

# AUSTIN

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Announces

## The Dave DeBusschere Center for Athletics



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We invite you to become a part of our success story by making a commitment to the Dave DeBusschere Center for Athletics through the *Together We Can* capital campaign—consider investing in our future with a pledge or gift. As a campaign donor, you will be permanently recognized within the new school facility. The Dave DeBusschere Center for Athletics is a commitment to our athletic program and to the greater community. Athletics is a driving force for students making their decision on where to attend high school. A state of the art athletic center will attract and promote our admissions and athletic prospects to the school that the current space does not. The Center will be a bridge between present students, our graduates and the Austin Prep Alumni. A space that can be used for multiple gatherings and special events, not just athletics, will promote our strong unity and school spirit. Let the Austin Pride shine.

Janel Coppens  
Principal/Head of School

Our family is truly honored that Austin Catholic High School chose to name the new Athletic Facility after our father. The core principles that our father embodied, and passed down to his children, are rooted in the exceptional education, sportsmanship, community and morals that he received from Austin High. Throughout his life, he spoke with great affection and gratitude for his high school experience and the lifelong friends and mentors he made during his years at Austin High. And so it is with gratitude that we thank the Austin High School community for this exceptional honor, one we know our father would embrace with the utmost appreciation.

Michelle DeBusschere  
Peter DeBusschere  
Dennis DeBusschere



Dave and Geri DeBusschere

## Dave DeBusschere Career Highlights

### Austin Catholic High School

- Austin Catholic Prep Graduate 1958, Class President, Honorary City of Detroit Councilman
- Basketball: Undefeated 1958 Season, City Championship, State Class A Championship
- All-City, All-State, All-American Honors
- Star Baseball Pitcher
- Amateur Athlete of the Year; State of Michigan

### University of Detroit (U of D)

- University of Detroit (UDM) Graduate 1962
- Basketball team played in 3 post-season tournaments
- All American Honors
- Baseball Team also played in three post-season tournaments
- National Collegiate basketball Hall of Fame (2006)

### NBA

- 12-year career (6 with Detroit Pistons, 6 with New York Knicks)
- 1963 All-Rookie Team
- Appointed player-coach at age 24 (youngest in the history of major professional sports)
- 8 time NBA All-Star
- 6 time All-Defensive Team in every year he competed
- NBA Championship (1970 and 1973)
- Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame (1983)
- Voted one of the 50 greatest NBA players in the 50 year NBA Anniversary

### MLB

- Signed a contract with the Chicago White Sox as a pitcher immediately after college graduation.
- One of the few athletes ever to successfully play two professional sports simultaneously (1962-1966) – Basketball and Baseball

### OTHER

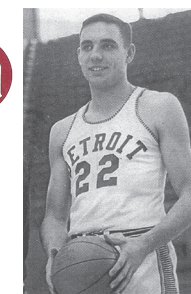
- Qualified for and competed in the Michigan Amateur Golf Tournament, Belvedere Golf Club
- Winner of the Kennedy Family Charity Tennis Tournament, Long Island New York
- Inducted into the Black Legends of Professional Basketball Hall of Fame (2002)

### Business Career

- Detroit Stockbroker, Roney (1962-1968)
- President and General Manager of the New York Nets of the American Basketball Association. New rival to the NBA (1974)
- ABA Commissioner. Helped merge the ABA with the NBA
- IMG Vice-President, East Coast of this event and artist representation company (1977-78)
- Total Video – packaging, consulting and artist representation (1979-1981)
- Executive VP, Director of Basketball Operations, New York Knicks (1982-1986)
- National Basketball Players Retired Association – One of five founding members in 1992, Past President
- VP for Corporate Development, Williamson Pickett and Gross, A New York based international real estate firm (1988-2003)

### Business Ventures

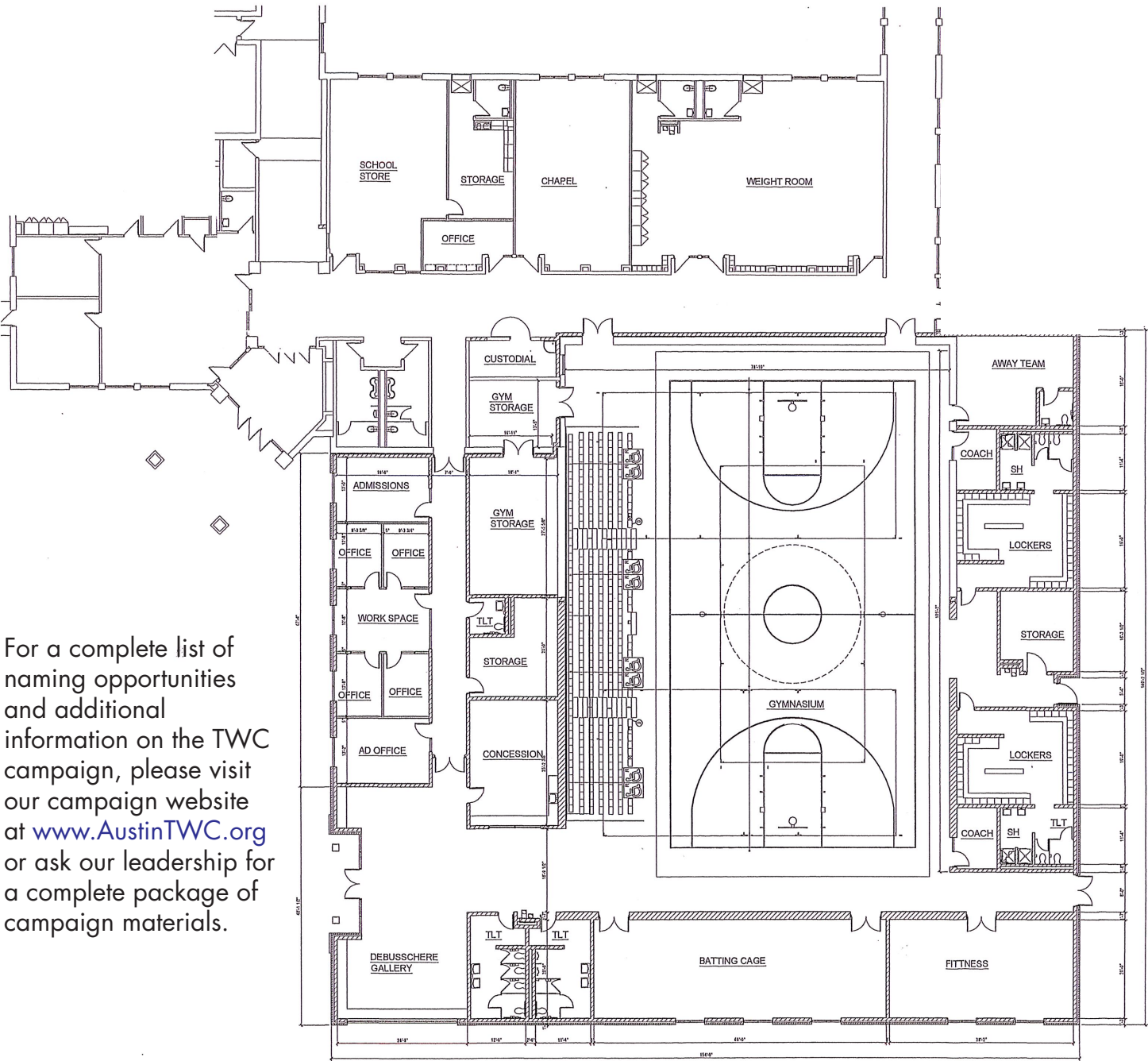
- Authored a book "The Open Man" chronicle of the Knicks 1970 NBA Championship Season
- Television show with his wife Geri and guests for Family Circle Magazine "It's a Great Idea"
- TV Commercial endorsements (Lee Myles, Clairol, M&Ms)
- Copal Industries – scrap salvage
- Ring Magazine, Publisher of Boxing and Wrestling Publications
- Restaurants in Boston, New York and LA
- Enthusiastic supporter with Geri – New York area charities
- Dave DeBusschere Cardiovascular Center, St. Vincent (St Clare's) Hospital, New York City





# Dave DeBusschere Center for Athletics Naming Opportunities

- Gymnasium
- Entrance Gallery
- Scoreboard
- Ladies Locker Room - Lockers (60 individual)
- Mens Locker Room - Lockers (60 individual)
- General Fitness/Sports Room (Batting Cage, Wrestling/ Cheerleading Mats, Putting Green)
- Concessions
- Fitness Room
- Weight Room
- Training Room
- Athletic Director Office
- Team/Visitors Room
- Showcases (10)
- Coach/Phys Ed Offices (2)
- Storage Rooms (6)



For a complete list of naming opportunities and additional information on the TWC campaign, please visit our campaign website at [www.AustinTWC.org](http://www.AustinTWC.org) or ask our leadership for a complete package of campaign materials.



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