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## **Gilbane celebrates ribbon cutting at Babson College Recreation and Athletics Complex**

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Shown (from left) are: V.P of student affairs and dean of students Lawrence Ward; senior director of athletics and athletics advancement Mike Lynch; president Stephen Spinelli Jr.; women's volleyball player Gaby Miller; and trustee David Lamere '82.

Wellesley, MA Babson College students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors and friends joined representatives from Gilbane Building Company and the community to celebrate the ribbon cutting ceremony and official opening of the new Babson Recreation and Athletics Complex (BRAC).

Gilbane provided construction management services for the 75,000 s/f addition and renovation that nearly doubled the footprint of Babson's wellness center. The focal point of the new facility is the 10,000 s/f, two-story fitness center which features cardio and strength-training suites, as well as multipurpose rooms and a new recreation space with three basketball courts.

The BRAC project also included upgrades to varsity and recreational locker rooms, improved athletic office suites, and a new sports medicine area highlighted by hot and cold hydrotherapy tubs.

"The entire Babson College community is thrilled by the addition of the new Recreation and Athletics Complex (BRAC) facility to our campus. This world-class facility not only enriches our athletic program, but our campus community as a whole. The Gilbane team understood and supported this vision for community and worked in tandem with us throughout the construction process. The outcome is a topnotch facility that supports the health and well-being of our students as well as all members of the Babson community," said Janet Fishstein, AVP, facilities management & construction, Babson College.

"As the builder of this state-of-the art facility, we are proud to have played a part in Babson's tremendous investment in its campus community and student life," said Mike O'Brien, business unit leader of Gilbane's Massachusetts office. "This project exemplified our collaborative approach to our work and we're thrilled to continue our long-standing relationship with Babson College."

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