

# 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.



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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.

