As part of the expansion of the Middlebury College’s Peterson Family Athletics Complex, Virtue Field House was dedicated in January 2015. The new 110,000 square foot space replaces the College’s former Bubble field house and entry and includes a six-lane 200 meter track, a nine-lane 60 meter sprint, two pole vault and long jump pits, an indoor track throwing cage, four baseball and/or softball batting cages, and a netting enclosed 22,000 square foot filled-turf area inside the track oval. The facility also includes a cardio balcony fully outfitted with exercise equipment, concourse and bleacher seating for over 800, classrooms, offices, office suite for the athletic director, two 50-person locker rooms, and a new entry to the entire athletics complex.

A major component of the project includes the integration of this building into the main complex and the corridor that links Kenyon Arena, Pepin Gym, the Natatorium and the new Squash Courts. Along this corridor Middlebury College has begun an Athletics Hall of Fame. The inaugural Hall of Fame class was inducted in 2014, and their pictures are on the south wall of this corridor. On the north wall of the corridor is an 80 square foot interactive video history wall of Middlebury Athletics. This digital display allows viewers to scan through over 100 years of Middlebury College athletic history.

The building has an eastern and western clerestory to aid in daytime illumination as well as a curtain wall along much of the western concourse. The building lighting is provided with LED fixtures with several illumination settings, all controlled by the building management system. The building is heated from the College’s central steam plant. Middlebury College anticipates this project being awarded LEED Gold status later in 2015.