Varsity Village, University of Cincinnati

Cincinnati, Ohio

"The precast dimensional precision is like a fine crafted watch. The way the pieces fit together is remarkable."

Mark Thurnauer -Project Architect - glaserworks The University of Cincinnati's new Varsity Village Athletic Center features architectural precast panels on a most unusual facade. This project is one that blends art and engineering – and truly demonstrates the unique combination of sculptural design, crisp, weather-tight detailing, and uniform appearance possible only with precast.

What resulted is an artfully conceived and carefully executed integration of form and structure; an extremely complex steel truss frame clad with 567 compound curved, light gray, light sandblasted precast panels that actually wrap the individual steel structural elements to provide deep window recesses echoing the steel superstructure. In the horizontal plane, there are six convex, two concave, and eight compound transition curves cast using eight custom-constructed, all-steel forms; including a one-of-a-kind adjustable form.

