

DONOR IMPACT REPORT

2022-23

Widener University



from our PRESIDENT

Thanks to you, the future of Widener University has never looked brighter! I am pleased to share our Donor Impact Report, a testament to the incredible power of your generosity.

Your belief in our mission—the transformative potential of higher education—is powerful. Donor investments fuel our accomplishments and profoundly impact the lives of our students and the future of our university.

Let me highlight a few key areas in which your support has made a significant difference:

Student Scholarships: Your contributions have enabled us to expand scholarships and financial aid programs. Providing opportunities for talented students to pursue their educational dreams, regardless of their financial circumstances, is a legacy you helped create.

Research and Innovation: Gifts dedicated for research and academic programs are instrumental in promoting cutting-edge research and curricular innovations across various disciplines. Your contributions have enabled our exceptional faculty to collaborate with students on research projects that have advanced our collective knowledge.

Student Experience: I am especially excited to note how your gifts have directly and positively impacted the quality of our students' experience at Widener. This includes support for athletics,

fraternities and sororities, clubs and organizations, cultural events, extracurricular activities, and services that promote mental and physical well-being. This holistic nurturing of a vibrant community is integral to a world-class education.

Campus Improvements: Donors assisted with essential facility enhancements such as the complete renovation of the Academic Center North building to accommodate programs for the College of Health and Human Services; renovations to residence halls; construction of new classrooms in Kapelski Learning Center and improvements to science labs in Kirkbride Hall, just to name a few.

Your generosity to Widener has enriched countless lives within and beyond our community. The return on your investment can be seen in the success of our alumni—over 60,000 strong—and in the positive impact Widener alumni have on their professions and on the global community.

As I enter my second year at Widener, I am buoyed by the philanthropic spirit that you personify. Thank you once more for your trust in us, for standing with our mission, and for the significant difference you continue to make at Widener. I look forward to sharing our progress and celebrating more milestones with you.

With warmth and Widener Pride,
Stacey M. Robertson, Ph.D.

from a STUDENT

Thank you to each and every donor who makes Widener what it is today. There's no doubt that without your contributions to Widener, I would not be here today. I've been financially independent since I was 15, so I knew financial aid would be an important factor in my college search. Widener was my first choice for many reasons and thanks to donors like you, critical scholarship support made it possible for me to choose Widener.

Since I've been here, I have had so many opportunities to pursue my interests and get involved in the campus community. I've participated in numerous activities—including the swim team and marching and concert band—and held positions in the Student Government Association, Biomedical Engineering Society, and more.

Being a part of the School of Engineering's co-op program, I got the opportunity to work for the COPD Foundation for 5 months during my sophomore year, as well as 9 months at PCI Pharma Services during my junior year, which has helped me gain work experience while I am still in school and prepared me for the next step in my career. I will be graduating in 2024 with a bachelor's

degree in biomedical engineering and with a minor in mechanical engineering. Furthermore, thanks to Widener's 4+1 program in the School of Engineering, I will also be graduating in 2025 with a master's degree in biomedical engineering.

I am so grateful to the School of Engineering and Honors Program faculty who have helped me thrive thus far, especially Dr. David Ward in Philosophy. I have taken classes with Dr. Ward since freshman year, and he's given me the most life-affecting knowledge that has changed the way I think about the world and people around us. Philosophy is all about teaching us to think and how to function on our own, and I guarantee that those skills will make me a better engineer.

I know I'm not alone—there are countless students at Widener with experiences like mine. These are only made possible by contributions like yours. Thank you for giving me a chance I never thought I'd get. And thank you for helping me become the me I was meant to be!

Krysta Lynn Bernold '24

STEADFAST. SUPPORT.

As champions of Widener, we are committed to one another's success. We take pride in our community. And we don't hesitate to step up when it counts the most. This is exemplified by the magnitude of your support this past year.

**\$7.346
MILLION**



IN CONTRIBUTIONS

2,943



DONORS

1,551



ALUMNI DONORS

ROARING. SUCCESS.

2,254 undergrads received financial aid in the 2022-23 academic year

1,375 students graduated in 2023

95% of 2022 grads achieved career goals within 6 months of graduation
(National Association of Colleges & Employers)

\$104,000 median mid-career salary for alumni, ranking in the top 22% nationwide

\$72,800 median starting salary for the Class of 2022