

20 Years of the Zesiger Center: A History

1996

An article appears in The Tech about the start of planning to build a new athletic center. Barrie and Albert Zesiger committed \$8 Million to build an Olympic-class swimming pool as the centerpiece of the facility.



2000

Ground was broken on the Z Center in October of 2000. In attendance were significant donors for the project, including Albert Zesiger (SB 1951) and Barrie Zesiger (a member of the MIT Corporation); Alex d'Arbeloff (SB 1949, chair of the MIT Corporation) and Brit d'Arbeloff (SM 1961); Thomas P. Gerrity Jr. (SB 1963) and Ann Gerrity; and Thomas Folger (SB 1949) and Dorothy Folger.



2002

The Zesiger Center, named after the alums who ended up donating \$20 million to the project, opens on October 27. Eight days later, opening ceremonies were held to commemorate the occasion.



2003

The Zesiger Center is honored as one of the 10 national Facility of Merit winners at the 22nd Annual Athletic Business Conference.



2008

The first Head of the Zesiger is held. Also in 2008, the Rudovsky Indoor Golf Range opens.



2012

The Zesiger Center celebrates 10 years with a huge celebration held on campus.



2012

Also in 2012, The Zesiger Center played host to 700,000 visitors and 14,000 members. Today, over 1,000,000 individual visits happen annually, and we have 15,000+ members.



2022

For the 11th straight year, MIT's men's and women's swimming and diving teams won both NEWMAC conference crowns, in the pool at the Zesiger Center in February.

