

Maureen Fonseca Center for Athletics and Arts Dobbs Ferry, NY

The new Maureen Fonseca Center for Athletics and Arts opened Fall 2015 on the Masters School campus, a co-ed 5–12 independent school in Dobbs Ferry, NY. The 80,000 sq ft facility houses the school's expanded athletics and arts programs, as well as providing informal spaces for students and staff. The space serves as a student community center, including lounge spaces, student recreation spaces, café, community service offices, student art gallery, fitness center and many facilities for recreational as well as competitive athletics.

The Center is organized to promote maximum interaction between the participants in the various activities. This need is met by using glass walls to provide transparency between the various spaces. The essential idea is that many activities occur simultaneously and are visible to all.

The new center provides the school with the ability for its students to participate in athletic programs that were not previously available. New spaces include four squash courts, a six-lane competition swimming pool, state-of-the-art fencing studio, fitness center, suspended indoor running track, gymnasium with regulation basketball court, two practice courts, two volleyball courts and space for aerobics.

In addition to athletics, Masters' performing and visual arts programs were enriched; spaces for dance studios, digital media center, experimental theater, music rehearsal and performance spaces, and an art gallery are all housed within the Center.



The building is carefully integrated with the surrounding outdoor spaces including an athletic field to the south, an entry courtyard on the north, and an exterior courtyard on the west adjacent to the new café and the pre-existing gymnasium.

The building is heated and cooled by an efficient mechanical system and is energized by two arrays of photovoltaic panels. Every interior space is lit by daylight. LEED Gold certification is being pursued.



New Construction/Addition Multi-use/joint-use building/space

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: 5–12
Capacity: 680
Size of Site: 96 acres
Building Area: 80,000 sq. ft.
Space per Student: 117 sq. ft.
Cost per Student: \$44,117
Square Foot Cost: \$375
Project Cost: \$30,000,000
Completion Date: September 2015
Sustainability Rating Status: LEED Gold

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