



Marist College

equipment systems case study

Marist College McCann Natatorium
Poughkeepsie, New York

The natatorium is home to the most dominant force in swimming and diving in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

The 265,000-gallon facility, ranging in depth from 4 feet to 13 feet provides six 25-yard lanes and an independent diving well. The well contains two 1-meter Duraflex diving boards and one 3-meter Duraflex diving board.

Separating the diving well from the lap pool is a seven-foot wide Whitten movable bulkhead. The bulkhead was installed in 2001, the same year the aquatic facility was re-coated with a Marcite surface. Mezzanine level spectator seating provides room for up to 325 fans while deck level seating can accommodate up to 320 individuals.

The 5,400 square foot deck contains a training trampoline for divers along with ample space for numerous conditioning opportunities for the men's and women's swimming and diving teams. An additional convenience are the easily accessible men's and women's team locker rooms located directly off the deck.

A Colorado timing system is used to record all the swimming and diving outcomes of a program that dominates the MAAC.

The McCann Natatorium, one of the premier aquatic facilities in the MAAC, houses a dynasty of a men's and women's swimming and diving program. Adoring



the north and west walls of the McCann Natatorium hang 20 championship banners recognizing the swimming and diving team's championship seasons. Marist stakes claim to more swimming and diving league championships than any other MAAC school and is the most decorated varsity program with the Marist Athletic Department.

Since joining the MAAC in 1996, the men's program has won the league title nine times and have enjoyed three undefeated seasons (1988-89, 1994-95 and 2000-01). Over the last 10 years, the men have compiled a 60-0 home and away MAAC dual meet record.

The women's program likewise enjoys much success at the McCann Natatorium. With their latest MAAC championship in

the 2004-05 season, the women's team has won seven league titles.

In 2000 the Natatorium had another program added to its resume by becoming the home to the women's water polo team. This program played its first home match versus Iona College in March of 2000. The movable bulkhead and pool depth make the natatorium an optimal site for water polo competition. An additional water polo amenity was the installation of a new Colorado water-polo specific timing and scoring system in 2005. Several MAAC women's water polo championship tournaments have been held at the McCann Center. The Natatorium is available for use by all Marist College students, faculty, staff and McCann Center members during open swim hours.