

# Jane P. Batten Student Center Renovation and Addition Virginia Wesleyan College

Norfolk/Virginia Beach, Va.



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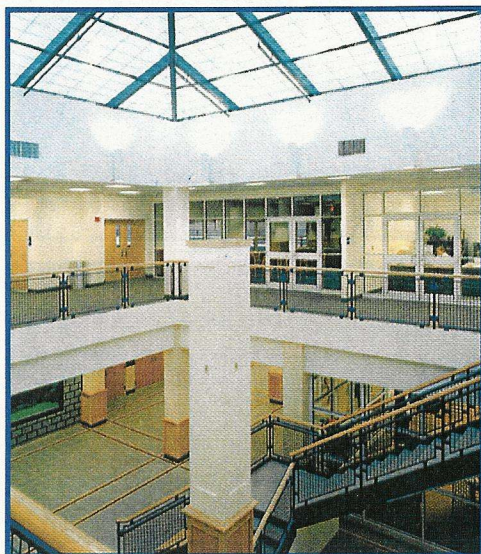
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With a red-brick exterior and precast concrete trim and accents, the two-story Jane P. Batten Student Center complements the prevailing architecture found on Virginia Wesleyan's campus. Its program design incorporates an existing gymnasium and an adjacent campus dining center to create one seamless student center, arena and natatorium.

The center features two entrances: one for users and another for visitors. Those interested in viewing arena events are greeted with a ticket booth, a concessions stand, public rest rooms, trophy cases and access to the college bookstore and grill. A second lobby off the campus quad features a large, glass-enclosed lounge area with ample natural light, a control desk, a 40-foot-high climbing wall, views into racquetball

courts, and access to the fitness center and multi-purpose activity center. Activity spaces are linked by skylit "Main Street North" and "Main Street South" corridors. The centerpiece of the facility is an open "Town Square," which boasts a 7,500-gallon freshwater aquarium and an illuminated clock tower.

The center's interior details were carefully considered to reflect an open, vibrant atmosphere. The facility's Main Street North and South corridors and Town Square feature several columns with oak wainscoting, as well as wire mesh railings with oak caps. The many different program spaces are tied together via a school-color theme of light gray and off-white with dark blue accents, which appears on walls, floors and carpeting.

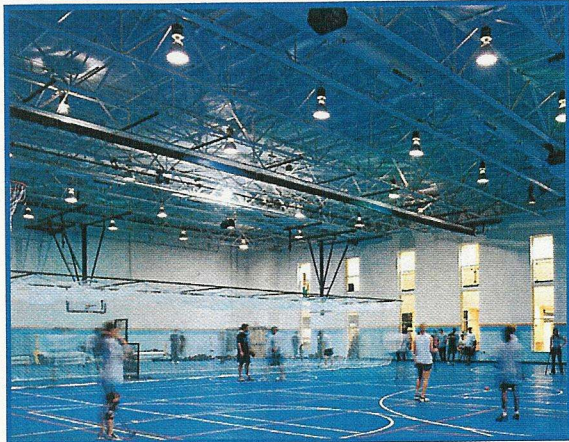


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An existing gymnasium was converted into a multipurpose activity center.



From the open and airy main lobby and lounge, visitors have expansive views out to the campus quad.



The Marlin Sports Grille features room for live music and both indoor and outdoor seating.

**Architect of Record:**  
 Stanmar Inc.  
 Sudbury, Mass.

**Cost:** \$13.8 million  
**Square Feet:** 137,000  
**Occupancy:** December 2001