



University of Pennsylvania: Atrium Roof Garden

The nursing instructors and graduates of the Penn Nursing program wanted a place that expresses the values of their practice “an evidence-based, caring profession that improves the health and quality of life for individuals, families, and communities throughout the world”.

We delivered the exquisite Atrium Roof Garden at the Claire M. Fagin Hall. It acts as more than a visual amenity, it is a symbol of the healing nature of the program and is dedicated to program graduates.

The installation includes a sculpture which was relocated from a hot, inhospitable plaza and carefully nestled into the lush garden next to the Legacy Fountain. The fountain's three jets represent the three-year diploma program and bubble up from a field of rounded river stones that honor of alumnae of the school for the contributions that they

have made to the health care field.

The garden reduces stormwater flow to the combined sewer, provides needed habitat for birds and pollinators, reduces heat island effect all while delighting visitors with seasonal changes.

“The biggest thing to take away... is its significance as the first physical effort in Fagin hall that recognizes alumni,” said Wylie Thomas, the school’s assistant dean for development and alumni relations, “It’s going to set the stage for a great year of celebration as we head into the next 125 [years].”

Location: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Client: University of Pennsylvania
Size: 1,700 sf
Cost: \$100,000
Status: Completed 2009