

Delaware State University

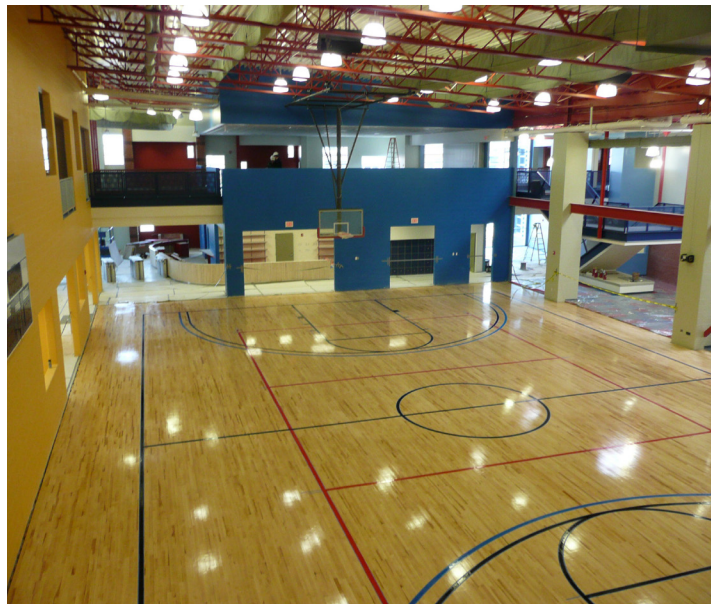
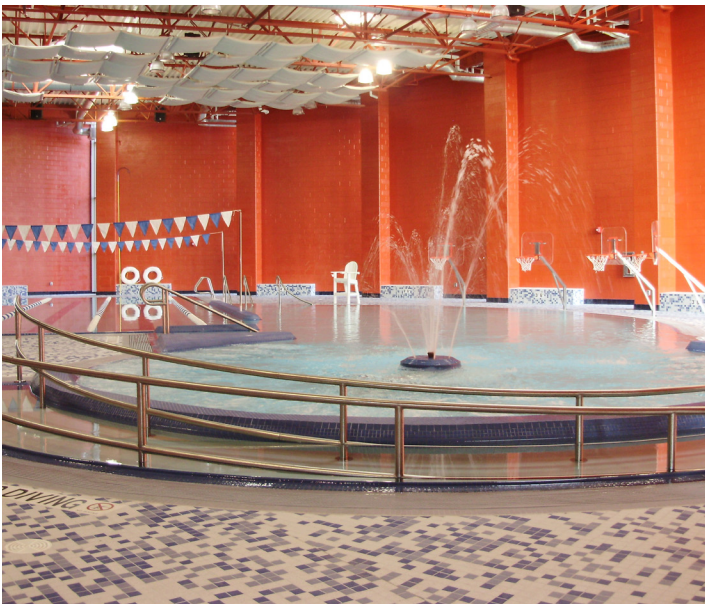
Wellness & Recreation Center

Location	Dover, Delaware	Size	86,000 square feet
Architect	Holzman Boss Bottino Architecture	Cost	\$35 million
Services	MEP/FP	Completed	2009



The Wellness and Recreation Center was slated for construction on the southeast portion of the University's Memorial Hall. The two-story facility consists of 72,000 square-feet of new and renovated space including activity areas, court gymnasiums, fitness and weight training areas, multipurpose rooms, elevated track, locker rooms, lounges, and administrative & program support spaces. A highlight of the new complex is a 14,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art strength and conditioning facility. The two-story addition includes weight training rooms, lockers, laundry, and offices for coaching staff.. Another phase of the university's construction plan was the custom designed swimming pool which adjoins the Wellness Center. The pool hosts both organized and recreational swimmers and has complete handicap access.

Kohler Ronan provided extensive mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection designs for all the interconnected Wellness Center buildings. A central plant for boilers and domestic water heaters was designed for the complex as this would best serve the space. Likewise, it was proposed that air distribution throughout the facility be made more aesthetically pleasing via the use of exposed fabric ductwork. Our engineers' work was coordinated closely with the university's facilities department and the municipal authorities as necessary.



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