

Case Study

University of Portland



Details

Location: Portland, OR

Products Installed: 4,500 square-feet of UltraTile in Vikings

Project Needs

- Durable
- Easy to Clean
- Attractive

Product Benefits

- Acoustic
- Safe
- Ergonomic
- Sustainable

New Facility Features Safe Surfaces for the Campus Community

The University of Portland (UP) was founded in September 1901 by Portland, Ore., Archbishop Alexander Christie. Today, this private Catholic school has around 4,000 students. In addition to its focus on teaching and research, UP offers many extracurricular activities. This includes access to both indoor and outdoor recreational facilities at no charge.

One of these facilities, the Chiles Center, features a weight room exclusively for athletes that recently underwent a renovation. This transformation included upgrading the existing weight room. "We added about 1,200-square-feet of open floor space and two pieces of equipment," said Bradford Scott, Director of Athletic Performance at the University of Portland. UP removed and replaced the existing rubber floor. "The existing floor was not ideal for a number of reasons," said Scott. "It was too thin, ripped, was very dirty, and difficult to clean."

In its place, UP selected Everlast UltraTile™, which is manufactured by ECORE. Designed

with a patented "ultra" wear layer to provide unlimited design options, UltraTile is available in more than 15 standard patterns. By featuring a pedestal underside, these tiles help prevent cable clutter by routing fitness equipment wiring beneath the surface.

ECORE worked closely with UP to make sure the flooring contained the right colors. ECORE created a unique purple just for UP that matches the school colors for the field color and the logos. More than five UP logos were then placed at each of the lifting stations in the weight room. The other side of the room contains the UP pilot logo.

"ECORE did a very nice job; it looks terrific," said Art Stevenson, the ECORE Commercial Flooring agent involved with this project. "The pilot logo goes across 21 tiles. The water jet cut color logo was very easy for the installer to put together. With the UltraTile there was nothing to it. They put it together with the dowels. No figuring out little bits and pieces."

"We liked the color combinations, density of material, which is one-inch thick, the warranty, and the ability to drop bumpers on it, therefore eliminating platforms," said Scott. In addition to adding visual excitement, Everlast UltraTile surpasses the noise and shock absorption qualities of any other fitness floor. UltraTile can withstand the constant dropping of weights and pounding of equipment without showing wear and tear.

"We talked about what type of flooring they required for the students using the facility," said Stevenson. "They needed surfacing that would stand up to athletes using free weights. If you drop a weight on anything besides UltraTile, it will start showing wear. They need university strength flooring."

"It looks great, and it's safe for the students to train on," said Scott.

