

Dutchess Community College: Then and Now
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I. The founding: why and how Dutchess Community College came to be in Dutchess County.

II. Who was involved in DCC's founding and establishment?

- A. The women of Dutchess County who played an important role.**
- B. "I love Lucy" v. "Father Knows Best" and "Leave it to Beaver.**
- C. Bowne Hall (the current location site) v. the Culinary Institute of America.**
- D. Eleanor Roosevelt. (see photographs)**

III. The founding President: James F. Hall.

- A. Jim Hall's background.**
- B. His vision of DCC" "Harvard on the Hudson."**
- C. Jim's policies and values.**

IV. The founding First Lady – Betty Hall. "Without Betty Hall, there would have been no Jim Hall." (jim Hall)

V. My experiences as a young DCC professor.

VI. Coming apart: DCC and the 1960s – "Hell no, we won't go. We won't fight for Texaco." "1,2, 3, 4, we don't want your _ _ _ _ ing war."

VII. Kent State (1970) and DCC.

VIII. The impact of DCC on the lives of its students.

IX. Faculty governance.

X. Where is the College now, and what about its future?

**Dedication of Bowne Hall on the DCC campus/1959 -
Bowne served as the first classroom and faculty and administrator offices building.**





Eleanor Roosevelt with President James Hall (left) at DCC at graduation in May 1961. Mrs. Roosevelt address the graduates on “Literacy, Education, and Democracy.



Eleanor Roosevelt with DCC International Club Officers/1959