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Belmont Abbey Announces Wheeler Center Improvements

BELMONT, N.C. -- Belmont Abbey College has announced plans to dramatically upgrade the Wheeler Athletic Center's Sports Performance facility. The new design includes customized weight lifting equipment, new flooring, and a 1,350 sq. ft. artificial turf functional training area that will serve 31 varsity and eight developmental men's and women's athletic programs and over 800 students.

The project is scheduled to be completed by the start of the spring semester in January 2019. There will be twelve new weightlifting stations with customized racks, benches, bars, and plates, branded dumbbells, a new 30-yard turf sprinting and plyometric area, and many more features to enhance the performance and experience of Belmont Abbey College students.

"Aristotle wrote, 'Excellence is an art won by training and habituation...Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit'," said Dr. Bill Thierfelder, President of Belmont Abbey College. "Humpy and Pat Wheeler live Aristotle's ideal every day of their lives. Their munificence is one more sign of their excellence and ensures that our students and coaches will have the opportunity to continue the pursuit and attainment of excellence and virtue on and off the fields of play. I am forever grateful for their great generosity and kindness."

"This project was made possible by the generous donation from the Wheelers," said Stephen Miss, Director of Athletics. "A major upgrade, renovating our Sports Performance facility better positions us to deliver upon our promise to our students: to form and develop the whole person – Body, Mind, and Soul."

About Belmont Abbey College: Founded in 1876, Belmont Abbey College is a private, Catholic, baccalaureate and liberal arts institution. Our mission is to educate students in the liberal arts and sciences so that in all things God may be glorified. Guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition and the Benedictine spirit of prayer and learning, we welcome a diverse body of students and provide them with an education that will enable them to lead lives of integrity, to succeed professionally, to become responsible citizens, and to be a blessing to themselves and to others. Our beautiful and historic campus is conveniently located just 10 miles west of Charlotte, N.C., and is currently home to more than 1500 students.

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