

University Y Student Center at the University of Washington Tacoma

Tacoma, WA

The new University Y Student Center at the University of Washington Tacoma represents the continued growth to provide diverse and comprehensive amenities for the student body, faculty, staff and the community. Delivering this as a partnership with the YMCA via the design-build process exemplifies the university's creative methods to improve the built environment in a challenging fiscal context for higher education. The design focuses on flexibility, efficiency, transparency, vitality and connectivity, and delivers a building that supports the university and YMCA partnership to collaborate in programming and utilization.

This project provides needed student community and fitness space on campus. Merging the needs of fitness and intellectual pursuits creates a space for students and faculty that supports healthy living as a means to dynamic social, physical and intellectual activity. The program includes administrative offices, collaborative meeting and assembly spaces, fitness areas, a gym and locker rooms. The new facility is placed to anchor development and vitality

New Construction/Addition

Sports facility/fitness center

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DESIGN TEAM

McGranahan Architects, Design-Build Architect
 Mortenson Construction, Design-Build General Contractor

Enginuity Systems, Mechanical Engineer
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 PCS Structural Solutions, Structural Engineer
 AHBL, Civil Engineer

OWNER/CLIENT

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KEY STATS

Grades Served: Post-Secondary
 Capacity: 2,012
 Size of Site: 0.8 acres
 Building Area: 70,238 sq. ft.
 Space per Student: 35 sq. ft.
 Square Foot Cost: \$209
 Construction Cost: \$14,700,000
 Project Cost: \$17,200,000
 Completion Date: December 2014

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at the north central campus gateway.

The building of community is supported by connections to active programs and shared space that is immediately adjacent and visible to the surrounding streetscape, intentionally blurring the lines between indoor and outdoor, UW Tacoma and YMCA uses, campus and urban fabric.

