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Siri Hill Chooses Wittenberg University To Continue Athletic/Academic Career

Springfield, Ohio — Former East View High School volleyball standout Siri Hill has decided to continue her athletic and academic careers at Wittenberg University, Tiger Head Coach Paco Labrador announced. Hill will be a member of Wittenberg's Class of 2011 that will start school in August 2007.

Hill, a 5-11 middle hitter from Apple Valley, Minn., brings power and depth to an already explosive Wittenberg offense.

"Siri is a true middle," Labrador said. "Her high school and club training was excellent. She's a complete package."

Hill, a team captain and Outstanding Academic Athlete Award-winner, joins a Tiger squad that is coming off back-to-back NCAA Division III Final Four appearances in 2005 and 2006.

Along with volleyball, Hill has made her mark on the basketball court as well. A powerful post player and team captain, she earned conference honorable mention and another Outstanding Academic Athlete Award.

In the midst of her athletic accomplishments, Hill brings a sparkling academic resume to a Tiger squad that boasts the highest team grade point average on campus.

"Siri is a very hard worker both on the court and in the classroom," Labrador said. "She will be a great fit here at Wittenberg."

Hill has a 3.99 grade point average and is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. Hill also finds time to sing in the Chamber Ensemble and to get involved in community outreach programs.

"I'm looking forward to hearing Siri sing," Labrador added. "I'm sure she will enrich our campus with not only great volleyball, but through academics, service and singing."

The Tigers finished 2006 with a 35-8 record and a No. 4 national ranking. Wittenberg has won nine of the last 10 North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) regular season championships and nine of the last 10 NCAC Tournament titles, and the Tigers have advanced to 11 straight and 12 of the last 13 NCAA Division III Tournaments. Wittenberg also lays claim to four of the last five Great Lakes regional titles.

Labrador is entering his fifth year at the helm of the Wittenberg program with a sparkling 133-23 overall record, including marks of 39-1 in NCAC regular season matches and 11-4 in NCAA Division III Tournament play.

Wittenberg University is a nationally recognized college for the liberal arts and sciences, affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Wittenberg is distinguished by its strong interdisciplinary programs such as East Asian Studies and Russian Area Studies. Although Wittenberg's traditional strengths have been in the liberal arts, recently the sciences, management and education have also developed into popular majors for students. Eight thriving pre-professional programs contribute to the educational experience of Wittenberg students, 70 percent of whom eventually pursue graduate studies.

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