



DISCOVERY AND
INNOVATION



PURSUIT
OF LEARNING



EXPANDING
HORIZONS



**FRONTIERS OF EXCELLENCE
THE EAST CAMPUS ATHLETIC VILLAGE**

The Houston Field House

To enhance the student experience, Rensselaer is initiating an historic, unprecedented athletic investment—the largest in our history—the East Campus Athletic Village. At the forefront are major improvements to the Houston Field House to enhance the Division I ice hockey program.



**EAST CAMPUS ATHLETIC
VILLAGE**

As envisioned in *The Rensselaer Plan*, the expanded facilities will meet the expectations of our current students; help us attract high-caliber student athletes as well as non-athletes; and allow us to host many regional and national high school tournaments in several sports. This will enhance Rensselaer’s visibility and attractiveness, enabling us to increase applications and enrollment.

The East Campus Athletic Village will breathe life into the campus as a whole, as it will free up existing facilities such as the Alumni Sports and Recreation Center for all types of programs, including casual recreation.

Phase 1 will include major improvements to the Houston Field House, a Multi-Purpose Stadium for turf sports and special events, and an Arena with a 1,200-spectator performance basketball court and an administrative center with offices for staff and coaches.

Phase 2 will include a new natatorium, new indoor track with indoor tennis courts, outdoor tennis courts, and an additional artificial turf field.

The flexibility of the East Campus Athletic Village will increase Rensselaer’s visibility and our value to the regional community, and to organizations throughout New York state and nationally. It also will create a new platform for Rensselaer to reach out globally and attract international events of all types.

HOUSTON FIELD HOUSE

Renovations to accommodate Division I ice hockey include:

- New Hockey Program Suite;
- Professional-level Men’s and Women’s Locker Rooms with ample space for student-athletes to relax and study;
- Weight Room with north glass wall open to views of the Harkness Field and Track and the new Stadium & Arena;
- New Let’s Go Red Reception Room dedicated to coach Ned Harkness; and
- VIP Suite.

Located in the lobby, the Hall of Champions will feature hockey memorabilia from the Ned Harkness 1954 and the 1985 NCAA championship teams. Celebrating Rensselaer’s amazing hockey history, this area will house a Harkness exhibit in the new Let’s Go Red Reception Room. The new reception room will accommodate future recruiting events, VIP receptions, and other celebrations. >

“While we will retain the charm and tradition of our glorious past, the renovation of the Houston Field House will afford us the opportunity to recruit and develop the caliber of student athlete needed to return RPI to national prominence.”

*Seth Appert
Men’s Ice Hockey Coach*



Renaissance at Rensselaer
The Campaign for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute



“We are extremely excited about the new athletic facilities as we continue to build our women’s ice hockey program. These upgrades, along with our world-class academic facilities on campus, will help us attract the best student-athletes from around the world.”

John Burke, Women’s Ice Hockey Coach