

STRIKING PRECISION: ULTRAVUE® LAMINATED GLASS DISPLAY CASES AT THE MARCUS MARIOTA SPORTS PERFORMANCE CENTER

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Introduction

The University of Oregon has assembled a massive state-of-the-art showcase to promote student-athlete wellness and to honor one of its Oregon Ducks football alumni, Marcus Mariota. The Marcus Mariota Sports Performance Center features an athletic wellness-performance facility and an interior constructed of eye-catching glass displays, including a trophy lobby with Tru Vue® UltraVue® Laminated glass display cases. Mariota was a quarterback for the Oregon Ducks from 2012-2014 and a 2014 Heisman Trophy winner. Today, Mariota is a 3rd-year professional National Football League (NFL) quarterback for the Tennessee Titans.



Entrance to the breathtaking trophy lobby at the Marcus Mariota Sports Performance Center. © Kris Iverson, of Moon Shadow Glass

Marcus Mariota Sports Performance Center

The talented design team at **SRG Partnership** and Senior Designer, Walker Templeton, were the architects behind the Marcus Mariota Sports Performance Center at the University of Oregon. The breath-taking 30,000 square foot (2787 square meter) renovation includes a new athletic training facility worthy of professional NFL football players. Generous benefactors, such as Nike Co-Founder Phil Knight, made the \$19 million-dollar project possible. The interior of the complex incorporates over 15,000 square feet (1394 square meters) of glass, but it's not just ordinary glass. Glass lined corridors, entrance doors, and ceilings integrate printed murals and artwork which highlight Mariota's college career at the University of Oregon. Some of the decorating techniques used in the project include photo realistic etching, direct printing using laminated glass, and paint filling of surface etched lettering.



Trophy cases are constructed of cut and polished UltraVue® Laminated Glass. © Kris Iverson, of Moon Shadow Glass

Trophy Cases Constructed from UltraVue® Laminated Glass

A major focal point of the Marcus Mariota Sports Performance Center is the trophy lobby which is a 135 foot (41 meter) long glass corridor that reaches 20 feet (6 meters) in height. All the prestigious trophies that Mariota was awarded during his football career at the University of Oregon are displayed in the center of this impressive corridor. Fabricated by **B & L Wood Creations Inc.** of Hillsboro, Oregon, each of the 8 cases measure 18" (46 centimeters) square and the height of the cases range from 12-40" (30-101 centimeters) tall. Decorative detail was used in every corner of the corridor, but the real artwork is encased in the Tru Vue®, UltraVue® Laminated Glass display cases. UltraVue® Laminated Glass was the material of choice since it would severely cut down on unwanted reflections



Close-up of the outside of the glass bonded corner. © JIT Companies Inc.