



George N Parks DRUM MAJOR ACADEMY®

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Dear Academy Student,

Thank you for registering for the 2016 **George N. Parks Drum Major Academy®** at the Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas. It should prove to be an exciting week. We have included in this letter all the information that you will need before arriving in Denton, Texas on Tuesday, the 5th of July. **READ IT CAREFULLY**, and have your parents read it. Be sure to bring this letter to the Academy. You will be responsible for everything included here.

CHECK-IN

Student tuitions must be paid in full prior to student's arrival at the Academy. No tuition payments will be accepted at check-in.

Check-in for all participants will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5th in **Guinn Hall**. Please be sure to bring your Texas Woman's University Summer Camp Waiver to check-in. The first session will be held that afternoon at 1:30 p.m. You will need to have a notebook and writing implements for this session. Drum Major maces/batons will not be needed until the second day.

TRANSPORTATION

If you are arriving by car:

From Dallas:

Take Interstate I-35 to Denton. Take exit 464, which becomes Dallas Drive. Stay on Dallas Drive, which passes under a railroad bridge and curves to the right, where it becomes Bell Ave. Continue on Bell Avenue. After crossing McKinney Street, Bell Avenue will curve to the left (you must be in the left lane to make the turn). Ahead of you will be the TWU campus with its distinctive high-rise buildings.

From Fort Worth:

Take Interstate 35W to Denton, exiting at University Drive (US 380). Turn right on University Drive. Follow University Drive to Bell Avenue, which runs through the TWU campus. Turn right on Bell Avenue.

US Highway 380 is the major east-west thoroughfare in Denton. Known in the city as University Drive, it borders the northern edge of the TWU campus.

TWU's high-rise buildings are visible for miles, so keep an eye out for them as you approach Denton.

Please note: Directions above are to the main entrance of campus only. Please use the campus map included with this letter to get to the assigned dormitory.



Texas registration letter continued

If you are arriving by airplane:

The final destination is the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) in Dallas, Texas. Below you will find suggested shuttle information from the Texas Woman's University website. The Drum Major Academy® has no affiliation with the shuttle services below.

“Transportation from Dallas/Fort Worth Airport to TWU Denton Campus

The TWU Denton campus is located about 30 miles North of the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. If you require transportation from the airport to the TWU campus, here are some safe transportation options which you may consider:

Super Shuttle Service: This service is available 24 hours from DFW Airport

Phone Toll Free: 1-800-258-3826 OR online at <http://www.supershuttle.com>

Star Cab: This service is available 24 hours from DFW Airport

Phone: 214-252-0055 OR 214-821-7888”

PARKING

Specific parking area(s) have been assigned to the Academy by the University. Although we recommend having a parent/guardian drive you to and from the Academy, students driving themselves to the Academy must use assigned parking lots. Students can get information on where to park their cars from a staff member during check-in on the first day.

If you park in any area not specifically designated for the Drum Major Academy® you may be subject to having your vehicle ticketed or towed at your own expense.

HOUSING

Separate floors in **Guinn Hall** have been set aside for males and for females. Students are supervised by DMA staff, males for males and females for females.

Dorms do not provide linens. You must bring sheets, blankets, pillows, towels, and an alarm clock. *Remember, Drum Majors are never late.*

Checkout will be Saturday, July 9th immediately following the closing session. The closing session will begin at 11:00 a.m. and lasts for approximately one hour. All students must check out and return keys and meal cards as directed. **There will be a \$50.00 charge for any keys or meal cards not turned in at checkout on July 9th.**

ROOMING ASSIGNMENTS

Rooming Assignments will be made in advance according to Drum Major Academy® policy. Students will be housed with students from other schools in order to enhance the experience of meeting new friends and working with new people. This is a firm Drum Major Academy® policy. HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE CHANGED. PLEASE DO NOT ASK.

MEALS

All meals will be eaten in the University Dining Hall. The \$540.00 fee includes tuition, housing, and meals beginning with Tuesday lunch through Saturday breakfast.

TELEPHONES

In the event of an emergency, the number for the Texas Woman's University Department of Public Safety is 940-898-2911. Students may bring cell phones; however, students are not to use phones during sessions or after lights out unless there is an emergency.



MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Any medical emergencies that arise will be handled through either the Student Health Service Clinic on the TWU campus or the emergency room at Presbyterian Hospital of Denton. The telephone number for the Student Health Services Clinic is 940-898-3826 and the number for Presbyterian Hospital is 940-898-7000. Be sure to bring Texas Woman's University Summer Camp Waiver to check-in in the event that medical treatment is needed.

SCHEDULE *(sample schedule included in this letter)*

A full day at the Academy begins at approximately 8:00 a.m. and concludes at approximately 10:30 p.m. Breaks are taken for lunch and dinner. Students will be given multiple water breaks throughout each session. Students will also participate in a session with Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser during the Academy. This session is included in your tuition cost

PHYSICAL FITNESS

It is strongly recommended that you do your best to be in shape when you arrive at the Academy. A daily exercise program consisting of stretching and jogging, etc. might be helpful. Your work at the Academy could become relatively strenuous if you are not physically prepared.

DMA T-SHIRT

Each student will receive a t-shirt, which is included in the tuition cost. This t-shirt is to be worn at the final session/performance on Saturday the 9th of July.

CLOSING CEREMONY

We invite your family, friends and band directors to join us for our final session. This session will include your final class lecture, demonstration of the work you have done throughout the week, final competition for the best marching squad, presentation of certificates and the closing ceremony. This session will be held on Saturday, July 9th at 11:00 a.m. on the parking lot behind the soccer field on Bell Avenue (number 69 on the included map). All students must checkout and return keys and meal cards immediately following the closing ceremony. **Again, there will be a \$50.00 charge for any keys or meal cards not turned in at checkout on July 9th.**

We are very excited about this year's Academy, and we look forward to meeting you. If you have questions, please call the Drum Major Academy® at 781-874-9728.

With Pride,

The Drum Major Academy® Staff



Rules and Regulations

***As a student who has been selected to be a Drum Major/Student Leader of your band, there is no need to stress the importance of good conduct. Drum Major Academy® students are expected to uphold the highest standards of behavior and attitude. Failure to comply with any of the following regulations established by the Drum Major Academy® may result in immediate dismissal from the Academy without a refund of fees. Your parents/guardians will be responsible for immediate transportation home.**

Drum majors and ALL band student leaders are never late. Remember the old saying, "To be early is to be on time. To be on time is to be late." You should plan on being at least five minutes early to each session. This is a security issue as well as a self-discipline issue.

The Drum Major Academy® needs to know your whereabouts throughout the entire workshop. If you feel ill at any time, you MUST contact an Academy staff member immediately.

Name tags must be worn at all times.

Visitation by persons who are not enrolled in the Academy is not permitted.

Please keep your room locked at all times. Also, do not leave money or other valuables anywhere on campus. The Drum Major Academy® and the Texas Woman's University cannot be held responsible for loss of personal property.

You have all been selected as intelligent leaders of your high school bands. Please use discretion in wearing appropriate clothing during the DMA workshop in order to maintain a respectful, professional atmosphere. Please no bathing suits, tube tops, short shorts, or low-cut arm hole shirts for girls or boys. A closed shoe such as sneaker or boat shoe is required. Shoes and shirts must be worn for reasons of safety, hygiene, and courtesy to others.

The Drum Major Academy values civility, diversity, education, equality, freedom, and honesty. We are firmly committed to maintaining a safe environment. Any type of sexual misconduct is contrary to Drum Major Academy policies and philosophies and therefore will not be tolerated. Anything deemed by our staff of professional educators as sexual misconduct will result in immediate dismissal from the Academy, with parents/ guardians being responsible for immediate transportation home.

Bullying/Intimidation behaviors are strictly prohibited and will result in immediate dismissal from the Academy.

Alcohol, tobacco (cigarettes or chewing tobacco) or controlled/illegal substances are prohibited while at the Academy. Use of any of these items is STRICTLY PROHIBITED and will result in immediate dismissal from the Academy.

Non-performance weapons of any type, including but not limited to: pocket knives/Swiss army knives, firearms, etc. are not permitted at the Academy. Possession of any non-performance weapon will result in immediate dismissal from the Academy.

Students are not permitted to leave campus at any time. If you drive to campus, your vehicle is to be parked, locked and remain off-limits throughout the Academy.

You may not, under any circumstances, visit the rooms or floors housing members of the opposite sex.

Room checks will be performed each evening. Room check/lights out times will be given at the end of each evening session. At room check, you are expected to be in and stay in your assigned room. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Please leave your room in the same condition at the close of the Academy as when you moved in at the beginning of the Academy. You will be held financially responsible for any cleaning or repairs that need to take place in your room as a result of your stay.

Any inappropriate behavior that reflects poorly on yourself, your school, or the Drum Major Academy® will not be tolerated.



THINGS TO BRING

Texas Woman's University Summer Camp Waiver – Your parents/guardians must read, fill out and sign the enclosed Texas Woman's University Summer Camp Waiver **You WILL NOT be permitted to attend the Academy unless this form is signed and TURNED IN AT CHECK-IN.**

Student tuitions must be paid in full prior to student's arrival at the Academy. No tuition payments will be accepted at check-in. **For Schools Who Will Be Submitting A Purchase Order: A valid purchase order will be considered payment for registration purposes only. If your school submits a valid purchase order to the Drum Major Academy, the student for whom the purchase order is to be applied will be considered paid up to the amount of the purchase order. Any amount not covered in the purchase order must be paid by other means (check, credit card) prior to check-in.*

The textbook: The most recent edition of **The Dynamic Drum Major** (black cover) will be needed throughout the week for reference and reading assignments. If you pre-ordered a copy of the Dynamic Drum Major on your registration form, it will be available for pick-up at check-in on the first day of the Academy. Students who need a copy can purchase it during the session for \$20.00.

Comfortable clothes - clothes suitable for marching and working on warm days and in air conditioned rooms. (Please see the "Rules and Regulations" page for dress code information)

Sneakers are required for all sessions. Be sure your sneakers have already been broken in BEFORE arriving at the Academy. Sandals, flip-flops or clogs are not acceptable.

Sunburn protection - please be prepared to work in the sun. Hats, sun block, sunglasses, and other precautionary items are strongly recommended.

You will need writing implements and a notebook for all sessions. Make sure you bring this letter as the first section in your notebook.

You must provide your own linens which should include sheets (most dormitory beds are extra long twin) or a sleeping bag, a pillow and pillowcase, blanket(s), towels, washcloths, shower shoes and other necessary toiletries. An alarm clock is highly recommended as you will be responsible for getting yourself up and to breakfast on time.

Students may wish to bring a portable fan. Although most dormitories are air conditioned, we do not control of the temperature in the dormitories. Dormitory temperatures will vary year to year, location to location.

Although they are **not** required, we recommend that all drum majors bring a whistle and a drum major baton/mace or practice baton/mace. Even though many bands do not use this equipment, after seeing the showmanship potential for this equipment, many students wish they could attend the baton/mace and whistle sessions and practice some of the techniques. For many drum majors, this can become the special effect that sets them apart from the competition. Therefore, although it is **not** required, we highly recommend that students bring a drum major baton/mace and whistle. If you do not have access to a drum major baton or mace, a 42" wooden dowel or broomstick handle will suffice. Students who bring a good drum major baton/mace should also have a "practice stick" to use when practicing new, difficult twirling techniques.



Texas Registration Letter Continued

Students may bring snacks. But please be aware, most dorm rooms are **not** equipped with a refrigerator. Please do not bring anything that requires refrigeration

Although water breaks are provided throughout each session, we always recommend students bring their own water bottles that they can fill up before each session.

Students may bring cell phones; however, students are not to use phones during sessions or after lights out unless there is an emergency.

Students can bring money with them to the Academy. We do discourage students from bringing excessive amounts of cash to the Academy. Your tuition covers all your necessities. Occasionally dormitory areas have vending machines and the Academy does sell souvenirs. We, the Drum Major Academy® and the Texas Woman's University, cannot be held responsible for any lost or stolen money.

Please do not bring anything of value to the Drum Major Academy®. Although we **very rarely** have instances where a student's valuables will get lost or stolen, it does happen. We, the Drum Major Academy® and the Texas Woman's University, cannot be held responsible for any lost or stolen items.

**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY
SUMMER CAMP
Medical / Waiver Form**

Camper's name: _____

Camp: _____ Date(s) attending: _____

Please complete all information fully. In the event of emergency or illness, this information is vital.

To be completed by parent/guardian:

- Date of last tetanus booster _____
- List of all known allergies _____
- List any medications the participant will be taking during the camp _____

- List any other medical conditions you are aware of that may interfere with this camper's participation: _____

- List any information that may assist the physician or nurse in caring for the camper in the event that medical treatment is required _____

As the camp participant (or parent/guardian, if applicable), I hereby grant permission for myself (or my child) to participate in the above camp at Texas Woman's University and represent that I (or my child) is physically able to participate in camp activities. In consideration of the applicant's being allowed to participate in the camp, I, on behalf of myself, my child and our respective representatives and heirs, hereby voluntarily release, waive, discharge, hold harmless, defend and indemnify Texas Woman's University and its employees, officers, and Regents from and against any and all claims, actions or losses for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services or otherwise which may be sustained by the child during attendance at camp. I furthermore agree and promise that we will not hold the University or any of the above parties responsible in this respect. This waiver of liability expressly includes liability relating to transportation to, from and or in connection with such camp. In the event of illness or injury, we hereby authorize the staff members of the camp to obtain assistance from doctors or nurses for medical, surgical, or any other appropriate treatment for the accident or illness, which, in the physician's professional opinion, is deemed necessary. If medical/surgical care is obtained, we will not hold the camp or Texas Woman's University, its employees or Regents responsible or liable for the judgment of and/or treatment by the physician. I understand that the camp, Texas Woman's University and the Office of Conference Services cannot assume responsibility for medical, dental or other health expenses incurred as a result of my child's stay at camp.

Signature of camp participant (or parent/guardian): _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian's name (if applicable): _____

Home phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

In case of emergency and if parent/guardian cannot be reached, contact: _____

Relationship to camper: _____

Home phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

**TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY
SUMMER CAMP
Rules & Expectations**

**The following regulations and expectations apply to all camp participants.
Violations may result in dismissal from the Camp.**

All Campers:

1. Disruptive conduct will not be tolerated.
2. You may not leave the campus without the permission of the Camp Director.
3. Loud music or disruptive phone texting/calls will not be tolerated.
4. No alcoholic beverages permitted while attending the camp.
5. Campers are not to go anywhere on campus unless escorted by a counselor. There may be supervised group activities to various locations on campus.
6. Campers dismissed for violating the rules and expectations will not be issued any refunds.

Overnight Campers:

7. You are permitted only on your camp floor assigned to you, the dorm lobby, and dorm living room.
8. Each room as been checked and will be checked again when you leave. Campers will be
9. held responsible for damage or destruction during occurring during their stay.
10. Rooms have been assigned and NO changes should be made.
11. Campers must be supervised for all group activities. Some activities will be held on the
12. TWU campus, while others will be at off-campus locations. Appropriate behavior is expected.

Parent/Guardian:

We are not able to give a camper any type of medication (including over the counter medications). If your child will need any medication while they are at camp, please send it with them for the week. In addition, if your child gets sick during the camp and we call you, please have someone designated to come and pick them up if you will not be able to do so during camp hours. This is very important. If the child needs to be seen by a doctor in a non-emergency situation before you arrive, we will take them to Student Health Services Center, where you will be charged (at minimum) a \$35 office visit fee.

Camper's name: _____

Camp: _____ Date(s) attending: _____

Signature of the camper: _____ Date: _____

Signature of the parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

*Thank you for conducting yourself in a way that will allow everyone
to have a great camp experience.*

Daily Schedule

This is a tentative schedule and is only to be used as basic outline of a typical DMA session and will most likely vary at each location. Schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the staff.

DAY 1:

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Check In / Lunch offered
1:30 - 4:45 PM	Opening Session (both outside and inside)
4:45 - 6:00 PM	Dinner / Break
6:00 - 8:00 PM	Outside Session
8:00 - 10:00 PM	Inside Session

DAY 2:

7:00 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 - 11:30 AM	Dr. Tim Session (both inside and outside)
11:30 - 1:00 PM	Lunch / Break
1:00 - 4:45 PM	Afternoon Session (large and small inside classes plus outside classes)
4:45 - 6:00 PM	Dinner / Break
6:00 - 8:00 PM	Outside Session
8:00 - 10:00 PM	Inside Session

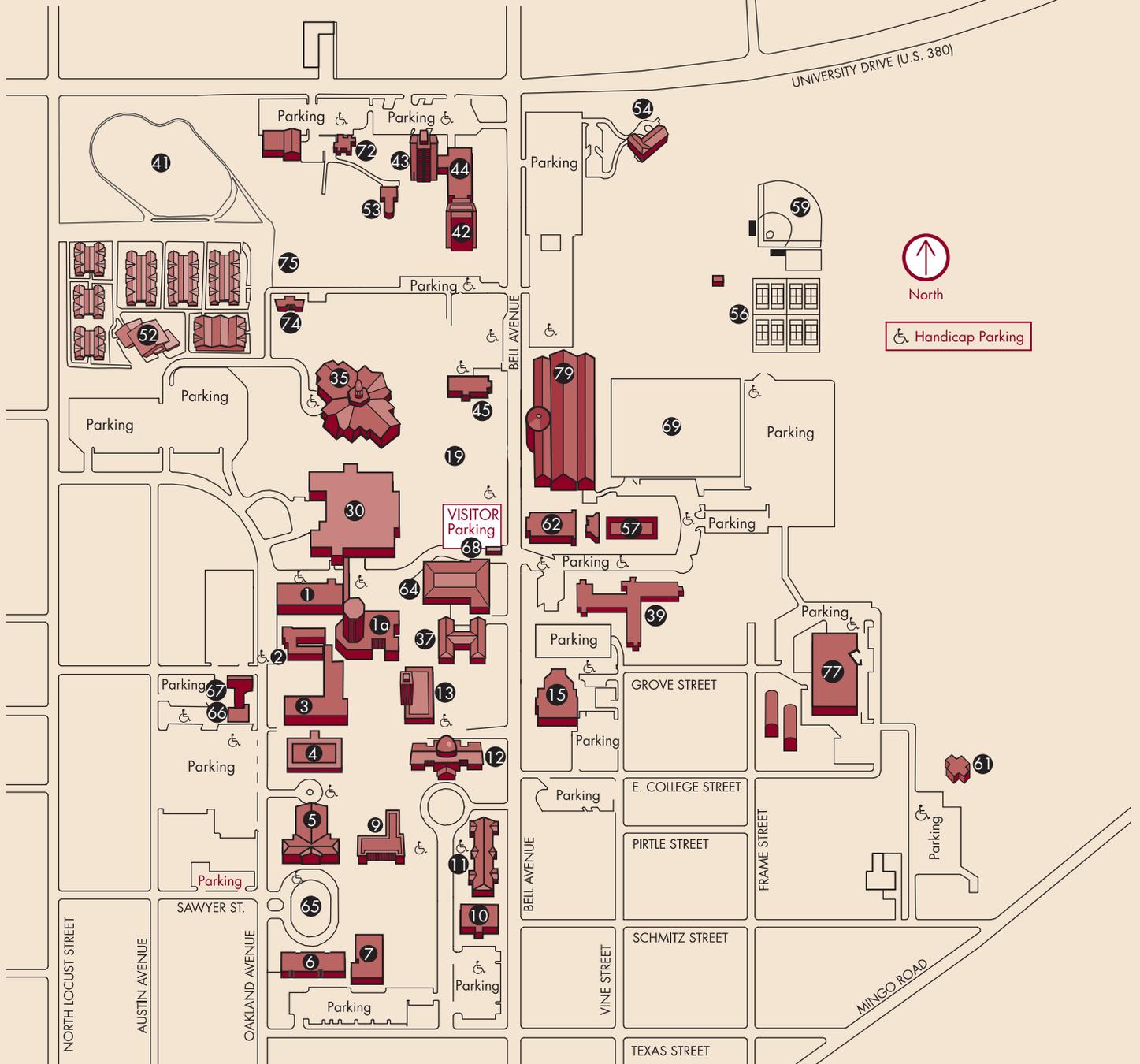
DAY 3 & 4:

7:00 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 - 11:30 AM	Outside Session
11:30 - 1:00 PM	Lunch / Break
1:00 - 4:45 PM	Afternoon Session (large and small inside classes plus outside classes)
4:45 - 6:00 PM	Dinner / Break
6:00 - 8:00 PM	Outside Session
8:00 - 10:00 PM	Inside Session

DAY 5:

7:00 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00 - 11:00 AM	Outside Session
11:00 - 12:00PM	Final Demonstration

MAIN CAMPUS Denton



BUILDING KEY

- 1A ACT Administration and Conference Tower
- 1 ADM Admissions Building — Admissions, Financial Aid, Scholarship and Registrar's offices
- 72 AH Alumni House
- 19 Amphitheater
- 3 ASB Arts and Sciences Building
- 35 BHL Blagg-Huey Library
- 7 Bralley Annex
- 13 CFO Classroom Faculty Office Building
- 44 The Commons
- 62 DGL Dance-Gymnastics Laboratory Bldg.
- 77 Facilities Management
- 75 Gardens
- 61 Golf Clubhouse
- 4 GRB Graduate Research Building

- 74 Greenhouse
- 43 GH Guinn Hall
- 30 HH Hubbard Hall — Redbud Theater, Department of Public Safety, Student Health Services
- 11 HDB Human Development Building
- 68 Information Booth
- 45 Institutional Development
- 39 JH Jones Hall
- 53 LC Little Chapel-in-the-Woods
- 52 Lowry Woods Apartments
- 15 MCL Multipurpose Classroom Laboratory Building
- 5 MUS Music Building — Margo Jones Performance Hall
- 12 OMB Old Main Building
- 57 Outdoor Swimming Pool

- 2 PB Patio Building
- 79 PH Pioneer Hall
- 65 Pioneer Woman Statue
- 30 HH Redbud Theater
- 9 SCI Science Building
- 69 Soccer Field
- 59 Softball Field
- 42 Stark Hall
- 37 SH Stoddard Hall
- 64 SU Student Union — Bookstore, Post Office
- 56 Tennis Courts
- 10 ULB Undergraduate Laboratory Building
- 54 UH University House
- 6 ART Visual Arts Building
- 41 Walking Path