

PITTSBURGH PLAYHOUSE

POINT PARK UNIVERSITY

A reputation for preservation

Point Park University's Academic Village Initiative has laid out a vision developed by the community, regional stakeholders and the University for positive growth. The University has worked to reinvigorate Wood Street, the Boulevard of the Allies and the Forbes Avenue corridors with projects that support academics while also complementing the history, honoring the architecture and developing a strong economic future for the neighborhood.

A campus stroll down Wood Street offers a tour of urban architecture, stretching from the classic terra cotta details of century-old West Penn Hall at First Avenue to the historic bank building that houses the University Center between Fourth and Forbes Avenues.

"Point Park is honored to be the steward of an extraordinary collection of turn-of-the-century properties," said Paul Hennigan, president of Point Park. "These buildings have been lovingly restored over the years, giving each a new place in the vibrancy of Downtown.

The new Pittsburgh Playhouse will continue in the same tradition of historic preservation and creative reuse.

Point Park's **University Center (top right)**, which is part of the completed Pittsburgh Playhouse project, already has been extensively restored and maintained as a vibrant library and facilities for the Cinema Arts program. The center is made up of four buildings, the oldest of which dates back to 1893.

Students, faculty and staff will use the University Center as the day-to-day entrance for the Playhouse, with the Forbes Avenue entrance reserved for shows.

Also part of the Playhouse is the historic **Stock Exchange Building (bottom right)**, which was designed in 1903 by Charles Bartberger. Part of that work entailed removing a flat ceiling, added in 1940, to expose the building's original stained glass coffered ceiling.

A café is housed inside the Stock Exchange Building and is accessible through doors in the urban courtyard. The building is home to other areas of the Playhouse, too, including the prop shop.

