“In the highly academic environment of Holy Cross, our scholar-athletes are challenged to integrate mind, body, spirit and community thoughtfully, creatively and generously. Athletics provide a unique context in which our students learn resiliency, team spirit and leadership skills in ways which fulfill our mission to educate the whole person. Therefore, it is important that our Athletics program reflect the same standard of excellence we expect in everything we do at Holy Cross.” — Phil Boroughs, S.J., president
From the day of its founding, Holy Cross has been an institution comprised of competitors—individuals who have always understood that to challenge oneself is to better oneself. Mount St. James has been the site of spirited competition from the start, because it is in the Jesuit-inspired process of asking more of ourselves and those around us that we discover who we truly are.

Today, we mark the beginning of a new era in Athletics at Holy Cross. From Linden Lane to Easy Street, the spirit, pride and excitement are returning. We are ready to play. And we are determined to win. We are intent on being champions once again.

A rejuvenated and successful Athletics program will be a vital component of the new ethos emerging at our College. Over the last several years, we have brought together constituents from every aspect of the College community. Together we have thought deeply and broadly about the future of Athletics at Holy Cross, delineating our aspirations, formulating our goals, and, finally, assembling a plan that will transform the nature of Crusader Athletics.
A bold vision: the renovation and expansion of the Hart Center will transform athletics at Holy Cross.
Our vision is bold and ambitious—and commensurate with our goals for a new era. At its core is the renovation and expansion of the Hart Center. When completed, the new and improved Hart Center will be a showcase facility, a shining gem at the top of the Hill, worthy of both our history and our ambitions for great things to come. With your help, we will build indoor practice fields for all of our field sports. We will build an additional practice court for our basketball and volleyball teams. We will expand our sports medicine and strength and conditioning areas and equipment to service 750 student-athletes. And we will build locker rooms, team meeting rooms and office space for all of our varsity sports teams consistent with a Division I program. The new Hart Center will give Holy Cross student-athletes the tools they need to become champions in the years ahead and for decades to come.

In conjunction with the renovation and expansion of the Hart Center, we will completely revamp our aging Field House, and create a top-flight recreation complex for the entire student body, featuring basketball courts, multiple exercise studios, weight training rooms, new shower and locker space, and centers for a wide assortment of health, wellness, and fitness programming.

It is time for big dreams and bold plans. It is time for us to join together to create the next chapter in Holy Cross Athletics history.
When completed, the new Hart Center will offer:

- 64,000 square feet of indoor practice facility—
  with 100 yards of turf for use by all field sports
- 9,500 square feet of new space for strength and
  conditioning training
- 3,000 square feet of new space for sports medicine
  services
- Auxiliary gymnasium for basketball team practice
  and volleyball practice/competition
- New ERG room for rowing teams
- Locker rooms for our teams
- Offices for all programs and new meeting
  rooms/recruiting space
- Offices for all Athletics administrators
  and support services
- Exterior plaza for events
Q&A with Director of Athletics Nathan Pine

Q: What is your vision for the Holy Cross Athletics program?

A: Succinctly, competitive excellence right down the line. Make no mistake, I am interested in winning and the important lessons that student-athletes gain from learning to win and learning to win the right way. Of late, I think we have strayed from that goal and now is the perfect time for us to refocus our efforts and acknowledge that winning is important to us. It is a significant metric in our overarching goal to achieve excellence across every dimension of the College. Our teams are going to be more competitive. I want to see across-the-board contenders at Holy Cross.

Q: How do you plan to achieve this?

A: The primary factor that will set this department up for success for the next 20 years is the renovation and expansion of the Hart Center. First of all, it’s the perception—making a multi-million dollar investment in this facility speaks to the importance of athletics on this campus now and for the future. We are unquestioned in academics. We want to bring our Athletics program up to par with our academics. The fact is that competitive athletics benefits the entire institution all the way around. A popular and successful Athletics program is a marketing and publicity multiplier for Holy Cross. It conveys the College’s name and story out into the national conversation. It creates a sense of spirit and pride on campus and in the alumni community.

Q: And you believe the centerpiece for this new era of Athletics success is the Hart Center?

A: Without question. The scope of this project is bold and ambitious. We will create state-of-the-art, year-round indoor practice fields that will benefit all our field sports. For a New England team, that’s an immense and immediate benefit. We will build additional practice courts for our basketball team and for our volleyball team. We have 750 student-athletes on this campus and with the new Hart Center, we will be able to provide appropriate strength and conditioning training and the best sports medicine services for them. We will better equip them to maximize their potential and give them a world-class student-athlete experience. That’s exactly what we are doing in the classrooms and that is what we need to do on our courts, fields and ice. In the end, the new Hart Center will be an exceptional, campus-enhancing facility, which will transform us in terms of both performance and recruiting.
A shining gem: the new and improved Hart Center will be worthy of our history and things to come
A campus-enhancing facility: the renovated Hart Center will benefit the entire community of athletes and fans
Designed to compete: a state-of-the-art, year-round indoor practice facility will benefit all our field sports.
Room to practice: an auxiliary gymnasium will provide more space for basketball and volleyball practice
Overhaul aging Field House: our entire student body will benefit from a thoroughly renovated recreation complex for health, wellness and fitness
Timing of Construction

In today's dollars, the projects will cost approximately $87 million for Hart and $14 million for the Field House renovations. Currently, escalation costs are approximately six percent per year. The timing of construction will depend on our early fundraising progress.

To view additional drawings, visit our project website: alumni.holycross.edu/hartcenter

For more information on how to support the project, contact Phil Gibson '95, director of Leadership Giving, at 508-793-2667, pgibson@holycross.edu