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Hamilton was a terrific athlete at Mesa State and also served as Athletic Director (for \$1 per year) and Trustee.

In addition to the Hamilton Rec Center, Mesa State named the new athletic training room the Copeland Family Athletic Training room in honor of 30 years of support from Dr. Larry Copeland and his family.

The El Pomar Foundation, which raised \$500,000 for the project, was recognized as well with the "El Pomar Natatorium", which features an Olympic-sized pool and seating for 750 people.

Three nursing laboratories were named after St. Mary's Hospital, retired nurse Helen Krey, and Geno and Virginia Saccomanno.

The Monfort Family Foundation gave a gift of \$500,000 and was recognized with the naming of the Monfort Family Human Performance Lab.

For the complete story on the unveiling of the Hamilton Recreation Center, please click on the video link above.