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## **Construction Complete on the Saint Louis University Simon Recreation Center**

ST. LOUIS, MO –Construction has been completed on the \$8 million Saint Louis University Simon Recreation Center. The Lawrence Group provided the architectural and interior design services on the recreation center. Alberici Constructors of St. Louis is the general contractor on the project.

Phase II of the two-phase project which was completed in January 2008 includes a 9,638-square-foot expansion of the entrance on the upper level of the Simon Recreation Center. The new space features an open floor plan, a new entry reception area, a circular welcoming desk, a renovated lobby, all natural materials, a 35 feet tall water feature built into a maple wall glass mezzanine and a 4,990-square-foot glass mezzanine.

The 41,800-square-foot Phase I expansion of an existing parking garage into an exercise facility completed in January 2007 includes more than 200 new workout machines, a juice bar and lounge, full wellness suite, additional locker rooms, a boulder wall and a gaming area. Several new multi-purpose rooms feature Pilates, yoga, spinning, aerobics and other fitness classes.

“The goal of the project was to specifically address our lack of fitness space and to make upgrades and renovations to other areas of the facility that would re-establish the Simon Recreation Center as one of the premier University recreation centers,” said Eric Anderson, director of the Simon Recreation Center.

Saint Louis University will hold a grand opening/ribbon cutting in 2008.

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