Most Shockers weren’t surprised when coaches in the American Athletic Conference rated Charles Koch Arena as having the best game atmosphere in the conference. Overall, however, the coaches ranked WSU fifth for its athletic facilities. This project addresses some of those shortcomings in ways that will touch every student-athlete, while also updating arena offices to better reflect the legacy of WSU Athletics.

The contributions of our generous donors have pushed us very close to the goal of raising $13.8 million in private funds to build a new Student-Athlete Success Center and renovate Charles Koch Arena. Your gift to this project will help take us over the top and score a victory for our entire university.

STUDENT ATHLETE SUCCESS CENTER

Funds raised in this campaign will pay for a new Student-Athlete Success Center, a 36,000-square-foot building dedicated to the academic, personal and professional development of our student-athletes.

The two-level complex, located just south of Charles Koch Arena, will include these features:

- **MAIN LEVEL** - A 2,500-square-foot study hall (compared to 1,600 square feet in the existing facility), tutoring rooms, computer center and large conference room. Also on this level will be an office complex for track & field, cross country and golf coaches and support staff.

- **LOWER LEVEL** - A weight and conditioning center with floor-to-ceiling glass windows looking out onto Cessna Stadium; a media room and student lounge. Locker room facilities for track & field and cross country will also be located here.
In Charles Koch Arena, the cramped and worn offices housing WSU’s basketball and volleyball programs impede recruiting efforts and detract from the legacy of Shocker Athletics.

To address this, the arena renovation project will enlarge, update and reorganize office space to make it more welcoming, functional and inspiring. The plan includes these elements:

- A doubling of space on the second level of Charles Koch Arena for the men’s and women’s basketball and volleyball programs.
- Remodeled offices and reception areas with comfortable seating, conference rooms and improved functionality.
- Remodeling the Champions Club to improve the experience for visitors.

A NEW HOME FOR TRACK & FIELD, CROSS COUNTRY

The men’s and women’s locker rooms for track & field and cross country currently are located in deficient facilities beneath the west bleachers at Cessna Stadium. This project would move them to the new Student-Athlete Success Center, along with offices for coaches and staff.

“When we’re hosting recruits, to have that view overlooking the track at Cessna Stadium and up-to-date locker rooms will make a positive impact.”

- Coach Steve Rainbolt

“When that we’re in the American, if a recruit comes and sees our current facilities, they’re not going to want to be part of this team.”

- Natalie Halfman, middle distance sprinter