Science Center

The Science Center houses programs in biology and natural resources, chemistry, computer science, earth science, engineering science, mathematics, physics, and sustainability. The facility contains modern labs in each program, a tropical aviary, a greenhouse, computer facilities, a Principia ice-age Mammoth display, a resource center, and study areas. The building is a leading regional example of "green" (environment-friendly) architecture. The St. Louis Chapter of the American Institute of Architects gave it the 2000 Honor Award for Sustainable Design. Our research-quality telescope (computer-controlled, sixteen-inch, one-ton Ritchey-Chretien design) is housed across campus with its own observing platform and dome. The former Science Center, now commonly called Old Watson, is adjacent to the Science Center.

Wanamaker Hall

This lecture hall also serves as an entertainment/performance stage and is located at the end of Old Watson near Howard Center. Wanamaker Hall is named for John F. Wanamaker, Professor Emeritus of Biology who began teaching at Principia in 1947. It is equipped with stadium seating and a large screen audio/visual system.