Landscape
Security was a growing concern at the Peck School of the Arts on the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) campus.

“Homeless people and strangers entered the buildings, where art students can be found working on projects day and night,” explains Randy Trumbull-Holper, director of facilities for the Peck School of the Arts.

The art students felt uncomfortable and unsafe—and decided to do something about it. They launched a fundraising campaign for a better security solution to safeguard the six-building complex. They worked with the campus locksmith and a local security integrator to determine the best solution and the cost of implementation.

 Desired outcome
Students wanted a system that was simple and secure. If possible, they wanted to avoid systems that required additional school ID cards or key fobs.

 Challenges
The administration supported a new security system for Peck School of the Arts, but wanted to be sure it operated as a standalone system, independent from the university’s campus-wide access control system.
Solutions
The locksmith and integrator recommended Schlage® Biometric HandKey® Readers. Students felt the HandReaders offered several benefits:

- **Privacy:** Due to privacy concerns, the UWM students were opposed to a solution that recorded fingerprints.

- **High-Security:** Schlage HandKey readers verify identity using hand geometry technology that simultaneously analyzes more than 31,000 points, and instantaneously records more than 90 separate measurements of an individual’s hand—including length, width, thickness and surface area. Students realized no one could duplicate all those “identifiers” to gain unauthorized access.

- **Multi-factor authorization:** The HandReaders can be used in tandem with pin numbers, providing a secondary level of security that allows only faculty, staff and registered art students to gain access.

- **Flexibility and durability:** When art students have stained or paint-splashed hands, the HandReaders still perform effectively—a very important consideration in this application.

Result
Thirteen HandReaders are placed on the exteriors of the art buildings. Several others are installed inside to manage access via certain elevators. All HandReaders are managed with Schlage HandNet for Windows software.

Trumbull-Holper and his facilities team help students and faculty enroll at the beginning of each semester. “We update the students enrolled in the system,” says Trumbull-Holper. “Any student who took just one class and no longer needs access to our buildings is removed.”

Peck School of the Arts plans to use the system for years to come. “Because this system was fully funded by students, we plan to keep it for a long time,” Trumbull-Holper adds. “To do anything else would be a disservice to something the students wanted and paid for themselves.”

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