

DOWNTOWN

SHOPS WITH CHARACTER

The Bennington Bookshop. The town of Bennington's independently owned bookstore. *South Street, Bennington.*

Bringing You Vermont. Restaurant and general store featuring local Vermont goods. *Main Street, Bennington.*

H.N. Williams Store. General store with Vermont-made goods and a full deli. Family owned and operated since 1840. *Dorset, VT.*

Hawkins House. Handmade gifts and jewelry. *North Street, Bennington.*

Mountain Goat. Fine outdoor clothing and gear for serious adventurers and casual wanderers. *Manchester Center, VT.*

Northshire Bookstore. Everything you want in a bookstore: great staff picks, regional books and products, and vinyl. *Manchester Center, VT.*

Main Street Antiques. Wide variety of quality antiques and collectibles. *Main Street, Bennington.*

Extensive designer outlet shops are 25 minutes north of Bennington, in Manchester Center. The Crossgates Mall and Colonie Shopping Center are 45 minutes west, in Albany, NY.

GRAB A BITE

CAFÉS • BAKERIES

Iron Coffee. Coffee shop and small-batch roaster with breakfast items. *Hoosick Falls, NY.*

Love a Bagel. Café and sandwich shop serving organic coffee. *Main Street, Bennington.*

The Roasted Bean. Located within Pangea, this coffee shop boasts a large variety of espresso drinks, French Patisserie baked goods, and more. *Prospect Street, North Bennington.*

PUBS • COCKTAILS

The 421 Craft Bar & Kitchen. Tavern focused on a selection of craft brews and uniquely prepared appetizers. *Main Street, Bennington.*

Village Garage Distillery. Cocktails and dinner in a modern space. *Depot Street, Bennington.*

Madison Brewing Co. A micro-brewery serving lunch and dinner. *Main Street, Bennington.*

The Miller's Toll. Specialty cocktails, craft beer, wine, and provisions. *Main Street, Bennington.*

CASUAL DINING

Blue Benn Diner. A 1945 Silk City classic serving New England diner staples, owned by John Getchell '86. Named one of the "21 Best Diners in America" by *Thrillist*. *North Street, Bennington.*

Fuji Asian Bistro. Popular restaurant close to campus, with a hibachi grill and sushi menu. *Northside Drive, Bennington.*

Kevin's. North Bennington's favorite sports bar and restaurant. *Main Street, North Bennington.*

Lucky Dragon. Chinese food. A highly frequented establishment with reliable offerings. *Main Street, Bennington.*

Pangaea + The Lounge. Fresh, local ingredients prepared with care, as well as a full bar. *Prospect Street, North Bennington.*

Papa Pete's Diner. A local favorite for breakfast and lunch. *Route 9, Bennington.*

The Publyk House. Traditional New England fare with a spectacular view. *Harwood Hill Road, Bennington.*

Your Belly's Deli. American food, sandwiches. *Pleasant Street, Bennington.*

FINE DINING

Allegro. Fine Italian dining. Serving dinner only. *Main Street, Bennington.*

The Grille at Mount Anthony Country Club. American fine dining, seasonal menu. *Country Club Drive, Bennington.*

QUICK • DELICIOUS

Avocado Pit. Pared down Mexican fare in a casual atmosphere. *South Street, Bennington.*

Lil' Britain. Authentic British fish and chips. *North Street, Bennington.*

Marigold Kitchen. Pizzeria featuring locally sourced ingredients. *Main Street, North Bennington.*

Powers Market. Local goods and groceries in a historic 19th century Greek Revival building, once frequented by Shirley Jackson. *Main Street, North Bennington.*

Ramunto's. New York-style brick oven pizza, subs, and entrees. Sports bar with more than 21 beers on tap. *Main Street, Bennington.*

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

SKIING • SNOWBOARDING

Bromley Mountain. Voted first for family-friendly skiing, 46 trails on 300 acres. *Peru, VT.*

Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort. The only mountain resort in North America to generate its energy using wind power. *Hancock, MA.*

Mount Snow. 135 trails, 633 acres, serviced by 26 lifts. *West Dover, VT.*

Stratton Mountain Ski Resort. 600 acres of top-ranked terrain, 94 trails, and 11 lifts. *Stratton, VT.*

GOLF

The Golf Club at Equinox. Named one of the "Top 75 courses in the U.S." by *Golf Digest* and the "#1 Golf Course in Vermont" by *Golfweek*. *Manchester, VT.*

Mt. Anthony Country Club. Voted one of the "Best Places to Play" by *Golf Digest*. *Country Club Drive, Bennington.*

HIKING

The Long Trail. This hike continues the Appalachian Trail along the Green Mountain National Forest. The closest trailhead can be accessed at Bald Mountain, down Harbour Road. *Woodford, VT.*

The Mile-Around-Woods. A 1.4-mile scenic road nearby the historic Park-McCullough House that features views of farmland, wildflowers, and undergrowth. *Woods Lane, North Bennington.*

Robert Frost Trail. Running from Lake Paran in North Bennington to the Robert Frost Stone House Museum in Shaftsbury, this 2-mile path offers views of woods, waterways, and mountains. *Shaftsbury, VT.*

FOR HISTORY BUFFS

Bennington Battle Monument. Commemorating the Battle of Bennington, which occurred on August 16, 1777, and is considered to be the turning point in the Revolutionary War. *Monument Circle, Old Bennington.*

Hildene, The Lincoln Family Home. The former summer estate of Robert Todd and Mary Lincoln. The house, gardens, farms, and trails are open to the public. *Manchester, VT.*

The Old First Church and Robert Frost's Grave. Robert Frost is buried in the cemetery at this historic church. *Monument Ave, Old Bennington.*

Park-McCullough House. One of the finest and best-preserved Victorian mansions in New England. *Park Street, North Bennington.*

Robert Frost Stone House Museum. Robert Frost wrote "Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening" at this historic property, which is maintained by Bennington College. *Shaftsbury, VT.*

ARTS, CULTURE, ENTERTAINMENT

Bennington Cinemas. Seven-screen movie theater offering new releases. \$5 matinees before 5 PM daily. *125 Phyllis Ln, Bennington.*

Bennington Museum. The Bennington Museum features the Bennington Modernism Gallery with work included by former faculty members Pat Adams, Sir Anthony Caro, Paul Feeley, Jules Olitski, and Helen Frankenthaler '49. *Main Street, Bennington.*

Dorset Theatre Festival. Regional summer stock theatre at the Dorset Playhouse. Led by Artistic Director and Bennington College faculty member Dina Janis. *Dorset, VT.*

Hathaway's Drive-In Theater. A family tradition since 1948! Classic drive-in offering double features of new releases. *North Hoosick, NY.*

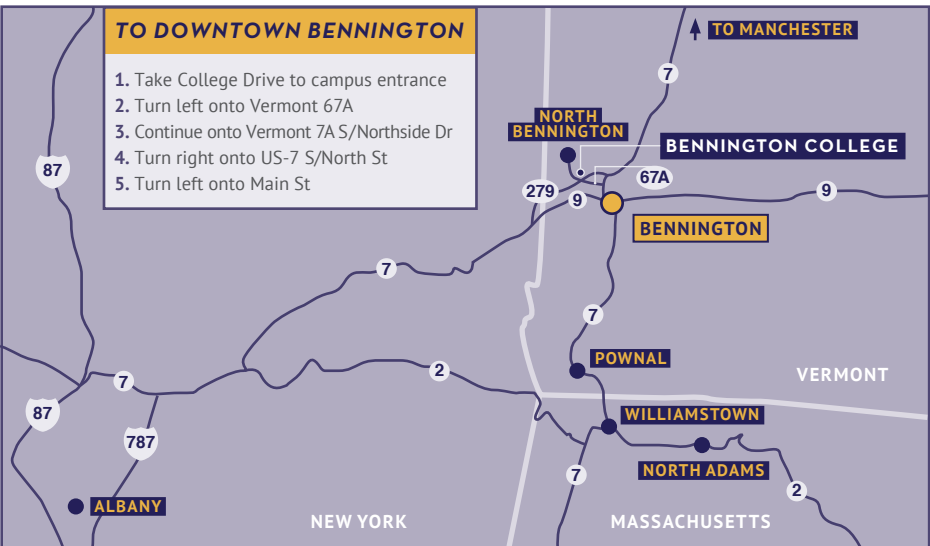
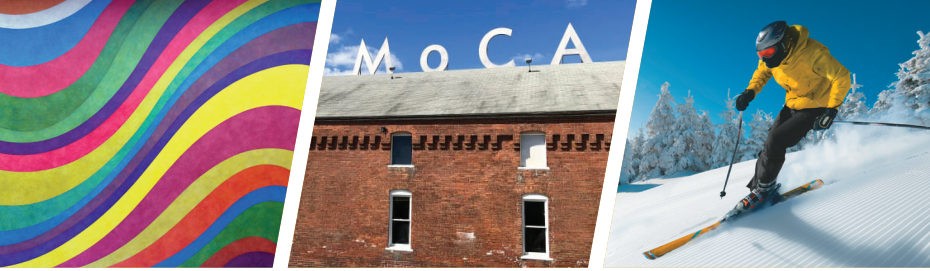
Images Cinema. Historic venue showing classic, independent, and foreign films. *Williamstown, MA.*

Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art (MASS MoCA). One of the largest centers for contemporary visual and performing arts in the country. The massive museum complex offers fine dining, gift shops, antiques, a micro-brewery, and a café. *North Adams, MA.*

Oldcastle Theatre Company. Year-round professional theatre and acting classes. *Main Street, Bennington.*

Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute. Boasts an extraordinary collection of Renaissance to late 19th-century French Impressionist paintings. *Williamstown, MA.*

Williamstown Theatre Festival. Regional summer stock theatre on the campus of Williams College. *Williamstown, MA.*



BENNINGTON

CAMPUS & DOWNTOWN GUIDE

BENNINGTON COLLEGE

THE BARN

Erich Fromm, Howard Nemerov, Peter Drucker, and Pulitzer Prize-winning poets W.H. Auden, and Theodore Roethke all kept offices here. Today it houses Admissions, administrative offices, faculty, and classrooms. A comprehensive renovation of its southeast wing was recently completed, and features a collection of open lounges for meeting and study.

COMMONS

Commons is ripe with history: E. E. Cummings gave his first public reading here; Martha Graham's *Letter to the World* premiered on the third-floor stage; Bob Dylan performed twice on that same stage, as did Joan Baez; writers and thinkers of every stripe—from Ralph Ellison to Buckminster Fuller to Shirley Jackson—gave talks and readings in the lounge. Today, Commons continues to serve as the center of campus life, with a unique and exciting mix of spaces and programs: state-of-the-art classrooms, modern dining facilities, a bakery and cafe, bookstore, post office, and social spaces.

COMMONS LAWN

Commons Lawn offers one of southern Vermont's most breathtaking views—dubbed the End of the World. This is where modern dance was born, and it was the backdrop and gathering space for leading abstract expressionists in the '50s and '60s. Today, it is the staging ground for contemporary bands performing during the College's Sunfest music festival. The houses that border the lawn were home to Bret Easton Ellis '86, Pulitzer Prize-winner Donna Tartt '86, MacArthur fellow Jonathan Lethem '86, Michael Pollan '76, and award-winning writer Kathleen Norris '69.

CROSSETT LIBRARY

A "no-shushing" library, Crossett's architecture, lively intellectual culture, and student-focused approach is led by an ALA award-winning librarian. Crossett's collection is driven by student and faculty recommendations and is home to diverse titles and rare collections.

**HELEN FRANKENTHALER '49
VISUAL AND PERFORMING
ARTS CENTER (VAPA)**

Open 24/7, VAPA is not just a building but a hub of campus activity and work. VAPA boasts art studios of every kind, four performance theater spaces, and a screening room. It is here that some of the country's most acclaimed visual and performing artists created some of their earliest work—including Tim Daly '79, Anna Gaskell '92, Justin Theroux '93, and Emmy Award—winners Melissa Rosenberg '86 and Peter Dinklage '91.

**ELIZABETH COLEMAN CENTER
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF
PUBLIC ACTION (CAPA)**

Designed by award-winning architects Billie Tsien and Tod Williams, CAPA is a state-of-the-art, eco-friendly academic facility blending the studio of the artist, the laboratory of a scientist, the workshop of a craftsman, and the think tank of a policy wonk.

STUDENT CENTER

A multi-use complex with garage-style doors opening onto a terrace for student-driven open-air concerts and performances.

DEANE CARRIAGE BARN

A performance and exhibition space, the Deane Carriage Barn was where Jackson Pollock held his first retrospective in 1952.

JENNINGS MUSIC BUILDING

Thought to be the inspiration for Shirley Jackson's *The Haunting of Hill House*, Jennings today provides fertile ground for music-making at the College. The building houses a robust music library and recording studio, as well as several classrooms and music faculty offices. Jennings is where former faculty and musical pioneers Bill Dixon, Milford Graves, and Otto Luening taught; and where alumni bands Mountain Man, Real Estate, The Spinto Band, and others began some of their most influential work.

MEYER RECREATION BARN

A fitness center equipped with weight and cardio equipment, a rock-climbing wall, yoga studio, and sauna. It is located next to the College's award-winning biomass facility, which supplies the campus with heat from locally sourced wood chips, drastically reducing the College's overall carbon output.

THE STICKNEY OBSERVATORY

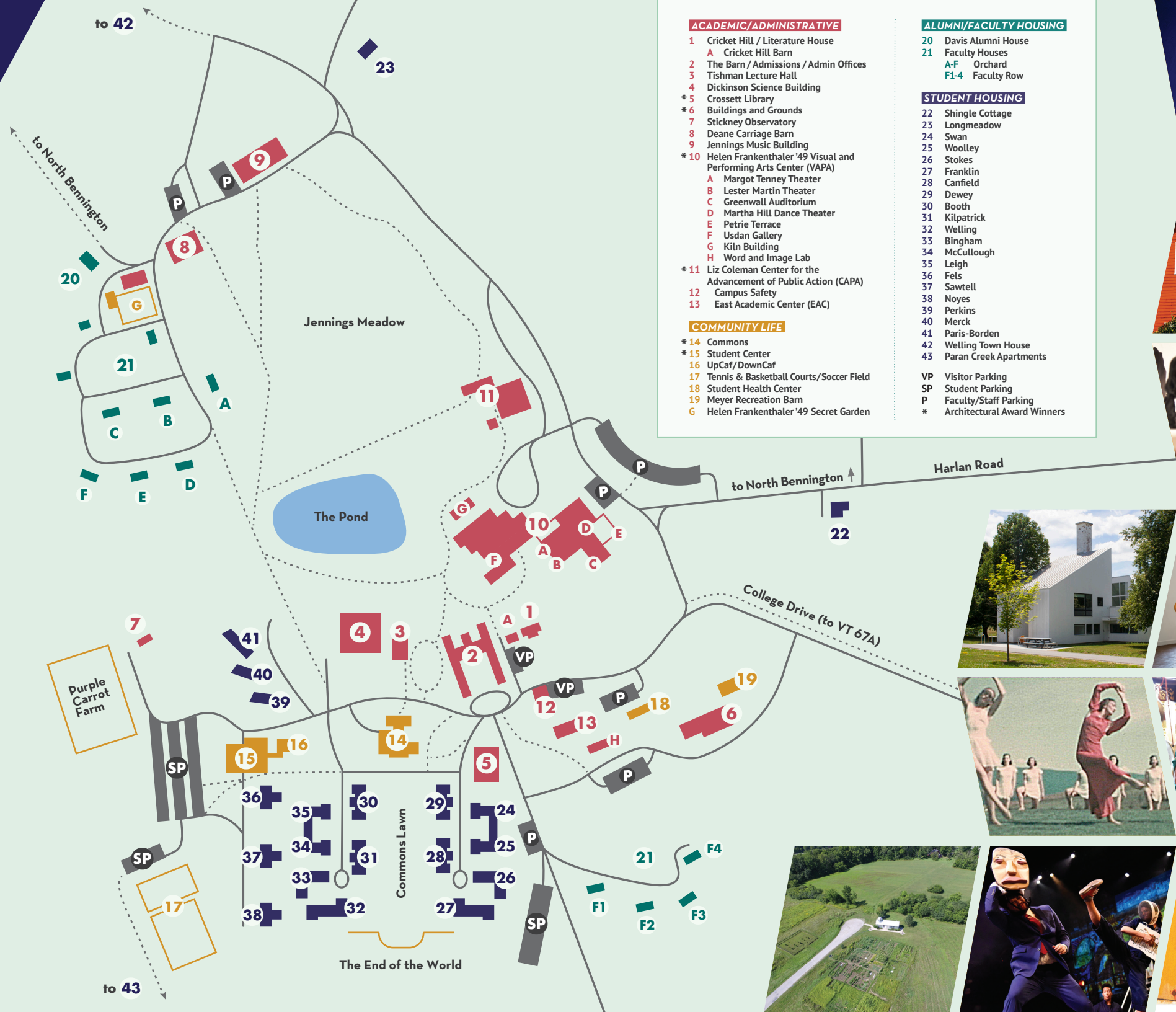
Equipped with high-powered, state-of-the-art, computer-controlled telescopes—enhanced by the campus' lack of light pollution—the Stickney Observatory is ideal for night-sky observation.

DICKINSON SCIENCE BUILDING

Students test the laws of physics, build machines, explore amphibian mating behavior, compute and conceive laws of large numbers, and tease out genetic abnormalities here.

SHINGLE COTTAGE

Now a student residence, Shingle Cottage was once home to literary giants and former faculty members W.H. Auden, Kenneth Burke, Robert Frost, and Theodore Roethke.



ACADEMIC/ADMINISTRATIVE

- 1 Cricket Hill / Literature House
- A Cricket Hill Barn
- 2 The Barn / Admissions / Admin Offices
- 3 Tishman Lecture Hall
- 4 Dickinson Science Building
- * 5 Crossett Library
- * 6 Buildings and Grounds
- 7 Stickney Observatory
- 8 Deane Carriage Barn
- 9 Jennings Music Building
- * 10 Helen Frankenthaler '49 Visual and
Performing Arts Center (VAPA)
- A Margot Tenney Theater
- B Lester Martin Theater
- C Greenwall Auditorium
- D Martha Hill Dance Theater
- E Petrie Terrace
- F Usdan Gallery
- G Kiln Building
- H Word and Image Lab
- * 11 Liz Coleman Center for the
Advancement of Public Action (CAPA)
- 12 Campus Safety
- 13 East Academic Center (EAC)

COMMUNITY LIFE

- * 14 Commons
- * 15 Student Center
- 16 UpCaf/DownCaf
- 17 Tennis & Basketball Courts/Soccer Field
- 18 Student Health Center
- 19 Meyer Recreation Barn
- G Helen Frankenthaler '49 Secret Garden

ALUMNI/FACULTY HOUSING

- 20 Davis Alumni House
21 Faculty Houses
A-F Orchard
F1-4 Faculty Row

STUDENT HOUSING

- 22 Shingle Cottage
23 Longmeadow
24 Swan
25 Woolley
26 Stokes
27 Franklin
28 Canfield
29 Dewey
30 Booth
31 Kilpatrick
32 Welling
33 Bingham
34 McCullough
35 Leigh
36 Fels
37 Sawtell
38 Noyes
39 Perkins
40 Merck
41 Paris-Borden
42 Welling Town House
43 Paran Creek Apartments

- VP Visitor Parking
SP Student Parking
P Faculty/Staff Parking
* Architectural Award Winners