

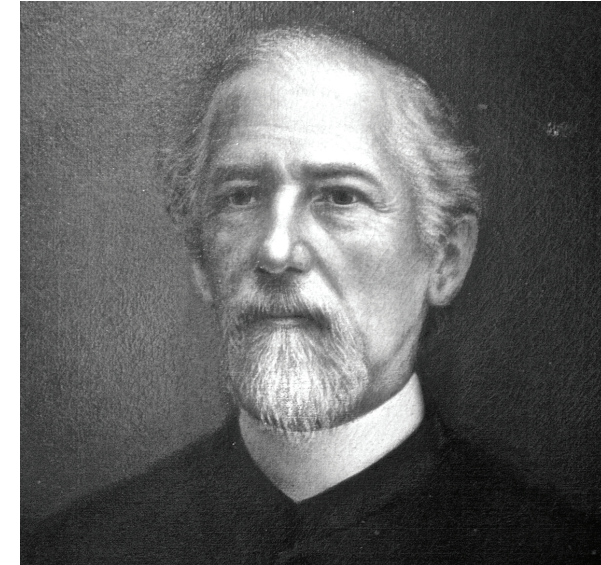
# A HISTORICAL TIMELINE OF PORTER-GAUD SCHOOL

## January 31, 1828

Anthony Toomer Porter is born in Georgetown, S.C. - the son of a plantation owner, lawyer, and state legislator.

## 1854-55

Porter is appointed rector and later ordained a priest of the Church of the Holy Communion in Charleston, SC.



## April 12, 1861 to May 9, 1865

During the Civil War, Porter serves as chaplain of Washington Light Infantry.

## October 25, 1867

Porter has a vision at his son's grave to start a school for children left orphaned and unschooled by the Civil War.



## December 9, 1867

Porter opens the Orphan Home and School Association of the Church of the Holy Communion. First session includes 425 boys and 125 girls in day school. Monthly tuition is \$.50 and/or farm produce and livestock.



## December 19, 1879

U.S. Arsenal property transferred to Holy Communion Church Institute for \$1.00 a year.



## January 8, 1880

Porter takes possession of the Arsenal property at 167 Ashley Avenue. Military drills begin including morning reveille and dress parades. Broad curriculum includes Greek to woodworking.



## 1881-1882

Dr. Porter adds two swimming pools and a gymnasium. He starts the first football program in South Carolina.



## January 28, 1886

School's name changed to The Porter Academy.



## 1891

Name unofficially changed to Porter Military Academy following the acquisition of arms and military equipment from the U.S. Government.

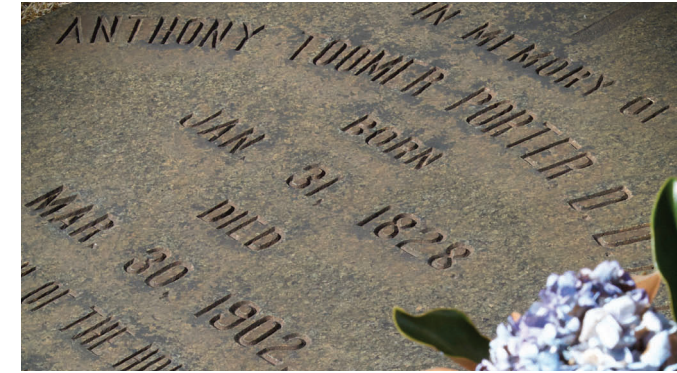
## 1900

Charles Colcock establishes the most advanced high school chemistry and physics program in Charleston at PMA.



## March 30, 1902

Death of Dr. Porter



## 1908

Gaud School for Boys opened in downtown Charleston. The small boys school serves 4th-8th grades and has a reputation for academic excellence to rival the New England preparatory schools.

## 1914

Student literary magazine WATCH was first published.

## 1920

Newspaper *Porter Grits* and the *Polygon* yearbook begin in 1920.



## 1922

The Boll Weevil destroys cotton crops thus causing a drastic decline in the economy and a loss of many boarding students.

## 1931

Mrs. Anne Watt opens the Watt School for boys and girls in 1st-3rd grades in a small schoolhouse on Broad Street in downtown Charleston.



## 1948

Gaud School for Boys is purchased from William Steen Gaud for \$125.86.

## 1954

PMA faces financial distress and must temporarily eliminate the boarding department and high school and operates as grades 1-8.

## 1959

Chaplain Charles Furlow helps bring soccer to the Lowcountry.



## 1961

PMA graduates its first class since 1954.

## 1964

PMA merges with the Gaud School for Boys and the Watt School to form Porter-Gaud School; Berkeley Grimball is appointed Head of School.

## 1965

Porter-Gaud School opens at 300 Albemarle Road - a gift from the Seaboard Atlantic Coastline Railroad. The former campus was sold to MUSC.



## 1967-1968

Porter-Gaud integrated when Richard Holmes became the first African American student enrolled.

## October 1967

Centennial celebrated.

## Spring 1969

Upper School choir begins under direction of Ben Hutto.



## 1972-1973

Porter-Gaud becomes co-educational when 35 girls entered in the 1st through 3rd grades.

## 1975-1976

First girls admitted to Upper School; May 1976 first girls graduate. First school in SC to have open admission policy.



## 1975

First-ever state championship is won by Porter-Gaud boys' tennis team. Their 20 championships since 1975 is the most by any Porter-Gaud team.

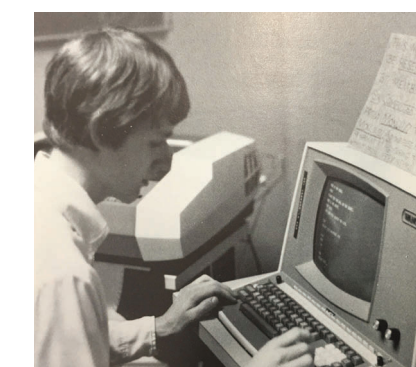
## Fall 1976

Gwynette Auditorium, St. Timothy's Chapel, and WATCH Tower dedicated. The bell in the WATCH Tower is from Dr. Porter's original campus. The bell was found in Summerville, SC, in a storage closet, and was returned to campus.



## 1977-1978

First Wang computer purchased. By 1983, the school has dedicated computer labs and courses.



## April 28, 1980

The Center for the Arts is dedicated. Porter-Gaud's Arts program blossoms under the leadership of Ben Hutto.

## 1982

AP courses added by all departments in Upper School. Today, we offer more than 21 AP class options.

## 1983

Cyclone volleyball team wins its first SCHSL title in 1983. To date, they have won a total of twelve state championships, including the last eight consecutive years in SCISA.



## 1985

Middle School Building dedicated to Major Ted Richardson, long-standing MS principal.



## 1989

Category 4 Hurricane Hugo decimates Charleston, campus sustains major damage, students out of school for three weeks.



## 1993

William Washington retires. Members of the Washington family have been a part of campus life since the birth of the school.



## October 1999

Campus footprint doubles in size. The Science and Technology Building and Wendell Center are dedicated.



## 2008

Porter-Gaud approaches Linda O'Quinn about a merger with her 35-year old preschool.



## August 2016

reNEWal, largest capital campaign in school's history is launched to build three new buildings: Upper School, Performing Arts Center and Chapel.

## December 2016

Porter-Gaud receives designation of South Carolina School of Character - the only school in the state with this distinction.

## August 2017

The New Upper School Building opens.



## 2017

Porter-Gaud Sesquicentennial

