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St. Francis College was founded by Franciscan Brothers in 1858 as St. Francis Academy. In just a little more than 25 years, the trustees of the School received permission from the state legislature to “establish a Literary College” under its current name and giving it the power to confer diplomas, honors, and degrees. The School continued its meteoric growth and built a new facility on Butler Street in 1926.

In 1960, the School moved to Remsen Street, where it had purchased two office buildings from Brooklyn Union Gas Company, allowing it to double its enrollment. Shortly thereafter, it became a co-educational institution and additional property was purchased on both Remsen and Joralemon Streets. The College expanded its facilities with the construction of a science building, physical education complex, and housing to accommodate the Franciscan Brothers and provide more space for faculty. Today the School has about 2,000 students and 12,000 alumni.

