



Unique Venues has been the go-to source for non-conventional meeting and event venues, and the planners looking for them, for over 30 years. The marketing and membership company has grown to be the largest online database in the U.S. and Canada with member venues including colleges and universities, historical and cultural venues, arenas and stadiums, camps and retreat centers, conferences and business centers and other special event venues. Services include free RFP submissions, assisted searches and a wide array of venue marketing services designed to help planners find the perfect fit every time.

The Best of Awards, now known as The Planner's Choice Awards, sponsored by Unique Venues, recognizes the standout campuses, conference and business centers, sports arenas, historical and cultural venues, camps and retreat centers, and other special event venues that make a lasting impression on guests. More than 20,000 planners that regularly use the services provided by Unique Venues to connect with nontraditional spaces vote in this competition.

Conferences & Visitor Services has brought seventeen awards to the University of Maryland during the past eleven years:

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2025</u></p> <p>Winner "Planner's Choice Award for Best Academic Venue"</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2018</u></p> <p>Winner "Best Venue for Youth/Sports Groups"
Runner-Up "Best High-Tech Venue"</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2024</u></p> <p>Winner "Planner's Choice Award for Youth Retreats & Camps"</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2017</u></p> <p>Winner "Best Venue for Unique or Locally Sourced Catering"
Winner "Best Venue for Youth/Sports Camps"</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2023</u></p> <p>Runner-Up "Best Venue for Locally Sourced Catering"</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2016</u></p> <p>Winner "Best Suburban/Urban Venue"
Winner "Best Venue for Youth/Sports Camps"</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2022</u></p> <p>Winner "Planner's Choice Award for Youth Retreats & Camps"</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2015</u></p> <p>Winner "Most Easily Accessed Venue"
Runner-Up "Best Venue for Tradeshow/Exhibits"</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2021</u></p> <p>Winner "Best Venue for Locally Sourced Catering"
Runner-Up "Best Venue for Weddings"</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2020</u></p> <p>Winner "Best Venue for Weddings"</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>2019</u></p> <p>Winner "Best Venue for Youth Retreats & Camps"
Runner-Up "Best Venue for Weddings"</p> | |



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