

MCV JONAH L. LARRICK STUDENT CENTER AT VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

Student Center Embraces Wellness

Size: 45,000 SF
Budget: \$ 17,800,000
Bid: \$ 12,022,995
Completion: 2009



The Jonah Larrick Student Center serves a multipurpose role on the campus, incorporating spaces for recreation, student services, and dining. Additions to existing recreation spaces included aerobic/exercise rooms, offices, fitness and weight training space, a dining services marketplace, as well as student services offices and meeting rooms.

In an effort to provide a facility of the highest quality, the university earned LEED Silver certification for the center. Using the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Green Building Rating System version 2.2 to guide design decisions, the project team incorporated the following features into the building's design and construction:

- bike racks to encourage the use of alternative forms of transportation;
- an area of preserved space equal to the building footprint off-site;
- rain gardens to cleanse and purify stormwater runoff;
- dual-flush toilets, pint-flush urinals, and low-flow showers and faucets to reduce water use by approximately 38 percent;
- diversion of 93 percent of construction and demolition waste from landfills;
- recycled and regionally-manufactured materials;
- Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified wood doors and floors;
- indoor air quality management during construction;
- low-emitting (low-VOC) paints, coatings, carpet, and composite wood materials for better indoor air quality;
- carbon dioxide monitoring to help provide adequate ventilation; and
- green cleaning and integrated pest management programs to reduce occupant exposure to hazardous chemicals.

