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OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY MCALEXANDER FIELD HOUSE WINS NIRSA AWARD

Portland, Ore., (January 25, 2012) - Portland architecture firm Yost Grube Hall Architecture (YGH) announced today that the McAlexander Field House project for Oregon State University has won an Outstanding Sports Facility award from the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA).

The 34,369 gross square foot McAlexander Field House, designed by YGH, is one of nine projects that will receive the honor at NIRSA's National Conference to be held in Tampa, Florida, March 27 – 30. The award recognizes creative and innovative designs of new, renovated or expanded collegiate recreational facilities. Judges evaluate each facility on its architectural design, functionality and how well it meets its intended purpose. For the judges, the McAlexander Field House merited an award for the following four reasons:

- 1) The thoughtfulness of design as it related to staffing and working with Rec Sports to determine those needs
- 2) The preservation of the historic design and the coordination of both the plans of the University and the city
- 3) The increased usability and accessibility that the renovation created for participants
- 4) The green features of the facility

The \$2.2 million facility has a staffed access control point, indoor turf field, court surfaces, batting cages, a climbing wall, an exercise area and lounge as well as a classroom, office and storage areas. Using LEED CI 2009 as a standard, the building achieved equivalence to the LEED Gold level for this historic renovation, with 74 out of 110 points. Approximately 600 students per day enjoy using the updated facility, which opened February 2011.

About Yost Grube Hall Architecture

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