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National College of Business & Technology

The College was founded in 1886 by J. A. Trimmer in Roanoke, Virginia, and was originally known as National Business College. Mr. Trimmer conceived of and organized the College to serve as a leader in business education, not only in the Roanoke Valley of Virginia, but throughout the southeastern United States.

E.M. Coulter came to the College as an instructor in 1896. He became president in 1901, and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1946, a full fifty years of leadership from the Industrial Revolution to the post-World War II era.

M. A. Smythe served as president of the College from 1946-51, but had been associated with the school since 1903 when he first enrolled as a student. He was succeeded by Murray K. Coulter, son of the late E.M. Coulter. Realizing the need to preserve the heritage of the College, Mr. Coulter dedicated his life to safeguarding the institution's philosophy and reputation for academic excellence. He also emphasized social values as he continued to preserve National's role as a leader in private career education, until his death in 1975.

Under the guidance of the current administration, the last quarter of the 20th century saw the addition of seven additional campus locations in Virginia.

The growth trend continued in the 1990s with the addition of the six-campus Kentucky College of Business. The College was founded in 1941 in Lexington, Kentucky by Mary F. Crump. In 1962 Joseph E. Hurn was named president, and under his leadership the institution grew to become Kentucky's largest multiple-campus system of private career colleges.

Fugazzi College also became a part of the family of colleges during this time. Irene and Flora Fugazzi started the Fugazzi School of Business in 1915, the first school in central Kentucky created primarily for women wanting to enter the business community. It added a branch campus in Nashville, Tennessee in 1991. Fugazzi's Lexington campus was combined with KCB's Lexington campus in 2001.

At the same time, all three colleges became known as National College of Business & Technology, a name acknowledging our rich heritage dating to the 19th century and our cutting-edge training for success in the 21st century.

The new century also saw the addition of a campus in Knoxville, Tennessee in 2003 and Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio in 2004.