



Widener University

FAMILY CONNECTION



AUGUST 2025

Welcome!

Dear Widener Pride families,

As the warmth of summer lingers, we are excited to usher in the fall semester, with its promise of cooler breezes, stimulating academic discussions, and opportunities that will enliven the blank canvas of a new year. I love watching and feeling the energy on our Chester campus just soar in August!

I am especially thrilled to expand our culture of belonging to so many new students who are joining the Widener community. Faculty and staff across the university are relentlessly committed to their success. This first week of classes we are continuing our tradition of providing student "help stations" on the academic quad, where volunteers will guide them to key resources, answer their questions, and provide small treats to celebrate the new year.

We hope this visible sign of support also helps students feel how much we're rooting for them, and serves as a reminder that they belong at Widener. As they settle into fall, we encourage them to build friendships and contacts through the many clubs and organizations on campus. A story in this issue illustrates the sense of community found through these opportunities!

Thank you for trusting Widener with your student's education. We are grateful to count you, our families, part of this community, too!



With Warmth and Widener Pride,

Stacey

Stacey Robertson PhD
President of Widener University



WHAT'S NEW AT WIDENER



STUDENT EMPLOYMENT ON CAMPUS

Students help power Widener as employees. How does it work?

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WIDENER STUDENTS CREATING CLUBS AND FOSTERING COMMUNITY

The university has seen a spike in new student-run organizations, especially special interest groups.

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DUAL DISCOVERY: ENGINEERING RESEARCH UNLOCKS POTENTIAL FOR ALZHEIMER'S TREATMENT AND ONE STUDENT'S PURPOSE

The trajectory of Alzheimer's disease treatment stands to be altered thanks to an engineering faculty-student research team. For one student researcher, the discovery helped her find her calling.

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PRIDE ATHLETES BROADEN PERSPECTIVES THROUGH NCAA LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Multiple Pride athletes are adding leadership and professional development opportunities to their resumes by attending national conferences and experiences hosted by the NCAA.

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PRIDE PERSPECTIVE



TURNING DREAMS INTO REALITY

Niko Dinoulis put his communications degree to work for the Philadelphia Union

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STUDENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES



QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR STUDENT'S FINANCES?

Meet the Widener team from Lipka Hall!

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YOUR QUESTIONS, ANSWERED!

This Pride 101 video collection has info and tips on all things Widener, like the campus shuttle, post office, lingo and MORE!

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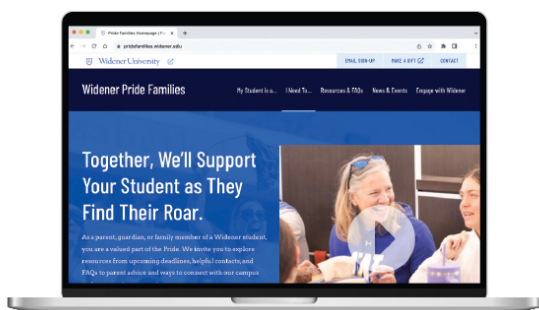
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ONE TAP.
PEACE OF MIND.**



LIVESAFE APP

Has your student downloaded the LiveSafe app yet? With it, they can reach Campus Safety in an on-campus emergency with the touch of a button.

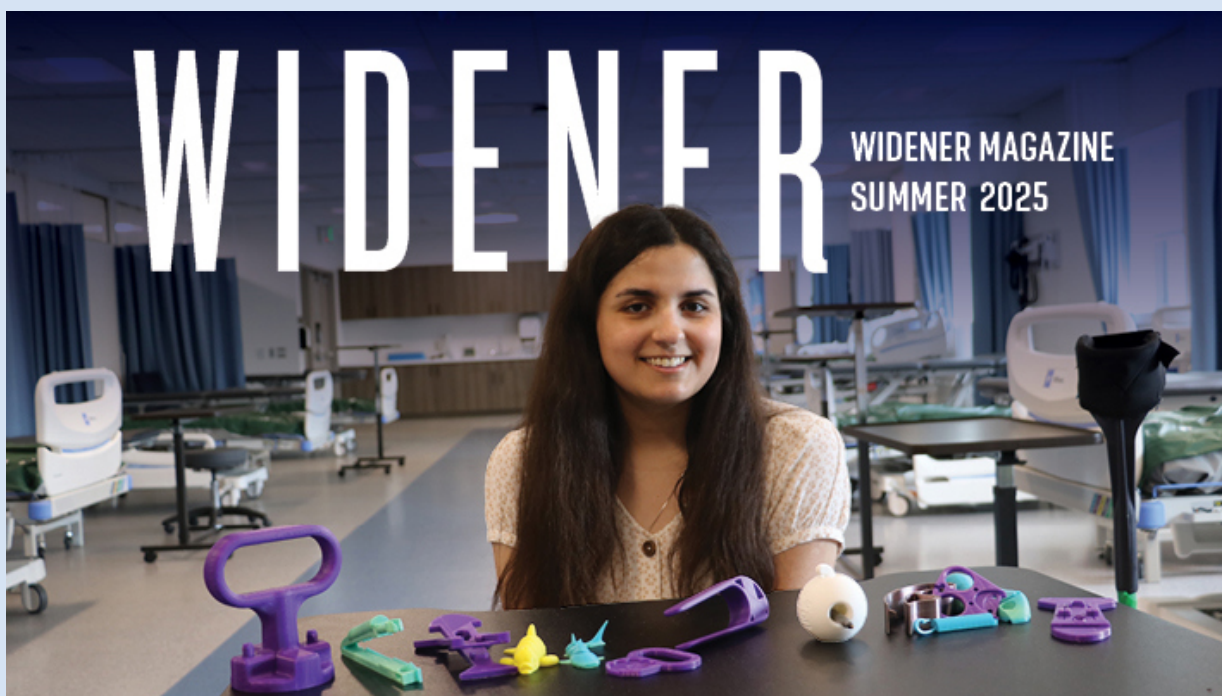
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FAMILY MICROSITE

We know families have questions. Have you checked out our website just for you? It has a section with answers to common questions.

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Our summer magazine showcases the dynamic experiences that shape student life.

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Alumnus Matthew Stranix talks about his passion for retirement planning

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WIDENER IN THE NEWS



Scientific American:

Professor Mariah Schug writes about the benefits of meditation in a busy, complicated world, including how it can help you better support loved ones.



Chester Spirit: Student Taylor Easter authors this OPED about the impact civic engagement opportunities in Chester had on her Widener education.



CBS3 Philadelphia: Kate Royer, Widener University's campus visit coordinator, makes move-in day memorable by welcoming families, guiding tours, and helping new students feel at home.



NOTABLE DATES

Helpful dates to keep you and your student informed

Sept. 1 – Labor Day holiday, no classes

Sept. 2 – Last day for dropping and/or adding classes for full semester

Sept. 3 – Student involvement fair

Sept. 15 – Commuter student brunch

Sept. 17 – Fresh Check day for mental health awareness and suicide prevention

Sept. 26 – Summer Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (SURCA) symposium

Oct. 27 and 28 – Fall break, no classes

Oct. 11 – Homecoming weekend tailgate and athletics competitions, including football game versus FDU-Florham

Nov. 1 – Last day to petition for May 2026 graduation

Nov. 3 – Registration opens for spring 2026 classes



KEEP 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 pridefamilies@widener.edu.

Office of Student Engagement

Call 610-499-4411, email studentengagement@widener.edu.
Office located on the lower level of University Center.

Office of Student Living

Call 610-499-4390, email residencelife@widener.edu.
Offices located in University Center.

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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