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Dear Widener Families,

We are excited to share this winter edition of Widener Family Connections. While the semester begins with chilly conditions, the warmth of our welcoming community carries us through to a beautiful spring.

Spring is a special time of year with graduates on the cusp of transitions to careers, and we are pleased to include information in this issue about the successful outcomes we're seeing from our May 2023 graduates. There's also a story about Experience MORE!, a fantastic donor-funded program that makes meaningful unpaid or underpaid summer internships financially possible for students who need the summer months to work and save for expenses.

Be sure to check out important upcoming dates for this semester, including our schedule of commencement ceremonies.

Enjoy all the good news,
Janet Long
Executive Director, Career Design & Development



STORIES



Students Experience MORE! opportunities with donor-funded summer internships.

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Widener is pleased to share outstanding news about the accomplishments of our May 2023 graduates.

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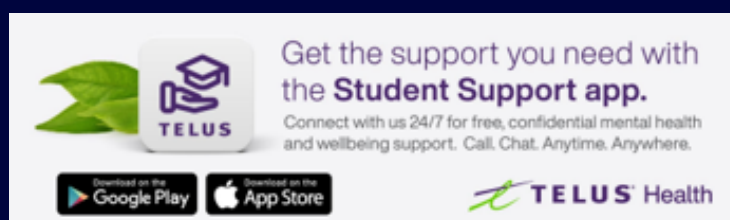
The College of Arts and Sciences ASC 101 series redefines general education with topics that explore diverse subjects, foster discussions, and provide a unique blend of academic and personal insight into global



issues.

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INTRODUCING TELUS HEALTH STUDENT SUPPORT APP



Widener is proud to offer a free new virtual counseling service available 24/7 to Chester-campus students. Visit the [Counseling and Psychological Services website](#) to learn more and to download the app today.

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WIDENER PRIDE FAMILIES

With your support, spring can be a vibrant semester of personal growth and responsible fun for your student!

Visit pridefamilies.widener.edu for tips on guiding your student, including:



- Encouraging them to tap campus [academic resources](#) to set them up for acing midterms and finals with coaching, tutoring, specialized math and writing centers, and more.
- Ensuring they are using [career preparation and planning](#) services to build impactful professional skills and planning to make the most of summer break.
- [Fostering open communication about mental health](#), especially if anxieties or concerns about future plans arise.
- Discussing [festivities like St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, and commencement -- and celebrating responsibly.](#)

PRIDE PERSPECTIVE



When Jess Mereshensky '24 enrolled in Intro to Social Work, she had no idea the impact that the course would have on her, and the experiences it would lead her to.

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An interview with Widener alumnus Robert Buckley Jr. '81, president of Buckley and Co., the family-owned construction company that was instrumental in the record-setting 12-day rebuild of the collapsed portion of I-95 last summer.

[HEAR THE INTERVIEW](#)



SUPPORTING YOU THROUGH THE **2024-25 FAFSA**

We know that the 2024-25 FAFSA process has left a lot of students and families frustrated.
But we're here to support you through it!
Watch this video and be sure to check out these helpful resources

[WIDENER FAFSA WEBSITE](#)

[DEPT. OF EDUCATION FAFSA ALERTS](#)

WIDENER IN THE NEWS



CAMPUS SAFETY MAGAZINE — President **Stacey Robertson** and Associate Vice President of Student and Campus Services **Anthony Pluretti** teamed up on an OPEd for **Campus Safety magazine** about the important and unique role Widener Campus Safety officers play as ambassadors for our culture of belonging.



CHESTER SPIRIT — Nursing major **Maritza Garcia '25** is featured in the **Chester Spirit** newspaper for her role as student trustee on the Widener Board of Trustees.



GROCERYDIVE — Professor and consumer psychology expert **Ross Steinman** talks with GroceryDive about how inflation is down, but consumers remain singularly fixed on prices.

DATES TO NOTE

helpful dates to keep you and your student informed

ONGOING – FAFSA is now available. [Stay current with our latest updates.](#) Widener's FAFSA code is 003313.

Thursday, Feb. 29, 5 p.m. – EST deadline for graduating students to RSVP their commencement attendance

Saturday, March 9 – Widener alumni day at Phillies spring training (SOLD OUT!)

Monday, April 1 – Registration opens for summer and fall 2024 classes

Wednesday, April 10 – Roar4Widener giving campaign day

Wednesday, April 10 – Fresh Check Day, an uplifting mental health and well-being promotional event

Monday, April 15 – Housing selection week opens for returning students

Friday, April 19 – Student project day, no undergraduate day classes

Sunday, April 28 – Student leadership awards

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES



- **Tuesday, May 14 at 3 p.m.** – School of Engineering
 - **Wednesday, May 15 at 10 a.m.** – School of Business Administration and Center for Graduate and Continuing Studies
 - **Wednesday, May 15 at 3 p.m.** – School of Nursing
 - **Thursday, May 16 at 10 a.m.** – College of Arts and Sciences
 - **Thursday, May 16 at 3 p.m.** – College of Health and Human Services
- The [commencement website](#) is packed with commencement-related information! Be sure to take time to review all of the information with your family and friends, including the [Commencement Details At-A-Glance](#) and [FAQs](#).

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

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[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 Services \(CAPS\)](#)

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

[Student Financial 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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