



LOCATION	Grosse Pointe Woods, MI
ARCHITECT	Landry/Cekauskas
YEAR BUILT	2018

## University Liggett School

University Liggett School is a private school in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan. Founded in 1878, it is Michigan's oldest independent co-ed day school.

In 2017, with enrollment growing, Liggett hired Detroit-area architectural firm Landry/Cekauskas to design a modern and functional new athletic center. The 30,000+ square foot facility includes a multi-purpose gymnasium, fitness and instructional spaces, locker rooms, and a spacious lobby to accommodate PE, as well as a variety of sports leagues and tournaments.

Landry/Cekauskas was brought in to the Liggett project late in the game when another architectural firm was forced to bow out after high budget overages. Landry/Cekauskas delivered a building that, according to company principal Ray Cekauskas, "really looks cool and is on budget. By all accounts, the owner is very happy. We're an older and more experienced team... we know the contracting community and we got it done."

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Landry/Cekauskas turned to trusted hardware consultant Robb Rittner, owner of Rittner French Associates. Robb was provided with the floor plan and door types, security and access requirements, and hardware budget. He took it from there to supply hardware product specs and pricing.

Rittner chose hardware appropriate to the quality level, longevity and function required. Relative to other building items, hardware is not a big ticket item but is critical just the same. It has to function properly for a very long time, standing up to heavy and repeated use.

More importantly, there are many types of codes to be aware of including safety, security, fire, ADA, and many others. Some of the doors in Liggett's Boll Center had additional requirements such as access control points that need a card swipe to unlock the door, and doors on a timer to automatically unlock and lock at certain times during school hours.

Liggett's Boll Athletic Center was dedicated in September 2018 and has been successfully fulfilling its purpose ever since.

### Product(s) Used:

- MR Mortise Locks
- 6200 Exit Devices
- 7101 Closers

