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# The Digest

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LSSSE SURVEY

KICK OFF

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

YOUR VOICE COUNTS!

TAKE THE  
SURVEY

POPCORN PARTY



**LSSSE KICKOFF &  
STUDENT TOWNHALL**

**Tuesday, February 19  
5:00 PM, The Pit**

## Help us improve your experience at *Widener University Commonwealth Law School*

Take the Law School Survey of Student Engagement (LSSSE)



**1** Results inform decisions that benefit students

We use the results to improve your experience and quality of education.

**2** Your responses are compared with other law schools

Close to 80 law schools are participating in LSSSE this year. Through your participation we gain meaningful insights about how your educational experience compares with other law schools.

**3** The more students respond, the more valuable the data

It's important to get as many responses as possible so the data we receive from LSSSE is representative of the entire student body.

### About the LSSSE Survey

Conducted by an independent research center. Responses are anonymous to the law school.

- The survey is online and takes about 15 minutes to complete.
- The study is broad in nature; it includes a wide variety of topics related to student classroom experience, faculty interaction, use and satisfaction with student services, academic and professional growth, and your overall assessment of the law school.
- LSSSE is a national survey based on a solid foundation of research on effective educational practices. It's a meaningful measure of how law students spend their time and what they gain from law school.
- Since 2004, 191 law schools have participated and over 294,000 students have taken the survey.

Look for an email  
invitation on

February 19th

## On-Campus Student Workers Needed!

- The following offices are looking for student workers:  
Financial Aid/Registrar, and Receptionist for Administration
- Responsibilities would include a variety of clerical/receptionist tasks
- Excellent Customer Service, communication, organizational, and Microsoft Office skills are required
- Federal Work Study eligibility preferred
- Able to work during business hours and occasional evenings
- If interested, please contact Allura in the Financial Aid Office by email [aalawrence@widener.edu](mailto:aalawrence@widener.edu) or phone 717-541-3961



Widener University  
Commonwealth Law School

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### February

- 8-3/1 **Pet Food & Supply Drive**  
 19 **LSSSE Kickoff and Student Town Hall**  
 19 **Yoga Class**  
 21 **Advocacy Certificate Info Meeting**  
 21 **Meditation Class**  
 22 **Dean's Diversity Forum: Race and the Future of America's Elderly: What Happens to You After You've Built the Present**  
 24 **Martin Luther King Day of Service**  
 26 **Yoga Class**  
 27 **Federalist Society Lecture**  
 28 **Meditation Class**  
 28 **BLSA Minority Alumni Honoree Reception**

#### March

- 4-8 **Spring Break (no classes)**  
 19 **"Consumer Financial Protection in Pennsylvania: Student Borrowers and Beyond"**

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE ADVOCACY CERTIFICATE?

An informational meeting will be held on:

February 21, 2019

5:00 p.m.

Room L203

12th Annual Dean's Diversity Forum

## Race and the Future of America's Elderly: *What Happens to You After You've Built the Present*



**Friday, February 22, 2019**

**8:30 am–1:00 pm** *(Luncheon to follow)*

Widener University Commonwealth Law School  
3737 Vartan Way, Administration Building A-180  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

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**Dr. Alexis D. Bakos**

*Senior Advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Minority Health  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*

**Tracey Gronniger**

*Directing Attorney  
Justice in Aging*

**Maame Gyamfi**

*Senior Attorney  
AARP Foundation*

**Karyne Jones**

*President and CEO  
National Caucus & Center on Black Aging*

**John Scott**

*Director, Retirement Savings  
Pew Charitable Trusts*

**Professor Lucia Ann Silecchia**

*Expert to the Permanent Observer Mission of the  
Holy See to the United Nations*

**Robert Torres**

*Acting Secretary  
Pennsylvania Department of Aging*

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4 CLE credits available (3 substantive, 1 ethics)

**Cost:**

\$75 Regular (CLE credits/lunch included);

\$60 Alumni, Government Lawyers, & Academics (CLE credits/lunch included);

\$35 Human Service Providers (CLE credits/lunch included);

\$35 Non-CLE Attendees, General Public (lunch included)

**Questions:** [CLEcwlaw@widener.edu](mailto:CLEcwlaw@widener.edu)

**Registration:** [commonwealthlaw.widener.edu/eventregistration](http://commonwealthlaw.widener.edu/eventregistration)



**Widener University**  
Commonwealth Law School

The Martin Luther King Day of Service will be held on  
**Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 p.m.,**  
at Susquehanna Township High School.

We invite students, faculty and staff to join us at Susquehanna Township High School for an opening ceremony, followed by an afternoon of community building and volunteerism. Come out and show your Widener spirit while giving back to our local community.

Service projects include, but are not limited to:

- Decorating lunch bags for Meals on Wheels
- Making greeting cards for local children's hospitals
- Assembly of classroom school supply kits
- Assembly of food donations for local schools
- Organizing/assembling anti-bullying kits
- Organizing/assembling hygiene kits
- Painting school hallways and offices
- Donating Blood

Many of the projects and activities are family friendly; supervised children are welcome.

Additional information can be found at: <http://www.centralpamlkday.org/>

Event Details

Date: Sunday, February 24, 2019

Time: Opening ceremony begins at 1:15 p.m. (service projects will be performed 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.).

Location: Susquehanna Township High School, 3500 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg PA

Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> and join us in making it “a day on, not a day off.” [Click here](#) to register. (If you previously, registered, you need not register again. However, if your plans changed, please contact Sandy Graeff at [slgraeff@widener.edu](mailto:slgraeff@widener.edu).)

Questions? Please feel free to contact the Office of Student Affairs at (717) 541-3952.



## Pet Food & Supply Drive



**Donations of the following items are welcome:**

- Purina ONE Sensitive Stomach Cat Food
- Kong & Nylabone Toys
- Cat scratchers (cardboard)
- Ziplock Style Sandwich bags
- Hand soap
- Non-clumping cat litter
- Metal water buckets for dogs
- Pill Pockets (cat & dog)
- Bleach (unscented)
- Garbage bags

**Look for the donation bins in the pit Feb. 8 – March 1.**

**Sponsored by the Animal Legal Defense Fund, Widener Chapter**

"Animals are such agreeable friends—they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms."

~George Eliot~



### **Yoga Series:**

Join us for a yoga series taught by Ulysses Wilson '11 from Om My Yoga in Camp Hill, Pa. This class is suited to all levels. Ulysses will guide participants through yoga poses focusing on connecting movement and breath.

#### **Class Descriptions:**

Week 1- This class will be a slow flow vinyasa class focused on relieving stress and tension in the neck and upper back. Vinyasa means "Breath synchronized movement." This class is for those who are new to yoga, new to vinyasa flow, or need a slower pace, as well as for more seasoned practitioners who want to refine their technique and refresh their understanding of the fundamentals.

Week 2- This class will build on the previous class. We will use flowing sequences and sun salutations to warm the body, giving ourselves the ability to reach new levels of strength, power, flexibility and peace in our poses and practice. Through mindful work and attention to the breath, students will learn safe alignment in basic postures and sun salutations.

Week 3- In this class students will build strength, flexibility, balance, and awareness through a variety of balance postures.

Week 4- In this restorative class we will explore a therapeutic style of yoga which utilizes props to make it easier for the body to relax into certain poses. The more the body is supported in the poses the deeper the sense of relaxation. Relaxation is a state in which the body comes into stillness, and the mind is quiet. Students should bring two blankets and a pillow to this class.

Participants are encouraged to bring a yoga mat, water bottle and towel. Several yoga mats may be available for use, but quantities are limited.

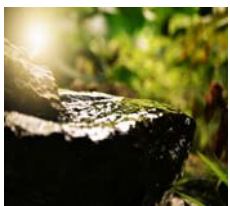
Cost for the four-week session is \$20.

The one-hour class will be held on the following Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Orgs Building:

Feb. 5  
Feb. 12  
Feb. 19  
Feb. 26

[Click here to register.](#)

To learn more about Ulysses and Om My Yoga [click here.](#)



### **Meditation Series:**

Join us for a 30-minute meditation class taught by Ulysses Wilson '11 of Om My Yoga. The class will serve to help relieve stress and incorporate mindfulness into your daily life. This series is perfect for those new to meditation. The instructor will guide participants through a meditation to help connect students to the inner quiet of their practice.

Cost to attend is \$10 for the four-week session.

Week 1 - Meditation: Introduction to Mindfulness

Week 2- R.A.I.N. Meditation (Recognize, Allow, Investigate, Non-Attach)

Week 3- Meditation: Left/Right Brain Balancing Meditation

Week 4- Meditation: Who Am I?

The half-hour class will be held on the following Thursdays at 4:30 pm in the Student Orgs building:

Feb. 7  
Feb. 14  
Feb. 21  
Feb. 28

[Click here to register for class.](#) To learn more about Ulysses and Om My Yoga [click here.](#)

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**  
**SPRING SEMESTER EVENTS**

**All Welcome!!!**

**LUNCH & LEARN**

**Lipsitt Inn of Court**

**February 26, 2019/12:00 p.m. in Room TBD**

**Please sign up on TWEN on the CDO page under the Lunch & Learn Tab**

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**LUNCH & LEARN**

**Office of Attorney General**

**March 19, 2019/12:00 p.m. in Room L201**

**Please sign up on TWEN on the CDO page under the Lunch & Learn Tab**

**COMMENCEMENT 2019**

**USHERS NEEDED**

The Registrar's Office is looking for ushers to help with our commencement exercises. Ushers must be willing to work at commencement from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and have transportation to the Forum Auditorium. Ushers must also dress and conduct themselves in a professional manner and be very courteous and helpful to graduates and their guests. In exchange for your help, you will receive two extra VIP tickets to your own graduation!







THE  
**FEDERALIST  
SOCIETY**

The Widener Federalist Society would like to welcome you to join us for a lecture on Fourth Amendment Jurisprudence by Chief Magistrate Judge Martin Carlson.

When: Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at  
6:30 p.m. in Room L204.

Food and beverages will be provided

# Consumer Financial Protection in Pennsylvania: Student Borrowers and Beyond

*Co-sponsored by the Law & Government Institute and the Business Advising Program*

March 19, 2019 — 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

3737 Vartan Way, Harrisburg PA 17110, Administration Building A180

1 free substantive CLE credit available



**Nicholas Smyth,**  
Senior Deputy Attorney  
General and the Assistant  
Director of the Pennsylvania  
Attorney General's Bureau of  
Consumer Protection

Nicholas Smyth will analyze  
the structure and priorities  
of the Bureau of Consumer

Protection and its recent work, including cases against Navient, Wells Fargo CashPoint, and a cooperative effort with three major retailers to reduce gift card scams. He will also discuss when the bureau uses its soft power to persuade companies to make changes to combat fraud (gift cards), when it partners with other state attorneys general to investigate massive companies (Wells Fargo), when it sues alongside other state and federal agencies (Navient), and when it sues on its own (CashPoint).



**Seth Frotman,**  
Executive Director,  
Student Borrower  
Protection Center;  
Former Student  
Loan Ombudsman,  
Consumer Financial  
Protection Bureau

Seth Frotman will  
discuss problems with the higher education  
finance system. He will focus on the public policy  
considerations that led to the current infrastructure  
and how the policies of the Trump Administration  
have pushed things from bad to worse. Also, he  
will outline the role states and consumer attorneys  
must play in building a new framework for consumer  
protection and student loans.

[click here to register](#)

<http://commonwealthlaw.widener.edu/prospective-students/why-widener/events/register-for-events/>

For more information, please e-mail: [CLEcwlaw@widener.edu](mailto:CLEcwlaw@widener.edu)



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