

Columbia College

Gene & Fran Koepke Fitness Center



Columbia College's Southy and Southwell buildings sit next to one another facing Rangeline Road, which serves as a major path of entry to downtown Columbia. The space between these two structures served as a connection between the main campus and a peripheral parking lot. Further contributing to the connectivity of this location, pedestrian improvements to Rangeline Road enabled better access for students and the general public to the two adjacent buildings. The prominence and accessibility of this space made it the ideal location for Columbia College's new Koepke Fitness Center.

The new Gene and Fran Koepke Fitness Center now connects the Southy and Southwell buildings. A walkway through the facility retains the campus connection to the parking lot, and the redesigned site alleviated chronic storm water maintenance issues between the two buildings.

The fitness center replaced a small, under utilized athletic facility on the campus. It now features a state-of-the-art athletic training room along with locker rooms for teams and the general public. The difference in elevation between the two existing buildings enabled a dramatic three-tiered aerobic theater. A glass enclosure contains the space-efficient tiers and enlivens the Rangeline streetscape. Within the first few months of use, Columbia College reported a 71 percent increase in student use of the facility, no doubt a result of its inviting and well-positioned design.

LOCATION

Columbia, Missouri

DESCRIPTION

Athletic facility comprised of 4,500 sf cardio equipment and locker rooms and 1,000sf renovation of existing weight room

COMPLETION DATE

August 2010

CLIENT REFERENCE

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"...SOA has always been professional to work with and they take the planning process very seriously. Their facility designs are architecturally appealing, functional and always fit with our goal of modernizing campus while not losing sight of tradition."

- Drew Grzella, Assistant Director Operations & Development, Athletics

