

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN

David A. Beckerman Recreation Center

WEST HAVEN, CT



As part of a transformation to become a regionally recognized private university with on campus living and quality student life facilities, the University of New Haven identified an opportunity to improve recreation and wellness needs for their student body.

In 2007, CENTERS was hired to complete a full architectural program review and business planning analysis for a new recreation center. In February 2008, the David A. Beckerman Recreation Center officially opened and in 2009, the facility received an Architectural Showcase award from Athletic Business magazine.

Over the past decade, CENTERS at University of New Haven has grown and adapted to meet the changing needs of the campus community. Programs currently offered include club sports, intramural sports, group fitness, personal training, massage therapy, adventure recreation, wellness seminars/activities, instructional/safety classes, and special events.

As the largest space on campus, the Beckerman Recreation Center serves as host for various large scale, university wide events. The CENTERS site team coordinates the Annual Scholarship Ball, Admissions Open Houses, Career Fairs, Concerts, and more. During university holidays and breaks, the facility is available for external rentals such as basketball tournaments, gymnastics competitions, banquets, etc.

Program Manager

Brailsford & Dunlavey

Operations

CENTERS, LLC

Design Architect

Sasaki Associates, Inc.

Contractor

Petra Construction Corp.

\$15.5M

Project Cost

56,500 SF

Building Size/Program



SUCCESS STORIES



Recreation Beyond Campus

As the student population at University of New Haven has grown in both size and diversity, the CENTERS site team has expanded their programming beyond the borders of campus. Adventure Recreation offers hiking and indoor climbing trips allowing students to escape campus and explore the beautiful views of Connecticut's state parks and hiking trails. To support a growing Club Sports program, the CENTERS site team have built relationships with community partners providing additional space including pool time at a local middle school and practice fields at local parks.



Student Development & Success

Collaborating with the Division of Student Affairs, the CENTERS site team has blended the CENTERS student development model to incorporate the University's Competency Learning Experience Initiative, which is an innovative, pedagogically based model that engages and develops students in six targeted competencies (Communication, Leadership, Teamwork, Resilience, Critical Thinking, and Global & Cultural Awareness). Through a structured set of experiences, student employees build and reflect on the knowledge, skills, and abilities that lead to personal and professional success.



Engaging Students through Club Sports

In **2011**, the University of New Haven approached CENTERS about oversight of their high risk and competitive Club Sports. Since then, CENTERS has enabled the expansion of the Club Sports program from **5 to currently 18 competitive teams** with over **450 student-athletes**. Under our management, we have developed and implemented efficient procedures (on-boarding, travel, game management, etc), mitigated risk, and mentored clubs allowing them to create sustainable structures for their executive boards and budgets.



Campus Partners

The CENTERS site team collaborates with campus colleagues, departments, and student organizations each and every day. From helping groups plan and execute events in the Beckerman Recreation Center to serving on the Student Conduct Board to developing university-wide wellness events, our staff believe that serving their campus community is crucial to building relationships and expanding the relevance of recreation/wellness in higher education.

FACILITY FEATURES

2 Multi-Purpose Group
Fitness Studios

Weight Room & Fitness Center

Functional Training Space

Racquetball Court

2 Hardwood Activity Courts
(Basketball, Volleyball
& Badminton)

Multi-Activity Court
(Basketball, Volleyball, Indoor
Soccer, Floor/Roller Hockey
& Various Other Activities)

Jogging Track

Locker Rooms
(Men's, Women's & Individual Use)

Juice Bar

Lounge Areas



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