

## **Widener Works Informational Interview Host Descriptions 2020 – 2021**

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### **Informational Interview Host #1: Anthony Klingos**

#### **Widener University 2017, Chemical Engineering**

**Job Title:** Medical Student

**Company and Location:** PCOM, Philadelphia, PA

**Description:** As a medical student my day is mostly filled with studying and learning a vast amount of material.

### **Informational Interview Host #2: Pasquale Gallelli**

#### **Widener University 2010, Biology**

**Job Title:** BI Developer / BI Analyst

**Company and Location:** IQVIA, King of Prussia & Wayne, PA

**Description:** IQVIA is the world's largest CRO. I work to provide reporting solution for business KPIs and metrics both internally and externally for big pharma. Reports are inclusive of performance metrics and forecasting. It is my job to focus on the development of the SQL routines that provide the data and calculations to the report, via ETL processes and BI tools similar to SpotFire, Tableau, MicroStrategy, MS Power BI

**Informational Interview Host #3: Amber Char**

**Widener University 2015, Biology**

**Job Title:** Physician

**Company and Location:** Crozer Health, Springfield, PA

**Description:** I am a 2nd year resident physician in the Family Medicine Program at Crozer Health. I am completing my Family Medicine Training and plan to pursue a Sports Medicine Fellowship. I see patients daily in our office as well as inpatient at Delaware County Memorial Hospital.

**Informational Interview Host #4: Tricia Doan**

**Widener University 2015, Major: Business Management, Minor: MIS**

**Job Title:** Data Analyst II

**Company and Location:** Life Cycle Engineering, Philadelphia, PA

**Description:** I work mainly with analyzing large amounts of data and also design reports based on what is needed.

**Informational Interview Host #5: Ashley Nilsen**

**Widener University 2012, Civil Engineering**

**Job Title:** On-Scene Coordinator

**Company and Location:** US Environmental Protection Agency, Philadelphia, PA

**Description:** I coordinate other federal agencies, state agencies, local agencies, and contractors on response and cleanup operations to chemical, biological, radiological, and oil incidents. I have authorities through the The National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan to perform these responses and operate under CERCLA and OPA/CWA to conduct my work. It requires a lot of time in the field, a flexible schedule, and good problem-solving skills to do this job. There are a lot of moving parts, and you have to coordinate it all, be the technical expert (or know who to call) and have the leadership skills to be able to keep everything moving forward. It's a difficult, but very rewarding position where I feel like every day, I get to learn something new and make a difference.

**Informational Interview Host #6: Erika Dhal**

**Widener University 2015, Biology**

**Job Title:** PhD Candidate (until Nov 2020), Life Sciences Consultant (starting Nov 2020)

**Company and Location:** Penn State College of Medicine / FENIX Group International

**Description:** I am currently finishing my PhD dissertation at Penn State College of Medicine and will be defending in November 2020. My PhD is in Biomedical Sciences and I study therapeutic targets in ovarian cancer. I recently accepted a position as a Life Science Consultant at FENIX Group International.

There I will be consulting with biotech and pharmaceutical companies. I am happy to answer any questions regarding graduate school, job search, and/or consulting!

**Informational Interview Host #7: Tyler Hellmig**

**Widener University 2018, Biology**

**Job Title:** Medical Student

**Company and Location:** Rowan School of Osteopathic Medicine

**Description:** I am currently a first-year medical student learning about the physiology, anatomy, and histology of organ systems. In DO school, I also practice osteopathic methods which gives me the toolset to treat somatic dysfunctions with various OMM techniques. I also take part in a new problem-based learning medical school curriculum, giving me complete responsibility of my studies. During medical school I work part time.

**Informational Interview Host #8: Nick Puzzella**

**Widener University 2017, Biology**

**Job Title:** Optometry Student

**Company and Location:** Salus University

**Description:** I am currently a third-year optometry student at Salus University. An optometrist is a health care professional that specializes in the evaluation and management of the eyes. They can treat the eyes in a wide variety of modalities, ranging from corrective lenses for refractive error, or prescribing medications for ocular diseases. As a student, I am learning a wide variety of healthcare topics that range from ocular health to general systemic health. I am also learning the proper clinical skills required of an optometrist to evaluate and manage patients. I get to use everything I learn from lectures and labs every week as I evaluate and manage patients weekly at The Eye Institute in Philadelphia, PA as part of the "Internship Portion" of my optometry program. Optometry is a very rewarding and stress-free healthcare profession, and I can provide helpful tips and information about the requirements and application process for optometry school.

**Informational Interview Host #9: Shijo Benjamin**

**Widener University 2107, Biochemistry**

**Job Title:** Medical Student

**Company and Location:** Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA

**Description:** This informational interview will include an interactive conversation covering tips for a pre-med student, application and interview process, curriculum and lifestyle of each year as a medical student (MD), and clinical opportunities

**Informational Interview Host #10: Karen Levy**

**Widener University 2013, Biology**

**Job Title:** Optometrist

**Company and Location:** Kresloff Eye Associates, Collingswood NJ

**Description:** I work as a medically trained optometrist at a private ophthalmology practice in Collingswood, NJ. I focus on primary care, glaucoma, cataract post op examinations, emergency care, and specialty contact lens examinations.

**Informational Interview Host #11: Laya Manoj**

**Widener University 2013, Biology**

**Job Title:** Medical Student

**Company and Location:** Lewis Katz School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA

**Description:** I attend lectures or small group workshops every day from 8 am-12 pm. In the afternoon I study and shadow departments in the hospitals. On Mondays and Wednesdays, I attend Doctoring where we are taught physical exam and interviewing skills and practice them in the hospital with our preceptors.

**Informational Interview Host #12: Kaleigh Burnham**

**Widener University 2017, Biology**

**Job Title:** Second Year Medical Student

**Company and Location:** Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia, PA

**Description:** As a second-year student I am enrolled in three courses: systems-based, primary care skills, and osteopathic principles. The primary care skills class is preparing us for next year when we will be on rotations. We're also preparing to take a boards exam in the summer.

**Informational Interview Host #13: Brittany Pease**

**Widener University 2015, Biology**

**Job Title:** Area Manager

**Company and Location:** Encompass Home Health, Reading, PA

**Description:** I am a medical sales liaison for a home health agency. I network with many health professionals and have previous experience as a physical therapy director.

**Informational Interview Host #14: Michael Vogel**

**Widener University 2011, Major: Biology, Minor: Chemistry**

**Job Title:** Synthetic Polymer Chemist

**Company and Location:** Ashland Global Specialty Chemicals, Wilmington, DE

**Description:** I am responsible for the development of ingredients and materials that go into various applications, from pharmaceuticals to personal care. I do this through chemical synthesis, characterization, and formulation and I work closely with other departments, such as engineering for scale-up. Moreover, I work with sales and marketing to better understand customer challenges so innovative technological solutions can be better sought in the lab.

**Informational Interview Host #15: Matt Kim**

**Widener University 1987, 1989, Electrical Engineering (B.S.) and Computer and Software Engineering (M.S.)**

**Job Title:** Supervisory Patent Examiner

**Company and Location:** US Patent and Trademark Office, Alexandria, VA

**Description:** I supervise and train patent examiners in computer architecture field; but I should be able to address any other engineering and/or science fields as well as our job functions are the same.

**Informational Interview Host #16: Rebecca Vaders**

**Widener University 2016, Chemistry**

**Job Title:** Industrial Quality Chemist

**Company and Location:** L'Oreal USA, Somerset, NJ

**Description:** As an IQ Chemist, I work in the Analytical lab where I prepare and test cosmetic products on HPLC / ICP / GC. This includes liquid make-up, cleansers, creams and lotions, and lipsticks. Ultimately, my job is to confirm sunscreen and preservative levels in all products before they go to market. I also run the Long-Term Stability program for all OTC (over the counter) products made in our plant. This program is in place to help the development team determine expiration dates and the efficacy of our products.

**Informational Interview Host #17: Dan Marcellus**

**Widener University 2002, Computer Science**

**Job Title:** Project Manager (Coder)

**Company and Location:** Life Cycles Engineering, Philadelphia, PA

**Description:** I have written code for the past 17.5 years and now work with developers who accomplish the same. This involves meeting with customers to get requirements, developing a plan and budget, using Agile methodologies to accomplish the work, and presenting the product upon completion. As a manager I work to make sure my team are as effective as possible in the same role.

**Informational Interview Host #18: Alyssa Coffey**

**Widener University 2015, Computer Science**

**Job Title:** Software Developer

**Company and Location:** Life Cycle Engineering, Philadelphia PA

**Description:** I currently manage a few projects daily and switch between coding, debugging, and doing logistics work.

**Informational Interview Host #19: Douglas Shultz**

**Widener University 2010, Environmental Science**

**Job Title:** Wildlife Biologists

**Company and Location:** United States Department of Agriculture, Virginia Beach, VA

**Description:** Coordinate an integrated wildlife damage management program at a naval air station.

**Informational Interview Host #20: Kandy Turner**

**Widener University 2018 Alumni, English Major**

**Job Title:** Director of International Student Services

**Company and Location:** Widener University, Chester, PA

**Description:** Immigration advising for international students. Study abroad advising for students interested in studying abroad. Cultural exchange activities to build relationships between domestic and international students.

**Informational Interview Host #21: Samantha Minshull**

**Widener University 2013 Alumni, History Major**

**Job Title:** Manager, Furniture and Decorative Arts

**Company and Location:** The Potomac Company, Alexandria, VA

**Description:** I am an antiques appraiser who works at an auction house. My specialty is in Furniture & Decorative Arts.

**Informational Interview Host #22: Chris Heleniak**

**Widener University 2009 and 2012 Alumni, Government and Politics Major**

**Job Title:** Township Manager

**Company and Location:** Skippack Township, Skippack, PA

**Description:** As the Township Manager I serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Township, responsible to the Board of Supervisors as a whole, for the proper and efficient administration of the affairs of the Township. I lead and manage all staff and employees to ensure all residents receive effective and efficient services from the Township, within approved budgets. I also serve as code enforcement officer and zoning officer.

**Informational Interview Host #23: Lila Finley**

**Widener University Psychology Major**

**Job Title:** Intern/Volunteer Supervisor, Group and Individual Therapeutic Facilitator

**Company and Location:** Social Enrichment Center, Media, PA

**Description:** A few of my responsibilities include facilitating social groups with ASD clients, lesson planning and researching activities for sessions, and supervising fourteen interns at our center.

**Informational Interview Host #24: Robert Scott**

**Widener University 2006 Alumni, English/Creative Writing Major**

**Job Title:** Executive Editor

**Company and Location:** Stack Incorporated, Thorofare, NJ

**Description:** I am a news editor for a medical publication covering the rheumatology space. I have the daily responsibility of assigning a staff of reporters to cover the news most of interest to our audience of rheumatologists, including recent drug releases, changes in medical literature, the intersection of health care and politics (the status of the Affordable Care Act) and its impact, recent medical society recommendations and coverage of meetings where rheumatologists meet to discuss changes on the horizon. Prior to posting online or printing in our magazine, I review our news articles for accuracy, fairness, and (in today's political climate) unbiased reporting.

**Informational Interview Host #25: Andrew Proctor**

**Widener University 2017, Communication Studies with a minor in Business Marketing**

**Job Title:** Video Editor

**Company and Location:** Bowstring Studios, Conshohocken, PA



**Description:** I work with a team of creative professionals to bring clients' vision into reality. My company has produced content for a wide range of clients from Marketing agencies and Brands, to Pharmaceutical companies, and Higher Education. As a video editor, I create engaging content from raw materials that will align with the client's vision.

**Informational Interview Host #26: Hunter McGinnis**

**Widener University 2017, Communications Studies and Digital Media Informatics**

**Job Title:** Live Graphics Designer and Operator

**Company and Location:** Comcast Spectacor, Philadelphia, PA

**Description:** I work every home event at the Wells Fargo Center including Flyers, Sixers, Wings, etc. My full-time duties consist of first designing graphics, then programming them to connect to live data and statistics to present in a visually pleasing manor to the fans at the Wells Fargo Center. All the statistic graphics and sponsorship graphic as well as in-game elements like "Let's Go Flyers" graphics are part of my daily creatives. The main softwares I use are Ross Xpression, Adobe Photoshop, After Effects, Illustrator, Premiere, and Cinema 4D.

**Informational Interview Host #27: Antoinette M Sharp**

**Widener University 1982, Community Psychology**

**Job Title:** Director of Professional Services

**Company and Location:** Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Centers of DHS, Philadelphia PA

**Description:** I obtained my Masters Degree in social work from Bryn Mawr College in 1998. I currently am the director of Professional Services in a Juvenile detention facility. Specifically, I manage the social work section and I am the liaison with the medical, behavioral health and educational departments. Additionally, I manage recreational, volunteer and religious services. I am also the project manager for several contractors who provide onsite services to the youth held in our facility.

**Informational Interview Host #28: Zuny Jamatte**

**Widener University 2018, Digital Media Informatics**

**Job Title:** Graphic and Web Designer

**Company and Location:** Wavelength Marketing, LLC, Lancaster PA

**Description:** Much of my work consists of working on websites using WordPress, tasks include building websites, editing code in HTML and CSS, building functions like forms, etc. Additionally, I work on print projects such as postcards and newsletters. Some graphics for social media, photography and minimal video production and editing.

**Informational Interview Host #29: Kelly Bachich**

**Widener University 2019, English**

**Job Title:** Business Analyst

**Company and Location:** Healthcare Strategies, Inc, Plymouth PA

**Description:** Oversee participant's medical appeals including analyzing data provided, fact-checking, communicating with the participant, presenting findings to the Board of Trustees for decisions. Managing a Housing Trust Fund involving the review of applications to determine need for closing cost reimbursement for home buyers according to the Federal Income Poverty Level; Managing a Legal Fund working with our consulting firm to provide council on legal matters to participants; Managing a Retirement and Savings Fund. Promote preventative benefits to participants. Working on the acquisition process of a new Fund

**Informational Interview Host #30: Emma Irving**

**Widener University 2018, English**

**Job Title:** Freelance Editor, Journalist, Program Associate, and Publisher

**Company and Location:** When Words Count retreat, Green Writers Press, The Sun News, and the Widener University Communications Dept. are my current major employers

**Description:** Because I'm freelancing across various fields and companies now, my work varies wildly. Some days I'm writing news articles or website copy, other days I'm editing YA books, memoirs, and nature journals. Some days I'm on the phone with authors recruiting them to attend a writers' retreat in Vermont, and others I'm pitching upcoming titles to podcasts and websites for featured review. It's always something different!

**Informational Interview Host #31: Dana Schweizer**

**Widener University 2017, English with a minor in Professional Writing**

**Job Title:** Success Program Manager

**Company and Location:** Cisco Systems Inc., Remote Worker

**Description:** I work within a customer experience team at one of the top 10 best companies to work for globally. My role is to manage hundreds of education customers and government agencies adopt the technology they have purchased to better run their business. The role is customer facing, filled with daily 1:1 face to face conversations via video conferencing to better understand their business and determine how I can assist to further better that business. I work to connect customers with the best resources available for the technologies they have purchased and make sure they are a happy long-term customer! Pre-COVID, my role also involves a bit of travel to host events live for customers to meet with

our team and attend a presentation with a Q&A panel to see how similar businesses use the technology and work together.

**Informational Interview Host #32: Jessica Prince**

**Wiener University 2010, 2013, 2018, History**

**Job Title:** Assistant Director of Alumni Initiatives

**Company and Location:** Widener University, Chester, PA

**Description:** Event planning for alumni events. Communications such as emails to alumni and newsletters. Marketing events and programs to alumni. Website management including updating our webpage and making sure all information is current

**Informational Interview Host #33: Tom Fico**

**Widener University 2012, History**

**Job Title:** Case Manager

**Company and Location:** Magna Legal Services, Philadelphia, PA

**Description:** I manage team of five processors, balancing case load, delegating work, providing guidance and training. I create subpoena requests for civil litigation cases for multiple jurisdictions (NY, PA, NJ, VA, MN, MI, IN and Federal). I'm also a team lead for IAT insurance cases, overlooking quality control, details, and status of requests. Additionally, I bring on new clients and instruct clients/new employees on proper use of the record system. I'm always building and maintaining long term client relationships with law firms throughout the country via my work and networking. My team focuses on obtaining medical, billing and other records, and we handle Federal HiTech requests for lower rates as well. Then we Bates stamp all records received from facilities.

**Informational Interview Host #34: Karen Brieger**

**Widener University 1993, Humanities**

**Job Title:** SVP, Human Resources & Sustainability

**Company and Location:** NextPhase Medical Devices, Rochester, PA

**Description:** In a small company, I do everything from strategic planning, recruiting, benefits planning and administration, to day to day employee relations. I present to the board of directors on a quarterly basis and sometimes work directly with customers to provide them with information about our HR practices.

**Informational Interview Host #35: Hunter Tower**

**Widener University 2014, Political Science**

**Job Title:** Pennsylvania Director

**Company and Location:** Freedom Foundation, Remote Work

**Description:** The Freedom Foundation is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit think and action tank with offices in Washington, Oregon, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and California. Our mission is to advance individual liberty, free enterprise, and limited, accountable government. We are working to reverse the stranglehold government unions have on our state and local policymaking. I'm in charge of running Pennsylvania's statewide operation which includes legal, outreach, and fundraising to name a few.

**Informational Interview Host #36: Charlotte Kirkbly**

**Widener University 2013, Psychology and French**

**Job Title:** Knowledge Services Analyst

**Company and Location:** Educational Testing Services, Princeton, NJ

**Description:** I am a corporate librarian, meaning that I manage the library collection and information services for my organization. I curate and catalog the print and online collection, answer reference questions, design learning sessions on how to use our resources, and help people find the information they need.

**Informational Interview Host #37: Sharon Carothers**

**Widener University 1992, Social Work and Psychology**

**Job Title:** Managing Director

**Company and Location:** Sensis, Washington, DC

**Description:** I am the Managing Director of the Washington, DC office of Sensis, a full-service cross-cultural marketing agency and leads their SensisHealth practice. I have had leadership positions in behavior change research and public education campaigns at The Lewin Group, Truth Initiative, and Booz Allen Hamilton.

**Informational Interview Host #38: Amy Pecsí**

**Undergraduate Majors: Anthropology & Sociology**

**Widener University 2006, MBA in Hospitality Management and Marketing**

**Job Title:** Director of University Events

**Company and Location:** Widener University, Chester, PA

**Description:** As the Director of University Events at Widener University, I oversee all events within the Office of Advancement, which includes all alumni and fundraising events such as Homecoming, top donor stewardship events, regional alumni chapter gatherings, and more. I also oversee or help support all high-stakes/public campus events including Commencement and the Beideman Visiting Scholar lecture series. Serving as the project manager for these events involves managing a team to make sure all logistics (food, beverage, set-up), communications (invitations, info packets, maps), facilities (housekeeping, grounds), Campus Safety (parking, security), volunteers, post-event stewardship, and so much more are all arranged and executed with the highest level of detail.