An Historic Milestone
The University of Cincinnati is the 18th oldest public institution in the United States tracing its origins to the founding of the Medical College of Ohio and Cincinnati College in 1819. Reaching this historic bicentennial milestone puts UC in prestigious company of other pioneering and enduring institutions including Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton and University of Virginia. Home of the first cooperative education program, the nation’s first teaching hospital, the oral polio vaccine and the first antihistamine, UC is rooted in innovation, grit, and tenacity to learn more, to be more, and to do more. Join UC as we mark this historic milestone for our future and show the world how UC will lead urban public universities into a new era of innovation and impact.

Bicentennial Committees
The UC Bicentennial has a series of committees working on various projects that will celebrate and commemorate this historic moment in time.

Celebrations Committee:
The Celebrations Committee is planning a series of events, many of which are open to the public. More details and registration information will be available at 200.uc.edu.

UC Homecoming: Oct. 6, 2018
UC Bicentennial Charter Week Celebration: Jan. 15-19, 2019
UC Bicentennial Community Week: April 1 – 6, 2019
Bicentennial Alumni Celebration: April 4, 2019
New York Showcase: April 13, 2019
UC Homecoming: Oct. 2019 (TBD)
Bearcat Bicentennial Bash: Nov. 9, 2019

Community Connections Committee:
The Community Connections Committee is working on a series of projects that are representative of the university’s deep connection to our region.

Community Engagement Grants: The Bicentennial Community Engagement Grants program will invest in projects that celebrate and extend UC’s commitment to Cincinnati’s urban core. Local nonprofit organizations will be awarded grants that range from $1,000 to $10,000 for projects that support a healthy and vibrant community. More than 1,000 first-year UC students will work with the Bicentennial Community Engagement Grant recipients on their projects.

Legacy Committee:
Virtual Reality Experience: The UC Center for Simulations & Virtual Environments Research will allow visitors to walk through UC’s history and into the future through the lens of virtual reality. Assist famed UC researcher Dr. Albert Sabin as he develops the oral polio vaccine; be transported into classrooms of UC’s past; view history through the eyes of civil rights icon Marian Spencer; experience the breadth and beauty of UC’s campus; and energize the crowds of Nippert Stadium as the Bearcat. This immersive experience will connect visitors to the university to deepen and amplify their sense of pride and belonging in the UC family.

Spirit of History Committee:
The Spirit of History Committee is releasing three books and a historical web timeline during the UC Bicentennial.

Dr. David Stradling’s book *In Service to the City: A History of the University of Cincinnati*, through vivid accounts and photos of people and events tells the story of 200 years of an urban university, and its forerunners, in its continuous struggle to better serve the community. Stradling is a UC Associate Dean for Humanities, College of Arts & Sciences, and Zane L. Miller Professor of History. Available October 2018 from University of Cincinnati Press.

In *From the Temple of Zeus to the Hyperloop: University of Cincinnati Stories*, Greg Hand, proprietor of the “Cincinnati Curiosities” blog, UC alumnus ’74 and UC public relations employee for 36 years, assembles 35 essays—some poignant and touching, others memorable and lively—in an effort to recreate the
personality, vibe and culture of an institution brimming with the stories of over 300,000 alumni. Available October 2018 from University of Cincinnati Press.

Daniel Drake is most often recognized as a pioneering American physician, prolific writer and the founder of the Medical College of Ohio. Leaving a Legacy: Writings from the Legacies of Daniel Drake by Dr. Phillip Diller, Chair, Henry R. Winkler Center for the History of the Health Professions at UC’s College of Medicine, examines Dr. Drake’s writings in a fresh, instructive way. Over 200 years after Drake began his practice in Cincinnati, the philosophy and principles which defined him continue to be relevant to today’s medical students and new doctors. Available spring 2019 from University of Cincinnati Press.

Historical Web Timeline: UC created a web-based timeline launched in the fall of 2018. “The Ascent Across Two Centuries” brings to light some unexpected and perhaps overlooked episodes in UC’s celebrated heritage of achievement. Rich in images and storied vignettes, the project is a digital exhibit that honors the past, elevates the present and projects a promising future.

How to Get Involved
Look for ways to connect with the UC Bicentennial throughout the celebration. Visit 200.uc.edu to sign up for updates.

• Attend an event and bring your friends
• Share your Boldly Bearcat story at 200.uc.edu
• Spread the word

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