



AUGUST 2023

Dear Widener Pride families,
This is the best time of year! I love the way our campus becomes enlivened by the energy of our arriving students, who are full of excitement for the new year and all the opportunities it brings. We love seeing the familiar faces of our returning students and welcoming the new members of the Pride who are just getting started at Widener. I am especially excited for our new and



incoming students to begin living into our culture of belonging. They will experience firsthand that Widener is a place where all are welcome and free to be their true selves, and where they are supported by a faculty and staff who are relentlessly committed to their personal and professional success. Our first-year undergraduate students will also benefit from our new First-Year Experience student coaching program. I encourage you to [read](#)

[more about it](#) and how it is designed to help your student transition to college life successfully. My husband Steve Smith and I are looking forward to hosting incoming students at our residence in the Billie Kirkbride House over the first weeks of the semester. We hope this can become a new tradition, where all of Widener's newest students personally experience what it means to be part of the Pride community. We anticipate evenings of great food and even better conversation.

Thank you for entrusting your student to Widener. We are richer for their presence in our community and we're going to have a great semester together.

With Warmth and Widener Pride,

Stacey

Stacey Robertson PhD

President of Widener University

Widener Families Welcome: Homecoming 2023!



In 2022, nearly 3,000 alumni, students, families, and friends came back to Chester to enjoy Homecoming – this is a celebration you won't want to miss! Highlights include:

Parents Network Reception

3:30pm – 5:00pm | Memorial Field

Hosted by: Office of the Dean of Students

Parents and families of Widener Students are invited to engage with one another as well as faculty and staff while enjoying some refreshments before the Pep Rally! Hear from Associate Professor Angie Corbo, Chair of Communication Studies, as she highlights the many transformations that occur within our community. Please join us for this networking opportunity and a chance to meet with our staff. Following our reception is the Homecoming Pep Rally, please consider staying with us for these engaging and exciting events! For more information, please contact studentaffairs@widener.edu.

Homecoming Tailgate Village

11am – 2pm | Pride Recreation Center Parking Lot & Field House

The biggest football game of the year deserves a great pre-game tailgate! Join us at our award-winning Homecoming Tailgate Village and Wild Zone – a can't miss tailgate experience including food trucks, two beer gardens, kids activities, live music, face-painting, interactive exhibits with our faculty/staff, students and campus community, and your Pride!

Mark Your Calendars now - Homecoming Registration will open on Thursday, September 7!

STORIES



The Widener community joined together to welcome our newest students to campus and make their first days informative, memorable, and fun.



It was a summer of significant campus renovations and refreshes, all designed to improve the living and learning experience for students, faculty, and staff.



First Year Experience Coaches offer one-on-one, personalized coaching as a part of our students' first-year experience. They will give incoming students strategies and tools to get the most from their education and experience at Widener.



Widener University's Counseling and Psychological Services and Athletics departments have teamed up to create **a new resource for athletes to support mental health and wellbeing.**

Have you checked out the Widener families section of our website? Read up on talking to your student about **mental health**, supporting their **academic success**, and **being a good roommate or neighbor**.

There's also **an advice section** for families offering tips from members of the Widener community who have a student in higher education.



The Widener Board of Trustees has



Football season is kicking off and **Andrew**

appointed **nursing major Maritza Garcia '25 to the student seat on the board** for a two-year term. The student trustee provides a critical voice for students to board members.

Proctor '19 is ready as a game entertainment producer for the Washington Commanders. His impressive résumé includes work for the Philadelphia Eagles, 76ers, Flyers, and Wings.



Get to know Student Health Services



Mental health services are available through Counseling and Psychological Services, or CAPS



This **robotics engineering student project** addresses a major problem in the drone industry

WIDENER IN THE NEWS



NLN Center of Excellence in Nursing Education

VISTA TODAY — Coverage of the National League for Nursing's recognition of Widener's **School of Nursing** as a Center of Excellence in the area of advancing the science of nursing education.



THE CHESTER SPIRIT — **Mat Tomezsko**, adjunct instructor in the College of Arts & Sciences, authored this article about Chester's public art murals, such as the ones at Ruth Bennett Farm and on the side of Metropolitan Hall on Widener's Chester Campus.



TODAY.COM — Professor **Richard Cooper**, co-coordinator of the African & African American Studies program, is quoted in this story about Luke Combs' cover of Tracy Chapman's "Fast Car" song.

DATES TO NOTE — *helpful dates to keep you and your student informed*

Sept. 4, 2023 – Labor Day, no classes

Sept. 5, 2023 – Last day for dropping or adding classes for full semester
Oct. 9, 2023 – Pre-advising session for first-year students
Oct. 13, 2023 – Homecoming Parents Network Reception
Oct. 14, 2023 – Homecoming tailgate and athletics competitions, including football game versus Misericordia University
Oct. 23 and 24, 2023 – Fall break for undergraduate day students
Nov. 1, 2023 – Last day to petition to graduate for May 2024 graduation
Nov. 6, 2023 Registration opens for spring 2024 classes

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Your feedback is so important to creating a healthy and supportive environment for your student's learning experience at Widener University. Please contact us with any questions about the articles we shared at studentaffairs@widener.edu

Division of Student Affairs

Call 610-499-4385, email studentaffairs@widener.edu.
Office located on first floor of University Center.

Office of Residence Life

Call 610-499-4390, email residencelife@widener.edu.
Offices located in Cann Hall.

Widener Dining

Email campusdining@widener.edu.

Student Health Services

Call 610-499-1183, email studenthealth@widener.edu.
Located in Metropolitan Hall on campus.

Counseling and Psychological Center (CAPS)

To make an appointment, call 610-499-1261.
Located at 522 E. 14th Street on campus.

Enrollment Services (Lipka Hall)

Visit Lipka Hall on the corner of 14th and Potter Streets
Call 610-499-4161

- **Financial Aid Services**
- **Bursar** (tuition/billing/payment plan office)
- **Registrar Office**
- **Campus1Card Office**



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