

Brigham Young University was founded in 1875 as Brigham Young Academy, making 2025 the 150th anniversary of the university. From its inception, BYU has provided a liberal arts education, beginning with classes in philosophy and adding the first foreign language, German, in 1877.

BYU's emphasis on a humanities education has continued ever since. The College of Humanities was founded in 1965, sixty years ago. Almost every student on campus enrolls in a humanities course and gains essential skills—whether that be through learning a second language, communicating empathetically, or thinking critically. The College of Humanities expands students' ability to relate compassionately and effectively with those of different cultures and backgrounds.

Inside this issue of *HUMANITIES*, you will find many stories that build on this extraordinary tradition, including the timeline on page 8 (the images featured on the front and back cover come from this article), the announcement of our new dean on page 12, and two of 10 projects on pages 5 and 14 that represent the College's role as a beacon of light to the world.



(Left) Spencer W. Kimball, "Second Century Address," 1975

(Right) Alice Louise Reynolds became the first woman to teach collegiate-level classes at BYA