

Rayen's First Events

Year First Event Description

1852	First inception of Judge Rayen's will Dr. Charles C. Cook president of the Board of Directors, planned the original building, not its architect, erected according to his ideas, including the large columns in front.	1916	Edwin S. Gregory Prize established by William H. Baldwin Spanish Club Russell McKay first alumnus to pass Ohio State Bar (highest grade)
1866	Rayen school opens (in Wood St. building until January)	1917	Midyear graduation class
1866	Edwin F. Gregory first Principal Robert Montgomery Trustees William J. Edwards Freeman C. Arms A. B. Cornell Robert McCurdy	1918	Service flag received from trustees Lt. Clarence V. Ashbaugh Rayen grad to die in WWI Fannie Shulman first Rayen woman and first in US to defend a man in a criminal case.
1867	First class graduates First examinations (oral) William H. Baldwin first graduate, attend college	1919	Blue Mogen Dovid Club, Campfire Club
1880	Year without a graduating class	1920	Yolaso Club, History Club, Boys Octette
1881	Four year class to be graduated, remodeling done to existing buildings Judson Brenner first Alumni President	1921	Cornerstone for new school is laid, Ground broken, Girls Octette William W. Coblentz , Rayen man to be awarded the Jansen Medal of the Academy of Sciences, Paris, for his discovery in connection with rays emanating from earth & stars. R. D. Gibson first Rayenite to have city park named in his honor
1892	I. B. Miller first Alumnus to become Mayor of Youngstown	1922	Rayen Orchestra plays at commencement Students moved to new school, Mandolin Club
1894	Large addition to the rear (West end)	1923	Rayen band plays at a football game, Concert Orchestra formed First commencement programs printed by Rayen Paul J. Jones first Rayen man to be sworn in as a U.S. Judge
1897	class to have colors – green and gold	1924	New Stadium built, Radio Club, Jr Orchestra
1899	The Rayen Record news magazine published	1925	Presidential inaugural address (Coolidge) is broadcast to school Max Brunswick first Alumnus given authority to practice law in the U.S. Treasury Dept.
1900	Orchestra	1926	Transfer of students to new East school (300)
1901	Literary Society started	1927	Rayen Record news magazine morphes into New Rayen Annual and Rayen Record Newspaper
1903	Physical Culture for girls Florence Rayen first women trustee (1903-12)	1928	Varsity "R"
1905	Cary R. Alburn first of three Rhodes Scholar	1930	English Club, Secretarial Club
1906	Associate Justice Brewer Commencement Speaker (US Supreme Court) Mariam Thomas forms club (French)	1931	A Cappella formed
1907	Lida F. Baldwin recorded magazine publication (The Atlantic) Glee Club started	1932	Home Economics Club
1908	George F. Evans recorded book publication (The Freshman Don't Book)	1934	Quill and Scroll formed, Stamp Club
1909	Summer school (Rayen students only)	1935	Rayen Annual wins the Medalist Award (highest honor for journalism)
1910	Domestic sciences classes Addition to the south fronting on Wood St. Opened 1911 (\$55,000) Sarah J. Peterson, first alumnus to serve Rayen 25 years	1936	Band uniforms purchased
1911	New Annex Students (South of Mahoning River) and faculty transferred to new South school	1937	Nat. Forensic League chartered at Rayen
1912	Trustees purchased land on Benita Ave. Ernest C. Moore first alumnus to be commencement speaker	1939	First appearance at the National Forensic League Night football under the new lights
1913	Semester plan adopted Latin Club, Dramatics, and Thespians started	1940	Auditorium, cafeteria, and music rooms added, Industrial Arts Club 60 classrooms, 16 offices, gymnasium (seats 600), auditorium (seats 1066), café (seats 600), 4 dressing rooms, 5 storage rooms, 12 closets, 3500 lockers
1914	Music added to curriculum Debating club	1941	National Thespians organized
1915	Girls Glee Club	1942	Art Club, Library Club
		1943	Rifle Club, Nature Club
		1946	Homeroom council organized Majorettes perform on the football field
		1947	WKBN originates broadcast from Rayen Auditorium