Miami is the youngest institution in the ACC. Although founded in 1925, Miami did not start classes until October 1926 in a partially constructed hotel after a hurricane had devastated other opening facilities. This auspicious start not only provided the name for the Miami Hurricanes but also provided a foundation for a fast growing citizen-founded university, which has had only five presidents during its entire existence.

The University of Miami was ranked 47th in U.S. News and World Report’s 2011 ranking of the best colleges and universities in the nation. The ranking makes UM the highest ranked school in the state of Florida and culminates a meteoric 20-spot jump in just nine years. Seven other ACC schools (more than half the conference) join Miami in the top 50.

Miami awarded the first athletic scholarship to a female student-athlete.

Miami is among the first, if not the first institution, to adopt an athletics logo as its school-wide symbol, the U.

Miami’s baseball team owns the active record for 39 straight NCAA Championship appearances, the longest of any NCAA sport.

Between 1985 and 1994, the Miami Hurricanes football team won 58 straight games at home, breaking the record for the longest home winning streak previously held by Alabama.

The Miami Hurricanes hold the record for the most players selected in the first round in a single NFL draft (6 in 2004).

Miami’s Athletic Program boasts a winning tradition that includes more than 65 national championships, 447 All-Americans and two Heisman Trophy winners.

Forty-one (41) former Miami players appeared on opening-day NFL rosters in 2009, tied for most with Louisiana State.

Miami was recognized in May as the only school in the FBS to post a multi-year APR score in the top ten percent as well as finish the year ranked in both the Coaches and the AP polls.

Momentum: The campaign for the University of Miami raised $1.4 billion in private support. UM was the first university in Florida to launch a billion-dollar campaign and one of the youngest in the nation to do so. Among the 56 universities that had run billion-dollar campaigns as of December 2006, UM was one of only four institutions established in the 20th century, and the only private university.

The School of Medicine was founded in 1952 as the first medical school in Florida.

This year marks the seventh year in a row that UM’s Bascom Palmer Eye Institute has been ranked the No. 1 hospital in the country for ophthalmology in the annual survey of “America’s Best Hospitals” published in U.S. News & World Report.

University of Miami President Donna E. Shalala holds the distinction of being the longest-serving Health and Human Services secretary in U.S. history and is a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor.

Researchers at the Hussman Institute for Human Genomics helped to identify the first common genetic risk factor for autism spectrum disorder. They also identified nine genes that may increase susceptibility for Alzheimer’s disease and confirmed a region on chromosome 12q long believed to harbor an Alzheimer’s risk gene.

UM’s faculty are expert scholars and teachers. They include Guggenheim Fellows, Fulbright and National Science Foundation scholars, and members of national academies. Of 2,100 full-time faculty members, 97 percent hold a doctorate or highest degree in their fields.

In 2011, UM ranked No. 1 in Cultural Diversity and Interaction, according to The Princeton Review.

University of Miami alumni are part of a 156,000-member alumni community living in all 50 states and in 148 countries. Among them are CEO’s, Pulitzer Prize winners, Rhodes and Fulbright scholars, Grammy and Emmy winners, Heisman trophy winners, and political leaders.