# II. Facilities

# 1. MAJOR FACILITIES

## PARKWAY COMMUNITY BUILDING

New construction is beginning on the Parkway Community Building. It will be a 21,000 square foot, three-story building, with high levels of sustainability. It will house multiple college offices and institutes as well as studios for senior art students.

### **STUDIO 22**

A new structure, Studio 22, has been erected. It is a 4000 square feet Sprung Structure with a raised floor. It is a multi-use facility which can accommodate theatre, dance, and academic activities.

### HARRY C. TREXLER LIBRARY

The Harry C. Trexler Library houses the College's primary collections of information resources including books, journals (both print and electronic), videos, recordings, government documents, and electronic databases. The collection of over 512,000 volumes including over 219,000 titles of U.S. government documents, and 101,000 audio visual items. The online collection is well over 2 million items across 137 databases and collections. The physical and online collections are designed to meet the general instruction and research needs of undergraduate students. In addition to the on-site collections, students and faculty have access to the collections of five other Lehigh Valley independent colleges and universities, as well as to libraries worldwide. The OCLC-based interlibrary loan system widens the borrowing circle to worldwide access for free or at low cost. Trexler Library's membership to the PALCI-Partnership for Academic Library Collaboration & Innovation (formerly named Pennsylvania Academic Library Consortium, Inc.) provides students and faculty direct borrowing privileges in more than seventy academic and research libraries within the Commonwealth and the surrounding area and participation in PALINET allows the library to participate in consortia pricing for databases. Automated with an integrated library system since 1995, the Library continues to add services including electronic reserves, instant messaging reference services, and academic technology training sessions.

Built in 1988, Trexler Library offers a contemporary and gracious facility combined with varieties of seating and study spaces to meet the needs of individual and group work. Wireless access is available throughout the building, and laptop and notebook computers are available for students to borrow. Also included in the building is a Curriculum Laboratory serving the Education Department, an Information Commons to experiment and demonstrate new technologies to support the curriculum, a completely developed teaching lab for hands-on searching and research development, a PC Lab for student paper writing, the Writing and Information Consultation Center combining the expertise of writing tutors and librarians, the HIVE with the Digital Learning Team, the Polling Center, a media viewing classroom, one-button studio, collaboration lab, and a standard classroom. The Library is open 105 hours per week with additional hours provided during exam periods. Course-integrated instruction pairs librarians with instructors to combine information gathering and evaluating skills into the curriculum with the goal of increasing lifelong information literacy among the Muhlenberg community

### **GIDEON F. EGNER MEMORIAL CHAPEL**

The Egner Chapel is one of the finest modern Gothic campus churches in the nation. Its stained glass windows and vaulted interior provide appropriate settings for worship, meditation, concerts, weddings and academic convocations. The 50-rank, 2,600 pipe organ was originally installed in 1983 by the Holtkamp Organ Company. In 2014 the instrument was extensively refurbished by Berghaus Pipe Organ Builders. It is used in worship, teaching and musical performances.

## THE DOROTHY AND DEXTER BAKER CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Dorothy and Dexter Baker Center for the Arts was completed in 1976. Dramatic in concept and highly functional, the Center was created for Muhlenberg by Philip Johnson, one of the world's most renowned architects. Focal point of its design and function is a 220-foot, glass-covered galleria which bisects the structure. The galleria serves as a thoroughfare, gathering place, and as a unique site for displaying the arts—inviting students to visit an exhibition, attend a concert, and participate in drawing, painting, sculpture, dance, or the performing arts. The main level contains the Empie theatre/auditorium complex, a lecture/recital hall, galleries, class and seminar rooms, the Art Department office and slide library, and studios for drawing, painting, and sculpture. The upper level contains the Music and English Departments, faculty offices, music studios, music and theatre rehearsal rooms and the music listening room, with the department's collection of recordings and scores.

Included in the musical facilities are Steinway grand pianos for performance and teaching and a Schlicker practice organ, as well as numerous practice studios with pianos. The Electronic Music Studio includes sophisticated analog and digital synthesizers and recording equipment.

# TREXLER PAVILION FOR THEATRE AND DANCE

The striking Trexler Pavilion for Theatre and Dance, was completed in December 1999, and houses the Department of Theatre and Dance. Architectural features of this contemporary structure include a curved glass wall which encompasses lobbies on two levels and a pedestrian bridge which connects to the Baker Center for the Arts. The building includes three performance spaces: a 365-seat proscenium theatre with balcony, a student-run experimental theatre, and a dance studio theatre. Other building spaces include a costume shop and dressing rooms, rehearsal rooms, a scenery shop, and departmental offices.

### **REHEARSAL HOUSE**

The 10,000 square feet, former TKE house, fully converted into the "Rehearsal House" for the Department of Theatre and Dance and the Department of Music.

The Rehearsal House, specifically the smaller studio, provides space for coaching sessions between professors and small groups of students outside of regular class time. The Rehearsal House provides the Music Department with offices, a new performance studio, and a new Electronic Music Studio.

The Rehearsal House is more than just a work space. It features a spacious lobby on each floor and seating space around the studio entrances for students to come to study or just hang out. The most surprising new feature will be a circular outdoor amphitheater cut into the front hillside in front of the house, equipped with outdoor lighting for staging performances. The seats will also provide space for students to come to relax on nice days.

# J. CONRAD AND HAZEL J. SEEGERS UNION

J. Conrad Seegers Union provides a hub for integration of the tools for teaching and learning and a venue for educating the whole student. Seegers Union supports the campus in the development of individuals and community through education, socialization, advocacy, and the delivery of services.

Expanded in 2010, the final phase of the Seegers Expansion and Renovation redesigned the Student Life Suite incorporating Student Activities, Student Leadership Development & Greek Life, Community Service and Civic Engagement. In an effort to create chance encounters, Student Life Suite also incorporated student organization support through SGA, MAC and SHARE offices, a club resource room, lounge, meeting space and project rooms and a Leadership Center.

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Seegers Union provides facilities and resources to support programs and conferences focused on supporting the education mission of the college.

The heart of the campus also supports the dining program and is home to five distinctly unique dining operations, a state of the art, centralized production kitchen and a thriving catering program. The new Robert and Ilene Wood Dining Commons offers a high quality restaurant style experience for our community with an incredible dining experience designed to enhance Muhlenberg's strong sense of community. Housed within the Robert and Ilene Wood Dining Commons, the Food Gallery features the Noshery, our kosher meat and dairy platforms under Star-K Certification. Adjacent to the Campus Restaurant, is the Mule Express program that supports meal plan members only for a quick, fresh meal on the go. Retail operations in Seegers Union include the Generals Quarters, the campus food court featuring diverse meal choices at a variety of food stations, including Sushi, Southwestern, 'Bergers Grill, as well as "kosher to go", and our popular coffee kiosk featuring Starbucks Coffee

Seegers Union is also home to the 'Berg Bookshop, student mailroom, the Student Media Center, Academic Resource, Office of Disabilities Services, Career Development, and Muhlenberg Dining Services.

# NEW SCIENCES BUILDING JOHN V. SHANKWEILER BIOLOGY BUILDING HARRY C. TREXLER SCIENCES TOWER PETER S. TRUMBOWER SCIENCE BUILDING

With the completion of the New Science Building and the complete renovation of Shankweiler, the science facilities at Muhlenberg now match the quality of our students, faculty and reputation for excellence. A "Science Street" runs from Trumbower across the new bridge, through Shankweiler and into the New Science Building. Various research neighborhoods are located along the "street" with clusters of offices, research and teaching labs grouped to facilitate the sharing of instrumentation amongst researchers with common interests. The neighborhoods are centered around a "living room" area where students and faculty can meet and informally continue conversations begun in class as well as share the latest research results.

The 47,362 square foot New Science Building completed in July of 2006 adjoins the 36,400 square foot John V. Shankweiler Biology Building which was completely renovated during the 2006-2007 academic year. The buildings house biology laboratories and biology faculty, chemistry laboratories, mathematics classrooms, a fourth floor green house and the Acopian Center for Ornithology. A main sciences corridor extending from the west end of the New Science Building, through the Shankweiler Building and a new 4,750 square foot Harry C. Trexler sciences tower, connects via raised walkways to the Trumbower Science Building, which houses the Departments of Chemistry, Physics and Mathematical Sciences. In addition to modern laboratories, lecture halls and classrooms, the building now totals nearly 150,000 square feet.

## **GEORGE T. ETTINGER BUILDING**

The George T. Ettinger Building, renovated during 1990-91, is an academic facility housing the Languages, Literatures & Cultures; Sociology & Anthropology; Political Science; Accounting, Business & Economics; and History Departments. The four-floor structure also houses the Walter and Margaret Berger Learning Center, the Office of Information Technology, numerous computer laboratories, a state-of-the-art language learning center, and the Price-Waterhouse accounting classroom.

### FORREST G. MOYER HALL

Forrest G. Moyer Hall, a new four-story academic building, was completed in April 2000. Named for alumnus Forrest G. Moyer, M.D., the building houses the Psychology, Education, Philosophy, and Religion Studies Departments. Included

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are psychology laboratories, departmental reading rooms, and faculty offices within a two-story atrium. Also located in this facility are the Center for Ethics and Leadership and the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding. The main level includes a large forum space to be used for lectures, conferences, and other special events.

### THE JOHN A. W. HAAS COLLEGE CENTER

The Haas College Center, formerly the Haas Library, is a campus and community landmark building renovated in 1989-1990. It houses administrative offices including Admissions, Alumni Relations, Financial Aid, Registrar, President's and Deans' offices, as well as Business/Finance/Treasurer, Human Resources, and Development offices. The Center contains public spaces including a tiered conference room, several meeting rooms and a spacious lobby used for ceremonial occasions.

### LIFE SPORTS CENTER

The Life Sports Center, completed in August of 2004 with a 40,000 square foot, three-level expansion, is now the largest building complex on the Muhlenberg campus. The Center is designed to support intercollegiate athletics as well as fitness, recreational, and intramural activities. The new addition includes a large coed weight room, spacious cardiovascular fitness area, coaches' offices, locker rooms, a new athletic training facility, and a juice bar and food venue.

Included in the new structure are conference rooms, classrooms, and suites for College Health Services and College Counseling Services. This new space is supported by a tournament size basketball court with seating for 3,500; a 32,000 square foot multi-use field house for tennis, indoor jogging and other activities; a six-lane, 25 meter swimming pool; racquetball and squash courts, a Pilates Center, and a wrestling room. A state-of-the-art AstroTurf GameDay Grass 3D synthetic turf field for football, lacrosse, and field hockey and an 8-lane all-weather track are adjacent to the Center. Six new all-weather tennis courts, soccer fields, sandpit volleyball courts and basketball courts are also located on campus.

### **STUDENT HOUSING**

A wide variety of housing experiences are made available for Muhlenberg's student population. Nine residence halls provide traditional dormitory and suite-style living arrangements.

41 houses and apartment buildings owned by the college located in the adjacent neighborhoods are available to those students who meet the special criteria to live in the Muhlenberg Independent Living Experiences (MILE) houses. Completing the housing offerings are three fraternities and four sorority houses. There is a fourth fraternity house that is not owned by the College.

### **OTHER CAMPUS FACILITIES**

The **John Peter Gabriel House** was constructed as part of the original four-building campus at Chew Street in the early twentieth century. Originally the President's residence, the two-and-a-half story brick home was completed in 1905. Gabriel House evolved to house the offices of the Deans of Admission and of Freshmen through 1989, but by 1990 it held the offices of the Education Department (prior to the construction of the Forrest G. Moyer, M.D. '35 Hall) and the Center for Adult Education and Development. In August of 2002, the Evening College was renamed in honor of trustee W. Clarke Wescoe, M.D., Class of 1941. The adult continuing education programs have continued to grow and evolve, and in December 2019 the program was renamed The Muhlenberg College Division of Graduate and Continuing Education and continues to occupy Gabriel House today.

**Walson Hall**, formerly Old Commons, opened in spring 2002 and is home to WMUH and the Department of Media and Communication. In addition to faculty offices, it contains a television studio, post production facilities and digital laboratories.

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**Hoffman House**, renovated in 1997, is host to meetings and other events for Muhlenberg faculty, staff, and guests. The facility includes an all-purpose room, several lounges, a seminar room, a kitchen, and three guest rooms.

## **OFF-CAMPUS FACILITIES**

The **Conrad W. Raker Biological Field Station and Wildlife Sanctuary**, a 40-acre wooded tract situated 15 miles north of the campus, is used by biology classes for field study. A section of Jordan Creek within the preserve provides added opportunity for aquatic biology studies. Students and staff also conduct research on varied aspects of plant and animal biology. **The Lee and Virginia Graver Arboretum**, a 50-acre tract located 20 miles northeast of campus, offers a diverse array of field research and other educational opportunities for Muhlenberg students. Its natural wooded area consists of Pennsylvania native plant species, a wild flower habitat with over 300 species, more than 3,000 rhododendrons, hundreds of azaleas and other broadleaf evergreens and an unusual collection of conifer tree species. It includes a 12-acre research facility which is also used for activities and meetings.

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Building	Gross Square Footage	Additional Information
217 Ott St. (faculty/staff residence)	1,444	Purchased 2005
221 N 22 <sup>nd</sup> St. (faculty/ staff residence)	1,972	Purchased 2007
325 N 23 <sup>rd</sup> St. (Hoffman House)	5,180	Purchased 1959
411 N 23 <sup>rd</sup> St. (faculty/ staff residence)	1,898	Purchased 2002
416 26 <sup>th</sup> St. (faculty/staff)	1,880	Purchased 2019
425 N 23rd St. (faculty/ staff residence)	1,700	Purchased 2003
316 N 26 <sup>th</sup> St. (faculty/ staff residence)	2,074	Gift 2000
429 N 23rd St. (faculty/ staff residence)	2,714	Purchased 1997
2142 Chew St (faculty/ staff residence)	2,700	Purchased 2000
2144 Chew St. (faculty/ staff residence)	2,148	Gift 2000
2152 Chew St. (faculty/ staff residence)	2,738	Purchased 2000
2220 Chew St. (Communications)	3,100	Purchased 2015
2222 Chew St. (External Affairs)	3,100	Purchased 1988
2238 Chew St. (Hillel & Sociology/ Anthropology)	19,648	Purchased 1995 & 2000; Renovation/ Addition 2010
2242 Chew St. (Global Education)	4,567	Purchased 2015
2252 Chew St. (Multicultural House)	3,726	Purchased 2006
2310 Chew St. (Hillside) (Academic Space)	9,550	Leased
2601 Chew St. (Guest House)	2,662	Purchased 1999
2604 Chew St. (faculty/ staff residence)	2,500	Purchased 1991
2610 Chew St. (faculty/ staff residence)	1,568	Purchased 2004
2626 Chew St. (faculty/ staff residence)	2,653	Purchased 2009

# ACADEMIC / ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS

339 N Leh St. President's House	4,353	Constructed 1927, Purchased 1964; Renovation / Addition 1992
2315 Liberty St. (faculty/ staff residence)	1,600	Purchased 2005
2339 Liberty St. (faculty/ staff residence)	1,285	Purchased 1986
2343 Liberty St. (Newman Center)	1,285	Purchased 1988
2625 Liberty (faculty/ staff residence)	3,500	Purchased 1986
Baker Center for the Arts	83,429	Constructed 1976
Dr. Forrest G. Moyer Hall	44,332	Constructed 2000
Egner Chapel	10,140	Constructed 1930, Restoration 1979
Ettinger Building	49,400	Constructed 1903, Reconstructed 1948, Renovated 1991
Garage/ Paint Shop	6,510	Constructed 1970
Haas College Center	32,984	Constructed 1929, Renovated 1990
Life Sports Center	165,147	Constructed 1954; Additions: 1982, 1991 & 2004
New Science Building	47,362	Constructed 2006
Peter Gabriel House	6,390	Constructed 1905

Plant Services Building	14,683	Constructed 1904, Reconstructed 1952, Additions: 1990 & 2003
Seegers Union	98,315	Constructed 1963, Additions: 1978, 1993, 1999, 2006, Renovation/ Addition 2010
Shankweiler Biology Building	38,373	Constructed 1970, Renovated 2006
Trexler Library	71,468	Constructed 1988
Trexler Pavilion for Theatre & Dance	44,002	Constructed 2000
Trumbower Science Building	62,685	Constructed 1927
Walson Hall	16,664	Constructed 1912
233 Ott St.	2,536	Purchased 2001
2309 Turner St.	10,500	Renovation & Addition 2010

# **STUDENT RESIDENCES**

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Building	Gross Square Footage	Additional Information
319-321 N 22 <sup>nd</sup> St. (MILE)	3,318	Purchased 1996
320 N 22 <sup>nd</sup> St. (Delta Zeta, Fred Augustus House)	5,130	Purchased 1968
323 N 22 <sup>nd</sup> St. (MILE)	1,753	Purchased 1995
330 N 22 <sup>nd</sup> St. (Phi Mu)	4,815	Purchased 1952
407-409 N 23 <sup>rd</sup> St. (MILE)	4,858	Purchased 1995
423 N 23 <sup>rd</sup> St.(MILE)	3,600	Purchased 1993
427 N 23 <sup>rd</sup> St. (Ultimate Frisbee Interest House.)	2,714	Purchased 1997
435 N 23 <sup>rd</sup> St. (MILE)	2,113	Purchased 2012
437 N 23 <sup>rd</sup> St. (MILE)	2,113	Purchased 2006
439 N 23 <sup>rd</sup> St. (MILE)	4,270	Purchased 1994
318 Albright St. (Alpha Epsilon Pi.)	2,884	Purchased 1998
414 Albright St. (MILE)	2,106	Purchased 1998
428 Albright St. (MILE)	2,292	Purchased 1998
432 Albright St. (MILE)	1,944	Purchased 1998
2135 Chew St. (MILE)	2,401	Purchased 2002
2137 Chew St. (MILE)	2,401	Purchased 2001
2141 Chew St. (MILE)	2,401	Purchased 1999
2143 Chew St. (MILE)	1,812	Purchased 2000
2145 Chew St. (MILE)	2,519	Purchased 1995
2147 Chew St. (MILE)	2,147	Purchased 1994
2201 Chew St. (quarantine housing)	22,060	Constructed 2007
2206 Chew St. (MILE)	3,220	Purchased 1987
2208 Chew St. (MILE)	3,100	Purchased 1989
2214 Chew St. (MILE)	1,994	Purchased 1999
2216 Chew St. (MILE)	2,750	Purchased 1992
2221 Chew St. (Alpha Chi Omega, Millerheim)	6,341	Purchased 1959
2223 Chew St. (MILE)	1,872	Purchased 1995; Renovated/ Addition 2009
2302 Chew St. Alpha Tau Omega (Hillcrest)	9,456	Greek Off Campus, Renovated 2015
2202 Gordon St. (Delta Tau Delta.)	1,458	Purchased 1982
2228 Gordon St. (Zeta Beta Tau.)	3,867	Purchased 1972
2235 Gordon St. (MILE)	3,760	Purchased 1996
2245 Gordon St. (MILE Keck House)	5,016	Constructed 1994

415-419 Leh St. (MILE)	10,871	Purchased 2000
2216 Liberty St. (MILE)	2,744	Purchased 1998
2241-2243 Liberty St. (MILE)	5,741	Purchased 1994
2245 Liberty St. (MILE)	2,632	Purchased 1998
2251 Liberty St. (PRIDE House)	3,174	Purchased 1994
2317 Liberty St. (MILE)	1,600	Gift 1993
2333 Liberty St. (MILE)	1,818	Purchased 1963
2411 Liberty St. (MILE)	1,482	Purchased 1995
Benfer Hall	21,533	Constructed 1965
Brown Hall	50,100	Constructed 1916
East Hall	61,976	Constructed 1903, Addition 2013, Renovated 2014
Kathryn P. Taylor Hall	35,722	Constructed 1996
Martin Luther Hall	56,642	Constructed 1957, Renovated 1977, 1989, 1994; Addition 1989
Prosser Hall	58,506	Constructed 1965, Addition 1978
Robertson Hall	29,620	Constructed 2002
South Hall	31,400	Constructed 2002
The Village (MILE) & Commons	43,065	Constructed 2007
Walz Hall	35,578	Constructed 1960, Addition 2001
2442 Tilghman St. (MILE)	5,568	Purchased 1998

# PROPERTY ACREAGE

Property	Acreage	Additional Information
The Raker Wildlife Preserve	38	Gift 1989
Graver Arboretum	64	Gift 1993
Allentown Campus Properties	82	
2345 Liberty Street	0.25	Purchased 2002
Total Acreage	184	

# 3. RESIDENCE CAPACITIES

	Capacity	Fall 2021 Occupancy
RESIDENCE HALLS		
Benfer	115	114
Brown	179	140
East	172	154
Martin Luther	253	232
Robertson	68	63
South	72	70
Prosser	281	254
Taylor	108	99
Walz	190	169
Subtotal	1,438	1,341
MILE/GREEK HOUSING (COLLEGE OWNED)		
MILE	345	324
Augustus/Delta Zeta	13	12
12Henrietta/Phi Sigma Sigma	16	13
Millerheim/Alpha Chi Omega	18	16
330 N 22nd/Phi Mu	5	5
318 Albright/Alpha Epsilon Pi	8	8
2202 Gordon/Delta Tau Delta	5	4
2228 Gordon/Zeta Beta Tau	7	6
Subtotal	417	388
GREEK HOUSING (NON-COLLEGE OWNED)		
Alpha Tau Omega	24	19
Subtotal	24	19
OTHER HOUSING		
Off Campus		114
Commuters		95
Education Abroad/DC/NYS		159
Remote		5
Subtotal		273
TOTAL	1,879	1,975