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## History Highlights

- 1952 Colorado Institute of Art opens at 16 West 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- 1957 First class graduates from the Commercial Art program.
- 1960 Colorado Institute of Art is purchased by a group of investors including John Jellico, founder of the Colorado Art Institute and former Assistant Director of The Art Institute of Pittsburgh.
- 1975 Education Management Corporation (EDMC) of Pittsburgh purchases the school.
- 1977 Colorado Institute of Art earns accreditation from the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology, and relocates to Denver's Capitol Hill Neighborhood, 200 East 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- 1981 The Colorado State Boards grants the Colorado Institute of Art the authority to award an Associate in Occupational Studies degree.
- 1991 Curriculum of General education classes to all Art Institute programs. The Colorado Institute of Art is granted the authority to award the Associate of Applied Sciences degree.
- 1994 Culinary Arts is added to the Colorado Institute of Art degree program offerings. The Culinary Arts program is located at 675 South Broadway in the Denver Design Center.
- 1996 Bachelor of Arts degrees are offered.
- 2000 The Colorado Institute of Art relocates to its current location at 1200 Lincoln Street in Denver's Golden Triangle neighborhood in Downtown Denver, but the Industrial Design School remains at the 200 East 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue location. *The school formally changes its name to The Art Institute of Colorado.*
- 2002 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of training creative professionals is celebrated. The Towers student housing facility opens to accommodate up to 300 students.
- 2004 Interior Design Bachelor of Arts program is introduced and accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation, formerly known as the Foundation for Interior Design Education Research (FIDCR).
- 2008 The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) has accredited The Art Institute of Colorado for a 5-year period and congratulated the school for its compliance with the HLC Criteria For Accreditation.