

Property at a glance

Location: Xavier University,
Cincinnati, OH

Staff: Xavier University Physical Plant

Category: School or University
Grounds

Total budget: Unavailable

Year site built: 1995

Acres of turf: 1.5

Acres of woody ornamentals: 2

Acres of display beds: 3 to 4

Total paved area: 12,000 sq. ft.

Total man-hours/week: 120

Maintenance challenges

- ▶ Entire site snow removal
- ▶ Working around students
- ▶ Having mall ready by May graduation
- ▶ Transplanting due to special soil mix

Project checklist

(Completed in last two years):

- ▶ Dance of Tears statue behind library
- ▶ Cohen Center
- ▶ Transplanting of plants around campus

On the job

- ▶ Three full-time staff, one seasonal employee, one licensed pesticide operator

Xavier University

The 1999 Honor Award Winner of the Professional Grounds Management Society for School or University Grounds

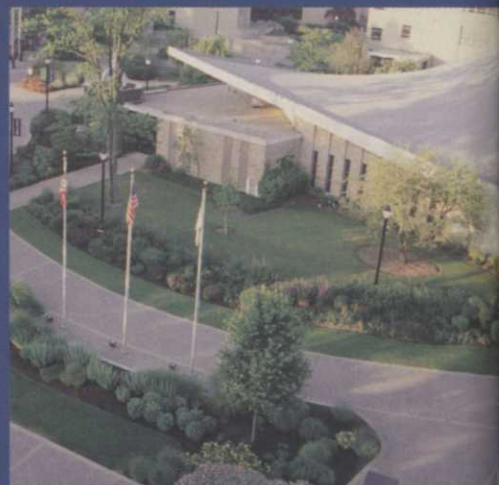
If the beauty of its campus is one of a college's selling points, then Xavier University can't have a problem recruiting new students for its freshman class.

Founded in 1831, Xavier is the fourth oldest of the 28 Jesuit institutions of higher education in the United States. The university sits on more than 100 acres in a residential section of Cincinnati, OH. Total enrollment is more than 6,500 students with 3,000 full-time undergraduates, 1,000 part-time undergraduates, and 2,500 graduate students.

In 1995, horticulturist Walter Bonvell oversaw the reconstruction of Academic Mall which, at one time, had a public road passing through it. It takes center stage on campus by serving as the venue

for many outdoor functions and preparatory and orientation classes for incoming freshmen and their parents.

All of the landscape beds and turf are irrigated ensuring that everything is as green during the hottest days of summer as it is in the spring. The landscape beds were installed with eight to 10 in. of super soil, and the turf was all sodded. On either side of the walkways, 2 1/2 ft. of plastic turf has been placed under the sod for protection against any emergency vehicles that may have to drive down the mall.



▶ Part of Academic Mall planting and chapel.

▶ Walk area between Alter Hall and library.

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