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DORDT TO PARTNER WITH CITY ON INDOOR TURF DOME

Dordt University is partnering with the City of Sioux Center on the construction of an indoor turf dome, which will be called the American State Bank Sports Complex. The dome, which is slated to be completed in 2022, will allow for multiple practices and workouts to be held simultaneously. It is estimated that more than 200,000 visitors will use the facility each year for community and Dordt events.

"We believe the dome will benefit both Dordt athletics and the greater Sioux Center community," says Ross Douma, Dordt's athletic director. "For a community our size to have access to an indoor turf dome will be a great chance for Dordt and the Sioux Center community to enhance athletic and recreational programs, provide institutional visibility, and highlight community partnerships."

The air-supported 250 by 450 feet structure will be 75 feet high and will be located at Open Space Park, east of the All Seasons Center parking lot. The construction of the indoor turf facility

is made possible in part by a generous sponsorship by American State Bank.

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— Ross Douma, athletic director

future. American State Bank has done this with a lead sponsorship for this indoor turf facility, and we will all be the beneficiaries of this investment for generations to come," says President Erik Hoekstra.

The City of Sioux Center, the Sioux Center school district, and Dordt have a long history of community partnerships. Open Space Park came to be through a partnership between the City of Sioux Center, the Sioux Center school district, and Dordt; the All Seasons Center, which

houses an ice arena and a swimming complex, is a partnership between Dordt and the City of Sioux Center. The American State Bank Sports Complex will provide a third partnership for the area.

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Dordt students will have access to the dome for athletic team events as well as winter intramurals.

"The dome will enhance our athletic programs and provide for the physical well-being of all Dordt students," says Douma. "Our instructional skills and workout designs will be better because of this space, and it will allow for more robust and comprehensive practice sessions."

"This multi-sport recreational facility will bring new opportunities for members of our community to meet, connect, and deepen relationships through year-round soccer, softball, football, baseball, and more—for all age groups from a variety of diverse backgrounds," adds Hoekstra.

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