Point Park’s vision is to be one of the most dynamic private, urban universities in America. The vision begins with facilities that give students, faculty and staff the environment they need to excel. Increasing enrollment, now and in the future, will not only create the expansion needed to fulfill this vision but also animate the new campus with diversity, creativity and vibrancy.

Point Park University anticipates that the Academic Village Initiative will enliven the Monongahela River side of Pittsburgh’s Golden Triangle. This multiblock plan consists of two major phases: Phase One – The Central Campus Development Project; and Phase Two – the new Pittsburgh Playhouse at Point Park University on Forbes Avenue.

**Phase I – Central Campus Development**

The Central Campus Development Project encompasses residence halls, an enhanced streetscape, a vital green urban park and a new student and convocation center, all concentrated on Wood Street and the Boulevard of the Allies – the beating heart of the campus.

**About the Central Campus Development Project**

- Green principles will be employed in both the restoration and renovation of existing buildings, as well as in the construction of all new facilities. All new construction will be LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified.
- Significant streetscape and public realm enhancements, such as new sidewalks and curbs, distinctive overhead and street lighting, and over 100 trees and tree grates, will benefit five blocks of the Wood Street corridor.
- A green, urban park at the corner of Wood Street and the Boulevard of the Allies will feature such amenities as a tree canopy, glass stair tower, dramatic water feature and outdoor café to be enjoyed by the University community and the larger neighborhood.
- The student and convocation center will encompass areas for group and quiet study; advanced computer labs; a gymnasium and health center; student club offices; a multipurpose student lounge for lectures, performances and other student activities; and an 1800-seat space for community events and activities.

**Phase I Total Cost: $77 million**

- Design - $2 million
- Wood Street Development - $5.5 million
- Urban Park - $7.5 million
- Student and Convocation Center - $32 million
- Funds to be raised - $47 million
- University investment - residence halls $30 million
Phase II – Point Park University’s Pittsburgh Playhouse

In 1968, Point Park breathed new life into the Pittsburgh Playhouse when it was converted to the performing arts center. Now, Point Park is looking to reinvigorate Pittsburgh’s theater scene again through the construction of a new Pittsburgh Playhouse on a 40,000 square foot parcel on Forbes Avenue between Smithfield and Wood streets.

About Point Park University’s Pittsburgh Playhouse

- A state-of-the-art Pittsburgh Playhouse in Downtown Pittsburgh will yield the dual advantage of providing Point Park’s Conservatory students with a venue to prepare them for a professional theater experience, as well as supply the 40,000 nonstudents who annually attend Playhouse productions with a classic theater viewing experience.
- Point Park University’s Pittsburgh Playhouse will be comprised of three performing spaces: a 400-seat proscenium theater, a 250-seat thrust theater and a 150-seat studio theater. In addition, there will be five teaching/rehearsal spaces in the complex.
- A public/private partnership will allow for a 420-space parking garage below the Playhouse.

Phase II Total Cost: $100 million

- Public/private parking funds - $34 million
- Funds to be raised - $61 million
- University investment - $5 million

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