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Dear Members of the Wittenberg Community,

As President of Wittenberg University, I have the great privilege of leading one of our nation's most prominent and historically successful NCAA Division III athletics programs, which includes the football and men's basketball teams with the most wins in small college history.

On November 1, 2008, the university proudly honors a true Tiger, the legendary Dave Maurer, who coached Wittenberg to three national football championships and served as assistant coach for two other national championship teams. Beyond the games he won and the titles he earned – not only in football, but while coaching Wittenberg teams in golf, track and field and swimming – Dave Maurer was a beloved mentor who impacted the lives of student-athletes through his commitment to excellence, self-discipline, teamwork, cooperation and pride. The values he demonstrated shaped the experience of our student-athletes during their years at Wittenberg and beyond. His strong leadership established a legacy of sportsmanship for the years that have followed his retirement.

Dave Maurer's legacy continues today with the strength of Wittenberg's well-rounded athletics program. Wittenberg fields 23 varsity intercollegiate teams, including three that were ranked in the national top 25 at the time of this communication. Wittenberg is a place where students can come to focus on great academics and great athletics.

I hope that you will join us for the Wittenberg football game against Denison, which will include a special halftime presentation and will be followed by a Reunion Dinner with Coach Maurer and his family. This will be an exciting day that will give us the opportunity to honor our beloved Coach and to recognize the significance of the Wittenberg football tradition, in particular, and our athletic tradition as a whole. Your presence that day will help Wittenberg honor the achievements and legacy of Dave Maurer. We also have a special announcement that we will share that day – an exciting new program developed by the Committee to Honor Dave Maurer that is sure to carry the Hall of Fame coach's legacy forward to benefit students for generations to come.

My thanks to the Committee to Honor Dave Maurer, led by Chair Steve Drongowski, class of 1974 and Co-Chairs Roy Allen, class of 1963, Ron Duncan, class of 1964, Jack Henkle, class of 1962, and Tom Prior, class of 1962.

Thank you for your support of Wittenberg University. I hope to see you on campus on November 1, as we honor a true Tiger, Davey Maurer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark H. Erickson".

Mark H. Erickson
President