



## Welcome to Eastern Mennonite University

Welcome to the learning community at Eastern Mennonite University! I believe that your time among us will be a time of significant academic, spiritual and social growth.

You will grow academically through challenging classes with engaged professors, participating in cross-cultural experiences, and through your interactions with fellow learners. Our faculty and staff will challenge you to take seriously our vision to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8).

You will grow in knowledge, attitudes and skills as you meet people from different cultures and with unique life experiences. Your conversations with them about diverse issues will strengthen your own beliefs even as you dialog with those who hold different perspectives.

You will make new friends, prepare for a future career and adopt a personal lifestyle as you launch out on your own away from your family. Through many activities, we will help you explore your inmost yearnings along with God's call to serve humankind. These years at EMU will literally influence you for a lifetime!

We invite God to be present among us as we journey together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loren E. Swartzendruber".

Loren E. Swartzendruber

# Undergraduate Catalog 2012-13

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### Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

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### The Baccalaureate Degree

The baccalaureate degree at Eastern Mennonite University assumes an ability to think logically, act rationally and perform creatively. It reflects sustained study in the arts and sciences. The bearer of the degree will have completed an academic major in a discipline or a defined course of study at the post-secondary level.



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# 2012-13 Calendar

## Fall Semester

August	15-16	Faculty/Staff Conference	
	25-27	New Student Orientation	
	27	Final Fall Registration	
	28	FALL SEMESTER CLASSES BEGIN	8:00 a.m.
	29	Fall Semester Convocation	10:00 a.m.
October	12-14	Homecoming and Parents Weekend	
	19	Mid-Semester Recess Begins	5:30 p.m.
	24	Classes Resume	8:00 a.m.
November	20	Thanksgiving Recess Begins	5:05 p.m.
	26	Classes Resume	8:00 a.m.
December	7	Fall Graduates Reception	
	10	Last Day of Classes	
	11	Final Exams Begin	8:00 a.m.
	14	Final Exams End	12:40 p.m.

## Spring Semester

January	6	New Student Registration	4:00 p.m.
	7	SPRING SEMESTER CLASSES BEGIN	8:00 a.m.
	9	Spring Semester Convocation	10:00 a.m.
March	1	Mid-Semester Recess Begins	5:30 p.m.
	11	Classes Resume	8:00 a.m.
	28	Easter Recess Begins	5:05 p.m.
April	2	Classes Resume	8:00 a.m.
	22	Last Day of Classes	
	23	Final Exams Begin	8:00 a.m.
	26	Final Exams End	12:40 p.m.
	27	Baccalaureate	7:00 p.m.
	28	Ninety-fifth Annual Commencement	1:00 p.m.



## Introduction

The year 1917 was a year of revolution and war—revolution in Russia and, for Americans, first-hand encounter with modern warfare as the U.S. entered World War I. It seems, in retrospect, an inauspicious time for pacifist Mennonites who abhor war and revolution to be launching a new educational venture. But the people of God respond to a time clock governed by faith.

Therefore, the humble beginning of Eastern Mennonite University in the peaceful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia provides a moving counterpoint to a year of rapine and violence seldom matched in the annals of human history.

Eastern Mennonite School, as it was first called, began as a Bible academy and is now a fully accredited university with over 1,400 students in the undergraduate, seminary and graduate programs. EMU was founded to provide a setting for young men and women of the Mennonite Church to deepen their biblical faith, study the liberal arts and gain specific skills in a variety of professions.

That tri-part objective has remained central to the purpose of the university, and its history is the story of an ever-broadening curriculum and program. In 1930 the university was accredited by the Virginia Board of Education as a junior college. Seventeen years later, in 1947, a four-year degree program was approved by the state of Virginia, and regional accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools was achieved in 1959.

By 1965 a graduate theological school had evolved. Eastern Mennonite Seminary, which seeks to prepare persons for Christian ministry—especially in the local congregation—offers an intensive, well-rounded program of biblical, theological, historical and practical studies.

During the early 1960s, the university instituted a unique interdisciplinary core curriculum, Christianity and Civilization. That program has evolved into a curriculum entitled the EMU Core which is not only interdisciplinary but also cross-cultural in its focus.

The first graduate program (other than seminary)—counseling—began in 1993. It was followed by two others in the next two years—conflict transformation and education. An adult degree completion program was established in 1994. A distinctive MBA program began in the fall of 1999 and an MSN program was initiated in 2010.

The school's name was changed from "college and seminary" to "university" in August 1994.

Biblical studies, liberal arts, graduate programs and professional training—EMU is still evolving, but its roots reach deep into Mennonite heritage which takes history seriously and reveres humble service guided by faith and knowledge.

## Philosophy

The educational task of Eastern Mennonite University is rooted in the Christian faith and its scriptures as they have been interpreted and lived out in a unique Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition. This tradition embraces God's gift of reconciliation through the cross and the power of the resurrection to create new life in conformity to the teaching and spirit of Jesus.

Eastern Mennonite University, in continuity with the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition, is guided by several particular theological principles. We believe that Jesus Christ is the word of God Incarnate. We believe the Bible is the inspired book for the church and the authoritative guide for faith and life. The church is a community of work and worship where Christ is made known and where truth and meaning of life are discovered. Discipleship, which includes personal devotion to Christ, simplicity of life, peacebuilding (which expresses itself in reconciliation, active pursuit of justice and non-participation in the military), evangelism and Christian service, is the mark of an authentic Christian life. Agape love, the style of life modeled in Jesus, should shape our common life. EMU affirms the Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective together with other statements regarding faith and practice endorsed by the Mennonite Church USA. EMU recognizes its accountability to the Mennonite Church USA.

Students are encouraged to embrace this faith heritage while their own convictions and experiences and those of other religious heritages are respected. EMU seeks to deepen students' faith and life in Christ, while also encouraging them to critique their own faith tradition in wholesome ways.

Recognizing God as the creator of all, EMU exposes students to many ways

of knowing. By studying a broad-based liberal arts curriculum that features knowledge in a particular field and significant experience in a cross-cultural setting, undergraduate students deepen their understanding of the human condition and commitment to Christian service. Specialized graduate programs that express EMU's particular strengths and commitments combine the rigor of academic specialization with practical preparation for service in the larger church and world. Learning has great consequence when it occurs in the intimacy of a campus village conscious of its own faith heritage, but open to and connecting with the vitality of a variety of world cultures.

Teaching and learning require mutuality in which teachers and students share opportunities and responsibilities. The faculty bring to their task specialized knowledge as well as an ability to make broad connections across the disciplines. They take responsibility for the direction of the learning process. The student is an active participant in learning, setting goals, determining procedures and evaluating results.

Faculty are expected to practice what they teach, demonstrating the creative possibilities of devout faith combined with serious reflection. The spiritual, moral and intellectual persuasiveness of faculty comes from significant engagement in congregational life, Christian service, and a demonstrated love for learning.

Creative teaching and learning affect the mind and character of the student. At its best education engenders in students a sense of idealism and responsibility, as well as a reverent humility before the awesome complexities and ambiguities of life.

*Approved by EMU Board of Trustees, November 1994*

*Approved by Mennonite Board of Education, January 1995*

## Mission Statement

### Identity

A leader among faith-based universities, Eastern Mennonite University emphasizes peacebuilding, creation care, experiential learning, and cross-cultural engagement. Founded in 1917 in Harrisonburg, Virginia, EMU is an educational institution of Mennonite Church USA. EMU serves students of diverse religious and cultural backgrounds and confers undergraduate, graduate, and seminary degrees.

### Mission

EMU educates students to serve and lead in a global context. Our Christian community challenges students to pursue their life calling through scholarly inquiry, artistic creation, guided practice, and life-changing cross-cultural encounter. We invite each person to follow Christ's call to bear witness to faith, serve with compassion, and walk boldly in the way of nonviolence and peace.

### Vision

EMU envisions a learning community marked by academic excellence, creative process, professional competence, and passionate Christian faith, offering healing and hope in our diverse world. To this end, we commit ourselves to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

### Shared Values

EMU embodies the enduring values of the Anabaptist tradition: Christian discipleship, community, service, and peacebuilding.

Together we worship God, seek truth, and care for God's creation.

*Approved by the EMU Board of Trustees, June 28, 2008*

## Accreditation

Eastern Mennonite University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, baccalaureate and masters degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call (404) 679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Eastern Mennonite University. The university is certified to operate by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

The baccalaureate degree of the nursing program at Eastern Mennonite University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, the accrediting body of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036; (202) 887-6791; [www.aacn.nche.edu](http://www.aacn.nche.edu). The nursing program is also approved by the Virginia State Board of Nursing.

The teacher education department at Eastern Mennonite University is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), [www.ncate.org](http://www.ncate.org). This accreditation covers initial teacher preparation programs and advanced educator preparation programs. NCATE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation to accredit programs for the preparation of teachers. However, the accreditation does not include individual education courses that the institution offers to P-12 educators for professional development, relicensure, or other purposes. The program is approved by the Virginia Department of Education.

The social work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, 1600 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3421, (703) 683-8080.

To see any of the above accreditation documentation, contact the office of the provost.

EMU holds memberships in the Council of Independent Colleges, the Council of Independent Colleges of Virginia, the Association of Virginia Colleges and Universities, the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, the National Association of Independent Colleges and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

The university is governed by a 19-member Board of Trustees appointed by the Mennonite Education Agency which coordinates the educational endeavors of the Mennonite Church, USA. The university is supported by and receives counsel from the alumni, parents, churches, friends of the university and the local community.

## Location

Eastern Mennonite University is located in the heart of the scenic and historic Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Situated in Harrisonburg, a city of 49,000 people, EMU is fronted on the east by the Massanutten and Blue Ridge mountain ranges. To the west lie the Alleghenies.

Only 125 miles from the nation's capital and 115 miles from Richmond, the state capital, EMU has an ideal location for historical and cultural field trips.

Harrisonburg is served by Interstate 81 as well as two national highways, U.S. 33 and 11. The Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport, about 15 minutes from the university, provides regular air service.

## Campus and Facilities

The 90-acre campus contains 38 buildings nestled on a hillside overlooking the Shenandoah Valley.

The **Campus Center**, completed in 1986, houses administrative offices, classrooms, faculty offices and post office.

This building replaces the former administration building which was destroyed by fire January 17, 1984.

Completed in 1968, the **Daniel B. Suter Science Center** houses classrooms and ten well-equipped laboratories as well as the planetarium, museum, greenhouse and Conviron plant growth chamber.

The **D. Ralph Hostetter Museum of Natural History** features collections of rocks, minerals, fossils, and mounted birds and mammals. The newly refurbished **Discovery Room** contains hands-on displays and specimens focusing on animal adaptations, fossil formation, and the rock cycle. It is open to the public Sunday afternoons and for group tours and workshops by appointment. Museum information can be found at: [www.emu.edu/sciencecenter/museum](http://www.emu.edu/sciencecenter/museum)

Adjacent to the Science Center and including historic **Park Woods** is the 14-acre **Arboretum** featuring perennials, shrubs and the **Acker Nut Grove** for research in native nuts.

The **Chester K. Lehman Auditorium**, built in 1942, was expanded and remodeled in 1975. The lower level houses the music department, including classrooms, practice rooms and a recital hall. The main auditorium seats 900 and has a 22-rank Reuter pipe organ as well as a Bösendorfer concert grand piano.

Between the Science Center and the Lehman Auditorium is the **Sadie A. Hartzler Library** building which opened in 1971. It offers a mix of quiet study carrels and areas for group work. In addition to books and periodicals, there are numerous public access computers and a computer lab as well as wireless access through the entire building. The first floor is home to Learning Resources which provides educational technology for students and teachers. The building also houses the **Menno Simons Historical Library**, the **EMU Archives** and the **Academic Support Center**. The **Hartzler Library Art Gallery** is located on the third floor and features local and international art throughout the

academic year. In the fall of 2010 high-efficiency photovoltaic panels capable of generating 104.3 kilowatts of electricity were installed on the library roof, making this the largest photovoltaic installation in Virginia.

Outdoor athletic facilities constructed in 1988-90 include the **Bomberger Field** for soccer, the **Gehman Field** for softball, a multi-purpose artificial turf field, varsity baseball field, lighted tennis courts, sand volleyball courts and outdoor basketball courts.

The campus provides housing options for students in four traditional residence halls, two intentional community houses, and suites/apartments. **Cedarwood Residence Hall**, a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified building opened for student residents in Fall, 2009. LEED-certified renovations to **Elmwood Residence Hall** and **Maplewood Residence Hall** were completed in 2011. Students who are junior status or 20 years of age or older may apply to live in a suite/apartment with 2-4 other students. Since this is a competitive process, additional criteria are considered for housing placements. The dining hall serves cafeteria style meals for students with continuous, unlimited service for those living in the traditional residence halls and a 60 block plan for those juniors living in Hillside Suites and Parkwood Apartments.

**Astral Hall** houses the transmitter for WEMC-FM 91.7, Virginia's first public radio station, which serves the central Shenandoah Valley with the global perspective of BBC news as well as a rich blend of classical, jazz, folk, sacred and world music. The program schedule is at [www.wmra.org](http://www.wmra.org).

Dedicated in 1975, the **Discipleship Center** provides a hill-top setting for informal gatherings. The center was built in memory of Frank T. Harman.

Just a few hundred feet south of the Campus Center is the **Seminary**

**Building**. Approximately 150 students are enrolled in the seminary.

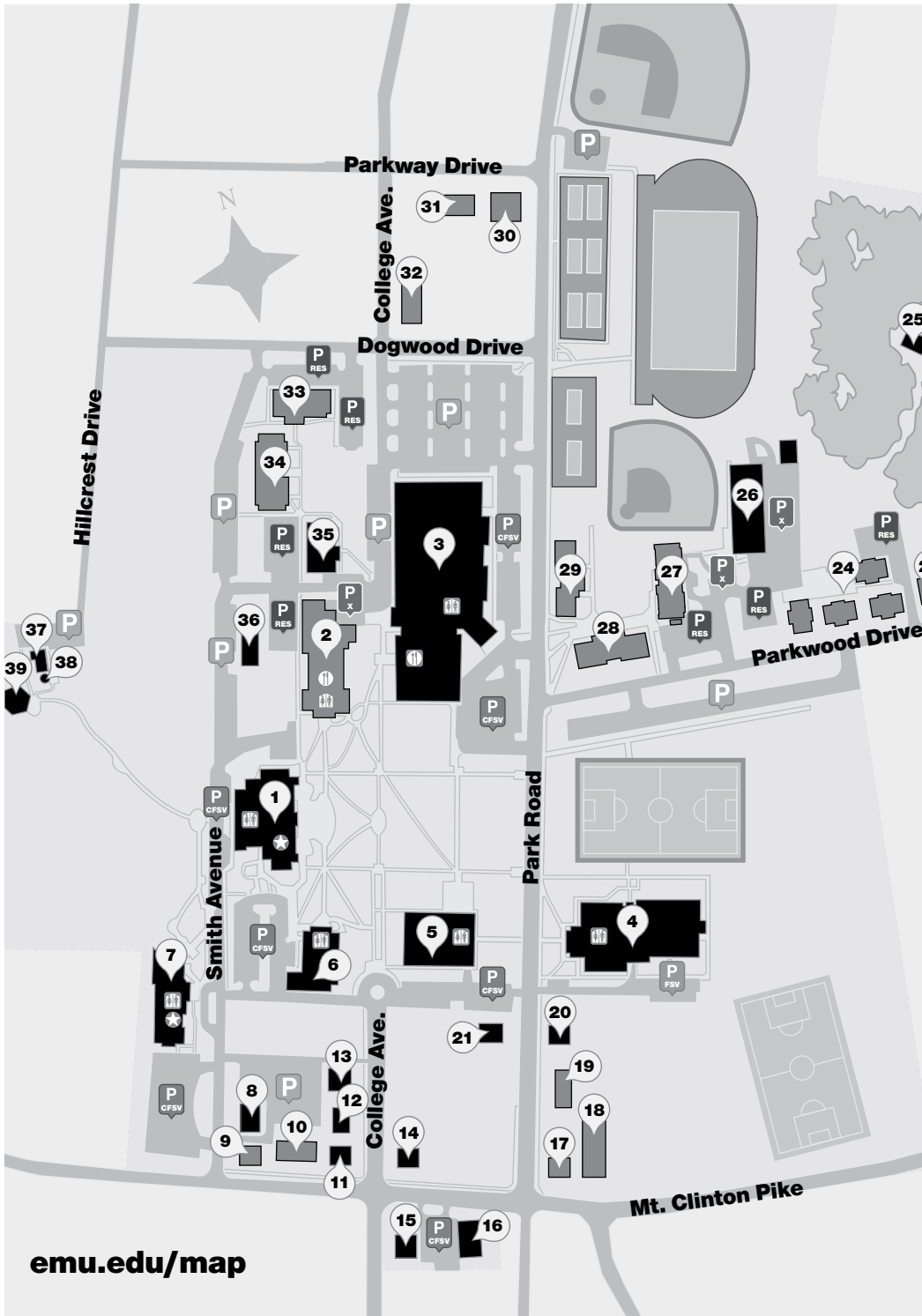
North of Northlawn residence hall lies the **Esther K. Augsburg Art Center**, completed in Fall 2001. The facility houses a design and printmaking studio, painting and drawing studio, ceramics/3-D studio, digital media lab and darkroom. The building features specialized art-making equipment, student work-space, and art-specific health and safety features including specialized ventilation.

The **University Commons** is a multipurpose facility with approximately 138,000 square feet of space for athletics, academics, student life and special events as well as the Royals' Den (snack shop) and the University Bookstore. The building also contains the faculty offices for the Theater and the Visual and Communication Arts departments. The former Gymnasium-Student Center, renovated in the summer of 2010, is the location for the 200-seat Main Stage Theater, the Lee E. Eshleman Studio Theater, and theater tech space. In addition, the renovated building houses the Margaret Martin Gehman Art Gallery, a digital media classroom, and expanded space for the Common Grounds Coffeehouse

Adjacent to the campus on the east is Eastern Mennonite High School. The high school is fully accredited and enrolls over 300 students in grades 6-12.

In addition to the Harrisonburg campus, EMU also operates a site in Lancaster, Pennsylvania for working adults. This site, known as **EMU at Lancaster**, is located at 1846 Charter Lane in the Greenfield Corporate Park. Programs offered at this location include the Adult Degree Completion Program with major in Nursing, Master of Arts in Education Program, and seminary classes. The facility houses three classrooms and administrative offices.

# CAMPUS MAP



[emu.edu/map](http://emu.edu/map)

## BUILDING KEY

- Information
- Public restrooms
- Food
- Academic
- Residential

## PARKING KEY

- Unrestricted, public
- Fac/staff, visitor
- Commuter, fac/staff, visitor
- Residential
- Restricted

## CAMPUS DIRECTORY



## OFFICE AND DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORY

(Building number and phone ext.)

Add prefix 432 from off-campus (local); Add 540-432 long-distance

3D Security Initiative	14	4497	Intensive English Program	8	4059
Academic Support Center	5	4254	International Student Services	3	4459
Admissions, Undergrad	1	4118	Applied Social Sciences Dept.	13	4450
Admissions, Seminary	7	4257	Language & Literature Dept.	1	4168
Adult Degree Completion Program	1	4982	Library	5	4175
Advancement	1	4203	MA in Counseling	7	4243
Alumni/Parent Relations	1	4294	MA in Education	1	4350
Apartment Rentals	3	4662	Marketing & Communications	20	4056
Art Galleries			Martin Chapel	7	
Sadie Hartzler Library	5		Mathematical Sciences Dept.	4	4400
Student Gallery	3		MBA	1	4150
Athletics	3	4440	MS in Nursing	1	4186
Auxiliary Services	3	4662	Multicultural Programs	3	4458
Bach Festival	6	4652	Museum (D. R. Hostetter)	4	4400
Bible & Religion Dept.	12	4463	Music Dept.	6	4225
Biology Dept.	4	4400	Music Studios	11	4242
Bookstore	3	4250	Nursing Dept.	1	4186
Box Office	3	4582	Physical Education & Recreation Dept.	3	4440
Business & Economics Dept.	1	4150	Physical Plant	26	4390
Business Office	1	4575	Post Office	1	4253
Campus Ministries	3	4196	Preparatory Music	6	4277
Career Services	3	4131	President's Office	1	4100
Center for Justice and Peacebuilding	16	4490	Printing Services	26	4543
Chemistry Dept.	4	4400	Provost	1	4105
Church Relations	21	4589	Psychology Dept.	4	4431
Coming to the Table	15	4491	Recreational Sports	3	4133
Common Grounds Coffeehouse	3	4675	Registrar	1	4110
Computer Labs	1, 4, 5		Royals' Den (snack shop)	3	4335
Congregational Resource Center	7	4219	Security	26	4911
Counseling Services	3	4317	Seminary	7	4260
Cross-cultural Program	1	4591	Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir	34	4650
Development	21	4200	Sports Information Office	3	4441
Dining Hall	2	4311	STAR Program	14	4651
Disability Support Services	5	4233	Strite Conference Suite	1	
Discovery Room	4	4400	Student Government	3	4135
Education Dept.	1	4142	Student Life	3	4135
Financial Assistance	1	4137	Studio Theater	3	
Fitness Center	3	4341	Summer Peacebuilding Institute	15	4653
Game Room	3	4375	Theater Dept.	3	4360
Health Services	3	4317	Undergraduate Dean	1	4141
History Dept.	4	4408	User Services/Help Desk	5	4357
Housing/Residence Life	3	4128	Visual & Communication Arts Dept.	3, 35	4360
Human Resources	1	4108	Weather Vane	8	4338
Information Office	1	4000	Weaver Wellness Suite	3	4317
Information Systems	1	4357	Yoder Arena (gymnasium)	3	
Institutional Research	1	4304			

Applied Social Sciences / Suter House	13	IEP / Heatwole House II (Amon)	8
Art Center, Esther K. Augsbarger	35	Lehman Auditorium	6
Bible & Religion / Blosser House	12	Maplewood	28
Bomberger House (not pictured)	23	Marketing / Anderson House	20
Campus Center	1	Mt. Clinton Apartments	10
Cedarwood	27	Music Studios / Lehman House	11
Center for Justice & Peacebuilding / Martin Store	16	Northlawn	2
Development / Suter II House	21	Observatory	38
Discipleship Center	39	Park Cabin	25
Dorothy Heatwole House	30	Parkwood Apartments	24
Elmwood	29	Physical Plant	26
Ernest Martin House (not pictured)	22	President's Residence / 1919 Park Rd	40
Eshleman House	32	Redmond House	17
Gnagey House	31	Roselawn	34
Guild	36	Rutt House	19
Hartzler (Sadie) Library	5	Seminary	7
SPI, Coming to the Table / H.D. Weaver House	15	STAR, 3D Security / Brunk House	14
Guest House / Heatwole House	9	Suter Science Center	4
Hillside Suites	33	Village Apartments	18
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