

# STUDENT RECREATION CENTER AT LSU OUTFITTED WITH RAILING PANELS

## Banker Wire's Woven Railing Infill Mesh Supports Modern Look, Fall Protection

**MUKWONAGO, WI — FEBRUARY 8, 2018** — Following a three-year renovation and expansion plan, LSU University Recreation's (UREC) new Student Recreation Center reopened with enhanced facilities for fitness, wellness, aquatic and outdoor adventure. The 250,000-square-foot facility now provides a flexible, connected environment to celebrate and inspire personal wellness to support a growing demand on campus for expanded recreation programs.

Designed around a philosophy promoting "healthy building for healthy bodies," the new UREC facility is designed to capture the attention of students, drawing inspiration from the university's brand in the design, color palette and material selection. HOK, a global design, architecture, engineering and planning firm, took these elements into consideration when selecting material for the railing infill panels and tapped Banker Wire, the world's leading manufacturer of woven and welded wire mesh for architectural and industrial applications.

The versatile look of Banker Wire's L-62 high-definition lock crimp appeals to both restoration and new-build projects. The unique crimp features straight sections of wire with highly defined crimps at the points of intersection, lending itself to a smooth appearance to complement the sleek design of the recreation center. Providing strength and durability, this woven wire mesh pattern is ideal for withstanding heavy use and providing substantial fall protection.

"The challenge was finding a guard infill stout enough to not deform from use; in recreation centers railing is often an impromptu stretching station, and thin enough for a visual transparency design goal," said Gene Lund, Project Architect at HOK. "It was a fine line, specifying a railing infill material that was opaque enough to act as a safety component but transparent enough to maintain clear lines of sight with visual appeal. We fell in love with Banker Wire because of the company's breadth of options, and we were able to find the perfect mesh profile - ultimately building a railing system that is both elegant and durable."

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### About Banker Wire

Banker Wire is the world's leading manufacturer of woven and welded wire mesh for architectural and industrial applications. With the most modern and productive mill in the U.S., Banker Wire provides custom-woven material for any aesthetic on any scale - from intricate design highlights to expansive building facades. Founded in 1896, Banker Wire's manufacturing expertise has been refined for more than a century, bringing unmatched customization, quality, and service to customers. State-of-the-art grid welding equipment provides a wide variety of wire alloy, spacing and diameter configurations, trimmed or untrimmed. For more information visit [www.bankerwire.com](http://www.bankerwire.com).

### About Architectural Woven Wire Mesh

Pre-crimped woven wire mesh is constructed of individual wires that are crimped prior to being woven together on a loom. Pre-crimping the wires provides a much higher degree of control during the weaving process. This allows for far more intricate and interesting patterns, as well as unique customization, to meet the vision of the designer. Banker Wire has refined and innovated its crimping process more than any other manufacturer, delivering more than 8,000 different spacing, diameter, and crimp combinations, plus endless customization options. As a result, Banker can make any woven wire mesh pattern imaginable - manufactured to specify for any project type.

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