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1970
- Rubber Bowl acquired from city of Akron
- Hower House deeded to the University
- Harpster Building acquired

1971
- Buchtel Hall gutted by fire
- West Hall (former Akron Bible Institute) acquired and renovated
- North Hall (former Alsco Building) renovated for office space
- Van Devere Olds building renovated

1972
- Haven of Rest building acquired
- St. James United Methodist Church acquired and
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renamed East Hall

1973
- E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall opened
- Buchtel Hall renovated and reopened after fire damage
- New Bierce Library building opened
- Old Library building renovated and renamed Carroll Hall
- C. Blake McDowell Law Center opened
- Business Administration and Law Building renamed Business Administration Building
- Hower House placed on National Register of Historic Places
- Center for Urban Studies building demolished after fire damage
- Second Baptist Church acquired

1974
- Emily H. Davis Gallery opened in a building at 181 E Exchange St.
- Economics and Testing and Counseling buildings demolished

1975
- Haven of Rest Building renovated and renamed G. Stafford Whitby Hall
- Business Administration Building rededicated and renamed Warren W. Leigh Hall
- Former Akron public school building renovated for University administrative offices and named Spicer Hall

1976
- Guzzetta Hall (also known as the Music, Speech, and Theatre Arts Building) opened
- Olin Hall (also known as the Humanities and
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Social Sciences Building) opened

1977
- Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM) opened in Rootstown
- Union Depot acquired
- Firestone Conservatory of Music building (St. Paul’s Church) renovated and renamed Ballet Center
- Spicer House renamed Thompson Hall in honor of Elizabeth A. Thompson (Dean of Women from 1914-1931)
- Apartment building at 419 Carroll St. renamed Mitchell Hall in honor of Marjorie Mitchell (Advisor of Women from 1931-1937)
- Apartment building at 421 Carroll St. renamed Battrick Hall in honor of Helen C. Battrick (Advisor of Women from 1937-1943)
- Torrey Hall at 282 Torrey St. donated by Harold Garson and Charles Hazlett
- Barnett-Hoover log farmhouse at Wayne College restored creating a Living History Farm

1978
- Old Knight Hall renamed George W. Crouse Hall
- Education Building renamed George F. Zook Hall
- University Club (later renamed Martin University Center) acquired
- East Crown Apartment Complex acquired for student housing and renamed Grant Residence Center

1979
- Mary E. Gladwin Hall (also known as the Health Sciences Building) opened
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- Charles M. Knight Chemical Laboratory (also known as the Chemistry Building) opened
- Herb and Clara Berns Hall (First co-ed residence hall) opened
- Akron Textile Products building acquired for University Computer Center
- Teledyne-Olson Warehouse acquired
- Best Furniture Warehouse Building acquired
- Zook Hall renovated
- Phase I of Crouse Hall renovations completed

1980
- New Center Street Bridge (now University Avenue) opened reconnecting campus with downtown
- Lisle M. Buckingham Center for Continuing Education opened in renovated Union Depot
- William M. Petry Auditorium in Shrank Hall opened
- Exchange Street Parking Deck opened
- Spicer Hall addition completed

1981
- New Computer Center opened
- Russell DeYoung donated residence on Eaton Avenue for president’s home
- Buildings and land on Lincoln Street acquired
- Hower House damaged by fire
- O’Connor Steel buildings at 100 Lincoln St. acquired
- Emergency repairs made to Auburn Science Center

1982
- $4 million addition to Gardner Student Center completed
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- Dave Towell Cadillac building purchased for Department of Art
- Downtown Holiday Inn acquired and renamed New South Hall

1983
- Health and Physical Education Building opened
- New South Hall renamed Gallucci Hall
- Business Incubator opened in former O'Connor Steel building
- Research Center opened in renovated Olson Warehouse

1984
- Carroll Street bridge opened
- Phase II of Crouse Hall renovation completed
- 222 E. Exchange St. acquired for Department of Fire Science, Hazardous Materials, Social Work, and Outreach
- Memorial Hall Phase I renovations completed
- Health and Physical Education Building named after James A. Rhodes
- Art Building opens in renovated Dave Towell Cadillac Building

1985
- Former James Christy/Alpha Sigma Omicron fraternity house/Charles DeFoucauld House (later known as the Alumni Center) acquired
- Robertson Dining Hall expansion completed
- Old South Hall (Van Devere Olds) demolished
- Graphic Arts Building demolished
- James A. Rhodes Health and Physical Education Building nicknamed JAR Arena by University Athletics Department
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1986
- Greyhound Building acquired for Business Administration Building site

1987
- University Research Building Phase I renovations completed
- Memorial Hall Phase II renovations completed
- Polsky Building (former Polsky’s Department Store) acquired
- School of Art building named Harold K. and Catherine F. Folk Hall
- Portion of Buchtel Avenue running through campus closed to traffic
- Carroll St. opened to two-way traffic
- West Campus (Polsky) Parking Deck acquired
- Bel-Aire Products Building leased

1988
- Oliver J. Ocasek Natatorium opened
- Phase I of Buchtel Mall (five-acre landscaped pedestrian walkway) project completed
- Wallaby Residence Hall opened
- James St. extension completed for Buchtel Avenue relocation
- College St. cul-de-sac constructed
- Lodge adjacent to Rubber Bowl renovated and renamed John W. Heisman Lodge
- Addition to Ocasek Natatorium completed and named Skeen Weight Room
- Office suites in Buchtel Hall renamed in honor of Buchtel College presidents
- Memorial Hall gymnasium named in honor of Kenneth “Red” Cochrane
- Memorial Hall swimming pool named in honor
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of Andy Maluke

1989

- Phase II of Buchtel Mall project, including Buchtel Common and Dorothy Garrett Martin Fountain, completed
- John R. Buchtel statue dedicated on Buchtel Common
- Torrey Hall renamed Richard S. Garson Hall after son of Akron developer Harold Garson who donated the building
- Dr. John E. Boyer Health and Physical Education Center at Wayne College opened (first expansion since its founding in 1972)
- Greyhound Building demolished to make way for College of Business Administration Building
- $2.8 million McDowell Law School addition completed for Law Library
- University Research Center renamed Sidney L. Olson Research Center
- University Research Building Phase II renovations completed

1990

- Newman Center Building purchased
- Blakemore/Rosen Building acquired
- Buchtel Common Phase II West, Part A completed

1991

- Polymer Science Building opened
- College of Business Administration Building opened
- City renamed sections of four campus streets (East Buchtel Avenue, Wolf Ledges Parkway, Union Street and University Avenue)
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- Conversion of Auburn Science Center Parking Deck to building space completed
  1992
  - 108 Fir Hill (Girl Scout Headquarters) purchased for nursery/day care
  - University Club building renamed Paul E. Martin University Center
  - $5.4 million Auburn Science/Whitby Hall renovations completed
  - Polsky Building opened
  - Grant Residence Center became first coeducational-by-floor residence hall
  1993
  - West Campus (Polsky) Parking Deck Phase I renovation completed
  - Ace Mitchell Building remodeled for Akron Polymer Training Center
  - Center for Child Development building opened after renovations
  1994
  - East Hall demolished
  - Wayne College Maintenance Building construction completed
  - Battrick House and Mitchell House demolished
  - Carroll Street Bridge removed and reconstructed
  - West Campus (Polsky) Parking Deck Phase II renovations completed
  1995
  - Auburn Science & Engineering Center Phase II Renovation (South Tower) completed
  - Spicer Hall renovations completed
  - E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall renovations
completed

1997

- West Hall renovations completed
- Kolbe Hall renamed Karl F. and Parke R. Kolbe Hall
- Mary S. and David C. Corbin Gateway and Commons dedicated
- Alumni Center renamed the Harry P. and Rainy G. Stitzlein Alumni Center

1998

- Polymer Science Building renamed Goodyear Polymer Center
- James St. Residence Hall and Forge St. Building demolished
- $7.2 million Kolbe Hall addition and renovation completed
- $5.2 million Sisler-McFawn and Orr Residence Halls renovation completed
- West Campus (Polsky) Parking Deck Phase III renovations completed

1999

- New Landscape for Learning program launched
- Goodwill Industries Building purchased
- $2.7 million Polsky Building (3rd and 5th floors) renovations completed
- $3.6 million E.J. Thomas Hall (Phase I and II) renovations completed
- $9.3 million Bulger Hall renovation completed

2000

- Original Simmons Hall demolished
- $1 million Auburn Science Center Phase III renovations completed
- $7 million Spanton Residence Hall renovation
completed

2001

- University Park Alliance created to improve residential areas adjacent to campus
- Portions of Carroll and Union streets closed as part of "New Landscape for Learning" campaign
- Spicer Hall demolished
- Polymer Engineering Academic Center building opens
- Paul and Lorraine Smucker Learning Center and Library at Wayne College opened
- East Campus Parking deck opened
- West Campus (Polsky) Parking Deck Phase IV renovations completed
- 10 South College Street (Tri-Vector) Building demolished
- Korean War Memorial dedicated
- $2.6 million Ritchie Hall renovation completed

2002

- Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences Building dedicated
- Two-story addition to Science & Technology Library completed
- Goodwill Building (Interim Student and Administrative Services Building) Phase I renovations completed
- West Campus (Polsky) Building Parking Deck Phase V renovations completed

2003

- Gardner Student Center demolished
- Phase I of New Student Union opened
- $6.8 million Leigh Hall renovation completed
- Wayne College Holmes County Higher
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Education Center opened in Millersburg
- North Campus Parking Deck opened
- Goodwill Building (Interim Student and Administrative Services Building) Phase II renovations completed

2004
- Honors Complex opened
- New Hezzleton E. Simmons Hall opened
- Student Recreation and Wellness Center and Louis and Freda Stile Athletics Field House opened
- Phase II of Student Union completed
- $6 million Schrank Hall renovation completed
- $4.3 million Whitby Hall renovation completed
- Mary S. Corbin Green created
- Arches constructed as gateway to Student Recreation and Wellness Center

2005
- Dale Chihuly sculpture erected in front of Goodyear Polymer Center
- Roadway Building acquired

2006
- Guzzetta Hall received $11.1 million 50,384-square-foot addition
- Polsky Building underwent $1 million renovation
- Former admissions building demolished
- Gas Turbine Testing Center opened
- Express Building renovated
- Lee Jackson Field renovations completed

2007
- Quaker Square purchased and renamed Quaker Square Inn
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- Exchange Street Residence Hall opened
- Akron Innovation Campus on Wolf Ledges acquired for UA Research Foundation

2008
- Carroll Hall demolished
- Medina County University Center opened
- Coleman Commons created
- East Quad residence halls (Joey, Wallaroo, Wallaby and Brown Street) demolished
- Fir Hill Plaza renovated and renamed the C.P. and Cornelia Chima Family Center

2009
- InfoCision Stadium-Summa Field opened
- Student Life Building at Wayne College opened (first new separate building on Wayne Campus)
- Bath Nature Preserve Building renovated and renamed the Paul E. Martin Center for Field Studies and Environmental Education

2010
- Memorial Hall demolished
- Spicer Residence Hall opened
- Lee Jackson Field renovated
- Center for the History of Psychology (former Roadway Building) Phase I renovations completed
- Exchange St./South Campus Parking Deck opened
- National Polymer Innovation Center building opens
- New soccer stadium and field opened

2011
- Athletics ticket office building named the C.P. and Neal S. Chima Athletics Ticket Office
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- College of Engineering Building at 264 Wolf Ledges Parkway constructed
- Lakewood satellite site opened

2012
- South Residence Hall opens
- Bierce Library Learning Commons renovation completed
- College of Engineering Building at 264 Wolf Ledges Parkway named The University of Akron Engineering Research Center
- Wolf Ledges Engineering Building addition completed
- Central Hower High School acquired
- Broadway Building demolished

2013
- Engineering Research Center building opens
- Coleman Common renovated, including addition of spiral columns, flagpole, and relocation of Carroll Hall plaques
- Daum Theater in Kolbe Hall renovated

2014
- Numerous houses demolished in East Village (Greek Village)

2015
- President’s House renovated
- John W. Heisman Statue dedicated

2016
- Zook Hall renovation completed
- West Hall demolished
- Law School Phase I construction completed
- Center for the History of Psychology Phase II renovations completed
- E.J. Thomas Hall Phase I and II renovations
completed

2017
- Trecaso Building razed
- Law School renovations completed
- President’s House sold
- Grant Street Townhouses demolished
- UA Lakewood campus moved from Bailey Building to Lakewood High School
- E.J. Thomas Phase III renovations completed
- JAR Arena renovations completed

2018
- City demolishes Rubber Bowl
- Student Union renamed Jean Hower Taber Student Union
- Grant Street Residence Hall High Rise demolished
- Polsky Building exterior renovations completed

2019
- Gallucci Hall razed
- Vine Street Apartments demolished
- Center for the History of Psychology (Roadway Building) third and fourth floor renovations completed for Institute for Human Science & Culture
- West Campus Parking Deck renovated
- Buckingham Center renovated
- College of Business Administration addition completed and named Anthony J. Alexander Professional Development Center
- Ayer Hall razed
- Sumner Street Bridge replaced