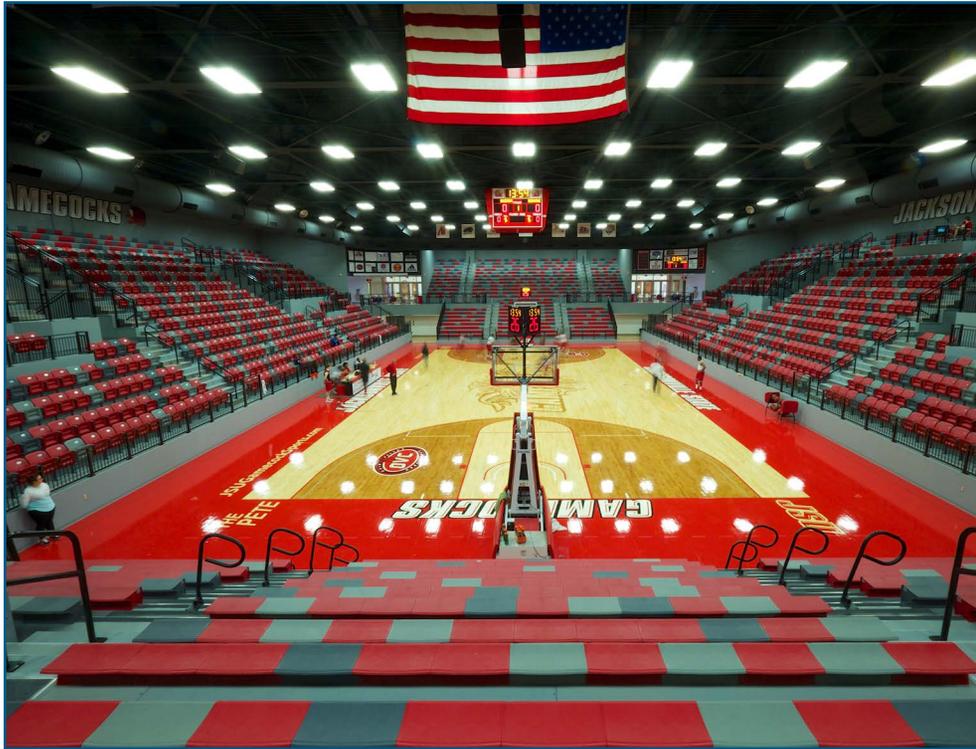


# CASE STUDY: JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY CUSTOM SEATING RISERS



In the fall of 2015, Staging Concepts began its work renovating the Pete Mathews Coliseum at Jacksonville State University (JSU). Although the existing stadium structure was in good condition, the internal layout needed a revitalized look and feel. A main issue with the older interior layout was the seating risers, which did not provide site lines needed for audiences to view all of the action on the court.

Hoping to increase the experience for their fans, JSU invested \$2 million into the renovation of the 41 year old facility, which wrapped up construction in late 2015. Part of Staging Concepts' scope of work included the design, manufacture and install

of entirely new seating risers for the stadium, which greatly improve sight lines and provide comfortable chair back seating overlooking the new court. On the baselines, bench seating was provided.

While athletic teams were temporarily moved to an alternate location during the renovations, Staging Concepts knew there was a very tight timeline on the project. Though the construction of the Pete Mathews Coliseum was an extremely fast-paced project, Staging Concepts delivered and installed its equipment, enabling the new home of the Jacksonville State Gamecocks to open as scheduled.

**“The team at Staging Concepts and the installation crew that was here was absolutely outstanding. Typical to construction of this magnitude, there will be many small conflicts that must be resolved. The installation crew, given their experience, was able to identify and address many of these conflicts before the first fastener was installed. If they weren’t as experienced and professional as they were, we certainly wouldn’t have finished when we did.”**

**-David Thompson, JSU Director of Physical Plant**



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## PROJECT DETAILS



To achieve a solid, concrete-like feel for the seating riser, Staging Concepts designed and supplied over 100 heavy-duty, steel raker beams for the understructure along with nearly 1,000 custom 1" SC90 platforms.

To bring the arena up to code and make the arena IBC-compliant, Staging Concepts modernized the space with:

- 1,000 linear feet of railing along the front and sides of the seating risers
- Nearly 200 seating riser step units with handrail
- Appropriate amount of ADA compliant seating capacity

Staging Concepts added the following design and finishing features to create a modern look and feel to the arena:

- Custom gray polyvinyl SC90 platforms
- Gray polyvinyl fascia panels
- Custom black powder-coated handrail

New camera platforms and a band platform were installed to make the arena more functional. The arena now features improved sightlines, added safety features and a modern, sleek appearance.

