MANY ROARS ONE PRIDE

A FUTURE THAT BELONGS TO US

Widener University

DEAR PRIDE FAMILY,

It's been my great fortune to find a home here at Widener. Since arriving in the summer of 2022, Steve and I have found immense joy in the sense of welcome that we have come to know as a hallmark of this caring, hard-working, and talented community.

Now, Widener is doubling down on what makes this university so special for us all: the powerful sense of belonging that leads to student and alumni success. This mindset—and the innovative, future-focused programs we are developing—are already delivering powerful results.

With your partnership and support, our strategy will propel Widener to heights never before imagined and a future that truly belongs to every member of the Pride family.

Stacey M. Robertson, Ph.D.
President

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OUR PRIORITY

BELONGING IS A BUSINESS STRATEGY

One of the greatest sources of Widener pride is the way this community wraps its arms around one another. We're a university with heart.

When we pair our exemplary culture with the Inside Track, our distinctive educational approach, student success follows and the Pride grows even stronger.

"Creating a sense of belonging is who we are, and what moves each of us."

By giving our graduates the problem-solving skills and insights that set them apart—and by helping them develop a collaborative mindset when confronting challenge—we've made a Widener education exceptional preparation for the modern workplace.

And through the powerful sense of belonging we strive to create for each student, we are ensuring that each student fully shares in our excellence and defining characteristic.

Our goal is to instill in them the confidence to raise their personal goals, the resilience to confront complex challenges, and the determination to establish themselves as valuable colleagues invested in positive change.

It's a strategy critical to student development and our graduates' professional success.

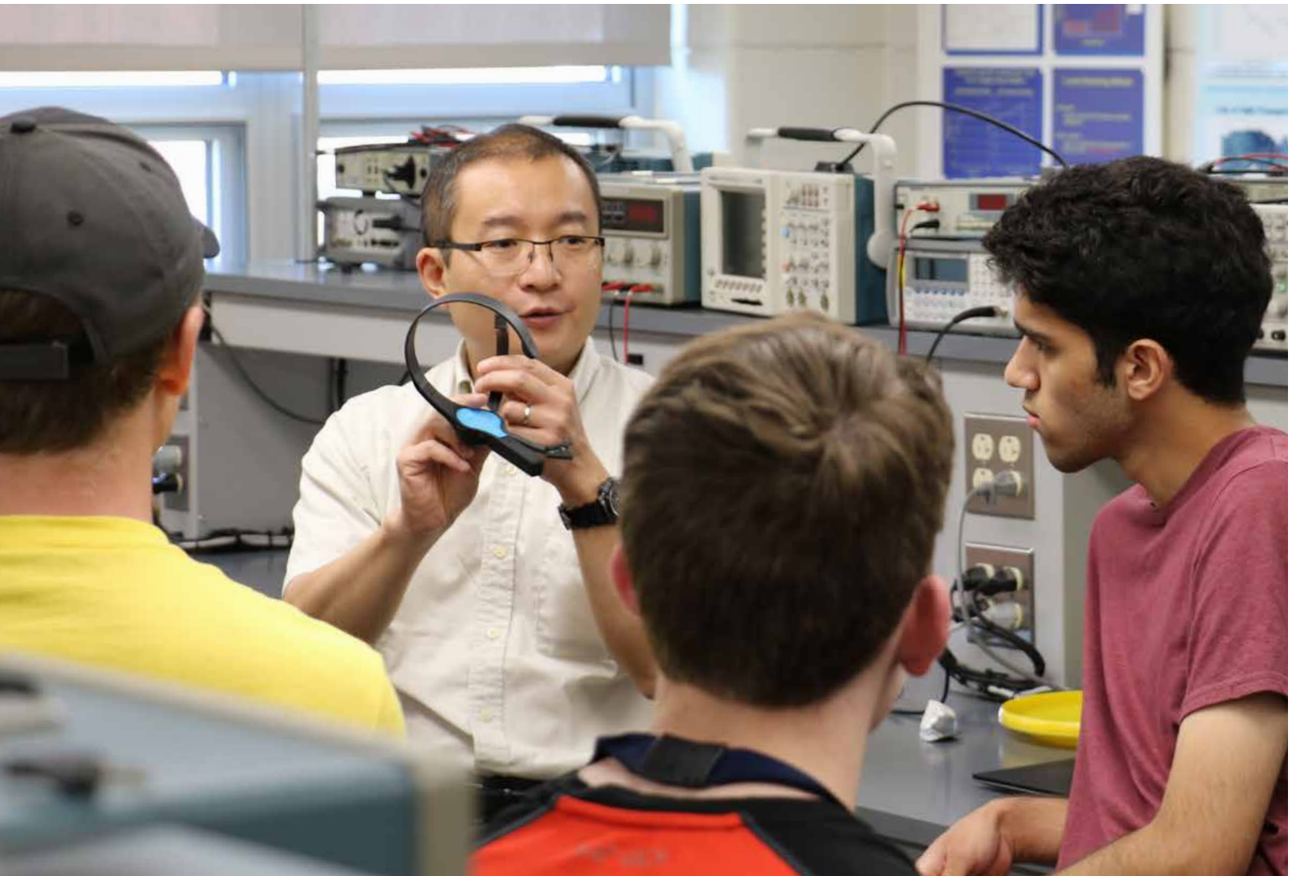
HOW WE DELIVER ON OUR PROMISE

- Pairing students with mentors who can gauge their progress and help plan the path to their future
- Guaranteeing access to experiences that set our students apart
- Making certain that students feel fully supported in every part of the Widener experience
- Removing the fear of unexpected educational expenses

UNIVERSITY MOMENTUM

THE RESULTS SET US APART

Our most prized performance indicators can be found at the intersection of student belonging and alumni success.



2 CONSECUTIVE YEARS
of record-breaking undergraduate recruitment growth (2023, 2024)

30%
U.S. students of color and international citizens

4 CATEGORIES
in which Widener earned "Great Colleges to Work For" recognition from *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (Confidence in Senior Leadership, Faculty Experience, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, and Shared Governance)

96%
Widener's 2023 graduates achieved their career goals within six months of graduation

$113K
median mid-career salary for Widener alumni with a bachelor's degree
Source: PayScale

$67K
median starting salary for Widener's undergraduate Class of 2023

49 STATES
7+ COUNTRIES
represented by students on campus

79%
Widener students who engage in community service or civic engagement (27% above the national average)

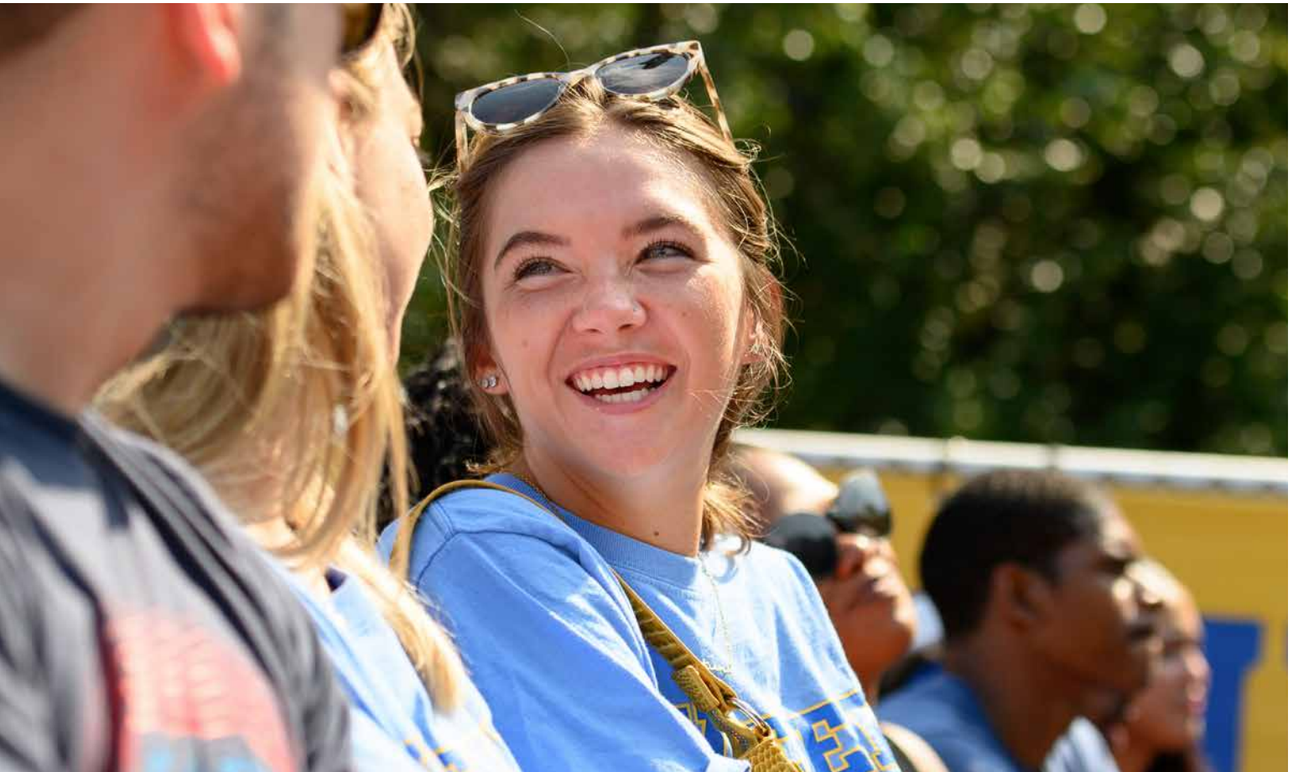
NEARLY 100%
of new full-time students receive some form of financial aid

THE WORK AHEAD

OUR ROAR IS ABOUT TO GET LOUDER

WE'VE MADE REMARKABLE PROGRESS, AND WE'RE FAR FROM FINISHED.

Building on our undeniable momentum and guided by the values we hold closest, we're now making our presence known, advocating for our university community—past, present, and future—and telling the story of Widener's life-changing power.



OUR COMMITMENT IS OUR MESSAGE.

- **For our students,** it's knowing them in the fullness of their personalities and helping them navigate their own Inside Track to success.
- **For generations of Pride family members,** it's celebrating each roar and strengthening the bonds that connect us.
- **For our host city of Chester,** it means locking arms as a trusted partner and working for positive transformation.
- **For families across the region,** it's standing apart by offering highly personalized, career-focused experiences.

"We are not about to let up. This is Widener's time."

INVOLVEMENT MATTERS

YOU'VE SET THE STAGE FOR WHAT'S NEXT

YOU, OUR WIDENER FAMILY, ARE OUR GREATEST STRENGTH

Your stories of dedication, belonging, and success are living proof of the transformational capacity of this university.

By joining WidenerConnect, providing professional opportunities to students and young alumni, and supporting the university priorities most meaningful to you, you help make our vision a reality—and strengthen Widener's remarkable record of student success.

"A community this strong ought to be heard."

INVEST WITH US

THE BEST FUTURE IS OURS TO MAKE

**THIS MOMENT BELONGS TO ALL OF US.
OUR FOCUS IS ON OUR STUDENTS.**

THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

The goal of our educational approach, the Inside Track, is to prepare the next generation of professionals. Our success is measured by our students' access to powerhouse programs, superior faculty mentorship, hands-on learning opportunities, and industry connections.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We're committed to rewarding talent and making our distinctive brand of education a financial reality for the students and families who would benefit most from it.

SPACES

We've made it a priority to create campus facilities and grounds that:

1. Mirror the professional settings in the industries our students will work and one day lead.
2. Bring us together as a community.

CAREER DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Experiences that are tuned to individual career goals and accelerate professional advancement should be part of each student's Widener education.

"Every day, I hear stories of how this place changed a life or showed a path never imagined."

THEIR EXPERIENCES CENTER US.

"The opportunities I had at Widener to travel internationally and conduct research on culturally defining sustainability opened up an entirely new world to me, and really shaped my interest in further advancing sustainability on a global scale through my work."

Jessi Feoli '21
Event Strategy & Production Lead, UN Global Compact USA

"My advisor, (Associate Dean of Social Science) Wes Leckrone, asking me to participate in the Summer Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities program was really big for me. I've found my home away from home here."

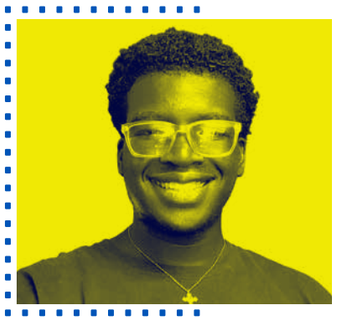
Taylor Easter '25
Majors: political science and sociology

"Participating in REU HYPER (an aerospace engineering summer research experience funded by the Department of Defense and the National Science Foundation) opened me up to an aerospace career. The Widener faculty was really supportive. My next step is with them."

Vinny Csercsevits '25
Major: mechanical engineering

"I am not sure what I would do without (Associate Professor of Social Work) Robin Goldberg-Glen. She has always encouraged me to strive for bigger things and grab any opportunity in front of me. She's helped me gain the skills and find the passion for management and leadership that I would've never thought I would love."

Jessica Mereshensky '24
Major: social work



"From the moment I stepped on campus, Widener's faculty, staff, and community have made me feel welcome. Gio Stanfa, my Resident Assistant and PRIDE mentor, was a tremendous resource my first year. He was always there to answer my questions, and I couldn't have thought of a better person to introduce me to the University."

Jordy Chery '27
Major: nursing

"My career really started at Widener with my internship: I thought I wanted to change the world with transformers and transmission lines, but through the National Science Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program, my passion changed to microelectronics. Because my advisor, Dr. (Yun) Gong, brought the program to my attention and advocated for me, the trajectory of my life shifted."

Neeta Basantkumar '04
Test Engineering Manager, Northrop Grumman

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