

Campus Buildings

The Seton Hill Community

Seton Hill University is much more than its buildings. It is a community composed of students, faculty, staff and alumni, each of whom has helped to shape the Seton Hill that we experience today. The leaders of this community represent the true builders of Seton Hill.

Main Campus (On ‘The Hill’)

Administration Building

An 1888 issue of the Altoona Times described this large Romanesque building (then nearing completion) as “the finest educational institution in western Pennsylvania.” In 2001 the Administration Building re-opened after an extensive three-year renovation that maintained the historic Victorian-era charm of the building while fitting it for today’s students. The Administration Building contains classrooms equipped with the latest technology, the National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education, and various administrative and student support offices, including the Griffin Welcome Center, Admissions offices, and the Office of Financial Services and the Registrar.

Bayley Hall

Bayley Hall was constructed in 1976 and houses the Finance Department, which includes the Business Office, Accounts Payable, and Purchasing. It is named in honor of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, whose maiden name was Bayley.

The Child Development Center

The Child Development Center (CDC), which opened in 1967, is a preschool for children ages 3 to 5. The nationally accredited CDC is under the direction of Seton Hill’s Division of Education. The CDC provides a valuable community service while affording Seton Hill students the opportunity to observe, work, and learn in an accredited early childhood environment.

The Field House

The field house is located near the playing fields and houses two sets of locker rooms (two male and two female) in addition to a weight room that is open for all athletes to use. Fall sports teams and spring sports teams use the locker rooms during their respective seasons. An athletic training room is also located in the field house.

The JoAnne Woodyard Boyle Health Sciences Center

This impressive building, opened in 2015 and named in honor of the University's ninth President, contains laboratories, classrooms, and examination rooms for teaching, learning, and research in the health sciences. The Health Science Center’s multi-story glass-fronted “kiva” provides a great view of campus for students who study in the lounges it encloses.

Katherine Mabis McKenna Center

The McKenna Center, opened in 2005, provides well-equipped facilities to accommodate the needs of all students interested in pursuing lifelong habits of fitness and wellness. The centerpiece of the McKenna Center is

the competition Salvitti Gymnasium seating 1,200. The Center also offers aerobics and fitness rooms, a weight facility, locker rooms, two intramural courts, athletic training facilities, and athletic department offices. The Eden Hall Foundation Running Track, which circles the second floor of the McKenna Center, offers panoramic views of the Laurel Highlands on one side, and an unobstructed view of the gymnasium on the other. The exterior walls of Sullivan Hall serve as interior walls for the McKenna Center, a symbol of continuity that honors, according to former President JoAnne Boyle, “the vision of those who went before us as we build for the future.”

Lowe Hall

The University’s main dining hall – a fine example of Lombard Gothic architecture – is located in Lowe Hall, built in 1920 as the first residence hall on campus. Lowe Hall also contains student life and administrative offices. The building’s name honors Mother Aloysia Lowe of the Sisters of Charity, who led the Sisters in the purchasing of the land that was to become Seton Hill’s campus, and who was integral in every aspect of the college’s early days. Mother Aloysia described Seton Hill as “to me, the dearest spot on earth.”

Lynch Hall

The Clay Frick Lynch Hall of Science opened in the fall of 1970. Lynch Hall features classrooms, faculty offices, and laboratories for many of the programs in Seton Hill’s Division of Natural and Health Sciences. Lynch Hall also houses many of the classrooms and the lecture hall for LECOM at Seton Hill, the medical school on Seton Hill’s campus. The Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) opened LECOM at Seton Hill in the fall of 2009. The name of the building honors the memory of an outstanding civic and industrial leader of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

Maura Hall

Maura Hall, built in 1908, currently houses classrooms, labs, student residence rooms, and administrative offices.

Reeves Memorial Library

Reeves Memorial Library, dedicated in the fall of 1958, is named for the Reverend Dr. James A. Reeves, fifth president of Seton Hill. In 2014, the University completed a major renovation of the building, creating a Learning Commons that contains independent and collaborative learning spaces, the Career and Professional Development Center, the Center for Innovative Teaching, the Solution Center, the Writing Center, Reeves Memorial Library, and Reeves Theatre.

Residence Halls

Residence facilities for students are located in Maura Hall, Lowe Hall, Canevin Hall, Havey Hall, Brownlee Hall, Farrell Hall, and De Chantal Hall. Lowe Hall, opened in 1920, was named for Mother Aloysia Lowe, first Mother Superior of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. Canevin Hall, dedicated in 1924, was named for Bishop Regis Canevin of Pittsburgh, who gave his approval and encouragement to Seton Hill University in its early days. Farrell Hall, opened in 2004, was named in honor of Eileen Farrell, the first lay president of Seton Hill. De Chantal Hall, named for Sr. De Chantal Leis, dean of women from 1951 until 1964, opened in the fall of 2005. Brownlee Hall, opened in 1965, is named in honor of Sr. Francesca Brownlee, a directress of Saint Joseph Academy and Seton Hill’s dean from 1919 until 1929. Havey Hall, opened in 1958, was named for Mother Mary Joseph Havey, first president of Seton Hill.

Saint Joseph Chapel & Cecilian Hall

Saint Joseph Chapel, “the heart of Seton Hill,” was dedicated on November 18, 1890. The chapel, with its pillars of rose Georgian marble, intricately sculpted high and side altars of Carrara marble, 18 stained glass windows (including two 16 foot rose windows and a circular angel window in the ceiling above the altar), and hand-carved wooden pews, is still used daily at Seton Hill. In stained glass above the main entrance are depicted values dear to the hearts of the Sisters of Charity: humility, simplicity, and charity. The wing that houses the chapel is also home to the majestic Cecilian Hall, long used for graduation ceremonies, music and theatre performances, lectures, and special events.

Saint Joseph Hall

Saint Joseph Hall, originally a residence for the Sisters associated with the University and now faculty office space, was constructed in 1923.

Saint Mary Hall

The Stokes mansion was one of the few usable buildings still standing when the Sisters of Charity purchased the land that would become Seton Hill’s campus. Named for previous owner William Stokes, a wealthy lawyer and a major in the Civil War, this grand home had once contained the first private library Andrew Carnegie had ever seen, inspiring the public libraries he established in later years. The Stokes mansion served as the Sisters’ first home on the campus, and as the first home of the Saint Joseph Academy, a boarding school for girls run by the Sisters. After Saint Joseph Academy moved to the new Administration Building in 1889, the Saint Mary’s School for Boys was moved to the Stokes mansion, and the building has been referred to as Saint Mary Hall ever since. The original building served the college for many years, but eventually had to be rebuilt. The current Saint Mary Hall houses the administrative offices related to Institutional Advancement.

Sullivan Hall

Sullivan Hall, opened in 1929, is often referred to as Seton Hill’s “castle building.” It was officially named in 1947 to honor the Reverend Dr. Daniel R. Sullivan, the fourth president of Seton Hill. Designed in the Norman Chateau style, Sullivan Hall houses the campus bookstore, the alternate gymnasium, the Griffin’s Cove cafe, and student lounges.

Technology Commons and MediaSphere

The Technology Commons takes up the greater part of what used to be Seton Hill’s Music Wing (behind Cecilian Hall). This building now houses the Information Technology, Custodial, and Maintenance Departments. It is also home to the MediaSphere. The MediaSphere surrounds its inhabitants with giant wall monitors (one with a smart board overlay that allows it to switch easily from monitor to virtual chalkboard) and provides students and professors with mobile workstations, specially designed furniture, and powerful computers that can run the most sophisticated gaming software. The MediaSphere transforms into a collaborative learning center when class, faculty, or staff technology training is not in session, and can be reserved for use by anyone on campus.

Downtown Greensburg Campus

Center for Family Therapy

The Seton Hill University Center for Family Therapy, located in downtown Greensburg just a few doors from the Performing Arts Center, serves as a community-based mental health and training site. Therapy is provided by advanced Marriage and Family Therapy graduate students who are specializing in individual, couples, and

family therapy. Using state-of-the-art training facilities, therapists are mentored by experienced clinicians or the faculty at Seton Hill University.

Performing Arts Center (P.A.C.)

Seton Hill's Performing Arts Center, located in Greensburg's cultural district just seconds from main campus, opened in fall 2009. The 73,000 square foot Center houses two dedicated, flexible performance spaces, the Carol Reichgut Concert Hall and the William Granger Ryan Theatre. The Center also includes classrooms, rehearsal rooms, and technical areas that include the best equipment for learning and performing – from Steinway pianos to the latest in lighting, sound, video, and acoustics. The Center also houses faculty and administrative offices for Seton Hill's programs in music and theatre.

Seton Hill Arts Center

Opened in 2015, the Seton Hill Arts Center is centrally located in the heart of downtown Greensburg, within easy walking distance to the Performing Arts Center and main campus. The industrial-chic design of the 46,000 square foot building honors the region's long history of creating things that last. The Arts Center features sculpture, graphic design, metalsmithing, clay, photography, printmaking, drawing, and painting studios; welding facilities and a foundry; art therapy and education studios; and Harlan Gallery. The Art Yard, a public art space incorporated into the design of the building, also serves as exhibit space for larger student and faculty pieces.