THE ACADEMIC VILLAGE: BY THE NUMBERS

One way to appreciate the scale of the transformation promised by the Academic Village Initiative is by the numbers. Here are a few of the most telling examples:

- Number of students to be housed in residence halls: 1,200
- Number of trees to be planted along Wood Street: 50
- Seats in new basketball and volleyball arena: 1,000
- Number of new theaters: 3
- Number of new theater seats: 900
- Square feet of new green space: 10,000
- Square feet of new retail space: 27,000
- Number of city blocks to be reinvigorated: 9
- Buildings to be renovated or built: 10
- Total capital investment: $210M

WHAT IF FAMILIAR CITY STREETS COULD BECOME AN EXCITING URBAN CAMPUS?

A contemporary view of Wood Street at the Boulevard of the Allies, in the heart of Pittsburgh’s Downtown.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

The Academic Village is planned for the benefit of everyone who is a part of the University, as well as everyone who has a stake in Downtown’s continued growth. You can learn more about the project, contribute your ideas and suggestions, find a role in the project, or contribute a gift toward its completion. Visit www.pointpark.edu/academicvillage.

YOU’RE INVITED TO PITTSBURGH’S NEW ACADEMIC VILLAGE

To bring this plan to life, Point Park University will engage individuals, alumni, government entities, corporations and local and national foundations who share our commitment to this vision.

A contemporary view of Wood Street at the Boulevard of the Allies, in the heart of Pittsburgh’s Downtown.
As an anchor institution of Downtown Pittsburgh, Point Park University recognizes that its vision and goals are organically tied to its urban neighborhood. The Academic Village Initiative is the culmination of a two-year planning process that will transforming both the University and its neighborhood. It will bring new cultural and academic facilities, architectural and streetscape improvements, and greater economic opportunity. It represents the confluence of Point Park’s guiding principles: academic excellence, quality student experience, community engagement, and managed growth.

**LOCATION**
Located on two sites that expand the University’s historic campus, the Academic Village is at the heart of Downtown. The vital Wood Street corridor connects it directly with nearby amenities that include the Cultural District, the Fifth and Forbes development, and the growing river that serves as a backdrop.

**Student Center and Wood Street Corridor**
The University is committed to creating a vibrant living, learning, and community hub in the heart of campus. The new Student Center, green design-friendly development project on the Boulevard of the Allies, will include a student center, gymnasium, student housing, and a park.

**Pittsburgh Playhouse Complex**

In 1968 the University rescued the Pittsburgh Playhouse, giving it new life as the center of the University’s now nationally known Conservatory of Performing Arts. Having outgrown its home in Oakland, the Playhouse will move to Downtown to a new, green design-friendly theater complex on Forbes Avenue, providing students with state-of-the-art learning space—and giving the Downtown community another star attraction adjoining the Cultural District.

**What's included in the Pittsburgh Playhouse Complex?**
- A 250-seat thrust theater will move Downtown to a new, green design-friendly theater complex on Forbes Avenue, providing students with state-of-the-art learning space and giving the Downtown community another star attraction adjoining the Cultural District.
- The complex will feature arena seating and a 30’ wide, 30’ deep thrust opening that will accommodate an audience of 150 with flexible seating.
- A 250-seat thrust theater will feature a 40’ wide proscenium theater featuring a 40’ wide proscenium stage and a fly system.
- An 18’ @ 360 seat thrust theater will allow for a 36’ wide thrust stage.
- An 18’ @ 150 seat thrust theater will provide a 10’ wide thrust stage.
- A 60’ x 60’ studio theater will accommodate a 60’ x 60’ studio theater, green room, dressing rooms, and rehearsal spaces.
- The complex will also be integrated with teaching space.

**What's included in the Academic Village and Wood Street Corridor?**
- The former YMCA building will be renovated into a state-of-the-art learning space—and giving the Downtown community another star attraction adjoining the Cultural District.
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- The intersection of Fort Pitt Boulevard and Wood Street will be enhanced to become a truly pedestrian-friendly corridor.
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- The vital Wood Street corridor has long been the beating heart of Point Park University. The Academic Village Initiative will revitalize the street as the vital link between the campus and the new riverside park at Fort Pitt Boulevard, the Fifth and Forbes area, Market Square, and the Cultural District.

**What's included in the Academic Village and Wood Street Corridor?**
- The Student Center includes six new or renovated buildings and a green space. The Student Center will be integrated with teaching space.
- The Playhouse complex will be anchored by an exciting new theater lobby on Forbes Avenue.
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