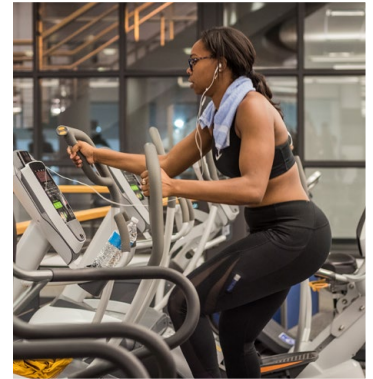


# DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

## RAY MEYER FITNESS & RECREATION CENTER

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



“Choosing CENTERS to operate and manage DePaul’s campus recreation & fitness programs was one of the best and most important decisions ever made by the university. Over the years, countless students have benefited greatly from the knowledge, expertise, care and superior customer service skills that the staff and management brought to bear. It is all of this and so much more that has kept them here as an exceptional partner for 20 years.”

- **Bob Janis**, Vice President of Facility Operations at DePaul University

DePaul University is CENTERS’ first site. After doing considerable planning work at DePaul to assess campus recreation needs, CENTERS was selected as the management company; providing consistently high quality service has kept CENTERS on campus for over 20 years. Much of the success was due to the CENTERS staff members’ ability to quickly integrate and support DePaul’s campus culture.

The facility and the comprehensive program offerings had a transformational impact on the Lincoln Park campus. The Ray Meyer Fitness and Recreation Center opened in September 1999 and the facility was recognized for its excellence -- receiving a Facility of Merit award from Athletic Business magazine and the Outstanding Sports Facility Award from NIRSA. The campus benefited from the department’s strong student development model, the diversity of participation opportunities, and increased student engagement. And the membership program for alumni and community residents helped strengthen the university’s ties with the neighborhood while generating substantial revenue support for operating the facility.

**Program Manager**  
Brailsford & Dunlavey

**Operations**  
CENTERS, LLC

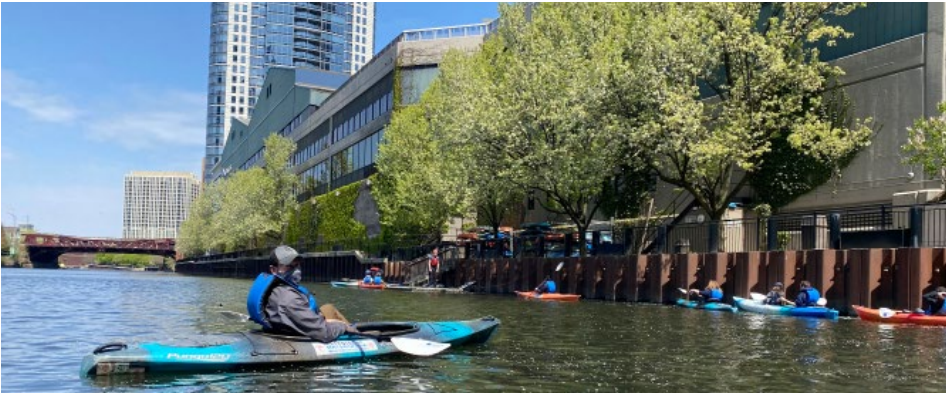
**Design Architect**  
Antunovich Associates

**Contractor**  
W.E. O’NEIL

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**\$14.3M**  
Project Cost

**123,000 SF**  
Building Size/Program



The department is well-regarded on campus for its student development model, its high-quality customer service, its positive contributions on campus, and its contributions to DePaul's mission. The programming model and policies were created specifically for DePaul's needs, and staff are proactive in modifying offerings to continue to meet the evolving needs of the campus community.

## SUCCESS STORIES



CENTERS and DePaul celebrated their **24 year anniversary** of working together in 2022.



All of the CENTERS staff are **fully invested** in creating a collaborative campus community at DePaul; staff serve as faculty in the College of Education, as staff professionals on Chicago Quarter teaching teams, as guest lecturers, as committee members, as research partners, and as partners and collaborators.



There are over **2,000 alumni and community members** of The Ray; offering these membership opportunities has increased the size of the DePaul community, strengthened partnerships, built affinity, and reinforced the DePaul mantra of "Chicago is our Classroom."



CENTERS staff has continually **repurposed spaces and evolved programming** to best serve the needs of the students, faculty and staff. The men's locker was expanded, an additional studio was created, the track infields were turned into functional fitness spaces, and a multi-purpose room was enlarged. Since opening, the program portfolio has increased to include Outdoor Adventures, Wellness Programs, and Team Challenge.

## FACILITY FEATURES

**6 Lane Indoor Pool**

**4-Court Gymnasium**

**4-Lane Suspended Indoor Jogging Track**

**3 Racquetball Courts**

**5 Group Fitness Studios**

**Wellness Suite**

**2 Multipurpose Rooms**

**Three Locker Rooms (Men's, Women's, Unisex/ Assisted Change)**

**13,000+ SF of Strength & Conditioning Space, featuring:**

*100+ cardio machines*

*40+ selectorized machines*

*40+ free weight stations*

*Two functional fitness zones*

**Juice Bar**

**Pro Shop**