J.L. SORENSON PE BUILDING

History

The planning for this building began in 1987 and consultation with the architect commenced in 1992. The purchase of former Iron County School District property on which the building stands took place in 1998. Legislative funding to begin construction was obtained in 1999. Ground-breaking was held on June 23, 1999; construction of the 135,000 square foot building was completed 555 days later. This building was dedicated March 23, 2001 and is one of the newest building on campus. J.L Sorenson's vision and financial support of SUU have made a major difference in the University's progress and development. His interest in a building that will provide multiple venues for strengthening the heart and mind symbolizes in part the many medical devices he has created to save and preserve life.

Fun Facts

- The Olympic sized swimming pool is the only one if it's kind in Southern Utah. They offer a scuba diving class as well as kayaking sessions that are held in the swimming pool.
- Some of the building's activities include: ROTC practice drills, Intramural sports, swimming lessons, aerobics and yoga classes.
- The largest classroom on campus is located in the PE Building with 181 chairs.
- Each classroom in the PE building has internet and networking hookups at each station.

Inside The P.E. Building

- The Physical Education Department
- 5 racquetball courts, that can also be turned into wallyball courts [you can also play volleyball]
- A suspended inside track
- 3 NBA-sized basketball courts, that can also be used as volleyball or tennis courts
- Outdoor tennis courts
- A wrestling room
- An aerobics/dance room
- A fitness/weight room
- An Olympic sized swimming pool

Experiences with this building or departments I will use to Personalize My Tour.

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