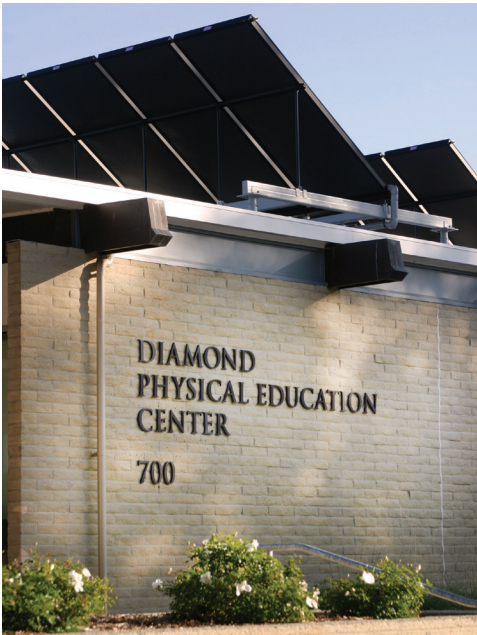


Diamond Physical Education Center



Diamond Physical Education Center, Kentfield Campus

On Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009 College of Marin held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand reopening of the Diamond Physical Education Center.

The Diamond P. E. Center was built in 1965, after the original P. E. building burned down. The 42,388 sq. ft. refurbished center features photovoltaic technology, which is expected to provide half of the electrical energy required to run the facility; a new gym floor, lighting, and mechanical systems; refurbished roof; renovation of the entire gym; ADA upgrades, solar thermal to heat the pool; and reconfigured locker rooms to provide equal space for men and women. The locker room reconfiguration allowed for the addition of two new classrooms.

The building is named in honor of Irwin P. "Red" Diamond, who came to College of Marin as a young coach in 1947 and went on to become the eighth superintendent/president of the college in 1981. Diamond retired in 1984.

The newly renovated facility includes additional landscaped and resilient surfaces outside of the weight room and fitness room to create energy and serenity gardens. The resilient surfaces are made of 100 percent post-consumer recycled materials and provide outdoor work-out areas. The tile mosaic of the college seal was relocated from the interior courtyard to the gym entry.

During the relocation process, great care was taken to clean and repair the original mosaic tiles. The new location of the seal serves as a welcoming beacon to a center of activity for all those who pass over it.

The newly refurbished Diamond PE Center earned a high gold designation receiving 47 total LEED credits. The range of credits needed for gold certification is from 39 to 51. The "greenness" of a building is evaluated by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Building Rating System developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). LEED certification is determined by a credit system, with credits given for each environmentally sound construction or operational process.



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