

Williams Track & Field and Kennedy Tower

Project Scope:

A new track and field complex was constructed on a former practice field site located to the west of Koskinen Stadium. Construction included a new media tower behind the existing Koskinen grandstand that will serve the new track and field complex and the Soccer Stadium.



Program:

The new Track and Field Complex will consist of a nine-lane track with a natural grass infield for competitive and recreational use. The high-performance, synthetic track surface and all landscaping will be engineered for proper drainage and designed for Division 1 competition. A new multi-use tower, Kennedy Tower, will serve both Koskinen Stadium and the Track and Field Complex: the tower will feature a camera deck and press facilities facing both competition venues to support videography. The building will include support spaces and a hospitality suite. Provision will be made for placement of temporary seating on the Track and Field side of the tower.

<i>Gross Square Feet</i>	<i>12,000</i>
<i>Funding</i>	<i>Philanthropy</i>
<i>Construction Start</i>	<i>November 2013</i>
<i>Occupancy Date</i>	<i>February 2015</i>
<i>Architect</i>	<i>CHA Sports</i>
<i>Contractor</i>	<i>Romeo Guest</i>

The project will also include improvements to pedestrian circulation, appropriate security and lighting upgrades, a potential donor/arrival plaza, and branding in support to Duke Athletics.

Site/Location:

In keeping with the Duke University Athletic Department's (DUAD) Master plan, the site was chosen for its proximity to the soccer stadium such that the new media tower can benefit from a central location. This enables usage for Soccer, Lacrosse and the Track & Field operations.

Sustainability:

Although LEED certification is not applicable to this project, sustainable design and construction practices will be followed with an emphasis on water reclamation and minimizing impact on storm water. Energy usage will be minimized in both the lighting aspects and the minimal building construction associated.

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