The construction of a new multi-purpose facility and restoration of the 1929 Fieldhouse as well as the 1982 Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) Center will reflect the interdisciplinary nature of academics and athletics at Wittenberg University.

Student success and retention is at the heart of the new initiative. From the earliest planning stages, Wittenberg leadership and faculty envisioned a multi-use facility that would become a central gathering place, inspiring more Wittenberg students to get excited about health, wellness and athletics.

The Wittenberg Health, Wellness & Athletics Complex will create space for new academic and athletic programs as well as the 24 intercollegiate athletics teams, 14 club teams and intramural and recreation opportunities for the entire community yielding the following updates and amenities:

- Indoor 100-yard Artificial Turf Surface
- 300-meter Indoor Track
- New Weight Room
- Strength Training & Wellness Center
- Technology-Enabled Classroom Spaces
- Updated Locker Rooms
- Spacious Alumni & Recruiting Lounge
- Multi-Purpose, Special Event Spaces
- Modernized Court Surfaces
EMBODYING A LEGACY OF ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

Wittenberg’s heritage of athletic excellence dates back to 1892, when Wittenberg fielded its first football team. The Health, Wellness & Athletics Complex will continue that tradition, furthering a commitment to excellence across all 24 of the university’s varsity teams and extending to all recreational opportunities offered by the university, as well as its sport and health-related academic programs.

SHAPING TODAY’S ECONOMY & TOMORROW’S WORKFORCE

The Health, Wellness & Athletics Complex will become a viable catalyst for jobs in the State of Ohio and the surrounding area. Growing interest from students, along with the demand for professionals in health-related fields, brings expanding opportunities for those who want to pursue careers in exercise science, sports management, nursing, and other health and fitness fields.

EDUCATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

The facility will feature classrooms with state-of-the-art technology to support new academic programs in health and wellness and transform the way learning takes place. Wittenberg’s commitment to the classroom experience - ranked 11th in the nation by Princeton Review for Best Classroom Experience - continues through this innovative space for faculty and students.

CREATING A DISTINCTIVE ADVANTAGE

The unique offerings of the Health, Wellness & Athletics Complex collectively and collaboratively will serve the greater community in optimal ways, resulting in a stronger presence and a distinctiveness that provides a powerful competitive differentiation for Wittenberg University.
AN AMBITIOUS TIMETABLE

The time to act is now. The Wittenberg Health, Wellness & Athletics Complex is an investment in the future of Wittenberg and the local community. The combination of outstanding academic programs, competitive athletics and diverse recreational opportunities are vital to Wittenberg University. We have raised $17.1 million to date, mostly from the Board of Directors, including a $10 million matching challenge gift from Wes '70 & Ann '70 Bates. In addition, Wittenberg has applied for Federal & State historic tax credits for which we are eligible. Now, we need your support to raise the remaining funds in order to break ground on this exciting project.

BE PART OF A 170-YEAR LEGACY

Please consider supporting this transformative Wittenberg initiative. We ask for your support to move Wittenberg closer to breaking ground on this exciting project that will benefit the university and enhance the future of our students. To learn more about giving opportunities, please contact Wittenberg’s Advancement Office at (937) 327-7430 or via email at development@wittenberg.edu

The new Health, Wellness & Athletics Complex will be a first-class facility which will facilitate teaching and learning, as well as recruitment of new students. Through Wittenberg’s new exercise science program, students will receive academic and practical training that are required to be successful in various careers in the exercise science industry.

STEVEN DAWSON, PH.D.
Chair, Health, Fitness & Sport

This historic renovation and building project will touch the lives of all Wittenberg students, staff, alumni, and the greater Springfield community. This truly unique construction project will completely change the complexion of our campus and provide a building that few, if any campuses of our size will possess.

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