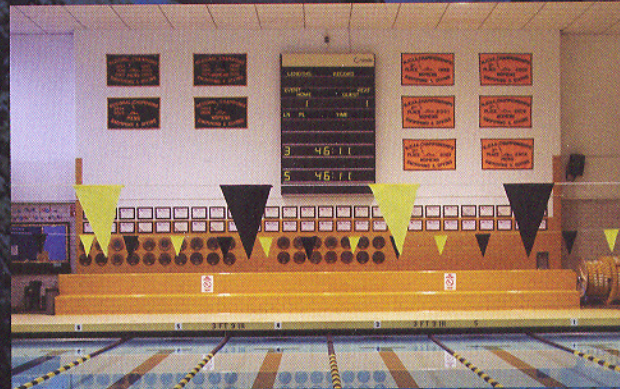


NJCAA COLLEGE OF the month



STRENGTHENING THE COLLEGE

MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE QUICK FACTS

Location: Rochester, New York

President: Dr. Anne M. Kress

Athletic Director: Murph Shapiro

Enrollment: 18,977

Region: NJCAA Region III

Conference: Western New York
Athletic Conference

Mascot: Tribunes

Colors: Black and Gold

College Website:
www.monroecc.edu

Athletics Website:
www.monroecc.edu/go/sports



When the PAC Center opened its doors on Oct. 14, 2008, it came with a promise of a new era for Monroe Community College and its nationally ranked athletic program.

Gone were the days of 6 a.m. lacrosse training or midnight baseball practice. Also gone were teams and groups from the community searching for a place to hone their athletic skills during the harsh Rochester, N. Y. winters.

Indeed, the PAC Center has offered its students and the greater Rochester community a sparkling new venue for healthy living.

"This facility provides students and staff of Monroe Community College, as well as the Rochester community, with expanded recreation and wellness opportunities," said Anne M. Kress, MCC's president. "The PAC Center promotes healthy lifestyles and strengthens the overall experience at the college."

The 56,000 square foot facility almost doubled the size of MCC's current physical education complex and provided the college's more than 36,000 students and community partners with much needed space for sports teams, intramural leagues, physical education classes, community wellness programs, and individual fitness use.

The PAC Center includes a 136-foot by 220-foot synthetic-turf field as well as a jogging track, batting cages, a fitness center, multipurpose rooms, locker rooms, coaches' offices, and a state-of-the-art training room. The college incorporated green building principles, such as water and energy efficiency and recyclable materials, into the design. In December 2009 the PAC Center was recognized as the first facility in Monroe County to receive Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) Gold certification.

"The PAC has exceeded my dreams and expectations," said Dr. Susan Salvador, MCC's vice president of student services. "I am astounded by how many we serve and support. We are blessed to have such a tremendous facility."

A COMMUNITY EFFORT

Private philanthropists played a major role in making the PAC Center a reality for MCC students and the community. The Monroe Community College Foundation successfully raised \$6 million in order to secure a matching grant from New York state. Members of the MCC