

Case Study

University of Portland



Details

Location: Portland, OR

Products Installed:
Performance UltraTile® - 4,500 SF
(Vikings)
Performance Beast - 1,200 SF
(Dark Gray)

Project Needs

- Durable
- Easy-to-Clean
- Attractive

Product Benefits

- Safety
- Ergonomics
- Acoustics
- Sustainable

New Facility Features Safe Surfaces for the Campus Community

Shaded by the snow-capped peaks of Mount Hood, Portland, Oregon is a city that finds itself surrounded by nature's beauty. Portland is well known for its eco-friendliness and abundance of outdoor activities, as well as being the home to the University of Portland. With a combined graduate and undergraduate enrollment of just over 4,000 students, the university desired a recreational services offering worthy of their active student body.

In June of 2015, the University of Portland built the Beauchamp Recreation and Wellness Center. The vision for this facility was to be a center for campus life and to be a positive influence on the physical and mental well being of the university's campus community.

Brian Dezzani, Director of Recreational Services at the University of Portland, chose Ecore Athletic products - Performance UltraTile® and

Performance Beast - to satisfy the surfacing needs of the new facility. Dezzani wanted to go with a trusted, familiar surface to ensure the best for their campus community.

In 2012, the University renovated the Chiles Center, a weight room solely for the student-athletes, and specified Performance UltraTile to provide maximum protection against the constant dropping of heavy bumper weights and equipment. Dezzani and the athletic director liked this surface so much, they wanted the entire campus community to have access to working out on it.

Performance UltraTile is a two-foot by two-foot by one-inch thick composition rubber tile with a customizable wear layer with excellent noise and shock absorption qualities. Performance UltraTile also offers unlimited design options.

Performance Beast is one of four products in Ecore's Performance Collection, which addresses the full spectrum of surfaces in strength and conditioning applications. Performance Beast is a 10.5mm dual durometer system featuring a 2.5mm rubber wear layer laminated to a 8mm dense rubber backing that maximizes energy restitution. This dual durometer system enhances durability while amplifying the athlete's ability to garner energy from the surface. Ideal for free weight training, Dezzani felt Performance Beast would fit the multi-purpose needs of the athletes using the facility.

"The product has held up well in the athletics facility," states Dezzani. "A good surface means you don't think about it often, and we haven't had to think about it at all."

