



Widener University

FAMILY CONNECTION



FEBRUARY 2026

As we move through the final weeks of winter, I want to extend a warm welcome and my sincere thanks for the essential role you play in your student's life. This time of year can feel demanding, with academic expectations rising and schedules feeling full, and your steady encouragement makes a meaningful difference!

As both a mother and someone who has spent many years alongside students at this stage of life, I know how important it is for students to feel they truly belong. A strong sense of connection to our university community supports not only their academic success, but their emotional well-being. At Widener, we are committed to fostering an environment where

students feel seen, supported, and confident reaching out when they need help. In this issue, you'll find resources and reminders that reinforce those connections and promote a healthy, balanced college experience.

We'll soon be counting days until we celebrate our seniors at commencement. To prepare, we've included information here that helps families start planning for those joyful days with our 2026 graduates.

Thank you for your continued trust in Widener, and for the care, encouragement, and love you provide your student every day. We are grateful to be your partners in this journey.



With Warmth and Widener Pride,

Stacey Robertson, PhD
President



STUDENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES



Get familiar with these upcoming career-related events for students, presented by the Career Design & Development office.

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How Students Can Cope With

**SEASONAL
AFFECTIVE
DISORDER**



Seasonal Affective Disorder can make it difficult for students to get and stay motivated and be social. Read more about it and explore tips for coping.

[READ MORE](#)



Visit the Pride Families microsite to start using our new chat feature where you can ask questions, access resources on supporting your student, and find what you're looking for with ease.

[VISIT SITE](#)



Finding Common Ground During
ROOMMATE CONFLICT

Sometimes roommates don't see eye to eye. This Widener blog on finding common ground in roommate conflicts may help guide a conversation with your student about challenges they're facing.

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WHAT'S NEW AT WIDENER



Chemistry Lab Students Study Water Pollution Tied to Winter Road Salting in Delaware County

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Widener Honors Program Sees Substantial Growth, Welcomes Largest Incoming Class

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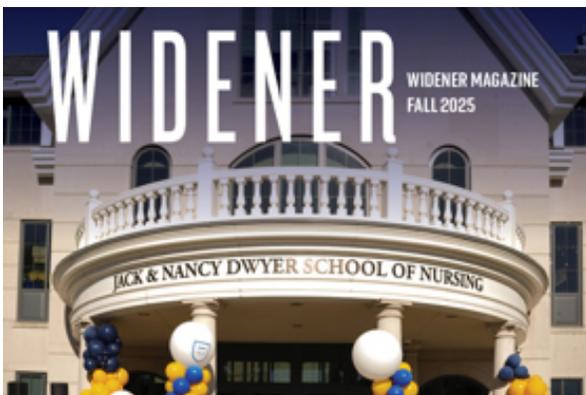
Widener Named PA CARES Campus for Increasing Awareness and Support of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

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Congratulations to all students named to the

FALL 2025 DEAN'S LIST



WIDENER MAGAZINE FALL 2025

Have you read our most recent university magazine? It's available online.

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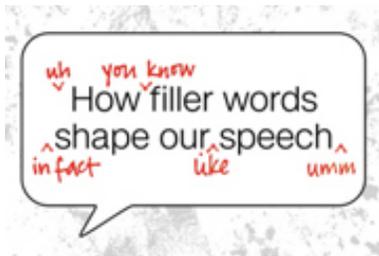


Academy Park High School social studies teacher and football coach Jason Vosheski, a Widener alumnus, shares his powerful story of navigating a multiple sclerosis diagnosis and how it has deepened his purpose as a coach and educator.

HEAR THE INTERVIEW



WIDENER IN THE NEWS



CNN

Professor Angie Corbo is quoted extensively in this CNN story about filler words: “Should you stop saying ‘um’? Here’s what experts said.”



Chester Spirit

Student Semaj Smith-Barber authored this piece for the Chester Spirit newspaper on his experience with community service at Widener.



National League for Nursing

Jack & Nancy Dwyer School of Nursing Professor Stephanie Jeffers and Professor Emerita Rose Rossi talk with the National League for Nursing about recent changes to clinical education for Widener nursing students.



NOTABLE DATES

Helpful dates to keep you and your student informed

Wednesday, March 4, at 5 p.m. – May 2026 commencement RSVP closes for graduates via Tassel, Widener’s commencement portal. A link was emailed to graduates.

Saturday, March 7 – Alumni day at Phillies spring training SOLD OUT

Monday, March 9 – Friday, March 13 – Spring break

Monday, March 16 – Classes resume

Monday, March 23- Friday, March 27 – Honors week

Friday, April 3 – Spring holiday, no classes

Monday, April 6 – Registration opens for summer and fall classes

Friday, April 17 – Student project day, no undergraduate classes

Friday, May 1 – Last day of classes

New Academic Calendar:

Our updated academic calendar is now available and features a new, easy-to-read key so families can quickly scan for important dates such as holidays, breaks, billing deadlines, and key academic dates.

[VIEW ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#)

MAY 2026

COMMENCEMENT!

Schedule of Commencement ceremonies:

Tuesday, May 12 at 10 a.m.

School of Business Administration and Center for Continuing Studies

Tuesday, May 12 at 3 p.m.

Jack & Nancy Dwyer School of Nursing

Wednesday, May 13 at 10 a.m.

School of Engineering

Wednesday, May 13 at 3 p.m.

College of Health and Human Services

Thursday, May 14 at 10 a.m.

College of Arts and Sciences

Visit website links below for commencement FAQs, including information about cap and gown ordering and deadlines.

[COMMENCEMENT FAQs](#)

[ORDER CAP AND GOWN](#)



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 at pridefamilies@widener.edu with any questions about the articles we shared.

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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