

Project Overview

Pavilion and Student Recreation Center Renovation



Design by SRG Partnership

At A Glance

- The existing 23,200-square-foot Pavilion and Student Recreation Center opened in December 1995.
- \$13 million construction project will add 6,700 square feet of renovated space and more than 24,000 square feet of new space.
- General contractor: Tiger Construction, Everson
- Architect: SRG Partnership, Seattle
- Project initiated by students. Approved by student vote and funded by student fees.
- Scheduled to re-open fall 2015

Project Summary

The expansion and remodel of the Pavilion and Student Recreation Center began June 23, 2014, and is projected to re-open fall 2015. The project was initiated by Whatcom students and approved by student vote. Construction is funded by student fees. Most students will pay a \$6.32 per credit fee (up to 15 credits or \$94.80 per quarter) to fund the renovation.

The upgraded facility will include 6,700 square feet of renovated space and more than 24,000 square feet of new space, including an enclosed running track on the second floor. The \$13 million project will provide students a modern, spacious fitness center, exercise and dance studio space, and improved classrooms and instructional spaces. In addition, there will be significant site improvements on the east and south sides of the building which will create a stronger pedestrian connection to the project from the Syre Student Center and the south parking area.

Orca basketball and volleyball team practices and games, WCC Commencement as well as community events such as Bellingham Slam basketball games and Bellingham Roller Betties roller derby bouts are held in the Pavilion gymnasium. As part of the project, the gymnasium floor will be refinished and the walls will be painted and enhanced with graphics. Gymnasium activities will be relocated to on- and off-campus locations during construction.

Locally owned Tiger Construction of Everson, Wash., is the general contractor. Other notable education projects for Tiger include the Syre Student Center at WCC, Laura Angst Hall at Skagit Valley College, Morse Center at Bellingham Technical College, and Wade King Elementary School. The Pavilion and Student Recreation Center remodel will support local jobs in a number of industries and trades, such as mechanical, electrical, structural and civil work.

Traffic Restrictions

During construction, the driveway between Laidlaw and the Pavilion will be closed to through traffic. Access to visitor parking off Kellogg Rd will remain open, but access to the south parking lot will be restricted. New visitor and ADA spaces will be designated south of Laidlaw. Students and staff should use entrances at Orca Ln or Eliza Ave. Directional signs will be posted. Orca athletic events, classes, WCC's 2015 Commencement as well as community events that use the Pavilion will be relocated to on- and off-campus spaces during the renovation.

WCC'S Institutional Master Plan

The Pavilion and Student Recreation Center remodel is the first in a series of campus construction projects that support the College's Institutional Master Plan, which is designed to enhance the learning environment for Whatcom's students. This summer, we'll also enlarge and improve classroom and lab space for WCC's nationally recognized Cybersecurity program. We are also designing a critical academic and student support center – the 65,000-square-foot Phyllis and Charles Self Learning Commons. Construction of the Learning Commons is planned to begin in July 2015 and will be the first state-funded building on Whatcom's campus since 2004. The building is named in honor of long-time College advocates and community leaders Phyllis and Charles Self.

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