the University System of Georgia.

1982
KC establishes intercollegiate athletics.

1984
The Board of Regents approves the first master's degree programs at KC.



President Betty L. Siegel at her desk, ca. 1982

1988
KC turns twenty-five and is renamed Kennesaw State College.

1990

1990
Enrollment at KSC exceeds 10,000 students

1992
The NCAA accepts KSC into the Division II level for intercollegiate athletics.



Kennesaw State College baseball team wins NAIA Championship, 1994

1994-1995
The KSC baseball and softball teams win the NAIA tournament and the NCAA Division II Championship, respectively.



Kennesaw College enrollment reaches 10,000 students, 1990

1996
The Board of Regents grants university status to KSC and approves its name change to Kennesaw State University (KSU).

Kennesaw State College Baseball Team wins NCAA Division II Championship, 1996



2000



Groundbreaking for Bobbie Bailey Athletic Complex, ca. 2000

2002
First residence halls open on KSU's campus.



Kennesaw State University 40th Anniversary Cake Cutting, 2003

2006
Dr. Daniel S. Papp becomes the third president of KSU following the retirement of Dr. Betty Siegel.



Inauguration of Dr. Daniel S. Papp, 2006

2010

2010
KSU awards its first doctoral degrees.



Dr. Papp awards Kennesaw State University's first Ed.D to James Clinton, 2010

2015
KSU officially consolidates with Southern Polytechnic State University.

2015
KSU begins its inaugural football season.

2016
After the retirement of Dr. Daniel Papp, Mr. Sam Olens becomes the fourth president of KSU.

2017-2018
Kennesaw State University's football team wins back-to-back Big South Conference championships.

2018
Dr. Pamela Whitten becomes the fifth president of KSU.

First annual "First Day of School Cake," 2018



President Whitten receiving her first Talon Card with Scrappy, 2018

2003-2004
KSU's women's soccer team and men's basketball team win NCAA Division II Championships.



Women's soccer team wins NCAA Championship, 2003

2007
KSU reaches an enrollment milestone of 20,000 students.

