

Bryn Mawr College - Facilities Services Building

Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

Owner

Bryn Mawr College

Client/Architect

Richard Conway Meyer Architect

General Contractor

W. S. Cumby & Sons, Inc.

Completion Date

2002

Construction Cost

\$6 million

Total Area

28,000 sf

Award

AIA Philadelphia, Honor Award for Design Excellence, 2002



Thornton Tomasetti provided structural engineering services for Bryn Mawr College's new facilities services building which consolidates dispersed elements of the college's facilities management operations. The building also negotiates a challenging site and creates a new entrance to the lower campus. The siting and massing of the building renew the organizing thrust of the 1884 plan for this idyllic suburban campus on Philadelphia's "Main Line."

The vocabulary of construction, which features an expressed structure, employs architectural-finish concrete, formed stainless steel, corrugated aluminum, clear and fritted glass, and steel framing. The central stair under an expanse of skylights facilitates access to common rooms on both levels and reinforces the sense of community among users and visitors. The open layout incorporates Tectum® to assist with acoustic issues in the space and also serves as a form of work for the roof/floor slab for the future vertical expansion.