Marymount College was established by Mother Marie Joseph Butler. Born in Kilkenny, Ireland, she entered the order of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary and served in the congregation's schools in Portugal before coming to the United States.

1907 - Mother Butler (accompanied by Mother Gerard Phelan and a few other nuns) came to Tarrytown with the intention of establishing a school for young women. The school opened in February 1908 with six students studying a high school level and by 1918 the school expanded to an advanced two year degree.

1924 - The college charter became permanent in 1924, the first year that Marymount granted baccalaureate degrees.

1975 - Marymount remained a pioneer of new ideas when it introduced the Weekend College. This program offered adults, most of whom were employed full-time, the opportunity to pursue a college degree through weekend classes.

1976 - Fordham University began offering graduate-level programs in social work, education and business at the Marymount campus.

2000 - Faced with declining enrollment and the increasing financial burdens experienced by many small liberal arts colleges, Marymount sought assistance through a merger with Fordham University.

2005 - A task force was formed to review the operating costs of the College and make recommendations for future plans. After several years, the results of the task force review indicated that the College was experiencing financial difficulties and could no longer be sustained. The decision was made by Fordham to close the Marymount campus in June 2007 and to merge any remaining students into Fordham's degree programs.

2007 – On the eve of the centennial of Marymount College, the Class of 2007 became the last class to graduate from Marymount College.