

What a great tribute. My coaching career was a time of magic, and your recognition of my family and me was something special. I was touched by the acknowledgments made by friends and former colleagues and players. It was so humbling to know that so many people took the time to attend to celebrate my career. And I was overwhelmed with pride that so many came so far to honor me.

I'm really at a loss for words. My players and those associated with Tiger athletics mean so much to me. Learning what they have done with their lives and having Nancy recognized by so many players was delightful.

I must say the old coach teared up a number of times. It was a great visiting with everyone and sharing stories and memories. It was something special.

To this day, Tiger football means a great deal to my family and myself. It's great to know that the program is in such capable hands under Coach Joe Fincham. We should give him all the support he needs.

I want to thank Wittenberg and the committee for all of their efforts. And to those of you who donated to the Dave Maurer Honorary Scholarship, my thanks. We honored a fine young man in Brad McKinley, and with your continued efforts, we will be able to honor young men like him in the future. And if you haven't donated, dig deep. It's a great way to recognize exceptional young men and to give Wittenberg your continued support.

Again, thanks for a great day—a great night!

Coach