

Renovated Kolf Sports Center reopens its doors

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Kolf Sports Center on the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus will open its doors a little louder and prouder this week and into the future, as it welcomes local, regional and state guests for events.

Kolf, which was built in 1971, underwent a series of upgrades and renovations during the summer of 2012 to make the sport center's main gym more welcoming for athletes and fans and community members alike. The \$1.4 million renovation project officially concludes Sept. 20; Kolf will be showcased and rededicated in February.

The latest upgrades are the culmination of more than a \$4.4 million in state renovation investments over the last decade.

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"The Kolf field house is one of the most heavily used facilities on our campus," said Darryl Sims, UW Oshkosh athletics director, who believes the renovations were much-needed and will bring great additional value to UW Oshkosh.

The renovations include upgraded bleachers, a new running track and a fresh coat of paint complete with a recently unveiled new UW Oshkosh Titan logo.

"There have been a number of high school and junior college commencements, economic summits, presidential candidates, sporting events and general community related outreach activities at Kolf," Sims said.

Sims isn't exaggerating.

These days, the facility is not only used for sporting events such as track and field, wrestling, volleyball and gymnastics, but it's also used annually for UW Oshkosh's commencement ceremonies, high school graduations and other public events. It has been host to Bob Dylan, then-Senator Barack Obama and annual Special Olympics State Indoor sports tournaments.

Sept. 25 brings the [Fall 2012 Career Fair on the Fox and Internship Fair](#) to Kolf. The fair, which is a partnership between UW Oshkosh and Fox Valley Technical College, connects students to area employers and, in most cases, launches hundreds of new careers in Wisconsin.

UW Oshkosh's [Mid-Year Commencement](#), which attracts thousands of graduates and guests, from students to parents to community members and alumni, will be held on Dec. 15.

Sims said he's honored and proud to be a part of upgrading a space that is used by so many.

"We are certainly excited about the improvements that have come about as a result of these renovation," he added.

The updates to Kolf are among the many enhancements to UW Oshkosh in the last couple of years. UW Oshkosh's newest residence hall, [Horizon Village](#), opened its doors for the 2012-13 academic year and [Sage Hall](#), which houses the College of Business and some College of Letters and Science programs, was opened at the beginning of the 2011-12 academic year.

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