

## WELCOME

## OUR HISTORY



WHILE TODAY IT IS KNOWN AS "THE SMALL COLLEGE OF BIG DREAMS." SFC WAS FOUNDED IN 1859 BY FRANCISCAN BROTHERS AS ST. FRANCIS ACADEMY. OVER TWO DECADES LATER, THE TRUSTEES OF THE SCHOOL RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ESTABLISH A "LITERARY COLLEGE" UNDER ITS CURRENT NAME, GIVING IT THE POWER TO CONFER DIPLOMAS, HONORS, AND DEGREES. IN THE YEARS FOLLOWING, THE SCHOOL WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW EXPONENTIALLY, AND BY 1926 THE GROWTH HAD NECESSITATED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FACILITY ON BUTLER STREET. FOLLOWING THE PURCHASE OF TWO OFFICE BUILDINGS FROM BROOKLYN UNION GAS COMPANY, THE COLLEGE WOULD MAKE THE MOVE TO REMSEN STREET. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, IT BECAME A CO-EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION AND ADDITIONAL PROPERTY WAS PURCHASED IN REMSEN AND JORALEMON STREETS. RECENTLY, THE COLLEGE HAS EXPANDED ITS FACILITIES WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SCIENCE BUILDING, PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMPLEX, AND THE RECENTLY RECHRISTENED FRANK J. AND MARY MACCHIAROLA ACADEMIC CENTER. TODAY, THE COLLEGE CONTINUES TO THRIVE, WITH MORE THAN 2,000 STUDENTS, AND 12,000 ALUMNI BRINGING THE FRANCISCAN SPIRIT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE PROFESSIONS.