



NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Widener families,

As we look forward to Thanksgiving next week, it's a natural time to pause and appreciate the many things that bring us joy and connection. That includes the shared experience of being

part of the Widener community. Soon, students will return from the holiday break and dive into the final stretch of the semester.

This can be an intense period, when exams and final projects weigh heavily on students' minds and workloads, and add stress to daily life. It's a great moment to remind your student to prioritize their well-being—take breaks, switch up their study environments to stay fresh, and lean on support systems around them. Small habits can make a big difference in managing stress and staying focused.

Our "Keeping in Touch" list appears at the end of this newsletter for your reference. I hope it is a helpful guide to campus resources designed to support students academically, emotionally and socially. Winter break is just around the corner, and we're here to help your student finish the semester strong and head into the break with a sense of accomplishment.



With Pride,

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



BLOGS FOR STUDENT WELL-BEING

Helpful resources for checking in with your student on their well-being



Supporting Your
Student Through

ACADEMIC RECOVERY

Supporting Your Student Through
Academic Recovery

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Building Confidence &
Community Through

PEER SUCCESS COACHING

Building Confidence & Community
Through Peer Success Coaching

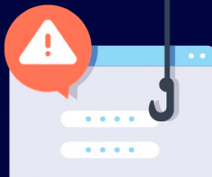
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WHAT'S NEW AT WIDENER

A CYBERSECURITY GUIDE FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Safeguarding Your Personal Information



CYBERSECURITY GUIDE FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Maintaining cybersecurity is crucial, especially for students who are juggling multiple responsibilities and who may become targets for scammers. This guide for college students, written by Widener's associate vice president of IT Infrastructure, offers helpful ways students can protect themselves.

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WIDENER ANNOUNCES \$10 MILLION GIFT, UNVEILS THE JACK & NANCY DWYER SCHOOL OF NURSING

The record-setting gift will have a transformative impact on our nursing students and the patients they serve.

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CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT BUILDS CAREERS AND COMMUNITY FROM THE GROUND UP

Hands-on learning paves the way for developing breakthrough skills and connecting with industry professionals.

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2025 SURCA SYMPOSIUM WINNERS

The 2025 Summer Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (SURCA) program involved amazing projects. Check out the student winners.

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STUDENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES



MID-SEMESTER ADVICE

The Pride community offers tips.

[VIEW VIDEO](#)

STUDY AND INTERN AWAY

Is your student thinking about studying or interning away from campus? Learn about the ISEP partnership.

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Mastering Your College Finances

Your guide to understanding your bill, planning ahead, and making your money work for you at Widener.



This blog on the bill pay process offers helpful financial advice.

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PRIDE PERSPECTIVE



Meet Justin Mack, Pride football player, mental health advocate and energetic networker.

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Meet Andrew Proctor and Dakarai Daniel, Emmy Award-winning young professionals and Widener University alumni who work for the Washington Commanders. Andrew, a game presentation producer, and Dakari, a motion graphics designer, share their journeys from Freedom Hall to the NFL.

HEAR THE INTERVIEW



WIDENER IN THE NEWS



Chester Spirit

Student lounge named for beloved Widener administrator.



Real Simple

Professor Mariah Schug writes about leaf-peeping walks as an underrated fall fitness hack.



CNN

Professor Angie Corbo shares tips for how students can be successful in college.



NOTABLE DATES

Helpful dates to keep you and your student informed

Monday, Nov. 3. – Spring course registration opened. Is your student registered for spring classes?

Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 2 p.m. – The Pride Café and all retail dining operations will close for the Thanksgiving break. Residence halls will remain open.

Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving holiday, no classes.

Sunday, Nov. 30 at 4 p.m. – The Pride Café reopens, serving dinner.

Monday, Dec. 1 – Retail dining operations reopen.

Friday, Dec. 5 – Last day of classes.

Monday, Dec. 8 through Friday, Dec. 12 – Final exams.

Friday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. – Pride Café and retail dining operations close for winter break.

Saturday, Dec. 13 – Residence halls close for winter break, 10 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 9 – New student orientation. Incoming new students move into housing between 3-5 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 11 – Residence halls begin normal operations at 9 a.m.

Sunday Jan. 11 at 4 p.m. – Pride Café reopens, serving dinner.

Monday, Jan. 12 – Dining retail operations reopen.

Monday, Jan. 12 – Spring classes begin.

Monday, Jan. 19 – Martin Luther King holiday, no classes.



SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS!

Make your gift before Dec. 31.



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 the University Center.

Office of Student Living

Call 610-499-4390, email studentliving@widener.edu.
Office located on the main level of the 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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