



Schindler 3300

Oberlin College & Conservatory
Oberlin, Ohio





The Asia House, or Quadrangle, is the largest of Oberlin's nine "Program Houses," four of which focus on languages and five on cultural heritages.

Small College, Rich Heritage

Located in North Central Ohio, Oberlin College & Conservatory is ranked as one of the top 25 liberal arts colleges in the United States, and its music school is regarded as one of the best in the U.S.

Founded in 1833, Oberlin College and the town that bears its name both demonstrate an enthusiasm for "learning and labor." In the early years, tuition was free, and, in return, students were expected to contribute by helping to build and sustain the community. It was an idea that attracted many bright young people who would otherwise not have been able to afford tuition.

Pioneers and legends

Oberlin was the first college in America to admit students of color (1835) and the first to grant bachelor's degrees to women (1841).

In 1891, Oberlin established an intercollegiate sports program and the following year named John Heisman its football coach. In 1936, a national award given to the most outstanding college football player was renamed the Heisman Trophy.

Today, Oberlin's enrollment is 2,900, and it's considered "most selective" by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine because of the demanding academic standards required for admission. It offers 47 majors in its College of Arts and Sciences, along with eight majors and 20 private areas of study in its Conservatory of Music.



Oberlin also offers a wide range of extracurricular activities, with 22 varsity sports, 200 student groups and service programs that attract the participation of more than 1,200 students.

Planning for tomorrow

Oberlin keeps a sharp eye on the future. Part of this vision includes updating and renovating existing facilities to keep pace with the needs of today's students. A recent example is the renovation of the Asia House residence hall, a three-story older structure that required the addition of an elevator to meet ADA requirements. The Asia House is home to students who share a common interest in Asian and Asian-American cultures. Built around an open courtyard and also known as the Quadrangle, it conveys a quiet sense of privacy, despite its location on a busy college campus.

According to Rick Gerena, skills trades service manager at Oberlin, "Because Schindler has been responsible for servicing all of the elevators here at the college, we asked them if they could help us



Fixtures in the Schindler 3300 elevator are composed of metallic-finished buttons with stylish, tempered safety glass panels, back-printed in white, to create a contemporary, modern look, while meeting all applicable codes.



Photo above: Steve Varelmann, director of Facilities Planning and Construction.
Photo left: Oberlin College has the oldest continuously operating Conservatory of Music in the United States.

with a suggestion for the Asia House since space there was limited. They recommended the Schindler 3300 machine room-less elevator because of its space-saving design, and it also fit nicely into our budget."

Steve Varelmann, who also serves as college architect, explained, "We specified the Schindler 3300 elevator for several reasons. Its traction drive eliminates the need for a machine room, along with the pumps and oil associated with hydraulic elevators, so it satisfied our environmental requirements. It's also loaded with features that result in a smooth

and quiet ride, so it doesn't disturb students who are studying. And we also like its energy-saving benefits, like low-power LED lighting. It simply delivered a better value all around."

Rick Gerena added a final thought, "The Schindler 3300 is exceeding our expectations, it's been extremely reliable and it is a really strong performer, too. When it's move-in time at the beginning of the semester, each student brings in what seems like enough furniture and fixtures to fill a small house, and the Schindler 3300 manages to handle it just fine." ■