



ALLEGHENY GATORS 7-1, 4-1 NCAC

LOCATION	Meadville, Pa.
FOUNDED	1815
ENROLLMENT	2,100
NICKNAME	Gators
COLORS	Blue & Gold
STADIUM	Frank B. Fuhrer Field
CAPACITY	3,500
SURFACE	FieldTurf
AFFILIATION	NCAA Division III
CONFERENCE	North Coast Athletic
2008 RECORD	5-5, 4-3 NCAC
PRESIDENT	Dr. James H. Mullen Jr.
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR	Betsy Mitchell
HEAD COACH	Mark Matlak
SPORTS INFORMATION	Jill Yamma

2009 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 5	JUNIATA	W, 13-0
Sept. 12	WESTMINSTER	W, 27-14
Sept. 26	at Oberlin*	W, 22-0
Oct. 3	WABASH*	L, 3-37
Oct. 10	at Carnegie Mellon	W, 38-35
Oct. 17	DENISON*	W, 35-15
Oct. 24	at Kenyon*	W, 21-18
Oct. 31	WOOSTER*	W, 24-21
Nov. 7	at Wittenberg*	1 p.m.
Nov. 14	at Ohio Wesleyan*	1 p.m.

* NCAC game
HOME GAMES IN CAPS

2008 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 5	at Juniata	W, 34-18
Sept. 12	at Westminster	L, 6-2
Sept. 26	BERLIN*	W, 24-13
Oct. 3	at Wabash*	L, 7-48
Oct. 10	CARNEGIE MELLON	L, 41-14
Oct. 17	at Denison*	L, 13-10
Oct. 24	KENYON*	W, 27-22
Oct. 31	at Wooster*	L, 35-21
Nov. 7	WITTENBERG*W, 30-27 (OT)	
Nov. 14	OHIO WESLEYAN*W, 10-7 (OT)	

* NCAC game
HOME GAMES IN CAPS

In The Home Stretch

Tigers Host Allegheny With NCAC Title On Line

ALL-TIME SERIES: Wittenberg leads 11-9

SETTING THE SCENE The Wittenberg Tigers are closing in on the biggest prize of the 2009 regular season, but two major obstacles stand between them and the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) title. The first hurdle the Tigers must clear is Allegheny, the program with the most NCAC titles in conference history.

While not as dominant throughout the season as the Tigers, Allegheny still enters the second-to-last game of the season with a head of steam, sporting records of 7-1 overall and 4-1 in the NCAC. Allegheny has won four straight games - including three, three-point victories - since a 37-3 home setback to nationally ranked Wabash on Oct. 3.

SERIES HISTORY Wittenberg holds a narrow 11-9 series advantage over Allegheny, dating back to the Tigers' first season in the NCAC in 1989.

The Gators have won three of the last four games played on their home field, including last year's 30-27 overtime thriller, but the Tigers have mostly held serve in Springfield. Wittenberg is 7-2 at home against Allegheny, with margins of 21 points or more in four of the last five of those victories. The lone exception was in 2001, when Wittenberg scored a last-second touchdown to win 21-17.

SCOUTING THE TIGER OFFENSE The Tiger offense is putting up big numbers in 2009, thanks in part to the return of senior quarterback Aaron Huffman from an injury that ended his 2008 season in Game 2. His 160.15 passing efficiency ranks 15th nationally and second in the NCAC.

Huffman benefits from a deep receiving corps that features four players in double figures for receptions - senior **Patrick Williams**, junior **Anthony Kralich** and sophomores **Josh McKee** and **Michael Cooper**. He also has several quality options in the running game, led by junior **Corey Weber**, who has 513 yards and nine touchdowns on 92 carries after missing the last nine games of 2008 due to injury.

Weber, sophomore **Conner Warye**, senior **Jeff Wilbur** and Huffman all have at least 273 rushing yards in 2009, running behind a deep offensive line that has excelled despite the loss of All-NCAC tackle **Alex Burwell** for the season due to injury.

NO. 2 AND RISING In 31 collegiate games, all starting assignments, **Aaron Huffman** has thrown for 5,321 yards, good for second place on Wittenberg's career list. He surpassed Ryan Holmes, who passed for 4,560 yards between 2002 and 2005, during a 42-3 win over Earlham on Oct. 10.

Huffman needs just 239 yards to surpass National College Football Hall of Famer Charlie Green, who did not lose a game as a starter between 1961-64, atop the school's passing list. Green is the standard bearer among Wittenberg quarterbacks with 5,575 yards.

NO. 2 AND RISING (PART 2) Patrick Williams started the season fifth in school history with 134 career receptions. Despite the fact that he and most of the team's other offensive starters have played just three complete games so far in 2009, Williams has moved past Skip Ivery, Rod Miller and Michael Aljancic into second place on the list.

Williams now has 22 receptions on the season to stand 11 behind Jered Glover, who heads the list after catching 167 passes between 2002 and 2005.

Williams became just the fourth Wittenberg receiver to top 2,000 career receiving yards earlier this season. He is No. 4 on the list with 2,075, putting him 226 behind Glover's mark of 2,301.

SCORELESS That's what Wittenberg's first eight opponents are in the first half of games. The Tigers have a scoring advantage of 202-0 in the first half of games in 2009.

Olivet, Denison, Hiram, Carnegie Mellon and Wabash all scored touchdowns in the fourth quarter of games, while Earlham kicked a long field goal in the third quarter. Overall, Wittenberg has outscored its opponents 294-37.

NCAC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK Three Wittenberg players have earned NCAC Player of the Week honors in 2009. **Corey Weber** picked up the offensive award after rushing for 152 yards and three touchdowns in the season-opening win over Olivet, junior defensive end **Eddie Vallery** got the defensive award for a nine-tackle, two-sack, blocked punt performance against Ohio Wesleyan, and then **Zach Hurtt** picked up the defensive award after leading both teams with 12



WITTENBERG TIGERS 8-0, 5-0 NCAC

LOCATION	Springfield, Ohio
FOUNDED	1845
ENROLLMENT	1,950
NICKNAME	Tigers
COLORS	Red & White
STADIUM	Edwards-Maurer Field
CAPACITY	3,000
SURFACE	Artificial
AFFILIATION	NCAA Division III
CONFERENCE	North Coast Athletic
2008 RECORD	6-4, 4-3 NCAC (T-3rd)
PRESIDENT	Dr. Mark H. Erickson
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR	Garnett Purnell
HEAD COACH	Joe Fincham
SPORTS INFORMATION	Ryan Maurer

2009 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Sept. 5	at Olivet	W, 37-6
Sept. 19	at WashU. (Mo.)	W, 46-0
Sept. 26	OHIO WESLEYAN*	W, 20-0
Oct. 3	HIRAM*	W, 70-7
Oct. 10	at Earlham*	W, 42-3
Oct. 17	at Wabash*	W, 10-7
Oct. 24	CARNEGIE MELLON	W, 28-7
Oct. 31	at Denison*	W, 41-7
Nov. 7	ALLEGHENY*	1 p.m.
Nov. 14	WOOSTER*	1 p.m.

* NCAC Games

HOME GAMES IN CAPS

2008 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 6	OLIVET	W, 22-0
Sept. 20	WASH.U. (MO.)	L, 27-30
Sept. 27	at Ohio Wesleyan*	W, 32-0
Oct. 4	at Hiram*	W, 44-7
Oct. 11	EARLHAM*	W, 45-13
Oct. 18	WABASH*	L, 10-13
Oct. 25	at Carnegie Mellon	W, 21-14
Nov. 1	DENISON*	W, 23-0
Nov. 8	at Allegheny* L, 27-30 (ot)	
Nov. 15	at Wooster*	L, 6-27

* NCAC Games

HOME GAMES IN CAPS

Wittenberg FOOTBALL

tackles, including three for loss, in Wittenberg's key 10-7 victory over Wabash.

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TEAM OF THE WEEK (SQUARED) Eddie Vallery led a 46-0 demolition of Washington University, recording nine tackles, including five for loss, and four sacks. He was named to the d3football.com Team of the Week.

He followed that up with another nine-tackle performance against Ohio Wesleyan. He added two sacks and key blocked punt, which earned him both NCAC Defensive Player of the Week honors and d3football.com Team of the Week honors.

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SCOUTING THE TIGER DEFENSE After ranking first in the NCAC in scoring and team defense in 2007 and 2008, the Tigers have been nothing short of dominant in 2009, checking in nationally at No. 1 in scoring and total defense while leading the NCAC by a wide margin in all seven defensive categories.

While the unit is filled with veteran playmakers, the star has unquestionably been **Eddie Vallery**, who leads the team, the conference and all of NCAA Division III with 14 sacks. With 2.5 sacks against Denison, Vallery broke the school record for sacks in a season, which was 12 by David Smith in 1991.

Junior linebacker **Brad McKinley**, who racked up more than 100 tackles in each of his first two collegiate seasons, has missed the last two games due to injury, but he still has 43 stops in 2009. When healthy, he is flanked in the starting lineup by sophomore **Zach Hurtt**, who has a team-leading 50 tackles, and senior **Kyle Lohrman**, a first-team All-NCAC honoree in 2008 who has 49 stops so far in 2009, including a team season-high 14 against Carnegie Mellon.

The Tiger secondary features senior cornerback

Brandyn Brown, who has nine passes broken up, an interception, a punt return for a touchdown and a key 53-yard kickoff return that set up the winning field goal against Wabash on his 2009 resume. Senior safety **Trent Brunic** and sophomore safety **Seth Parker** share the team lead with three interceptions each after Parker came up with a pair of picks against Denison.

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NATIONAL WATCH LIST Zack Harris has made the most of his red-shirt season, going 7-of-10 on field goals and 33-of-35 on extra points in 2009, including the 31-yard field goal just before time expired at Wabash that gave the Tigers a thrilling 10-7 victory. He missed the last eight games of the 2008 season after injuring his knee against Washington University.

Harris' exploits on the field, in combination with his contributions as a volunteer at his hometown firehouse and the Springfield YMCA, have earned him a spot on the national watch list for the first-ever Fred Mitchell Outstanding Placekicker Award, which will be presented to the top player at that position among the nearly 400 NCAA Division II and III schools that sponsor football.

Mitchell was Wittenberg's first full-time placekicker, and he earned All-America honors as a senior in 1968. Currently a columnist with the *Chicago Tribune*, best-selling author and philanthropist, Mitchell is a member of Wittenberg's Board of Directors.

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LIFE AFTER BASEBALL Patrick Williams has set records on the gridiron and on the baseball field in his Wittenberg career. His days as an outfielder have ended, but he returned for a final season of football in 2009.

The team leader in receptions the last two years

BY THE NUMBERS...

	ALL	WITT			
SCORING	183	294			
Points Per Game	22.9	36.8			
FIRST DOWNS	142	163			
Rushing	37	84			
Passing	96	73			
Penalty	9	6			
RUSHING YARDAGE	725	1728			
Yards gained rushing	896	1821			
Yards lost rushing	171	93			
Rushing Attempts	249	329			
Average Per Rush	2.9	5.3			
Average Per Game	90.6	216.0			
TDs Rushing	9	17			
PASSING YARDAGE	2070	1705			
Att-Comp-Int	180-270-6	207-120-7			
Average Per Pass	7.7	8.2			
Average Per Catch	11.5	14.2			
Average Per Game	258.8	213.1			
TDs Passing	12	19			
TOTAL OFFENSE	2795	3433			
Total Plays	519	536			
Average Per Play	5.4	6.4			
Average Per Game	349.4	429.1			
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	21-400	9-267			
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	18-153	26-246			
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	12-113	10-167			
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.0	29.7			
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	8.5	9.5			
INT RETURN AVERAGE	9.4	16.7			
FUMBLES-LOST	7-5	8-3			
PENALTIES-Yards	59-552	41-361			
Average Per Game	69.0	45.1			
PUNTS-Yards	40-1626	24-890			
Average Per Punt	40.7	37.1			
Net punt average	32.2	36.1			
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	31:38	32:18			
3RD-DOWN Conversions	46/111	50/102			
3rd-Down Pct	41%	49%			
4TH-DOWN Conversions	2/11	8/15			
4th-Down Pct	18%	53%			
SACKS BY-Yards	22-158	26-199			
MISC YARDS	0	0			
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	23	39			
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	8-9	7-11			
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	1-1			
RED-ZONE SCORES	22-29 76%	30-36 83%			
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	16-29 55%	23-36 64%			
PAT-ATTEMPTS	21-23 91%	37-39 95%			
Score by quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Wittenberg	73	129	62	30	294
Opponents	0	0	3	34	37
Score by quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Allegheny	37	50	48	48	183
Opponents	17	66	15	40	138

THIS WEEK IN THE NCAC

Visitor	Time	Home
Allegheny	1 p.m.	Wittenberg
Denison	1 p.m.	Kenyon
Earlham	1 p.m.	Ohio Wesleyan
Hiram	1 p.m.	Wabash
Oberlin	7 p.m.	Wooster

NCAC Games in Bold

NCAC Quick Facts

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Founded: February 1983

Championship Sports: 22 (11 men, 11 women)



STANDINGS

School	NCAC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Wittenberg	5	0	8	0
Wabash	5	1	7	1
Allegheny	4	1	7	1
Wooster	3	2	4	4
Kenyon	3	3	3	6
Earlham	2	3	4	4
Ohio Wesleyan	2	3	2	6
Denison	1	4	2	6
Oberlin	1	4	1	7
Hiram	0	5	0	8



after finishing second in both categories in 2006, Williams started all but two of the Tigers' baseball games over the last four years. In 151 total games, including 149 starting assignments, the speedy outfielder ranked among the team leaders in numerous offensive categories in each of his four seasons in the Red & White.

Williams, who set a school record with a 27-game hitting streak stretching across the last 14 games of 2007 and the first 13 of 2008, finished his career with a .348 batting average. A second-team All-NCAC honoree in 2006, 2008 and 2009 and a first-team All-NCAC award-winner in football in 2007, Williams finished with 39 doubles (fifth in school history), 192 base hits (third), eight triples (seventh), 10 home runs, 109 RBI (seventh) and 42 stolen bases (fourth) in his baseball career.

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ALSO ON THE HARDWOOD Josh McKee and Michael Cooper not only made an impact on the Tiger football program in 2008, they both also quickly worked their way into the playing rotation for the men's basketball squad, which finished 13-13 a year ago.

McKee started 20 of the 23 games he played a year ago, averaging 7.3 points and 4.0 rebounds. His 23 steals ranked second on the team.

Cooper started 12 of 22 games he played in 2008-09, averaging 8.0 points and 4.0 rebounds per outing. He ranked second on the team in scoring and assists.

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THE COACHES Wittenberg is led by **Joe Fincham**, a 1988 graduate of Ohio University. In his 14th season at the helm, Fincham has a 122-29 overall record, including a mark of 83-14 in the NCAC and a regular season record of 115-23. His teams have claimed six conference titles, including four straight outright with undefeated records from 1998-2001. Fincham has been named NCAC Coach of the Year five times, including 2006 after he led the Tigers to their most recent conference title, and earned American Football Coaches Association/Kodak District IV Coach of the Year honors in 1998.

Fincham trails only National College Football Hall of Famer Dave Maurer, who posted a 129-23-3 record between 1969-83, in total wins. He is third in winning percentage as his .807 mark trails Maurer (.842) and fellow National College Football Hall of Famer Bill Edwards, who had a 98-20-4 record (.820) between 1955-69.

Allegheny is led by Mark Matlak, who has a 43-36 record in nine seasons at the helm of his alma mater's football program. He led the Gators to the 2003 NCAC championship and earned Coach of the Year honors after the campaign.

A 1978 graduate of Allegheny, Matlak was a four-year letterwinning fullback who earned conference Player of the Year honors as a senior. A 1989 Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, Matlak coached for nearly 20 years at the University of New Hampshire before returning to Allegheny in 2002.

NCAA STATISTICAL COMPARISON

235 TEAMS RANKED

WITTENBERG			ALLEGHENY			
STAT	D3	NCAC	CATEGORY	NCAC	D3	STAT
213.13	93	5	Passing Offense (yds/gm)	2	42	258.75
150.71	23	2	Passing Efficiency	3	46	141.32
216.00	31	1	Rushing Offense (yds/gm)	9	193	90.63
429.13	30	2	Total Offense (yds/gm)	5	113	349.38
36.75	21	2	Scoring Offense (pts/gm)	5	136	22.88

90.13	2	1	Pass Defense (yds/gm)	5	144	205.75
79.34	2	1	Pass Efficiency Defense	4	98	116.76
58.00	5	1	Rush Defense (yds/gm)	3	38	96.50
148.13	1	1	Total Defense (yds/gm)	4	61	302.25
4.63	1	1	Scoring Defense (pts/gm)	3	43	17.25
3.13	20	1	Sacks (per gm)	2	46	2.63
8.75	13	1	Tackles For Loss (per gm)	7	136	5.75

36.08	6	1	Net Punting (yds/punt)	6	72	32.25
9.46	72	3	Punt Returns (yds/ret)	5	98	8.50
0.44	1	1	Punt Return Defense (yds/ret)	10	225	15.06
29.67	1	1	Kickoff Returns (yds/ret)	5	111	19.05
15.91	26	2	Kickoff Return Defense (yds/ret)	5	143	19.74

+0.50	66	3	Turnover Margin (per gm)	2	51	+75
14 (4/10)	T-163	6	Turnovers Gained (fm/int)	3	103	17 (5/12)
10 (7/8)	T-17	T-1	Turnovers Lost (fm/int)	3	28	11 (5/6)

TOP 75 INDIVIDUALS

WITTENBERG

Name	D3 Rank	Category	Stat
Aaron Huffman	15	Pass. Efficiency	160.27
Aaron Huffman	65	Total Offense	235.62
Brandyn Brown	74	Punt Return Avg.	7.60
Zack Harris	T-40	Field Goals/Game	.88
Eddie Vallery	1	Sacks/Game	1.75
Eddie Vallery	6	TFL/Game	2.19

ALLEGHENY

Name	D3 Rank	Category	Stat
T.J. Salopek	40	Pass Efficiency	144.37
T.J. Salopek	T-30	Total Offense	277.50
Jake Vite	T-47	Receptions/Game	6.12
Jake Vite	69	Receiving Yds/Game	81.12
Sid Facaros	T-42	Interceptions/Game	.50
Andrew Dejong	5	Punting	40.65
Terry Hartford	62	Punt Returns	8.59
Ryan Zipf	T-19	Field Goals	1.00
Andy Schleichauf	T-10	Tackles	11.88

TWO DEEPS

OFFENSE			DEFENSE			SPECIAL TEAMS		
ALLEGHENY		WITTENBERG	ALLEGHENY		WITTENBERG	ALLEGHENY		WITTENBERG
Hartford 84	FLK/WR	14 McKee	Wilson 20	CB	8 Brown	Zipf 9	K	4 Harris
Griffin 9		81 Kralich	Stamm 11		41 Merkert			15 Williams
Conrad 28	TE	84 Parsell	Facaros 2	SS	17 Brunic	DeJong 29	P	18 Cochran
Carlisle 10		98 Kerger	Wilkins 16		24 Box			92 LeValley
Taylor 72	LT	52 Metzger	Silva 33	DE	95 Scherer	Hartford 84	KR	8 Brown
Pizzuti 62		57 Alspaugh	Waples 95		59 Fleig	Griffith 26		20 Parker
Fody 70	LG	54 Block	Mitchell 66	NG/DT	93 Kattoua	Hartford 84	PR	8 Brown
Mueller 79		77 Trump	Dowling 74		56 Phillips	Sutton 35		1 Williams
Beach 55	C	60 Hollin	Macik 96	DT	99 Wolfe	Waples 95	LS	58 Hewson
Steib 50		77 Trump	Schindler 62		94 Bartlett			59 Fleig
Pollard 51	RG	78 Hudepohl	Blacka 30	OLB/DE	47 Vallery	Strawser 14	H	1 Williams
Sharp 77		55 Eich	Hafner 54		50 Cosby			14 McKee
Kleppick 76	RT	58 Hewson	C. Bell 25	FS	20 Parker			
Ignarri 69		63 McNeill	Heschke 13		19 Whittington			
Salopek 12	QB	7 Huffman	Stelzer 15	CB	25 Freeman			
Strawser 14		13 Durbin	Z. Bell 3		22 Smith			
Tamburlin 6	TB	9 Corey Weber	Williams 52	ILB	42 Lohrman			
Mastrogiacomano40		38 Warye	tenPas 90		10 Maxwell			
Mains 31	FB	45 Montgomery	Schleihauf 12	ILB/MLB	21 McKinley			
Werley 22		28 Smelko	Luvara 8		44 Davis			
Vite 88	SE/WR	1 Williams	Pappas 7	OLB	33 Hurtt			
Griffith 26		2 Cooper	Trembulak 97		29 Alexander			

TIGER SPORTS NETWORK

Listen to every Wittenberg football game on the Tiger Sports Network, home of Wittenberg's athletic broadcasts, including WUSO 89.1 FM, the Wittenberg student-operated radio station, and the Wittenberg athletics Web site. Thanks to a partnership with Stretch Internet, Wittenberg fans can listen in to the game any time, any where at no cost.

Wittenberg is blessed with outstanding radio coverage again in 2009 as Scott Leo, who spends his summers as the play-by-play voice of the Columbus Clippers, heads things up. Leo, who has been involved with Wittenberg athletic broadcasts since 2000, will be joined by Ben Bradley and assorted Wittenberg students on the majority of this fall's football broadcasts.

The student broadcast team is bigger and better than ever in 2009, led by WUSO Sports Director Jimmy Colloton '11. Students are involved in all aspects of broadcasts, including sideline reporting, statistical analysis, on-air color analysis, in-game score updates and production work. This year, the team has ambitious plans to produce nearly 200 athletics broadcasts (audio and video).

FOOTBALL ROUNDTABLE

Hosted by local sports radio personality Jim Scoby and Ben Bradley, Football Roundtable is a weekly show that features conversation on high school, college and professional football. It can be heard locally on WUSO 89.1-FM and on the Internet from 6-7 p.m. every Thursday. Scoby and Bradley do the show each week from Panera Bread, located on Bechtle Ave. in Springfield.



THE VOICE OF THE TIGERS

Scott Leo, a familiar voice on the Wittenberg broadcasting scene since 2000, took over the play-by-play duties for football in 2005. Leo, who also serves as WUSO's adviser, originally provided insights from the sidelines during Wittenberg football games from 2000-04, and he has handled Wittenberg men's basketball play-by-play duties since 2005 as well. In addition, he was the first play-by-play announcer for Wittenberg women's basketball from 2000-04.

A graduate of Wright State University, Leo is director of broadcasting for the Columbus Clippers, the AAA affiliate of the Cleveland Indians. He previously held the same position for two years with the Richmond Roosters, formerly of the independent Frontier League. Leo will be working at Wittenberg this year with a broadcast team that includes Assistant Director of Broadcasting Ben Bradley and more than 15 Wittenberg students.



PROVIDING THE COLOR

Ben Bradley serves as the Assistant Director of Broadcasting for Wittenberg and the color analyst for football. Working with Scott Leo, Bradley spearheads the university's coverage of a wide range of sporting events on the student radio station WUSO 89.1 FM and on the Wittenberg athletics Web site. With his help, Wittenberg now boasts one of NCAA Division III's most complete broadcast programs, with most home events receiving audio coverage. Bradley added duties as an assistant coach for the Wittenberg cross country and track & field teams this year.

A 2007 graduate of Denison University, Ben joined the Wittenberg staff in 2008. He currently resides in Springfield.