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Erland Completes Campus Union at Springfield College, Starts Stitzer YMCA Renovation

Burlington, Massachusetts – Erland Construction recently completed the new 58,500 square foot Richard B. Flynn Campus Union at Springfield College. Shortly before completion of the Campus Union, Erland began renovations to Judd Gymnasium – the oldest building on the Springfield College campus. The rehab of the 116-year-old building will yield the Stitzer Center. These projects are the second and third that Erland has built on Springfield College’s campus. The first was the new Wellness and Recreation Complex, completed in the fall of 2008.

Teaming with architect Symmes Maini & McKee Associates, Erland constructed the Richard B. Flynn Campus Union – named after Springfield College’s current president – in 16 months. A central location for student services and activities, international programs, career services, volunteer programs, residence life offices, and the staff of the student affairs division, the Campus Union features a food court with a two-story atrium for casual dining, a sports bistro with large flat-screen televisions, and a spiritual life center with a meditation room. Other facilities include a large subdividable multi-purpose room with LCD projectors, bookstore, convenience store, post office, several conference rooms and lounges, and activity space.



Richard B. Flynn Campus Union, Springfield College
Springfield, Massachusetts
Photos by Dave Desroches

For the rehabilitation of Judd Gymnasium into the Stitzer YMCA Center, Erland is teaming with Stephen Jablonski Architects. The 39,350 square foot building will receive a total makeover, including a complete overhaul of the HVAC and MEP systems. The new Stitzer Center will include the College’s Office of YMCA Relations, YMCA program space, and the YMCA Hall of Fame. A new Springfield College museum and the College archives, along with new student activity space, will also be housed in this space.

Springfield College – founded in 1885 and well known as the Birthplace of Basketball® – is committed to providing state-of-the-art facilities for its student body. According to College President Richard B. Flynn, “Enhancing our campus to accommodate growth and achievement projects a compelling view of our institution and its future. Facilities help define the foundation for achieving the College’s mission through the creation of a student-friendly, functionally appropriate, and resource-enriched campus environment. Above all, facilities are to facilitate programs.”

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