Maryland State College Sports Museum
Concept Paper

Purpose:

The Maryland State College Sports Museum will be dedicated to chronicling and preserving the State of Maryland State College’s sports heritage. The Museum will capture the athletic achievements of men and women who have made their mark in American sports history. Success of the past, in all sports endeavors, will be immortalized. The Museum will honor these outstanding athletes, administrators and coaches in an outstanding array of artifacts that represents their glory.

Museum Format:

The museum would house several theme rooms of memorabilia of the Maryland State College’s sports legends. The facility would boast interactive kiosks, a film room and a gift shop. Throughout the museum, visitors will find bronze busts and capsule biographies immortalizing each athlete. The inductees for the current year are on display in a circle of honor on the first floor entrance.

A new class of enshrinees would enter the Hall each fall during UMES’ homecoming activities at an annual induction banquet. On this special weekend, sports heroes of the past and present gather to share memories and honor the newest inductees. Exhibiting sports memorabilia will provide visitors an opportunity to see first hand and up close the uniforms worn by their heroes, the vintage equipment used in the outstanding games and photographs of the athletes at the top of their careers.

The main lobby area would be dedicated to the exploits of the 1940’s area. The left corridor and associated classroom would house memorabilia from the 1950’s and the right corridor would and associated classroom would house memorabilia from the 1960’s.

Location:

The proposed location for the Museum is Tawes Gymnasium which is in geographic center of the campus. This would be centerpiece of our sports complex given its close proximity to the football stadium and other athletic facilities.

Key Participants:

UMES Library, UMES Department of Facilities Planning and Management, UMES Department of Business, Management & Accounting, UMES Office of Sponsored Programs, UMES Athletic Department, and the UMES Capital Campaign Office.