



Widener University

FAMILY CONNECTION



AUGUST 2026

Dear Widener Pride families,

Even as summer's warm days continue a bit longer, the buzz for the fall semester is on — cooler air on the way, lively classroom conversations ahead and a whole new year's worth of possibility just waiting to unfold. There's nothing quite like feeling our Chester campus come alive with energy each August!

I'm especially excited to welcome so many new students into the Widener community and deepen our culture of belonging. Across every corner of the university, faculty and staff are wholeheartedly dedicated to helping students thrive. As we kick off the first week of classes, we've brought back a favorite tradition: a student "help station" set up on the academic quad, staffed by volunteers ready to point students toward key resources, answer their questions and hand out treats to kick off the new year.

Our hope is that this visible show of support helps students feel just how much the Widener community is cheering them on — and reminds them they truly belong here. As they get settled into fall, we're encouraging them to branch out and build friendships, starting with the many clubs and organizations campus has to offer.

Thank you for entrusting Widener with your student's education. We're so grateful to have you, our families, as part of this community too.



With warmth and Widener Pride,

Stacey Robertson PhD
President



STUDENT AND FAMILY RESOURCES



Learn how you can support your student as they explore career paths, gain hands-on experience, and prepare for life after graduation.

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Supporting your student's well-being starts with open conversations. Explore mental health resources, practical guidance, and support services available at Widener to help your student thrive throughout their college journey.

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The first weeks set the stage for the entire semester. Student Laura Polaski shares practical tips for helping her peers build routines, become involved and feel confident.

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WHAT'S NEW AT WIDENER

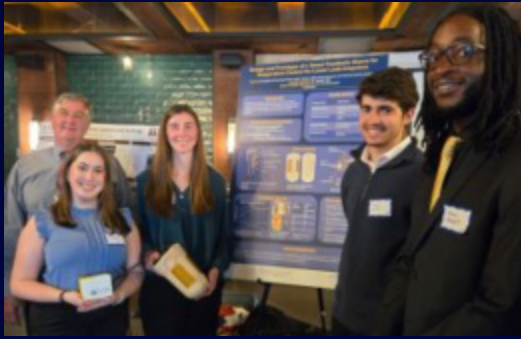


New residence hall, relocated campus store, additional dining options and other expanded student amenities highlight summer 2026 improvements at Widener.

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The university welcomed Cary Caro as dean of the School of Business Administration this summer. Read more about him, and his vision for the future of business education at Widener.

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The American Society of Mechanical Engineers Philadelphia section considered its project competition awards, and gave them all to Widener students.

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LiveSafe app

Has your student downloaded the LifeSafe app yet? They can reach Campus Safety with it at the touch of a button.

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Confused by your student's campus slang?
This video breaks down nicknames on some key Widener places.

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Widener's Transportation Department offers courtesy shuttle services by request to students, faculty, and staff that provide convenient access around campus and to select off-campus locations, such as Wawa, Walmart, and ShopRite.

[MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SHUTTLE IS AVAILABLE ONLINE](#)



Alumnus and Widener trustee John Barry talks about starting his first business from his residence hall room, including how university IT staff supported him after noticing the amount of bandwidth he was using!

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WIDENER IN THE NEWS



NBC Select

Psychology Professor Ross Steinman on how Prime Day started and why shoppers just can't resist a deal.



Delco Today

Widener has joined the Scholars Network, connecting students, universities and healthcare employers to create direct, lower-debt pathways into high-need clinical careers.



Chester Spirit

Juniors Aiden Martinelli and Jackson Birster write about the free youth soccer clinics Widener soccer hosts for local children.



NOTABLE DATES

Helpful dates to keep you and your student informed

Aug. 31 – On-campus employment showcase.

Sept. 1 – Last day for dropping and/or adding classes for full semester.

Sept. 7 – Labor Day holiday, no classes.

Sept. 2 – Student involvement fair.

Sept. 16 – Commuter student bruncheon.

Sept. 16 – “Fresh Check Day” for mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

Sept. 25 – Summer Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (SURCA) symposium.

Oct. 9-10 – Homecoming weekend tailgate and athletics competitions, including football game versus Albright College – **families welcome!**

Oct. 19 and 20 – Fall break, no classes.

Nov. 1 – Last day to petition for May 2027 graduation.

Nov. 2 – 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 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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