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## **UMass Building Authority unveils \$5 million renovation of Tripp Athletic Center**

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The UMass Building Authority (UMBA) and UMass Dartmouth celebrated the opening of the new Tripp Athletic Center, which received a \$5 million renovation. Executive director Katherine Craven of UMBA attended an unveiling ceremony at UMass Dartmouth along with UMass Dartmouth chancellor Divina Grossman and other UMass officials and students.

The renovations to the Tripp Athletic Center doubled the facility's space from 8,000 s/f to 16,000 s/f and include new cardio and weight equipment. The facility also now includes a free weight area and new varsity athlete lifting room.

The general contractor was JG Edwards Construction Co. and design was provided by JCJ Architects.

Currently, UMBA is managing more than 20 projects on all UMass campuses, including the general academic building at UMass Boston, a bio-processing center for UMass Dartmouth, University Crossing at UMass Lowell, and the Champions Center at UMass Amherst, while having recently completed the Sherman Center at UMass Worcester Medical School. Working with UMass president Robert Caret and the board of trustees, UMBA strives to deliver the most cost-effective, highest quality construction of world class buildings to support the mission of the University. The new research facilities, venture development centers, dormitories and student life facilities and other buildings strengthen the university's reputation as one of the top educational institutions in the country and as a top economic development driver for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Shown (from left) are: Maria Furman, vice chairperson of the UMass board of trustees; Dr. Divina Grossman, chancellor of UMass Dartmouth; Mass. State representative Paul Schmid III (second from right); executive director of the UMass Building Authority Katherine Craven and Arnie the Corsair (back left).

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