MARIE S. MCCARTHY HALL

KU’s newest apartment building is designed to help meet the demands for on-campus housing needs for upperclass students, as defined in the KU Campus Master Plan. It is further tailored to provide for the specific needs of KU men’s basketball scholarship athletes.

Located in the heart of the KU fitness area—near Allen Fieldhouse, Ambler Student Recreation Fitness Center, and Hoglund Ballpark—this three-story building is also near academic services common to upperclass students, including the KU School of Business, School of Music, Law School, and the KU Engineering complex.

BUILDING FEATURES
- Capacity: 38 men
- Each apartment has living room, dining room and full kitchen
- Two and four bedroom units with two baths
- Community kitchen
- Large multi-purpose room
- Living room with gas fireplace
- Recreation room
- Study rooms on each floor
- Third-floor patio and balcony overlooking KU campus
- Wood panel walls and coffered ceilings in common areas
- Mimics nearby Allen Fieldhouse design, including limestone exterior and red roof

CONVENIENCES
- Contracts offer year-round on-campus occupancy
- Wireless Internet
- Printing services
- KU card-operated laundry
- Optional meal plans and rental furniture packages
- Biometric access
- Office and apartment for on-site staff
- 24-hour service desk

Funded by private donors, this building also includes unique features designed to support KU men’s basketball needs and traditions:
- Half-court basketball court
- Barber chair
- Tiered media room seating
- Front door audio-visual access control

PROJECT HISTORY
KU alumni Kent and Missy McCarthy provided the lead gift and named the apartments for Kent’s mother, Marie S. McCarthy, who died in 2013. Born in 1929, Marie grew up on a farm in central Kansas and attended KU on a math scholarship—a rarity for women in that era. The most recent on-campus apartments are Jayhawker Towers, which KU bought from a private company in 1980. Two of the four Towers were renovated in 2009-2010. The new McCarthy Hall apartments are phase one of a project expected to include an additional wing for women’s scholarship athletes and upperclass women students, allowing KU Student Housing to continue providing a variety of living options for KU Students.

PROJECT TEAM
- Total project cost: $11.2 million
- Architect: Treanor Architects, Lawrence
- Contractor: First Construction LLC, Lawrence
- Completion date: October 2015