

# 50 YEARS OF MILESTONES

**May 1965** Panel commissioned to study the feasibility of a nursing program at WCU

**June 1969** N.C. Board of Nursing authorizes establishment of a baccalaureate nursing program

**July 1969** Mary K. Kneeder becomes first WCU nurse | **July 1992** Deitz for whom the Deitz Outstanding Nurse Award is named | **May 2002** WCU selected

**May 2003** 1,500th bachelor's degree in nursing awarded

**July 2003** Nursing instruction relocates to Asheville

**January 2007** First anesthesia class admitted

**July 2007** Nursing program renamed the School of Nursing

**March 2012** Judy Neubrandner becomes director, School of Nursing | **June 2012** Resources and Services Administration grants

**September 2012** Nursing instruction moves to new building

**February 2013** UNC Board of Governors approves WCU nursing program

**July 2013** \$1 million federal workforce diversity grant awarded to support research on underserved populations

**April 2015** School hosts the inaugural Western North Carolina Nursing Conference

**August 2017** ThonyRoberson becomes director after serving in roles at the University of Miami, Duke University, University of Alabama at Birmingham ~~and~~ University of Alabama

**May 2018** BSN to DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program ~~becomes~~ first cohort