The Academic Village at Point Park University Fact Sheet

Student Center and Wood Street Corridor
Student Center • Residence Halls • Gymnasium • Park • Wood Street Streetscape Enhancements

The centerpiece of this element of the Academic Village at Point Park University will be an eight-story student center dedicated to the recreational and social needs of Point Park students.

- Site includes YMCA building (purchase to be finalized by Point Park in May)
- Facility will link to new residence halls and the new park
- Designed to include student-oriented amenities that will enhance educational, social, and physical activities
- Student Center will feature a three-story atrium that links to three major activities: first-floor activity center, lower floor food court, upper floor student lounge/coffee bar
- Street-level retail, including bookstore
- Indoor basketball/volleyball gymnasium/arena (1,000 seats)
- Two eight-story residence halls, featuring street-level retail
- Sixty suite-style student housing units (240 students)
- Green urban park, which may include water feature, murals and function as “front yard” to restaurant in adjacent building
- Significant enhancements to Wood Street/Boulevard of the Allies
- Creation of a true boulevard along Boulevard of the Allies from Market Street to Smithfield Street with a landscaped boulevard median
- Distinct lighting on University building facades
- Creation of portal on Wood Street at Fort Pitt Boulevard into Point Park campus and riverfront park
- Enhancements to Point Park pedestrian bridge linking Lawrence and Academic Halls across Wood Street
- Wood Street streetscape improvements: new sidewalks, curbs, trees, trash receptacles, street lighting
- New Point Park University wayfinding signage program
- Creation of façade restoration program for Wood Street property owners
- Total investment: $71 million

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New Pittsburgh Playhouse Development
Performance and Teaching Space • Proscenium, Thrust Theater & Studio Theaters • Residence Hall • Below Grade Parking

The New Pittsburgh Playhouse on Forbes Avenue will be a state-of-the-art performance and teaching facility for Point Park’s world-class Conservatory of Performance Arts.

- Three major performance spaces: Proscenium Theater (500 seats), Thrust Theater (250 seats) and Studio Theater (150 seats)
- State-of-the-art production area easily accessible from all stages, with adjacent production shop area and a lower level trap system
- Proscenium Theater will have a 40’ x 25’ opening with ample wing space and an orchestra pit for 25 musicians; Green Room will accommodate 30 people with crew rooms and backstage depth that will reflect professional theater requirements; Dressing and chorus rooms with complete changing facilities
- Thrust Theater will have a 30’ x 30’ opening with a 20’ high opening into a 45’ high fly system; Green Room, Crew Rooms and Dressing Rooms as well as professional grade lighting and tracking systems; arena-style seating
- Studio Theater will be 60’ x 60’ with adjacent dressing rooms, Green Room, and crew space; flexible seating arrangement will allow a variety of configurations
- Production Area will be 10,000 square feet with adjacent costume shop and prop shop; scenery and production will be maneuvered easily from shop to stage with no encumberance
- State-of-the-art lighting with both backhouse lighting and control booths for all theaters
- Five teaching-rehearsal spaces with no obstructions, varying in size from 50’ x 50’ to 30’ x 40’ with sprung floors and minimum 10’ ceilings.
- Lobby from Forbes Avenue entrance to be anchored by three-story lightwell with interlocking escalators and stairs
- Street-level retail space with interior and street entrances (7,000 sq. ft.)
- Twelve-story residence hall (400 beds, one level or common activity area)
- Below grade parking (420 spaces)
- Total investment: $139 million

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