



## **NOVEMBER 2024**

Dear Widener families,

This time of year provides a welcome opportunity to reflect on all we have to be thankful for as individuals and as members of the Widener community. After students enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday they'll be returning to classes to close out the semester.

Stress levels can spike in these last few weeks as upcoming exams and project deadlines can begin to feel overwhelming. I encourage you to join me in supporting your student by reminding them to take good care of themselves – pace their study sessions and build in breaks, change up the places where they study to boost memory retention, and lean on their support systems.

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. It won’t be long until your student is on winter break and able to relax and recharge over a more extended period. Until then, we are here to help them close out fall semester strong.

With Pride,

Fred C. McCall  
*Vice President of Student Engagement and Transformation and Dean of Students*



## STORIES



Personalized student support is a hallmark of the Widener experience and the Office of Student Success is central to that. Learn about services and partnerships available through the office that help students soar.

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Widener is home to many sets of siblings, past and present, who have fallen in love with the school and passed down their pride to the next generation.

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The Summer Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (SURCA) program provides valuable hands-on research opportunities. 2024 saw record attendance, and it's not too early for students to start thinking about next summer.

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# HOMECOMING 2024

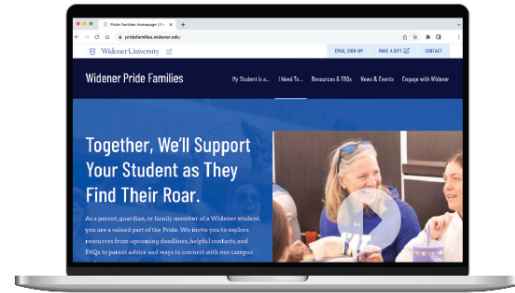
was a spectacular weekend of celebrating our Widener Pride. The reception for Widener parents and families was among the weekend's highlights.



## Widener Pride Families

Explore our site for parents, guardians, and families of current Widener students.

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)



# FAFSA IS OPEN!

WIDENER'S CODE:

# 003313



## FOR THIS FUTURE NURSE, COMMUNITY SERVICE AND CARE ARE EVERYTHING

**Taylor Wise '25** built a résumé rooted in civic and community engagement and is ready to leverage those hands-on experiences to make an impact in the nursing profession.

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## Navigating Academic Challenges: You're Not Alone

Is your student facing an academic challenge? This blog post for students includes information that can be useful for family members who want to support them.

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## LEARN ABOUT WIDENER'S CARE TEAM

which provides assistance to students who  
may be in distress or need extra services.

**FAR & WIDENER**



Alumna Deb McCracken '89, president and founder of the Elsie Foundation, discusses how her organization impacts the lives of economically challenged college students by providing computer equipment and financial literacy education.

## WIDENER IN THE NEWS



### AMERICAN FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

Widener head football **Coach Mike Barainyak** is the guest on Inside the Headset podcast sharing about his life, his passion for football, his career as a coach, and the state of the Pride.



### AUTISM SPEAKS

Psychology student **Paul Kotler** shares his story about living with autism and finding academic success and community at Widener.



### MARCHING ARTS EDUCATION

**President Stacey Robertson** and **Iain Moyer**, director of athletic bands, are featured guests on this podcast discussing the Widener Marching Band and the university's culture of belonging.

## **DATES TO NOTE**

*Helpful dates to keep you and your student informed*

**Wednesday, Nov. 27** – Residence hall break housing begins at 6 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29** – Thanksgiving holiday, no classes

**Sunday, Dec. 1** – Residence halls resume normal operations at 9 a.m.

**Friday, Dec. 6** – Last day of classes

**Monday, Dec. 9 through Friday, Dec. 13** – Final exams

**Friday, Dec. 13** – Residence hall break begins at 6 p.m.

**Friday, Jan. 10** – New student orientation. Incoming new students move into housing between 3-5 p.m.

**Sunday, Jan. 12** – Residence halls begin normal operations at 9 a.m.

**Monday, Jan. 13** – Spring classes begin

**Monday, Jan. 20** – Martin Luther King holiday, no 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 [studentengagement@widener.edu](mailto:studentengagement@widener.edu).

### **Office of Student Engagement**

Call 610-499-4411, email [studentengagement@widener.edu](mailto:studentengagement@widener.edu).

Office located on the lower level of University Center.

### **Office of Residence Life**

Call 610-499-4390, email [residencelife@widener.edu](mailto:residencelife@widener.edu).

Offices located in University Center.

### **Widener Dining**

Email [campusdining@widener.edu](mailto:campusdining@widener.edu).

### **Student Health Services**

Call 610-499-1183, email [studenthealth@widener.edu](mailto: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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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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