



FCCAB: West Campus Development Update

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Envisioning the Future

PLANNING FOR FAIRFAX CAMPUS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF **MASON 2050**

How will Fairfax Campus planning efforts help to advance the University's capital priorities?

Fairfax

- Living Learning Village
- **Baseball Ballpark**
- High-Performance Training Center / Field House Redesign
- Center for the Arts Redesign
- EagleBank Arena Renovation
- Pedestrian Bridge

Mason Square

- Vernon Smith Hall Renovations (Student Housing)
- Future Development of Purchased Land

SciTech

- Faculty Housing

- **Outdated infrastructure**: current facility lacks core amenities and received minimal capital improvements in nearly 40 years
- **Program strength and momentum**: successful program with a strong head coach, engaged alumni base, and growing interest.
- **Strategic opportunity**: prioritizing baseball due to interest from external partners, creating new revenue potential.
- **Potential funding model**: Combination of university investment, donor contributions, and strategic partnerships
- **Multipurpose integration**: vision includes varsity athletics use, academic/recreation collaboration, and community access.
- **Catalyst for West Campus development**: serves as Phase 1 of a long-term master plan to reimagine West Campus

Baseball Ballpark: Project Rationale



Baseball Ballpark Proposed Program

- Practice and competition facility with turf fields to accommodate year-round usage
- Seating capacity of 2,500-3,000 (including premium hospitality or club areas), expandable to 5,000 seats
- Locker rooms for the baseball program (35-40 athletes) and on-site offices for coaching staff
- Dedicated areas for hitting and pitching (cages/bays)
- Strength, sports medicine, and recovery spaces
- Functional press box with media and game-production facilities
- Concessions, restrooms, and retail space
- New video board and sound system





VMDO Architects: Site Investigation

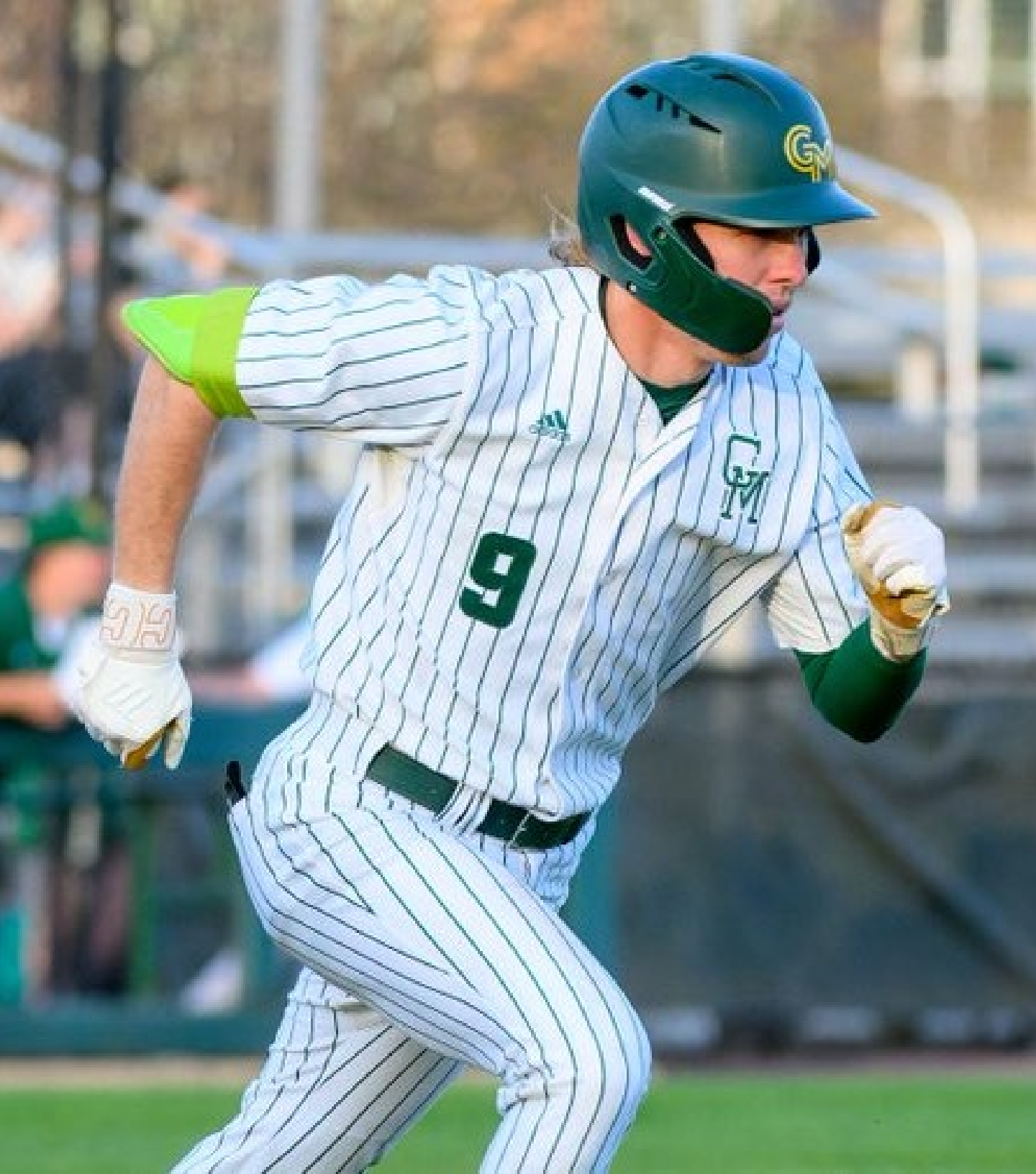
- VMDO Architects engaged (January 2026) to review ballpark program elements and evaluate preliminary site options.
- Initiated internal stakeholder survey to assess and prioritize key design and location criteria. Criteria include the following examples:
 - Field orientation
 - Gameday experience
 - Neighborhood impact
 - Pedestrian and vehicle accessibility
 - Connection to existing athletic amenities
 - Environmental sensitivity
 - Scheduling
 - Costs



Community Engagement: Progress Update and Next Steps

-  **Previous engagements**
 - Fairfax Campus And Community Advisory Board (FCCAB) — October 2025
 - Fairfax Sports Tourism Task Force — December 2025
 - Braddock District Supervisor briefing — February 2026
 - Visit Fairfax Board of Directors meeting — March 2026
 - Old Towne Fairfax Business Association (OTFBA) — April 2026

-  **Upcoming engagements**
 - Fairfax Campus And Community Advisory Board (FCCAB) — April 2026
 - House District 11 Representative — To be scheduled
 - Neighborhood Town Hall — To be scheduled



Next Steps

- Board of Visitors review and funding consideration — April 30
- Community engagement activities (town hall, community leadership meetings, etc.) — to be scheduled
- External partner engagement (private partners, Fairfax County Sports, youth sports organizations, and others) — ongoing
- Baseball ballpark concept planning — ongoing
- Parking, transportation, and traffic impact analysis — planned as a future project phase





Thank you.

