Fast Facts About Widener

- **12:1** Student-Faculty Ratio
- **2,932** Full-time undergraduates
- **75%** Undergraduate residents
- **$22,000** Average merit scholarship for freshmen
- **12+40** majors
- **26%** Students of Color
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Widener Expands Student Housing Offerings

A brand new residence hall opened to students at Widener University in fall 2015. The 200-bed, $21 million-dollar hall is near the entrance to the Main Campus. The four-story residence hall features food service on the first floor and spaces for Widener’s Living Learning Communities. Rooms follow a more traditional layout and suites for upperclassmen offer apartment-style living. Residents enjoy lounges on each floor and a multipurpose room as a gathering and learning space. It also includes two new campus dining options: Moe’s Southwestern Grill and Einstein Bros. Bagels.

Widener to Host Breakfast and Workshop for Counselors

All school counselors are invited to attend a free breakfast and workshop on Widener’s campus featuring expert speakers discussing the new SAT and changes in financial aid.

**WHEN:** Monday, November 23

**WHERE:** Webb Room, University Center, Main Campus, Chester, PA

**AGENDA:**

- **8:30 am** Registration and breakfast
- **9:00 am** The New SAT for 2016. Steven Zoir of The College Board will discuss the new SAT that will be launched in 2016, as well as the partnership The College Board has established with Khan Academy for test preparation.
- **10:30 am** Financing A College Education: A Guide for School Counselors. Fran McKeown of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) will focus on how counselors can best help families understand the financial aid process.
- **12:15 pm** Tour of Main Campus

To register or if you have questions, contact David Antoniewicz at dhantoniewicz@widener.edu or 610-499-4595.
**Students Explore the Culture and Ecology of Trinidad**

Undergraduates in an anthropology course entitled *Rum, Rasta, and Revolution* and an education course entitled *Cross-Cultural Research in Trinidad* ventured with their professors to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago during spring break for a week-long exploration of Trinidadian culture and ecology. The trip was just one of many opportunities for global outreach accessible to Widener students interested in learning about other cultures while earning credits toward graduation.

The Widener group first stopped at Grand Rivière beach in the village of Toco, a primary nesting ground for leatherback turtles. Students witnessed a behemoth female leatherback measuring more than six feet in length lay her eggs in the sand just a stone’s throw from their hotel. Students then visited the Asa Wright Nature Center before heading to the southern city of San Fernando to witness the spectacular carnival celebration held to mark the beginning of Lent.

The last two days of the trip were spent touring some of the most impoverished regions of the island and “grounding” (talking and spending time) with the local residents.

**Musicians take note:** Widener University’s Pep Band performs at football and basketball games and other university events. The band’s goal is to bring spirited performances to Widener’s athletic events and create an energetic atmosphere during games and at other important university functions. Widener plans to grow the Pep Band to a full-fledged marching band. Dr. Iain Moyer is the director of athletic bands and was previously assistant director of bands at the University of North Alabama.

The Pep Band is open to all Widener undergraduate students with an interest and previous experience in a high school band program. For more information regarding the Widener University Pep Band, contact Dr. Moyer at 610-499-1010 or e-mail imoyer@widener.edu

**Widener’s Co-Op Program Offers Experience**

For more than 35 years, the cooperative education program (co-op) at Widener has helped students connect classroom learning with real-world experiences and gain the confidence and skills they need for professional success. One example of a Widener student who is building his resume is biomedical engineering major Maximilian Spencer. He took on an 8-month co-op at Independence Prosthetics-Orthotics as part of Widener’s co-op program, which allows students to work up to a year in the field with pay and still graduate in four years. “I’m so fortunate to be able to work with clinicians and technicians who have 10 or 20 even 30 years of experience in the field,” Spencer said.

**Scholarship Opportunities at Widener**

Widener’s Honors Program in General Education brings together about 200 highly motivated undergraduate students to encourage the highest level of intellectual activity. Students in the top 10 percent of their graduating class who receive SAT scores of 1200 or higher and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 or higher may join Widener’s Honors Program in General Education as entering freshmen. Students in the program are eligible for an annual scholarship of $2,000. A limited number of full-tuition scholarships are awarded each year to exceptional students. To be considered, students must have a 1350 minimum combined SAT score (Math & Critical Reading components), be in the top 10 percent of their senior class, and have a 3.85 minimum GPA.

Other endowed scholarship programs and scholarships are available for students with an interest in civic engagement and leadership, and in various disciplines, such as ROTC, music, and dance.