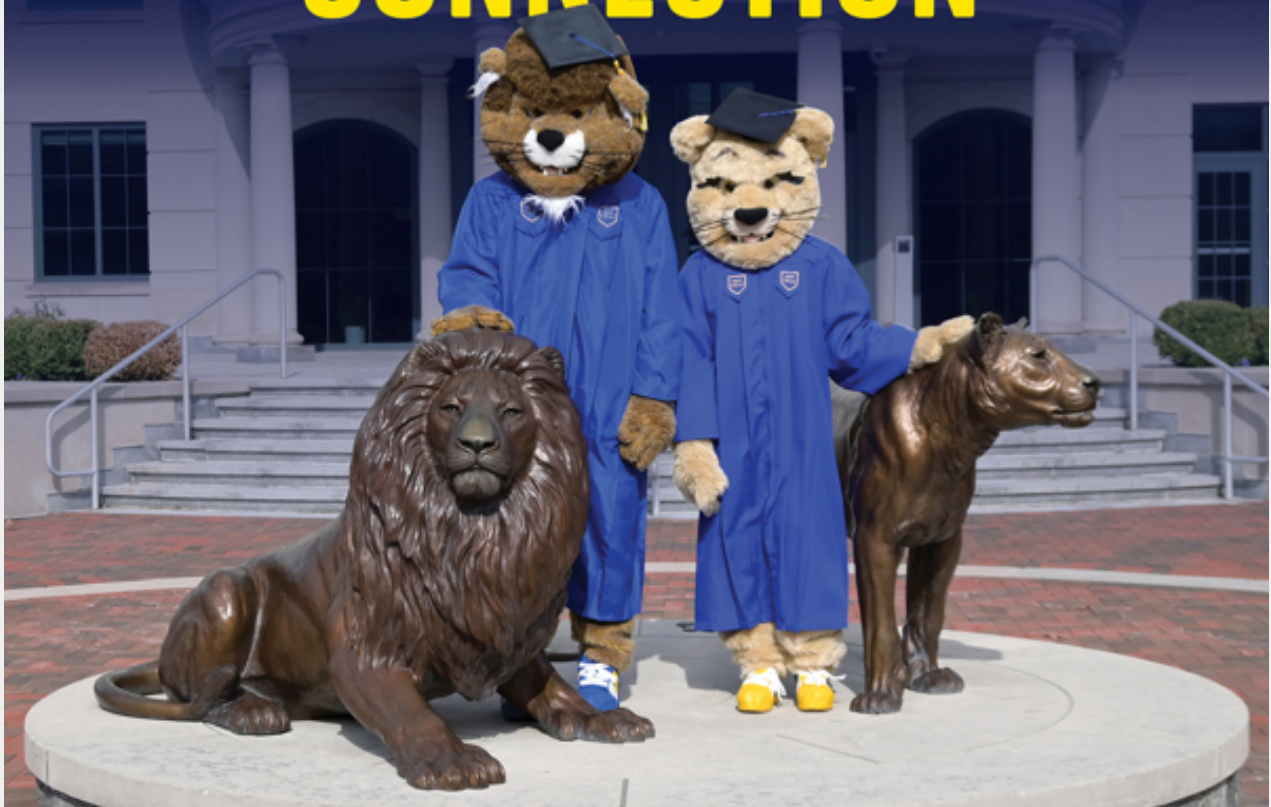




Widener University

FAMILY CONNECTION



APRIL 2026

Dear Widener Families,

This is a fantastic time of year that carries special meaning, as we prepare to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our graduating students in just two short weeks.

Commencement ceremonies honor not only academic accomplishment, but also the

perseverance, growth and determination that bring students to the milestone.

Commencement is a defining measure of our work as an institution. At Widener, we place great emphasis on student success through to graduation, because earning a degree is the clearest marker of opportunity realized and futures launched. For example, we recently partnered with the National Institute for Student Success **to host a summit** with the founder of the institute. Through this effort we are building a roadmap that further strengthens our dedication to helping Widener students succeed.

For families of students who are still working toward their commencement day, we salute your efforts in supporting them through another academic year. Every class completed and every credit earned reflects our shared commitment toward their joyful walk across that stage.

Thank you for being valued partners in this journey.



With Pride,

Mark Nicosia
Provost



INVESTED IN STUDENT SUCCESS: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW



Important: 2026 federal loan updates for undergraduate families

Under the One Big Beautiful Bill (OB BB), undergraduate loan limits remain the same, but Parent PLUS Loans and lifetime borrowing caps are changing—review what's taking effect July 1.

[READ THE FULL LOAN UPDATE](#)



Set your student up for finals success
Discover the study strategies and campus resources available to help your student finish the semester strong.

[SEE THE STUDY TIPS](#)



Is Study Away the right investment for your student?

Separate fact from fiction on cost, credits and logistics — so you and your student can make an informed decision together. You may be surprised how accessible it can be!

[STUDY AWAY MYTHS & FACTS](#)



Help your student find their cause with civic engagement

Getting involved does more than look good on a resume—it shapes who your student becomes. Find out how civic engagement builds skills, community, and confidence.

[FIND YOUR CAUSE](#)

Widener data shows students who **completed 30 or more credits** in their first year graduated more than **two times** the rate of those who completed fewer than 30 credits.



WHAT'S NEW AT WIDENER



Widener's Honors Week gives students opportunities to present research publicly, build professional skills, gain confidence and open doors to future academic and career experiences.

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A Widener international student from Angola served as president for a day, trading roles with university President Stacey Robertson to deepen mutual understanding of student life and leadership.

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Nearly \$550,000 in grant funding to the School of Engineering delivers industry-level technology to a reimagined makerspace and machine shop, and positions Widener as a regional hub for rapid manufacturing, applied research and workforce development.

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Delaware Law School Update

Widener recently announced the university will move the Wilmington, Delaware campus that houses Delaware Law School into center city Wilmington as part of The Bridge Project. We are excited for the opportunities this will create for our law students! Their new address will not affect undergraduate operations on our Chester campus.

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1,447 **DONORS**
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THANK YOU

Thank you for ROAR-ing with The Pride!

This month, Roar4Widener, the university's day of giving, had a record-breaking outcome with 1,447 donors making 2,226 gifts totaling a \$236,567 impact on student success. To the Widener families who invested in our students- thank you! Support from Roar4Widener is already making a difference on campus.

[SEE THE IMPACT](#)



Bettering yourself and your mental health is never cause for embarrassment. Watch a TEDx Talk by student Dallas Woodward on living with obsessive-compulsive disorder.

[WATCH VIDEO](#)

LEARN ABOUT THE WIDENER OBSERVATORY



Come see the stars this summer at the Widener observatory.
Public viewings are available!

[LEARN MORE](#)



WIDENER IN THE NEWS



Chester Spirit

Student Kamryn Purpura writes for the Chester Spirit newspaper about Widener's engineering camps for high school girls, which she once attended and now helps present.



CBS

Pamela McCauley, dean of Widener University's School of Engineering, visited Capitol Hill this month to encourage women in STEM careers. She was part of a national panel in Washington focused on getting more women into STEM careers.



Delco Today

News coverage of undergraduate student Leticia Dondo's experience as Widener's president for a day.



NOTABLE DATES

Helpful dates to keep you and your student informed

Friday, May 1 – Last day of spring semester classes.

Friday, May 1 – Spring fling concert with Baby Tate followed by late-night bites.

Monday, May 4 – **Friday, May 8** – Final exams.

Friday, May 8 – Senior toast, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 9 – Residence halls close at 10 a.m. (Seniors may stay through Thursday, May 14 at 8 p.m.)

Tuesday, May 12 – **Thursday, May 14** – Commencement ceremonies.

Tuesday, May 12 – All grades are submitted to registrar by noon. Students can check final grades in Student Planning through myWidener.

Friday, May 15 – Commencement severe weather makeup date, if needed



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