



New Recreation Facility Seton Hill University | Greensburg, PA



Seton Hill University's beautiful hilltop campus embraces a wonderful 1929 castle-like building known as Sullivan Hall. Its round turrets and Tudor architecture has seen the passing of many students over the last 74 years. The University recognized the need for a new recreation center, as the student body has recently become co-ed and the introduction of men's teams and more competitive women's teams is a part of the long range strategy for growth.

CFB developed the new recreation center to be adjacent to, and connected with, Sullivan Hall and Bayley Hall via a loggia that will tie them together around a quadrangle in an aesthetically pleasing way - something that Seton Hill has not had the opportunity to enjoy. In Sullivan Hall, under the immense slate roof, the swimming pool and gymnasium serve as an intramural gym, and the snack bar, meeting and conference rooms, bookstore and student facilities invite student participation.

The site is dramatic because the west side it looks into a rather formal man-made courtyard and on the east, the building looks out over the city of Greensburg, PA. The running track was specifically fashioned to allow individuals who are jogging to look over the natural environment and, as they come around the track to the west, to look out onto the quadrangle as a man-made environment. This contrast adds considerably to the joy of exercise in that space while providing significant natural light to reduce operating costs on a daily basis.

The project also includes a 700-seat gymnasium, lobbies and support spaces, as well as new men's and women's locker rooms, a health and fitness center and a dance/aerobics studio. The gymnasium-playing surface is level with the quadrangle. This takes advantage of the sloping site and allows bus and ADA access from vehicles while completing a true ring road - something that was always a part of the master plan developed by CFB a few years ago.

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Size:
44,242 SF

Cost:
\$ 4.8 million