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Dear Widener Families,

This week provides a great opportunity to pause and remember all we have to be thankful for as individuals and as members of the Widener community. This fall brought us a robust first-year class that has added so much to the vibrancy of our undergraduate programs, and our returning undergraduate students continue to grow in their pursuit of successful careers. When students return from Thanksgiving they'll be moving quickly toward the end of the semester – with just two weeks of classes remaining. Exams and final projects will be close at hand, as well as other responsibilities that come with being a student – like choosing spring classes.

Our "Keeping in Touch" list of campus contacts at the end of this newsletter is a terrific reference for many student support services available at Widener. These offices are

committed to ensuring your student knows they belong at Widener. Let's finish the semester strong!
With Pride,
Kimberly Robinson
Executive Director of Student Success and Retention

STORIES



Meet Pamela McCauley, the new dean of Widener's School of Engineering, and a trailblazer in the engineering profession.

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Driven by student demand and growing diversity on campus, chapters of two historically Black fraternities – Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. – have been reactivated on campus.

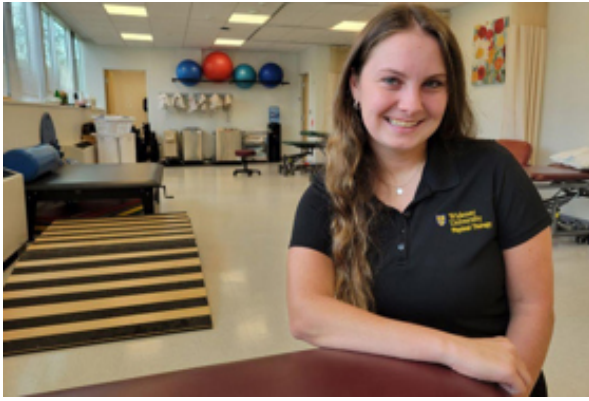
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For more than 50 years, co-ops at Widener offer the unique experience for students to get hands-on, paid experience while still graduating on time.

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As Widener's relationships with new and



existing clinical partners deepen, so do clinical and field work experiences for students across and beyond health sciences programs.

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Tiernan Johnson '23 overcame many hurdles before coming to Widener. He wasn't always sure what he wanted to study, but his love of soccer was the constant through it all.

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Supporting Your Student's Well-Being

Upcoming holiday breaks are wonderful opportunities to embrace your student with open arms, celebrate their accomplishments, and reassure them you are here to listen and offer support as they recharge for the semester ahead.

To help, we've compiled [important conversation topics](#), [tips for common challenges](#) like academic stress, financial well-being, and belonging, as well as guidance for helping to [support your student's mental health](#).

Explore more at pridefamilies.widener.edu.

Widener was the presenting partner for the Philadelphia Union match on Oct. 4.

SEE THE HIGHLIGHTS!



Hear our interview with Associate Professor Amy Franzini, on how caregivers can intentionally watch television and movies with their children, tweens and teens to help build healthy relationships, find teachable moments and create a safe space to communicate about difficult issues.

HEAR THE INTERVIEW

WIDENER IN THE NEWS



CHESTER SPIRIT — Captains of the Widener men's soccer team Sean Fatiga, Angelo Pelosi, and Kevin Witkoski authored this article about the team's summer partnership with Chester Upland Youth Soccer to host a youth soccer clinic



PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER — The university, President Stacey Robertson and Vice President for Enrollment Joe Howard, as well as multiple students, are featured in this article about Widener's tremendous admissions gains this fall and ways Widener supports students in a culture of belonging.



NEWSWEEK — Jeff Lolli, professor of sport and event management, is quoted in this Newsweek article examining the use of robots and automation in the restaurant industry.

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

- Wednesday, Nov. 22** – Residence hall break housing begins 6 p.m.
- Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 and 24** – Thanksgiving holiday, no classes
- Sunday, Nov. 26** – Residence halls resume normal operations at 9 a.m.
- Friday, Dec. 8** – Last day of fall classes
- Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9 and 10** – Reading days
- Monday, Dec. 11 to Friday, Dec. 15** – Final exams
- Friday, Dec. 15** – Winter break starts at 6 p.m., residence hall break housing begins at 6 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 14** – Residence halls resume normal operations at 9 a.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 16** – Spring classes begin

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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