

Celebrating 100 Years of Physical Therapy Education



The year 2015 marks the 100-year anniversary of physical therapy education at Bouvé College. The profession evolved out of physical education and rehabilitation with women at the helm, which shaped not only the profession but the role of women in higher education. To celebrate the centennial year, programs and exhibits have been planned. Mark your calendars now for **November 7, 2015** and join the Centennial Celebration at the Colonnade Hotel, Boston, MA.

1930

BSI and BSPE merged to form the Bouvé-Boston School of Physical Education (BBSPE), with Ms. Bouvé as director. **BBSPE won accreditation by the American Physical Therapy Association** and became affiliated with Simmons College.

1952

When PT became a separate course, BBSPE shortened its name to **Bouvé Boston School**.



1964

Bouvé Boston School merged with Northeastern, to become **Boston-Bouvé College** with Dr. Lynn as dean. It opened with three departments:

- Physical Education for Men
- Physical Education for Women
- Physical Therapy for Men and Women

1960

Dr. Minnie L. Lynn became director of the school.



1925

BSPE expanded to a **three-year curriculum**, allowing students to specialize in PE or PT.

1931-1969

Ms. Constance K. Greene was appointed head of the Physical Therapy Course and became chair in 1942.

1938-1965

Camp Mon-o-moy was established in Brewster, MA. All students attended camp to participate in a variety of outdoor activities. PT students engaged in rehabilitation activities.

1955

Physical therapists received pins in the program's first **pinning ceremony**. Tradition evolved into current Pinning and Hooding Ceremony for doctoral students in PT.

1917-1918

Marquerite Sanderson was appointed first supervisor for reconstruction aides by War Reconstruction Committee.

1918 three groups of BSPE students were trained in two month **"war courses."**



1925

Marjorie Bouvé resigned as director of BSPE to found the Bouvé School (BSI).



1942

BBSPE became **affiliated with Tufts University**, offering a specialized degree for PT.

1935

BBSPPE began a **Cultural Exchange Program with Japan**, promoting global awareness and demonstrating a commitment to cultural diversity.



1929

Ruth Page Sweet was named dean of Bouvé School, served from 1929 to 1946, then became administrative director.

1915

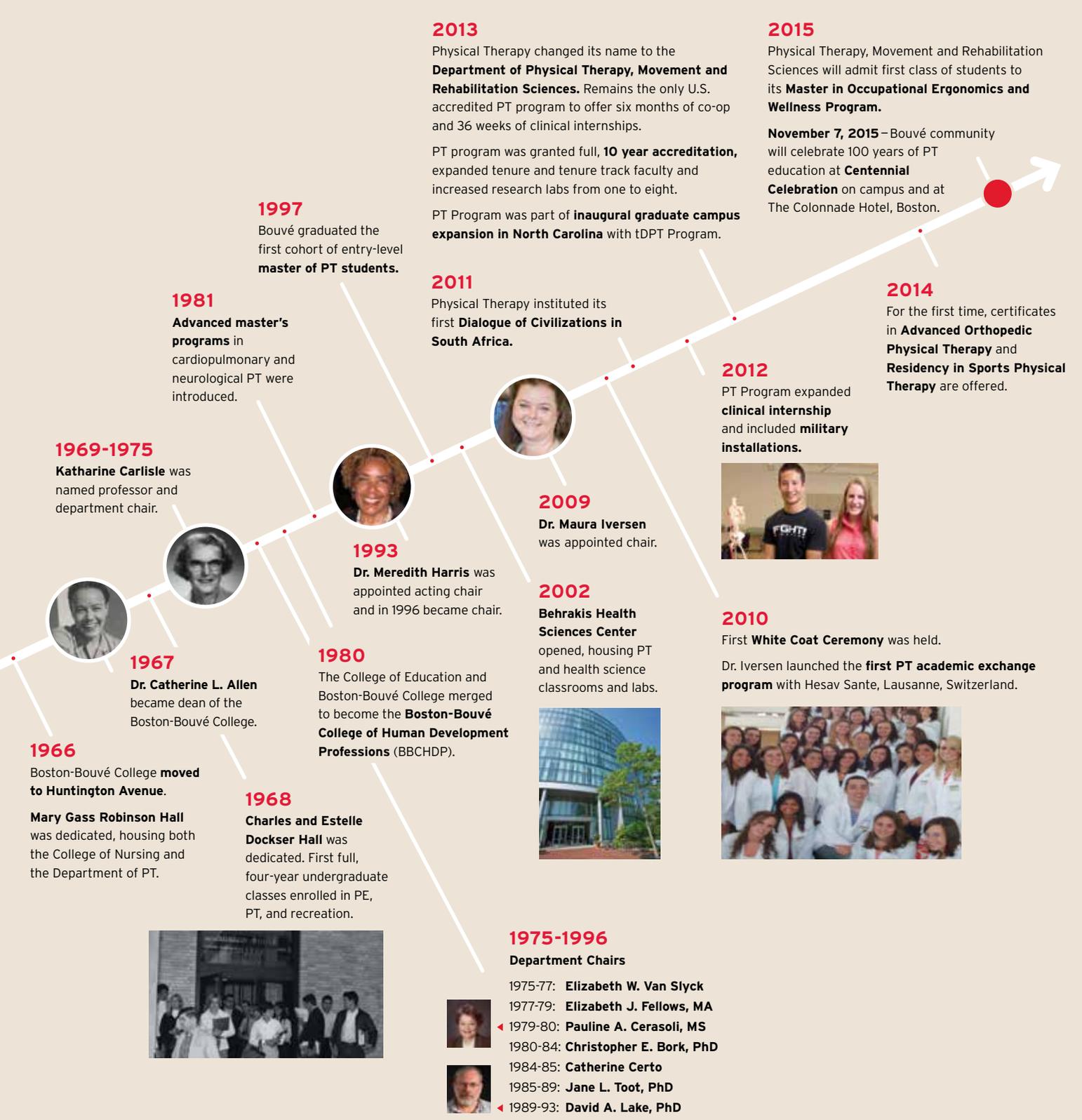
The first class of 10 graduated from **Boston School of Physical Education (BSPE)**.

Founded in 1913 by Marjorie Bouvé, Grace Shepardson, Mary Florence Stratton, Miriam Toby, Caroline Baxter, Bessie Barnes, and Marguerite Sanderson, BSPE graduated women with physical education (PE) degrees, which formed the foundation of the profession of Physical Therapy (PT).



1943-1945

BBSPPE students were taught World War II emergency courses and students played a vital role in polio patients' therapy.



1966
Boston-Bouvé College moved to Huntington Avenue.

Mary Gass Robinson Hall was dedicated, housing both the College of Nursing and the Department of PT.



1968
Charles and Estelle Dockser Hall was dedicated. First full, four-year undergraduate classes enrolled in PE, PT, and recreation.

1967
Dr. Catherine L. Allen became dean of the Boston-Bouvé College.



1969-1975
Katharine Carlisle was named professor and department chair.

1981
Advanced master's programs in cardiopulmonary and neurological PT were introduced.

1997
Bouvé graduated the first cohort of entry-level **master of PT students**.



1993
Dr. Meredith Harris was appointed acting chair and in 1996 became chair.

1980
The College of Education and Boston-Bouvé College merged to become the **Boston-Bouvé College of Human Development Professions (BBCHDP)**.



1975-1996

Department Chairs

- 1975-77: **Elizabeth W. Van Slyck**
- 1977-79: **Elizabeth J. Fellows, MA**
- ◀ 1979-80: **Pauline A. Cerasoli, MS**
- 1980-84: **Christopher E. Bork, PhD**
- 1984-85: **Catherine Certo**
- 1985-89: **Jane L. Toot, PhD**
- ◀ 1989-93: **David A. Lake, PhD**



2011
Physical Therapy instituted its first **Dialogue of Civilizations in South Africa**.



2009
Dr. Maura Iversen was appointed chair.

2002
Behrakis Health Sciences Center opened, housing PT and health science classrooms and labs.



2013
Physical Therapy changed its name to the **Department of Physical Therapy, Movement and Rehabilitation Sciences**. Remains the only U.S. accredited PT program to offer six months of co-op and 36 weeks of clinical internships.

PT program was granted full, **10 year accreditation**, expanded tenure and tenure track faculty and increased research labs from one to eight.

PT Program was part of **inaugural graduate campus expansion in North Carolina** with tDPT Program.

2012
PT Program expanded **clinical internship** and included **military installations**.



2010
First **White Coat Ceremony** was held.
Dr. Iversen launched the **first PT academic exchange program** with Hesav Sante, Lausanne, Switzerland.



2015
Physical Therapy, Movement and Rehabilitation Sciences will admit first class of students to its **Master in Occupational Ergonomics and Wellness Program**.

November 7, 2015 –Bouvé community will celebrate 100 years of PT education at **Centennial Celebration** on campus and at The Colonnade Hotel, Boston.

2014
For the first time, certificates in **Advanced Orthopedic Physical Therapy** and **Residency in Sports Physical Therapy** are offered.

Find out more about the Centennial Celebration, including events and sponsorship opportunities. Visit: <http://www.neu.edu/bouve/physical-therapy/>.

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