

FACILITIES AT YOUR SERVICE

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Meet the Facilities & Housekeeping Services Team

The department is comprised of 67 men and women whose goal is to make your time at Bryn Mawr as comfortable and rewarding as possible. We are aligned under the Department's Director, Nina Bisbee. The Department is comprised of five components – Administration, Grounds, Housekeeping, Planning & Projects, and Trades. Deb Grant, Associate Director of Business Operations, oversees the Call Center and all administrative requirements of the department. The Associate Director of Grounds, Dawn DiGiovanni, oversees our lawn service contractor and advises on all grounds and exterior hardscape related issues. Denise Romano is the Director of Housekeeping. Joseph Marra is the Associate Director for Planning & Projects and Campus Architect. Project Management is led by Jim McGaffin, the College Engineer. Our Trades fall under the Associate Director of Facilities, Harold Maryea. We currently have on staff six HVAC mechanics, three electricians, one plumber, three carpenters and a locksmith. The leaders of these groups are masters in their trades. Combined, the team has well over 500 years of experience here at the College!

We respond to your needs regarding: heating and cooling, housekeeping, electrical, plumbing, windows, doors, locks, keys, recycling and pest control concerns. Our offices are in the Ward Building which is located between Schwartz Gym and Park Science.

Park Hall Change is Underway



In June, construction began on the first phase of renovations at the Park Science Complex. The scope of this phase includes a 10,000 SF addition that will provide common areas and study space on all three levels of the building. In total, nine study and seminar rooms - equipped with technology, blackboards and whiteboards - will be created in which students can study and collaborate. A new modern physics lab will be constructed and the electronics lab will be fully renovated. Seven classrooms will also be renovated. A new entrance plaza will invite students into the community Commons situated prominently in the new addition. The former lower courtyard will be transformed into a pollinator friendly garden. The path to the Park Science Complex will be redesigned to improve access from the campus core. Construction will continue through next summer for a completion date in the 2018/19 academic year. For more information on this project, including impacts and construction photos, see the Park Science webpage: <https://www.brynmawr.edu/facilities/park-science-center-renovation-and-addition>.



Rendering of New Park Center Learning Commons

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, we can be reached at ext. 7930 Monday through Friday, 7:00am to 5:00pm. After hours and on weekends, please call Campus Safety at ext. 7911. A mechanic is available through Campus Safety dispatch 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Better & Brighter in Merion Hall



New Bathrooms in Merion Hall.

Merion Hall underwent interior renovations this summer. The renovations included new bathrooms and tea pantries, improvements to the common laundry room and the addition of an ADA laundry area on the first floor. LED lighting was installed in the hallways and student rooms. The common areas and hallways received new carpeting. New furniture, for the common areas, is planned for the Spring Semester.

What We Did on Your Summer Break...

We were busy this summer. We hosted over 2,500 conference guests! The windows on a number of our Academic Buildings received professional cleaning. A new heating system was commissioned in Denbigh Hall. Sidewalks were repaired along Merion Avenue and fencing repaired on New Gulph Road. We replaced the elevator jack in an elevator in Canaday Library. Our carpenters managed the painting of over 400 student rooms. We cleaned & prepped over 900 rooms in the residence halls in preparation for your return! Welcome Back - we are so glad you are here!

Still to Come This Fall

While the weather is still on our side, we will be completing exterior repairs at Benham Gateway, Campus Center and Cambrian Row. The Gateway Building will receive exterior facade and porch roof repairs. The wooden windows will be replaced at the Campus Center. Wooden trim repairs will be made at the houses on Cambrian Row. The work will begin in early September and is scheduled to be completed in early December.

Plans for New Student Wellness Center

Planning has begun in earnest for a new Student Life and Wellness Center. The new center is envisioned as a welcoming place for students to access a range of services and programs including those currently offered by LILAC, the Pensby Center and our Health and Counseling Center. A steering committee has been formed that includes representatives from the Health and Counseling Center, LILAC, the Pensby Center and our student body. The Committee is working with the architecture firm of Ewing Cole to inform the design. It is anticipated that the program for the building and a concept design will be completed this November, with the goal of having a final design by next fall. February of 2020 is the anticipated completion date for this project.

BMC Achieves STARS Silver Rating



The College has long supported advancing sustainability, reducing our carbon footprint, and educating students so they may make positive change in our interdependent world. As part of these efforts, the College is participating in the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS). STARS is comprised of credits that span the breadth of higher education sustainability. It includes performance indicators and criteria organized into four categories: Academics, Engagement, Operations, and Planning & Administration (for more information about the program visit: www.stars.aashe.org).

A number of departments worked together to track and report the results of our sustainability efforts on campus for the STARS program. We are proud to announce that the College achieved a STARS Silver rating. This is no small feat. There are 849 registered participants in the STARS program. Currently, 427 have submitted data. Two institutions have achieved the Platinum rating; 121 institutions are rated Gold; 208 Silver; 69 Bronze and 27 institutions have reported data but chosen not to pursue a rating at this time. Kudos to all who helped us reach this level. Now let's go for GOLD!