

The Wittenberg Way

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

This year's Homecoming, Reunion, and Family Weekend revealed once again what makes Wittenberg so special – the familiar sounds, the conversations, the energy, and, most of all, the people who remind us why Wittenberg matters. Whether you could make it back to campus or not, I am grateful for each of you and your passion for this place.

I am also continually inspired by the dedication of our faculty and staff and by the curiosity and determination our students bring to campus. They embody the spirit that has defined Wittenberg for generations: a commitment to learning, leading, and living with light, as well as a desire to make a difference in the world.

That spirit was evident throughout the past year as I had the opportunity to meet with so many alumni and friends on campus, in Springfield and our surrounding communities, and across the country. Everywhere I went, I heard a shared belief in Wittenberg and its future. Those conversations have strengthened my confidence that we are ready for an exciting next chapter.

We are now laying the groundwork for that chapter. Our new strategic plan is taking shape, providing a bold vision for Wittenberg's future. We are attracting and retaining talented faculty and staff who believe in the value of a Wittenberg education and who bring the expertise, creativity, and ambition to make an already strong institution even better. And we are seeing encouraging results. Enrollment is increasing. Our campus community is thriving. Fundraising and alumni engagement are strong. Most importantly, the sense of possibility across Wittenberg is growing.

This report provides just a glimpse of what our community accomplished together over the past year as we embraced challenges and opportunities. I hope you will read through these highlights with the same sense of pride I feel and with an appreciation for the many people whose hard work made these achievements possible.

That said, Wittenberg has never been content simply to celebrate yesterday. We look forward, and the future we envision will take all of us. With that in mind, I ask you to stay connected to Wittenberg and to find your own way to be part of what comes next. Return to campus. Engage with our students. Share your experience and expertise. Introduce someone to Wittenberg. Invest in the people and programs that will shape our future. Most of all, continue to believe in what a Wittenberg education can make possible.

We have much to be proud of at our University. We have even more to accomplish, so please be in touch with me or a member of our team with your questions, concerns, and ideas. This is your Wittenberg, too, and your voice matters. Together, I am confident that Wittenberg will continue to show the world what a transformative liberal arts education can be in the 21st century.

Yours,



Christian M. M. Brady, DPhil (Oxon.)
President



FIRST STEPS AND FORWARD MOMENTUM

New Vision. New Strategic Plan.

Throughout this year, Wittenberg has engaged in drafting, revising, and implementing a new strategic plan aimed at turning ideas into action and possibilities into promises. We are thankful for the broad involvement from our constituencies as we undertook this important process, which led to a **new vision to become the model of a liberal arts university in the 21st century, creating sparks that will light the world.** We remain grateful to Bob '63 and Lynn Noble Ness '64 for their confidence and generosity with helping to fund this initial process.

The new strategic plan will accomplish four objectives, as well as inform a forthcoming multimillion comprehensive campaign.

To view the plan, please visit *www.wittenberg.edu/strategic-plan* or scan the QR code.

New Leadership. New Approach to Learning.

In one year, President Christian M. M. Brady has built a team of innovators, connectors, doers, and leaders across campus, moves that have set in motion exciting new initiatives. Advances to date include launching four new schools, which will further Wittenberg's vision for academic excellence and elevate the University's faculty and their expertise. In this new model, students will also go on an immersive journey, one that will enable them to engage in cross-disciplinary work in such areas as the arts, business, communication, culture, education, ethics, health, science, sport studies, and the natural world. Additionally, they will be able to create meaningful connections and integration in the same way their future careers and lives will demand.

To learn more about the four schools and the four newly named deans, please scan the QR code.







LIGHTING THE WAY

Engaging Alumni. Excelling in Community-Building.

As the new year began, President Brady and Vice President for Philanthropy & Alumni Engagement Michael McGreevey hit the road for a six-month alumni-focused tour, which concluded June 30, 2026. In addition to instilling a renewed sense of hope in the University among alumni and friends, the 18-stop cross-country tour, hosted and/or funded primarily by donors, also allowed them to learn more about Wittenberg's history, hear alumni stories firsthand, and connect with the University's hometown during its final stop in ways that made a difference. Follow-up calls and visits have since helped to secure more leadership-level gifts, which will continue to further Wittenberg's mission and transform students into confident, ethical leaders who are empowered for a lifetime of meaning and purpose.

Restoring the Red. Funding the Future.

From the road, President Brady heard the concerns of many, along with one refrain repeatedly: "Paint Myers Hall." He listened, and the result was the alumni-driven, $250,000 "Restore the Red: The Campaign to Paint Myers Hall." In less than four months, alumni and friends heeded the call, donating more than $263,000 from 550 donors to bring back Myers Hall's treasured red color and return its iconic cupola to prominence. The fundraising success story was celebrated during this year's Homecoming, Reunion, and Family Weekend, and the amount raised contributed to the record-setting cash amount of $13 million raised in one fiscal year thanks to new leadership in the Office of Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement. With a stronger culture of philanthropy, the University is now laying a firm foundation for another multimillion comprehensive campaign.



"Since joining Wittenberg, I have been overwhelmed by the loyalty, generosity and kindness of our alumni and friends. Thanks to them, our students can experience the Wittenberg Way of learning, leading, and living with light, all while preparing to pass their light on to others long after graduation. For all that and more, we remain grateful."
– Michael McGreevey, Vice President for Philanthropy & Alumni Engagement



Stephanie Clark, former senior director of development at Wittenberg (2019-2022), returned to the University as its new associate vice president for philanthropy and alumni engagement, July 1. Clark brings a strong knowledge of the University and its alumni, as well as more than 20 years of progressive experience.

HEADLINES AND HEALTHY GROWTH

Adding to Athletics. Expanding Opportunities.

With its longstanding tradition of excellence in athletics, Wittenberg engaged in an expansion of its offerings with support from alumni and friends. Within the last year, the University has been able to offer men's and women's wrestling, men's and women's ice hockey, women's flag football, men's and women's bowling, and competitive, co-ed cheer, all of which have increased the energy and excitement that have defined Wittenberg's athletics experience. New leadership at the helm of Wittenberg Football in Head Coach B.J. Coad '08 continues to contribute to the forward momentum.

Enhancing Our Story. Shining Our Light.

From four new schools and new opportunities for students to conduct research in their first year, to a new pastor, the naming of the annual Distinguished Teaching Award recipient and many #LifeAfterWitt stories, Wittenberg has enjoyed a headline-making year. Here are just a few:

JUNIOR EARNS PRESTIGIOUS GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP	TOP STUDENT RESEARCHERS VISIT CAMPUS	TRIO OF STUDENTS SELECTED FOR PEACE CORPS
NEW CENTER FOR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STUDENTS ANNOUNCED	*NEW YORK TIMES* BEST-SELLING AUTHOR JEFF HOBBS SPEAKS	32ND ANNUAL EMPTY BOWLS BRINGS TOTAL RAISED TO $750,000 FOR SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK
POWERING PROGRESS WITH NEW CFO	PRESIDENT CHRISTIAN BRADY OFFERS PERSPECTIVE ON THE LIBERAL ARTS IN OP-ED	NEW OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES OFFERS COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT FROM ADMISSION TO GRADUATION
INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE THANKS TO $1.1 MILLION IN STATE FUNDING	CYBERSECURITY STUDENTS CLIMB UP THE CYBER POWER RANKINGS	
	FOURTEEN STUDENTS WORK SUPER BOWL LX	NEW MOOT COURT TEAM LAUNCHED







STATS OF SUCCESS

$13,113,615
CASH RAISED IN FY26
26% INCREASE FROM FY25

$259,242
RAISED DURING
A WEEK FOR WITT

$157,000
DEDICATED TO STUDENT-FACULTY RESEARCH LAST YEAR

98% PLACEMENT RATE OF STUDENTS INTO JOBS OR GRADUATE SCHOOL

NEARLY $39 MILLION IN STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDED

$1,137,661
RECORD-BREAKING
COMMIT TO WITT

100% PASSAGE RATE FOR WITTENBERG-EDUCATED TEACHERS ON OHIO'S APK

MORE THAN **400** STUDENTS ENROLLED IN FALL 2026

$1.4 MILLION
IN EXTERNAL GRANT SUPPORT EARNED BY WITTENBERG FACULTY

100% EMPLOYMENT FOR WITTENBERG-TRAINED NURSES

25,000 HOURS SPENT IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you for supporting the student experience during Week for Witt, October 19-23, 2026, and be sure to save the date for the annual Commit to Witt Day of Giving, March 18, 2027.