

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026 (REQUIRED)

6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. **International Student Move-In Day** (*Philadelphia International Airport*)
Welcome home to the USA and Widener Pride! International students will move-in throughout the day as they arrive on campus. All international students should follow all instructions provided by Jaylin Johnson, Director of Immigration Services, and also upload all flight information to their Admissions Portal by August 8, 2026. Upon arrival, incoming international students will receive a welcome bag with the first night essentials, meet the ISS team, enjoy a warm meal, and be escorted to their rooms to rest up for the night before the orientation program officially kicks off on Sunday

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026 (REQUIRED)

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. **International Student Orientation** (*University Center – Legacy Lounge*)
After breakfast, we will take a trip to local stores (Walmart and Shoprite) so you can get supplies for your residence hall rooms. Then, we'll return to campus and give you some free time to decorate your spaces before we head into Philadelphia for some sight-seeing and a carnival!

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026 (REQUIRED)

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. **International Student Orientation** (*University Center – Legacy Lounge*)
After a fun day exploring the city, Monday is split up depending on your needs. Degree-seeking students in need of a social security card, U.S. bank account, and onboarding for your on-campus work position will spend the day going to different offices and agencies to get their paperwork in order. Exchange students and students not needing any employment documents will make their way to Longwood Gardens to check out an icon of the Philadelphia area! In the evening, we'll meet back up for a pizza party and game night.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026 (REQUIRED)

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **International Student Orientation** (*University Center – Legacy Lounge*)
After three jam-packed days, Tuesday is a little more chill. We will go to a local park for students to spend some time connecting with nature before returning to campus ahead of the new student welcome BBQ at 4:00pm

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026 (REQUIRED)

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	New Residential Student Check-In (<i>Schwartz Athletic Center</i>) Welcome home to the Widener Pride! Residential students assigned to Turrell, Howell, Cann, Thayer, Hanna, and Grasselli residence halls are invited to check-in, pick up their residence hall key, student ID card, and orientation schedule. Please follow your move-in instructions provided by the Office of Student Living for a successful campus arrival process.
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Optional Lunch (<i>Pride Café</i>) All unpacked? Join us at the Pride Café for lunch—students, your meal plan begins August 17, so bring your ID card. Families and guests—a one-time complimentary lunch is on us. Welcome to the Pride!
4:15 p.m.	Welcome Remarks (<i>Memorial Field</i>) ... and we're off! The Fall Orientation Program officially kicks off with remarks from President Stacey M. Robertson as she welcomes you to the Widener University Community. Get some ice cream or a cold drink—and meet the first half of your classmates.
4:45 p.m.	Families Say Goodbye (<i>Memorial Field</i>) Parents and families are encouraged to officially part ways with their students and wish them well on their first day at Widener.
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Dinner (<i>Pride Café</i>)
6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.	Widener Welcome Session (<i>Alumni Auditorium</i>) Get excited and pumped about Orientation! You will hear from the O-TEAM and learn more about what to expect throughout the Orientation Program. Please get acquainted with your CREW Leader and follow your assigned group in the schedule for the rest of the week.
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	PRIDE NIGHT: Glow Night Mini Golf (<i>Lathem Hall</i>) Join your classmates and your CREW Leaders for a low-key night of glow-in-the dark mini-golf, mocktails, and music.

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8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	New Residential Student Check-In (<i>Schwartz Athletic Center</i>) Welcome home to the Widener Pride! Residential students assigned to Kapelski, Sharples, and Moll residence halls are invited to check-in, pick up their residence hall key, student ID card, and orientation schedule. Please follow your move-in instructions provided by the Office of Student Living for a successful campus arrival process.
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3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	New Commuter Student Check-In (<i>University Center Atrium</i>) Welcome home! Our new commuter students are invited to check-in for the Orientation Program and pick up their student ID card.
4:15 p.m.	Welcome Remarks (<i>Memorial Field</i>) ... and we're off! The August Orientation Program officially kicks off with remarks from President Stacey M. Robertson as she welcomes you to the Widener University Community. New students are invited to join their classmates and celebrate a new beginning at the Pride BBQ.
4:30 p.m.	Families Say Goodbye (<i>Memorial Field</i>) Parents, families, and other supportive guests are encouraged to officially part ways with their students. Guests are welcome to grab a cold drink, snack, or ask final questions before leaving campus and heading home.
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Orientation Kick Off BBQ (<i>Memorial Field</i>) It's BBQ time! Join fellow classmates and celebrate the beginning of your time at Widener University. Great food, games, and fun times await!
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Widener Welcome Session Get excited and pumped about Orientation! You will hear from the O-TEAM and learn more about what to expect throughout the Orientation Program. Please follow your assigned group in the schedule. Widener Welcome: Group Chester (<i>Alumni Auditorium</i>) Widener Welcome: Group Melrose (<i>Lathem Hall</i>) Widener Welcome: Group Pride (<i>109 Founders Hall</i>) Widener Welcome: Group Legacy (<i>149 Kirkbride Hall</i>) Widener Welcome: Group Pioneer (<i>Kapelski Learning Center 1</i>)
8:00 p.m.	Residence Hall Floor Meetings (<i>Residence Halls</i>) Your Resident Assistants are ready to welcome you to your new residential community. Arrive on time (with your roommate). #ResidewiththePride

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026 (REQUIRED)

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast (Pride Café)

GROUPS MELROSE, PRIDE, AND LEGACY

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Pride 101: Campus Hacks & Hot Spots** (Various Locations)
Join your assigned CREW Leader and learn more about the Widener experience—its services, resources, and the vibe. This session includes an academic campus tour. Bring your schedule to learn exactly where to go on the first day of classes. Don't be that lost student.
[Group Melrose, Pride, and Legacy](#)

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Lunch** (Pride Café) – [Group Melrose, Pride, and Legacy](#)

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **Our Pride, Our Responsibility:** [Group Melrose, Pride, Legacy](#) (Alumni Auditorium)
Our Pride, Our Responsibility introduces students to the shared expectations that help create a safe, respectful, and thriving Widener community. Through a collaborative presentation from Campus Safety and the Office of Community Standards & Advocacy, students will learn how their choices contribute to personal success and community well-being.

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Get Involved with Civic Engagement:** [Group Melrose, Pride, Legacy](#) (Alumni Auditorium)
Learn how you can get involved not just at Widener but in the greater community with the Center for Civic Engagement!

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Maximize Your Buzz:** [Group Melrose, Pride, Legacy](#) (Alumni Auditorium)
Through comedy, multimedia, and practical advice, students will learn to make values-based choices about alcohol to change and shift perceptions.

GROUPS CHESTER AND PIONEER

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[Group Chester and Pioneer](#)

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Dinner** (Pride Café)

8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **PRIDE NIGHT: First Year Bingo** (Alumni Auditorium)
As you probably heard during your campus tour, bingo is huge at Widener! Join your fellow classmates for your official Class of 2030 bingo explosion and perhaps win a great prize!

8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **Game Night Takeover** (University Center)
Takeover the University Center with a game night! Each lounge will feature a different game style, like pool, video games, ping pong, and more!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026 (REQUIRED)

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast (Pride Café)

GROUPS CHESTER AND PIONEER

- 9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **Creating a Culture of Respect: The Role of Title IX** [Group Chester and Pioneer](#) (Alumni Auditorium)
Learn more about the Title IX Office and the resources designed to support our campus community.
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Hot Topics:** [Group Chester and Pioneer](#) (Alumni Auditorium)
This engaging program addresses topics college students need to know: consent and sexual violence prevention, skills to be a great partner, bystander intervention, and more. You'll learn how to make safe, healthy, and respectful decisions around sexuality and relationships as you begin your time in college.
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. **Join The WAVE:** [Group Chester and Pioneer](#) (Alumni Auditorium)
Meet the WAVE (Widener Anti-Sexual Violence Education) Peer Educators and learn how to join the movement! Plus, meet our partners at Delco Victim Assistance Center and Domestic Abuse Project who provide free, confidential services to our campus.
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Lunch** [Group Chester and Pioneer](#) (Pride Café)
- 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Pride 102: Insider’s Guide to the Pride:** [Group Chester and Pioneer](#)
You have questions? They have answers! Join your assigned CREW Leader for a deeper dive into campus life, and essential information to start your semester off with success.

GROUPS MELROSE, PRIDE, AND LEGACY

- 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Pride 102: Insider’s Guide to the Pride:** [Group Melrose, Pride, and Legacy](#)
(See program description above)
- 11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Creating a Culture of Respect: The Role of Title IX** [Group Melrose, Pride, Legacy](#) (Alumni Auditorium) (See program description above)
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Hot Topics:** [Group Melrose, Pride, Legacy](#) (Alumni Auditorium)
(See program description above)
- 12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. **Join The WAVE:** [Group Melrose, Pride, and Legacy](#) (Alumni Auditorium)
(See program description above)
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Lunch** [Group Melrose, Pride, Legacy](#) (Pride Café)
- Session 1:** 2:30 p.m.
Session 2: 3:15 p.m.
Session 3: 4:00 p.m.
- Experience Widener Workshops (Various Locations)**
Get ready to Experience Widener! Dive into fast-paced, 35-minute sessions offered multiple times—sign up, connect, and make every moment count. Attendance is tracked through the Experience Widener Engage app!

SESSION TITLE	ROOM LOCATION
Service at Widener & Beyond	University Center – Room F
Mental Health is all CAPS!	University Center – Webb Room
Study Abroad & Study Away	201 Quick Center
Student Government Association	203 Quick Center
Fraternity & Sorority Life	109 Founders Hall
Pride Activities Council	108 Quick Center
Commuter Connections	University Center – Pride Den
Design Your Career – Start Today	University Center – Room C
Campus Life & Leadership	Kapelski Learning Center Room 1
Library Bingo	Wolfgram Memorial Library
Blueprints for Student Success	Kapelski Learning Center Room 101*
WAVE: Be a Green Flag!	107 Quick Center

- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **University Honors Program Meeting** (Lathem Hall)
This is an *invite only* meeting for members of the Honors Program.
- 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Dinner** (Pride Café)
- 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **PRIDE NIGHT: Comedy and Hypnosis with Evan Gambardella**
Hypnotist Evan’s comedy hypnosis show is a hilariously funny, fast-paced, and tastefully delivered event designed to generate positivity and wonder through audience participation and “mind-blowing” hypnosis.
- 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **Crafts with CREW!** (University Center Atrium)
Join our CREW Leaders for some make-it take-it fun! Make a new accessory for your residence hall room or create an item that will travel with you during your commute to campus.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026 (REQUIRED)

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast (<i>Pride Café</i>)
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Academic Convocation (<i>Schwartz Athletic Center</i>) Academic Convocation is a joyous occasion that marks the beginning of your academic career at Widener University!
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Pride Statue and Fight Song Ceremony (<i>Pride Statues – Founders Hall</i>) Join your SGA President, CREW Leaders, and others for the Pride Statue ceremony and the singing of the Widener fight song. It’s tradition!
10:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Roar to the Core: Academic Success Starts Here (<i>Various Locations</i>) Join your fellow classmates, faculty advisors, and deans for a dynamic intro to the academic expectations, core requirements, and opportunities that will define your Widener experience. Center for Education1 Bruce Hall Center for Continuing Studies 233 Kapelski Learning Center Center for Social Work Education122 Bruce Hall College of Arts & Sciences Alumni Auditorium Exploratory Studies 101 Kapelski Learning Center School of Business Administration Quick Center Atrium School of Engineering..... 149 Kirkbride Hall School of NursingLathem Hall
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Lunch (<i>Pride Café</i>)
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Leveraging AI for Academic Success (<i>Various Locations</i>) Join us for an interactive and hands-on workshop to discuss the ethical, appropriate, and responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in your college journey—while interacting with classmates in real-life case studies. Group Chester Alumni Auditorium Group Melrose Lathem Hall Group Pride 109 Founders Hall Group Legacy 149 Kirkbride Hall Group Pioneer (Sub-Group 1 – 3) Kapelski Learning Center 1 Group Pioneer (Sub-Groups 4 – 5) 122 Freedom Hall
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	LLC Mixer (<i>Various Locations</i>) This is an <i>invite only</i> gathering for members of a Living Learning Community. Please check your Widener email for your event location!
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Dinner (<i>Pride Café</i>)
8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	PRIDE NIGHT: Outdoor Movie Night (<i>Memorial Field</i>) Grab a friend and swim on over to Memorial Field for an outdoor viewing of Finding Nemo! Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a relaxing evening under the stars with new friends. Snacks will be provided, so all you need to bring is yourself and your sense of adventure. We can't wait to see you there for a fin-tastic night of laughter and entertainment!
8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Pop Up Karaoke with CREW (<i>Lathem Hall</i>) Start your vocal warm-ups, because it is time for karaoke! Do your best popstar impression and perform a favorite song for your fellow classmates. This will be a night of entertainment to remember!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026 (OPTIONAL)

10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Brunch <i>(Pride Café)</i>
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	PREP TIME! FREE TIME! Take a well-deserved breather—use this time to explore campus, track down your classrooms, grab your supplies, and get set for a strong start. All programs during this time are optional and designed to be fun, flexible, and just what you need to settle in.
9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	PRC Rec Fest! <i>(Pride Recreation Center)</i> Kick off the semester with PRC Rec Fest! This event allows first-year students to experience Pride Rec, connect with other students, and learn about the programs and resources available throughout the facility. Students are encouraged to come down on Saturday, August 22nd during our operating hours and participate in open recreation in the field house, participate in equipment orientations or students can complete our fitness challenge - PRC BINGO. Students who participate in our PRC BINGO will be entered into a raffle to win prizes! Whether you're looking to meet new people, try something new, or see what Pride Rec has to offer, the Rec Fest Bingo Challenge is a great way to start the semester.
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Widener University Bookstore <i>(University Center)</i> Need to pick up your books or grab a new Widener t-shirt? Please visit the NEW Widener University Bookstore for all of your start of the semester needs.
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Campus Tours <i>(Meet in the University Center Atrium)</i> Bring your class schedule and join a CREW Leader to show you the ins and outs of getting to your classes on time.
12:00 p.m.	Weekend Campus Shuttle <i>(Old Main Shuttle Stop)</i> Forgot to bring something from home? Take advantage of the Campus Courtesy Shuttle to Walmart in Eddystone Shopping Center to grab all your necessities. Please stop by the Campus Safety Department window on the ground level of Old Main or call (610) 499-1200 to request the Courtesy Shuttle. Courtesy Shuttle pickup locations are, Old Main Lot, Library Circle, 15 th & Potter Sts. or Pride Rec. Call ahead and please be waiting outside at the designated location for Pickup. We appreciate your patience as wait times will vary.
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Sand Volleyball Game <i>(University Center – Volleyball Court)</i> Join the CREW Leaders and your fellow classmates for a game of sand volleyball. All skills levels are welcome!
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	UNO Tournament with OSIB <i>(University Center – Davis Lounge)</i> Meet new people and get in a competitive spirit with a UNO tournament hosted by the Office of Student Inclusion and Belonging!
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Dinner <i>(Pride Café)</i>
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Women’s Soccer Team Scrimmage <i>(Quick Stadium)</i> Take a moment to support the Widener University Women’s Soccer Team and cheer them on during their first scrimmage of the season.
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	PRIDE NIGHT: Silent Disco <i>(University Center Atrium)</i> Grab a set of headphones and join the party! Enjoy the music and lights at our Silent Disco! Hit it up with your Class of 2030 classmates and CREW Leaders on the dance floor! Who knows what everyone will be listening to!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026 (OPTIONAL)

10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Brunch <i>(Pride Café)</i>
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	PREP TIME! FREE TIME! Take a well-deserved breather—use this time to explore campus, track down your classrooms, grab your supplies, and get set for a strong start. All programs during this time are optional and designed to be fun, flexible, and just what you need to settle in.
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Mind Games: Building Connections & Thriving at Widener <i>(University Center – Room C)</i> Starting college comes with excitement, challenges, and lots of new experiences. Join CAPS for an interactive session featuring fun games, icebreakers, and conversations designed to help you connect with other students, learn practical wellness strategies, and discover resources that can support your success at Widener. Prizes, laughter, and new connections included!
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Widener University Bookstore <i>(University Center)</i> Need to pick up your books or grab a new Widener t-shirt? Please visit the NEW Widener University Bookstore for all of your start of the semester needs.
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12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Love Island Mocktail Party <i>(University Center – Pride Den)</i> Join WAVE (Widener Anti-Sexual Violence Education) for fancy afternoon of custom mocktails, Dubai chocolate, and Love Island! Are your favorite islanders showing relationship red flags? Green flags? Yellow flags? Come watch and debate with us!
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Sand Volleyball Game <i>(University Center – Volleyball Court)</i> Join the CREW Leaders and your fellow classmates for a game of sand volleyball. All skills levels are welcome!
12:00 p.m.	Weekend Campus Shuttle <i>(Old Main Shuttle Stop)</i> Forgot to bring something from home? Take advantage of the Campus Courtesy Shuttle to Walmart in Eddystone Shopping Center to grab all your necessities. Please stop by the Campus Safety Department window on the ground level of Old Main or call (610) 499-1200 to request the Courtesy Shuttle. Courtesy Shuttle pickup locations are, Old Main Lot, Library Circle, 15 th & Potter Sts. or Pride Rec. Call ahead and please be waiting outside at the designated location for Pickup. We appreciate your patience as wait times will vary.
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Welcome Back Bash <i>(Memorial Field)</i> Join the Pride Activities Council to welcome back the entire Widener University campus community for dinner, music, entertainment, and giveaways throughout the night! Dinner service will start at approximately 4:00 p.m. Don't miss it! Bring a friend!