

ALUMNI GARDEN

location: Hamilton, NY

owner: Colgate University



It has been a Colgate University tradition for the graduating class to give a tangible class gift. Working with the University, the Class of 2002 chose to donate the design and construction of a garden out of a desire to enliven the campus landscape with an intimate gathering space for smaller events.



The garden is located adjacent to Merrill House, the original President's house on the campus, that now serves as the faculty club and alumni office. Trowbridge & Wolf designed the garden with dry laid stone retaining walls to create a level upper terrace for events and gathering. Thousands of perennials and bulbs were installed as well as a mix of trees and shrubs that will provide all season structure. The design extends mixed plantings along two long borders from the garden, embracing the open lawn area that will continue to serve as a gathering space for larger events.

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site cost: \$200,000
completion date: 2002

