

**60**  
YEARS OF BCC

**1960-2020**

**BERKSHIRE**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
CELEBRATING 60 YEARS



**1958:** Gov. Foster Furcolo signs legislation creating the Massachusetts Community College System.

**1964:** BCC is accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

**1978:** Jonathan Daube is named the school's president.



1960

**1960:** BCC holds its formal opening ceremony, becoming the first community college in the state. Thomas O'Connell is installed as director (president). The campus is located at the former Central Annex building on Second Street in Pittsfield.



1970

**1972:** BCC's new campus opens on 180 acres on West Street.

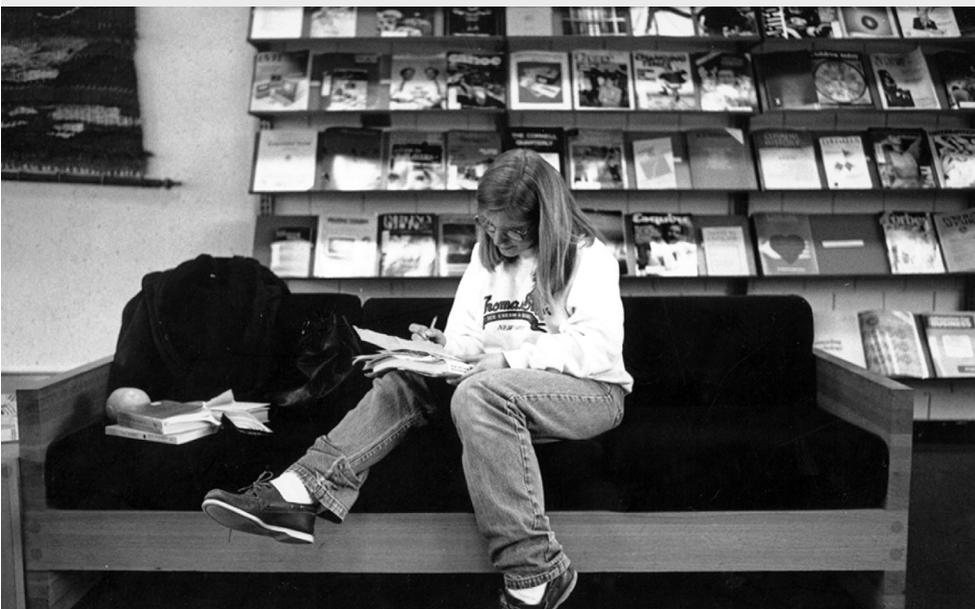


1980

**1980:** The BCC Foundation holds its first meeting. The non-profit group is fiscally and legally separate from the school and was established to promote growth at BCC through fundraising.

**1987:** Cathryn Addy takes over as president.

The BCC Foundation purchases and renovates the former Whittaker's Garage building in Great Barrington, then opens the building as BCC's South County Center.



1990



**1994:** Barbara Viniar is named school president. The Berkshire Institute of Lifelong Learning is founded.



**2001:** Online credit courses are offered for the first time at BCC.

**2007:** The Berkshire Institute of Lifelong Learning becomes the BCC chapter of the nationwide Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI).



2000

**2003:** Bryan Blanchard is selected as school president.

**2005:** Paul Raverta is named the school's interim president. The interim title is dropped in 2008.

**2009:** BCC holds its 50th anniversary ceremony on campus. Nearly 200 local and state dignitaries attend.

**2012:** Ellen Kennedy becomes the current President of BCC.

**2019:** BCC's Associates Degree in Nursing Program turns 50.

**2020:** BCC celebrates its 60th anniversary!

2010

2020