

UCLA to Break Ground on Wasserman Football Center, Mo Ostin Basketball Center

UCLA announced plans for an official groundbreaking ceremony for both the Wasserman Football Center and Mo Ostin Basketball Center on Thursday, Aug. 27, less than two years removed from campaign announcements to raise private funds for the separate, comprehensive football and basketball training facilities.

The state-of-the-art Wasserman Football Center will be located on the west side of Spaulding Field and will boast approximately 75,000 gross square-feet of space. Designed by award-winning architectural, planning, and interior design firm ZGF Architects LLP, the Wasserman Football Center will house a locker room, athletic training area, strength and conditioning facility, coaches' offices, team meetings rooms, equipment rooms and video rooms, in addition to several elements that will feature the storied history of UCLA Football.

The comprehensive Mo Ostin Basketball Center, with approximately 35,000 gross square-feet of space, will be located near Pauley Pavilion on the south end of the Los Angeles Tennis Center. Designed by award-winning architectural design firm Kevin Daly Architects, in partnership with globally acclaimed high-performance design firm AECOM, the Mo Ostin Basketball Center will include locker rooms, athletic training areas, a strength and conditioning facility, team meeting rooms, equipment rooms and video rooms among its amenities.

Both projects and their corresponding campaigns to raise private funds are part of the \$4.2 billion campus-wide UCLA Centennial Campaign. The UCLA Athletic Department aims to surpass its \$260 million goal by 2019, securing more than \$160 million since the campaign was announced publicly in May of 2014. The Wasserman Football Center and Mo Ostin Basketball Center directly address the Department's primary Centennial Campaign objective: to create a financially sustainable future to build upon UCLA's standing as the premier intercollegiate athletics program in the nation.



Wasserman Football Center



Mo Ostin Basketball Center



UCLA Athletics Launches Fueling Station for Student-Athletes

Prior to the start of the 2014-15 academic year, the UCLA Athletics Department established its new "Fueling Station" for student-athletes. With the NCAA's deregulation of nutrition student-athletes, the expanded fueling has allowed for Division I schools to provide additional meals/snacks to its athletes.

The Fueling Station provides nutritional snacks and drinks to help re-energize student-athletes before and after workouts and to aid in the prevention and recovery of injuries. The department's dietitians and nutrition interns have been able to educate student-athletes on the importance of purposeful fueling and have individualized nutrition performance prescriptions. Located in the Acosta Athletic Training Center, UCLA's Fueling Station is regularly staffed by nutrition interns and is open mornings and afternoons from Monday through Friday.

New Video Scoreboard Installed at Drake Stadium

Drake Stadium received a new high-definition color video scoreboard in March 2015, added to the facility in time for the first home track and field meet of the season on March 24, the inaugural Jim Bush Team Invitational. The new scoreboard measures 20-feet by 28-feet, adding greatly to the fan experience.

UCLA's upgraded scoreboard was the second part of a three-phase renovation to the Bruins' longtime track and field and soccer facility. The new scoreboard includes signage and a commemorative Jackie Robinson panel. UCLA had an unveiling ceremony of Jackie Robinson's No. 42 before the first home meet, when Drake Stadium was officially included in the Jackie Robinson Athletics and Recreation Complex at UCLA.

The scoreboard's impact has been felt beyond UCLA's track and field events. Both the Bruins' men's and soccer teams will be able to utilize video replay at their home games on the new, state-of-the-art video scoreboard.

