



Widener University

FAMILY CONNECTION



FEBRUARY 2025

Welcome to the Family Connection winter edition. This semester began with snow and frosty temperatures, but the warmth of our university community is carrying us through to the return of spring's mild days.

This issue contains helpful information about Widener's plans for commencement season, with ceremony schedules and access to FAQs that ensure everyone is well informed about our biggest celebrations of the year. In addition, we're sharing a story about outcomes the

university has tracked on undergraduate alumni who earned their degrees in May 2024. We are so proud of their successes!

Be sure to check out other important dates coming up for the remainder of the semester. Spring always goes so fast. Don't forget to stop, breathe, and embrace all the opportunities for joy the Widener community has to offer.



With Pride,

Lori Blount

Associate Provost for Student Success



WHAT'S NEW AT WIDENER



REPORT ON 2024 UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI: WHERE HAVE THEY LANDED?

Widener University recently reported on outcomes for the undergraduates who received their degrees as May 2024 graduates. Learn more about their progress.

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MAKING WAVES

A federally funded initiative known as WAVE is bringing together voices and perspectives from across campus – including, and especially, students – with the goal of providing people with the tools and skills needed to change culture.

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

Widener is expanding mental health initiatives and combatting stigma with new grant-funded programs that focus on student well-being through program accessibility, awareness of services, and peer engagement.

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PRIDE PERSPECTIVE

Ivana Brock, *Class of 2026, Criminal Justice*

After coming to Widener, Ivana Brock found a place to pursue not just her academic interests, but her personal and social passions as well.



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When you have someone who cares about you and wants to see you succeed, it's going to make you push yourself harder.

— *Ivana Brock, Class of 2026*

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STUDENT RESOURCES

GET TO KNOW CAMPUS SAFETY

Allison Taddei
Ambassadors for belonging at Widener University.

My name is Allison Taddei and I am the director of Campus Safety at Widener University.

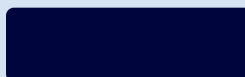
UNDERSTANDING & RESPECTING FERPA

What Parents & Families Need to Know



UNDERSTANDING FERPA

Can I talk with my student's professor about their grades?



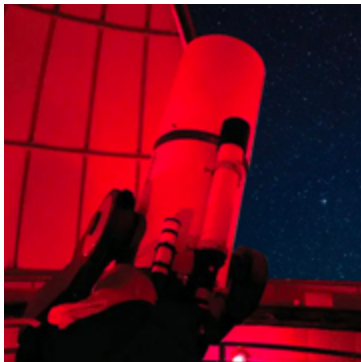


Francis Doran '18, cardiac ICU nurse at Penn Medicine, offers insight on the nursing profession as well as his community impact through the Kensington Project.

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WIDENER IN THE NEWS



Professor Emeritus Harry Augensen wrote an OPED in the **Chester Spirit** celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Widener University Observatory.



Professor Ross Steinman in **Philly Magazine** shares expertise on grocery shopping consumer behavior.



Delco TODAY covers Widener's first international internship experience, and the students who worked in Costa Rica.



NOTABLE DATES

Helpful dates to keep you and your student informed

Monday, March 3 at 5 p.m. – May 2025 commencement RSVP closes for graduates via Tassel, Widener's commencement portal. A link was emailed to graduates.

Friday, March 7 – Spring Break begins. Residence halls close at 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 8 – Alumni Day at Phillies Spring Training – SOLD OUT

Monday, March 10 – Friday, March 14 – No classes, spring break

Sunday, March 16 – Residence halls resume normal operations at 9 a.m.

Monday, March 17 – Classes resume

Friday, March 21 – Widener AI Day, conference for the university community

Monday, March 24 – Friday, March 28 – Honors week

Monday, April 7 – Friday, April 11 – Registration opens for fall 2025 classes

Friday, April 18 – Spring holiday, no classes

Friday, April 25 – Student Project Day, no undergraduate classes

A graphic for the May 2025 Commencement Ceremony Dates. It features the text "MAY 2025" in large, bold, yellow letters. Above the "2025" is a blue graduation cap icon. Below "MAY 2025" is a blue horizontal bar with the text "COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY DATES" in white, bold, uppercase letters.

MAY 2025

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY DATES

Tuesday, May 13 at 3 p.m.

School of Engineering

Wednesday, May 14 at 10 a.m.

School of Business Administration
and Center for Graduate and Continuing Studies

Wednesday, May 14 at 3 p.m.

School of Nursing

Thursday, May 15 at 10 a.m.

College of Arts and Sciences

Thursday, May 15 at 3 p.m.

College of Health and Human Services

COMMENCEMENT WEBSITE

COMMENCEMENT FAQs



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 studentengagement@widener.edu.

Office of Student Engagement

Call 610-499-4411, email studentengagement@widener.edu.
Office located on the lower level of University Center.

Office of Residence Life

Call 610-499-4390, email residencelife@widener.edu.
Offices located in 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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