Gannon Breaks Ground on a New Chapter at the University

ERIE, Pa. -- Ground was broken today for a dramatically modernized Recreation Center on Gannon University’s campus.

The first phase of the $14.5 million project is already underway and will transform the block bounded by Peach and Sassafras streets between W. Third and W. Fourth streets, and will include:

◦ a 14,000-square-foot addition with a glass front facing West Fourth Street
◦ a complete interior renovation that includes new locker rooms, new varsity weight room and areas for wrestling and a new acrobatics and tumbling program
◦ a new Human Performance Center that will house a motion analysis lab and a human performance and testing lab and serve as a space for collaboration between faculty and students in the physical therapy, sport and exercise science, human performance, occupational therapy, biomedical engineering and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs
◦ a new 51,300-square-foot indoor field house to the west of the Rec Center on the West Third Street side that will feature an 80-yard indoor field house, which will allow for year-round practice and increased intramural and club sports programs. The space can be subdivided into three separate areas so that multiple activities can take place at once

“The buildings themselves, impressive though they will be, are less important than what will happen in them,” said Gannon University President Keith Taylor, Ph.D. “People will look to the Rec Center as a place to get healthier and stronger. That’s true for the university, too, as our academics will be enhanced by the Human Performance Center, student wellness and engagement will be strengthened by the enhanced opportunities for intramural and club sports and athletics will be strengthened by the addition of facilities that will support new athletic programs and allow for year-round practice.”

Earlier this summer, university housing units, the former Crispo Apartments, were demolished to make room for the modernization project.

Despite the scope of the project, the current construction is only the first phase of a comprehensive modernization of the Rec Center. Future phases of the project call for changes to the pool and to other existing spaces.

About Us:
Gannon University is a Catholic, Diocesan university in Erie, PA, offering nearly 100 academic programs, including doctoral degree programs in physical therapy and organizational learning and leadership. Gannon enrolls more than 4,000 academically talented and diverse students.
Gannon University is dedicated to excellence in teaching, scholarship and service. Inspired by the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, the University offers a comprehensive, values-centered learning experience that emphasizes faith, leadership, inclusiveness and social responsibility.

*For more information on today’s groundbreaking and photos please visit: [www.gannon.edu/recreation-center](http://www.gannon.edu/recreation-center)