

Dr. Julie E. Wollman
President, Widener University

The 10th President of Widener University, Dr. Julie E. Wollman is a passionate, fearless, and effective leader. Guided by a relentless pursuit of excellence, she has articulated a clear vision and distinct goals for the university focused on agility and an unparalleled student experience.

Leading with enthusiasm, authenticity, and respect for others, Dr. Wollman is committed to building community and bringing people from varying perspectives together. Dr. Wollman launched Common Ground, a nationally-recognized campus initiative designed to encourage conversation on challenging topics.

Dr. Wollman serves on the boards of local, regional, and national organizations, including the Riverfront Alliance of Delaware County, an economic development organization, where she serves as Board Vice-President; the Global Philadelphia Association; the Middle Atlantic Conference of the NCAA where she serves as Board Secretary; the Baldwin School; the American Association of University Administrators; and the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia where she chairs the Regional College and University President's Alliance.

As chair of the President's Alliance she has led a project to unite the many member institutions, in partnership with local business and industry leaders, to advocate for the value of higher education as a public good, essential to ensuring a thriving region and strong, healthy communities.

Prior to joining Widener University, Dr. Wollman served as president of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and she has held academic leadership positions at Wheelock College, Worcester State University, and Rhode Island College. She earned her undergraduate degree from Harvard University, her master of science from the University of Pennsylvania, and her doctor of philosophy from New York University.

Dr. Wollman is a frequent commentator and dynamic speaker on education-related policy issues, on higher education access and affordability, and on leadership, appearing regularly in print, online, and broadcast media outlets. She is the recipient of numerous teaching, academic, and professional awards and recognitions. A lifelong educator and advocate for the transformative power of education, she regularly teaches courses to incarcerated individuals.