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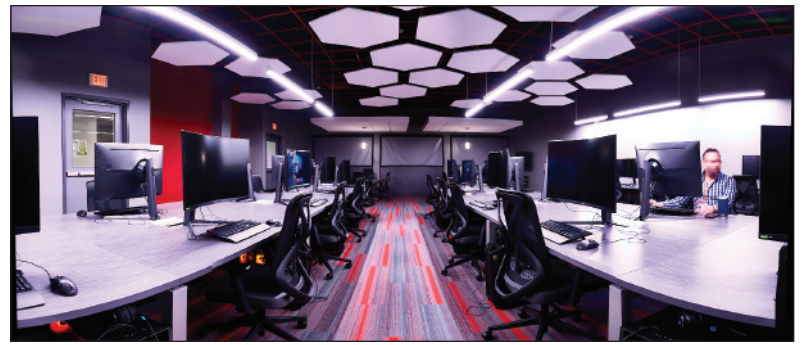


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## Muhlenberg Green Architects Designs RACC's eSports Center

On November 20, 2023, the Reading Area Community College (RACC) in Reading, PA held a grand opening event for the new eSports Center on Campus.

Located in the college's Student Union Building, the gaming hub features 25 gaming machines featuring MSI computers with the newest Nvidia RTX 4090 graphics card with Samsung Odyssey monitors.

The college launched the Esports Club in 2019 with eight gaming stations and about 20 members. After students returned to campus after COVID-19, membership began to increase, quickly outgrowing its small space in Weitz Hall. College leadership worked with Reading-based Muhlenberg Green Architects, and Ethosource, to design and furnish the over 1,200 square foot \$300,000 project.

The Esports Club now has a state-of-the-art facility to match the skills and enthusiasm

of the team, which continues to grow in membership. The new facility will further provide support for students that want to compete in local or regional collegiate tournaments with their friends and peers.

Brad Blankenbiller, Lead Designer, Muhlenberg Greene Architects, created the space to engage the growing number of students interested in gaming on campus and provide a setting to maintain and develop a community of gamers around RACC. Brad selected Armstrong Ceiling Solutions US open grid and acoustical ceiling cloud, as well as Interface linear look carpet tile to give the space a modern tech-forward feel.

Muhlenberg Greene Architects provided Architectural Planning and Design services, Bidding and Construction Administration for the project. F.W. Houder, Inc. of Malvern, PA was the contractor.

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