

# Principals and presidents

Principals oversaw Wheaton from its founding until 1897 when the first president was installed. With the current presidential transition, we thought it would be a good time to revisit Wheaton's leadership legacy and history. The top of this timeline indicates the years served. The bottom portion shows milestones that occurred with each leader.

Principals ■ Presidents ■ \* Acting presidents

**1835–1837 Eunice Caldwell**

**1837–1838 Susan Palmer**

**1838–1840 Eliza R. Knight**

**1840–1842 Martha E. W. Vose**

**1842–1846 Martha C. Sawyer**

**1847–1849 Elizabeth A. Cate**

**1849–1850 Margaret Mann**

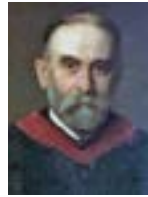
**1850–1876 Caroline Cutler Metcalf**

**1876–1879 Ellen M. Haskell**

**1879–1880 Martha W. Sprague**

**1880–1897 A. Ellen Stanton**

**1897–1925 Samuel Valentine Cole**



**1925–1926 George S. Smart\***



**1926–1944 John Edgar Park**



**1944–1961 A. Howard Meneely**



**1961–1962 Elizabeth Stoffregen May\***



**1962–1975 William C.H. Prentice**



**1975–1991 Alice Frey Emerson**



**1991–1992 Hannah Goldberg\***



**1992–2004 Dale Rogers Marshall**



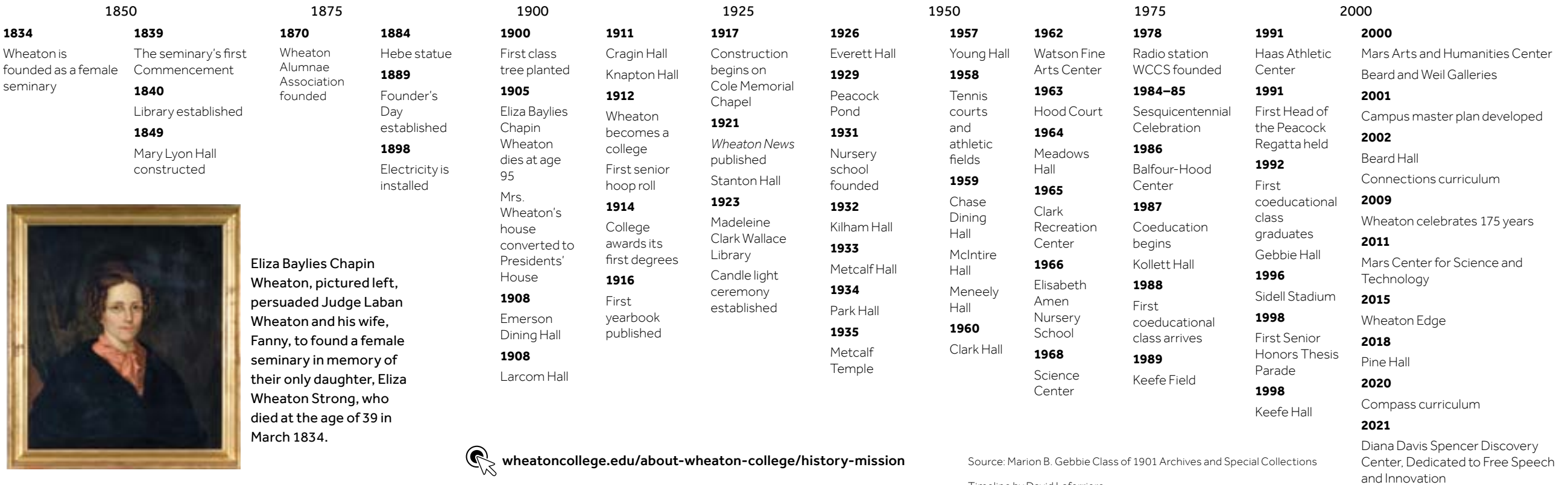
**2004–2014 Ronald A. Crutcher**



**2014–2021 Dennis M. Hanno**



**2022– Michaelae Whelan**



Eliza Baylies Chapin Wheaton, pictured left, persuaded Judge Laban Wheaton and his wife, Fanny, to found a female seminary in memory of their only daughter, Eliza Wheaton Strong, who died at the age of 39 in March 1834.