

HARPER COLLEGE

Foglia Foundation
Health and
Recreation Center
PALATINE, ILLINOIS



“What we have created together is something we never could have done by ourselves. We’re showing our community what the future of public institutions looks like, not only in this district and state, but across the country.”

- **Dr. Kenneth Ender**, President, Harper College

In January 2016, CENTERS was selected to manage the Health and Recreation Center (HRC) upon the completion of a renovation and addition of the current Harper athletic and recreation building. During the construction phase, CENTERS served as the owner’s representative with additional responsibilities that included developing the business plan and coordinating FF&E procurement. Additionally, Harper College entered into agreements with Palatine Park District (PPD) and Northwest Community Healthcare, both of which are users of the HRC to conduct their business on Harper’s campus. The soft opening was on August 20, 2018 at the start of the fall semester with the dedication ceremony on September 10, 2018. Thanks to this unique partnership, Harper College has transformed what was once called “the loneliest building on campus” to an inviting and engaging hub for wellness, recreation, health education and athletics. The center is also home to Harper Hawks Athletics, Kinesiology and Health Education.

CENTERS is operating the HRC under a mission-driven approach that focuses on the student experience while generating revenues through the marketing of limited memberships and a diverse menu of programs and services. This approach allows for differential membership structures and facility rental pricing for students, employees, alumni, affiliates, and guests.

Operations
CENTERS, LLC

Design Architect
Cannon Design

Contractor
Mortenson

\$40M
Project Cost

135,000 SF
Building Size/Program



SUCCESS STORIES



Harper College **partnered with the Palatine Park District** to implement the project which provided the Park District exclusive rights to the natatorium and access to other areas of the facility. CENTERS leads the day-to-day operations for the entire facility which includes supporting the programmatic needs of both entities and managing the shared expense reporting between the two government agencies.



Exceeded FY19 student membership goal by **104% (3,571 memberships)**.



CENTERS collaborated with the College to create an **e-sports space/game room** in the second year of operation. We repurposed a meeting room into an e-sports arena complete with 70" televisions, consoles, lounge seating, table tennis, foosball, and board games. The space is open to students and members for drop-in gaming along with reservations for clubs, organizations, and employee groups. Recently collaborated with Harper Athletics to **launch the first e-sports team**, which competes in the National Junior College Athletic Associations Esports (NJCAA).



CENTERS partners with Harper's Kinesiology Program to offer practical student experience through the Harper Fit Program (HFP). HFP is part of a personal training certificate program that assigns faculty/staff with a student enrolled in the personal training practicum. Under the guidance of the professor, students offer one-on-one personal training sessions on the fitness floor. Additionally, faculty/staff, students, and members are eligible to participate in fitness assessments and consultations with the same trainers and CENTERS staff.

FACILITY FEATURES

3-Court Gymnasium & Hawks Athletics home court

4 Fitness Studios

6-lane pool with deep end

Modern locker rooms

1/8 mile Suspended indoor track

Harper Hawks Athletics headquarters

10,000 SF fitness floor featuring:

30+ cardio machines with personal viewing screens

Rowing machines

Life Fitness Synergy360 multipurpose training hub

18+ Matrix Ultra Series strength training equipment

Seven Hammer Strength Olympic weight lifting platforms

Free weights

Fitness assessment room

PARTNERS

PALATINE PARK DISTRICT

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE OUTPATIENT CARE CENTER