

**ARCHITECT OF RECORD:****Gould Evans**

Kansas City, Mo.

**PROGRAMMING CONSULTANT:****Brailsford & Dunlavey**

Washington, D.C.

**COST:** \$28.2 million**SQUARE FEET:** 145,951**FUNDED BY:** Government funds, university funds, student fees, private donations**MAJOR FACILITY COMPONENTS:**

New gymnasium, renovated gymnasium, fitness center, jogging track, climbing wall

**JUDGES' COMMENTS:**

The addition respects the original building very well, just by bringing a little bit of a glass element in front of the existing building, and reinforcing the location of the front door in a manner that doesn't take away at all from the building behind.

— Amado Fernandez

The curtainwall could have been a real challenge in terms of being sympathetic to the original structure, but it was handled in such a skillful manner that the scale of it is very compatible.

— Jim Kalvelage

I thought it was the best example of how with minimal intervention you can get maximum results.

— Viktors Jaunkalns

## University of Central Missouri Student Recreation & Wellness Center Renovation and Expansion

It's a complicated renovation and addition, involving co-locating two programs within three formerly separate historic stone buildings on a tight site fronting a campus quadrangle, but the solution is actually quite simple, said AB's panel of judges. Wrapping the 1938 Morrow gymnasium so that the new structure bridges the gaps between that building and two other older buildings, the plan transforms the Morrow gym by inserting a new fitness mezzanine and expands a contemporary image to the east with a new addition. The addition was by far the most notable element, the judges said, with the new, gleaming curtainwall becoming a complementary element to the perpendicular, textured stone building on its flank. "It's all about the height, the scale and proportion of it," remarked one judge. "It really celebrates the historic buildings, and

that clear juxtaposition of what was new and what was old made it a very exciting project."

The great advantage of the curtainwall is its embrace of natural light from the north, which washes the main fitness floor while displaying fitness activities along its face. Daylighting is also harvested in the south gym through the introduction of new clerestory windows, part of the effort that saw the new building attain LEED Gold status. Vital to this effort are a geothermal field installed beneath the new campus green, which allows the building to perform with half the energy usage of a normal university building, and the conversion of an obsolete swimming pool into a rainwater cistern, used for storing roof drainage that is used to irrigate the surrounding landscape.



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