The Class of 2007 enters Babson College. The application process for Babson College has become increasingly competitive, with the Class setting admission statistic records. Only 37% of all applicants were admitted, compared to 47% in 2002.

This year’s homecoming weekend featured Greg Proops as the weekend highlight. Along with homecoming and alumni games, students were able to enjoy the Alumni Barbecue.

Roger W. Babson

On September 3rd, the Babson Institute opens its doors at Roger and Grace’s Abbott Road home with 27 students, high hopes, and Roger W. Babson as its 1st President.

The first class graduates in June, receiving one-year Certificates in Business Administration. Arthur M. Cleveland of Plymouth, Indiana receives the first Babson diploma.

Boston architect George F. Marlowe is hired to design the buildings and John Nolen is retained to design the campus grounds. Construction begins on campus buildings.
Babson students get caught up in Red Sox fever, cheering on the Sox in their attempt to “Reverse the Curse.”

Oktoberfest weekend included a Halloween Knight Party, along with Better than Ezra as a weekend highlight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the purpose of “furnishing education in all matters” charters the Babson Institute. Three women attended classes at the Institute during this time.

1923

There are 129 students enrolled at Babson Institute with over 680 alumni.

1929

Roger Babson builds a house at 56 Whiting Road as a gift for his daughter, Edith. Beginning in 1956, it serves as the home for the Presidents of Babson College.

1931
Babson helps host the World of Wellesley, with a multicultural show in Pepsico. There were many cultural performances such as Chinese traditional dancing, South American Folk music and many other international songs, and performances by Babson students and organizations. In addition, Babson has been awarded the "Award for Advancing Civil Rights" for 2004, by The World of Wellesley Board of Directors. The award is in recognition of Babson's dedication to the community, diversity, and multiculturalism as well as its continuous support for The World of Wellesley organization.
Women's field hockey advances to the semifinals of the ECAC tournament, falling to Springfield. The team had the best record in the history of the field hockey team's existence, 18-5. They broke every school record, including most goals, most wins, most assists, and best goalie save percentage.

The College begins to contemplate the Babson Beaver as a mascot. A survey was being formulated to find out the feelings of the Babson community regarding the animal as a college symbol.

Babson Institute reopens on October 1st with 76 students.

The first bachelor's degree is awarded at the June Commencement. The first Founder's Day was celebrated November 14th.

In September, the Class of 1949 enters Babson to find that the personal secretaries, waitresses, and the time clock — all fixtures of Pre-war Babson — had disappeared.

The 1500 pound, 42 inch diameter Hotchkiss Bell is hung in the Babson Institute Library (now Torrassio Hall).
Babson students cheer on the New England Patriots to their second Super Bowl victory in the past three years.

Senior Derek Nisula is a finalist for “The Humanitarian Award.” One of college hockey’s most important awards, it is given on the basis of a person’s worth not just as an athlete but as someone who truly embodies a giving spirit.

MBA Program

First class (25 students) enters the newly formed two-year MBA program.

Ground is broken for the Babson World Globe on May 30th.

A “Newton Apple Tree” is purchased from the Pennsylvania Historical Commission and is prepared for planting on the Babson Institute grounds.
Winter Weekend was proclaimed as a success with activities such as ice skating and a comedian. In addition, the annual Miss Babson contest was held with Erin Canon '05 as the winner.

1955

Grace Knight Babson, RWB’s wife and force behind acquiring the Newton Collection, dies on April 30th.

1956

The Babson World Globe is dedicated on June 18th.

1959

The Boston Celtics begin use of Fowey Gym for pre-season workouts, which continues for several years.
Babson hosts a “Kaleidoscope of Colors,” a month of activities to celebrate multicultural diversity on the Babson campus. Events included cultural dinners at Trim and movie showings courtesy of the different organizations. As a kick-off to the month, Babson hosted a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in honor of his values and ideals.

The men’s basketball team makes it to the Division III NCAA tournament, falling to Keene State in the second round.

The men’s ice hockey team advanced to the ECAC finals for the first time since 1991.
The community hosted its first Banana Splittin' Day, in hopes of building a large banana split spanning the length of College Drive. Teams were encouraged to participate in categories such as most creative banner and creative eating methods.

Spring Weekend this year, "Kickin' It Old School," was marked by a variety of events such as SGA Game Day and the annual spring concert by O.A.R. MTV made Babson a stop on its college road tour. In addition, the annual Mr. Babson contest was held and was won by Eli Lopper '04.

This year's Founder's Day marks the 25th Anniversary of the Academy of Distinguished Entrepreneurs. Activities lasted all day, culminating in a black-tie affair in Boston. In addition, Babson hosted the world premiere of the documentary entitled "Lemonade Stories," which features entrepreneurs and their mothers and was co-produced by Babson and 50eggs.
On the night of Wednesday May 12th, 2004, the class of 2004 partied the night away at the annual Senior Ball. As part of the Senior Week festivities, the Ball was held at Boston's premier hotel, the Fairmont Copley. Following an elegant cocktail reception at President Barefoot's home, the night began with dinner and a cocktail hour as the senior class prepared to dance the night away. Minus a few broken glasses on the dance floor, a good time was had by all who attended the event.
1974
Bobson College's first pub, the Beaver Brau, opens in the basement of Coleman Hall the first week of April.

1975

1977

1983

1984

Bobson International Student Organization (BISO) is organized.

The Men's Soccer team wins Bobson's first NCAA title.

A Commencement tradition "That Special Goodbye" starts.

Academy of Distinguished Entrepreneurs is founded.

Men's Hockey wins its first NCAA title.
May 15th, 2004... A day four years in the making as the Senior Class of 2004 prepared to say good-bye to their days as undergraduates. Families and friends looked on as more than 350 students became proud Babson alumni. Paul Orfalea, the founder of Kinko's and an honoree degree recipient gave the commencement speech. Andronico Luksic '76, P'04, '06, Director and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Banco de Chile also received an honoree degree. Bjorn Seebach was the student speaker.
Protests for the new curriculum took place at the College.

First-year students entering this fall are the first to experience the new integrated undergraduate curriculum; this class graduated in 2000.

Babson College sells a parcel of its Needham property to the new Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering. Ground is broken on a campus that intends to open in the fall of 2001.

1998

The Arthur M. Blank Center for Entrepreneurship is dedicated.

Babson College Radio goes on air at noon on February 17th and becomes the first college web radio station in the United States.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

The Center for Women's Leadership is founded.

Babson College is awarded the 2002 Hesburgh Award from TIAA-CREF for its "Reinvention of Undergraduate Education."

July 1st, Briar Miller Barefoot, Babson Class of 1966, becomes the 11th President of Babson College and is inaugurated in 2002.

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