



# SHOCK THE WORLD

## THE ECK STADIUM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Walk into Eck Stadium and you know immediately that you've entered one of the most impressive college baseball venues in the country. It didn't happen by accident. Over a 30-year period beginning in 1985, Wichita State University and its valued alumni and donors have invested the resources to create an outstanding complex for athletes and spectators alike. The most recent addition: an LED video scoreboard that, at 1,300 square feet, is one of the five largest in all of college baseball.



### CAMPAIGN PRIORITY

**Raise \$2 million** to complete the final phase of a five-part development plan for Eck Stadium. This last stage focuses on **enhancing player performance**, not only for student athletes in the **baseball program** but also for those in **softball, tennis and golf**.

## PERFORMANCE FACILITY AT ECK STADIUM

The centerpiece of the Eck Stadium project will be a 10,000-square-foot Performance Facility to benefit both the baseball and softball teams. Student athletes will have their own strength and conditioning center to meet their specialized needs, a feature that will enhance WSU's ability to recruit high-caliber players. The men's and women's tennis and golf programs also will have access to the strength and conditioning center.

Currently, WSU's baseball and softball players – who represent the second and third largest teams in WSU's athletic program – must visit Koch Arena when they want to work out with cardio equipment and weights, or receive whirlpool and physical therapy services. This system not only disrupts their training and practices, but also overloads the capabilities of the Koch Arena facility.

The Performance Facility also will house a locker room for baseball players, media room for viewing game videos, player lounge area and offices for coaches and staff. It will provide access to and from the Bombardier Learjet Practice Facility, as well as to the Shocker dugout on the Eck Stadium playing field.

As part of the project, the Shocker dugout will be moved from the first-base side of the field to the third-base side. It will be enlarged and recessed to enhance safety.

Finally, the baseball program's ticket office will be enlarged and remodeled.

## A HISTORY OF ECK STADIUM AND TYLER FIELD

Through the years, Wichita State has strived to create a complex that reflects the legacy of Shocker baseball.

**1985**

A permanent stadium with 3,044 seats is built.

**1988**

New AstroTurf surface and rubberized warning track installed.

**1998-99**

Improvements include a prominent entry plaza, skybox suites, two-level press box and the Virginia H. Farah All-American Club.

**2009**

The Bombardier Indoor Practice Facility is built.

**2016**

Installation of an LED video scoreboard, the fifth-largest Daktronics videoboard in college baseball



## SHOCKER BASEBALL, BY THE NUMBERS

**7**

College World Series appearances

**17**

Missouri Valley Conference titles

**31**

Players drafted by the major leagues

**4th**

Winning percentage ranking in NCCA Division 1 baseball history

### STEPPING UP TO LEAD

As members of the WSU Athletic Facilities Leadership Council, the following people will help guide the campaign to raise private funds for Koch Arena and Eck Stadium improvements:

- **Tom Dondlinger, chair**
- Bill and Dorothy Cohen
- Debbie Haynes
- Clif Larison
- Elliot and Chonci Lekawa
- Leon Lungwitz
- Eric Namee
- Nate Robertson
- Renae Ryan
- Steve and Lisa Sutherland

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING



The atmosphere created by **our stadium is unmatched** by almost any other in Division I college baseball. Fans come to games knowing that they are watching a game in one of the **premier venues in the country.**

– **SHOCKER PITCHER CONNOR LUNGWITZ**, *sophomore*

Looking into the monstrous **grandstand from the field**, especially when we have a lot of fans, **is priceless.** It gives the athletes something to play for that is **bigger than themselves.**

– **SHOCKER PITCHER SAM TEWES**, *drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in 2016*



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