

4 Pillars of Academic Excellence

At the University of Kentucky the 4 Pillars of Academic Excellence guide the programming initiatives for each of its 16 colleges. In the College of Health Sciences (CHS), where we advise pre-professional students pursuing allied health, we use the 4 Pillars as a framework to help students be "their greatest."

Academic Success



Become career and world ready and foster the ethos of being life-long learners and critical thinkers

Financial Stability



Geared toward engaging our students in financial literacy programs

Belonging and Engagement

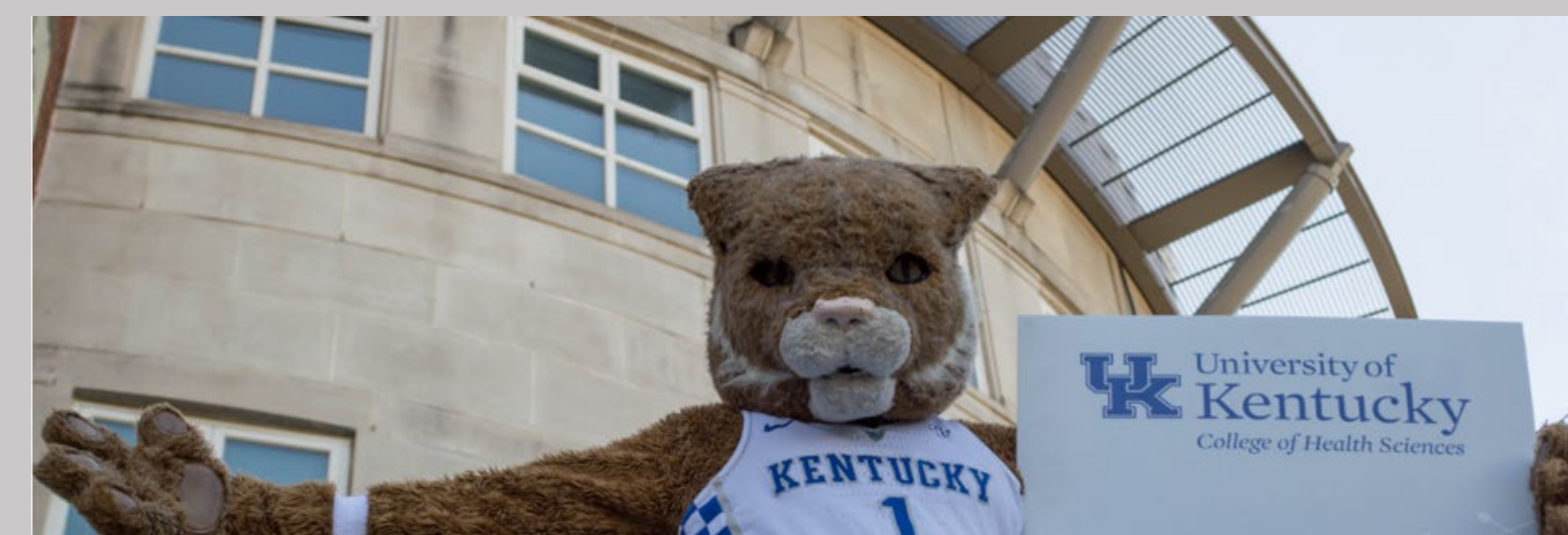


Belonging to a community that supports growth, challenges viewpoints, and builds relationships

Student Health and Wellness

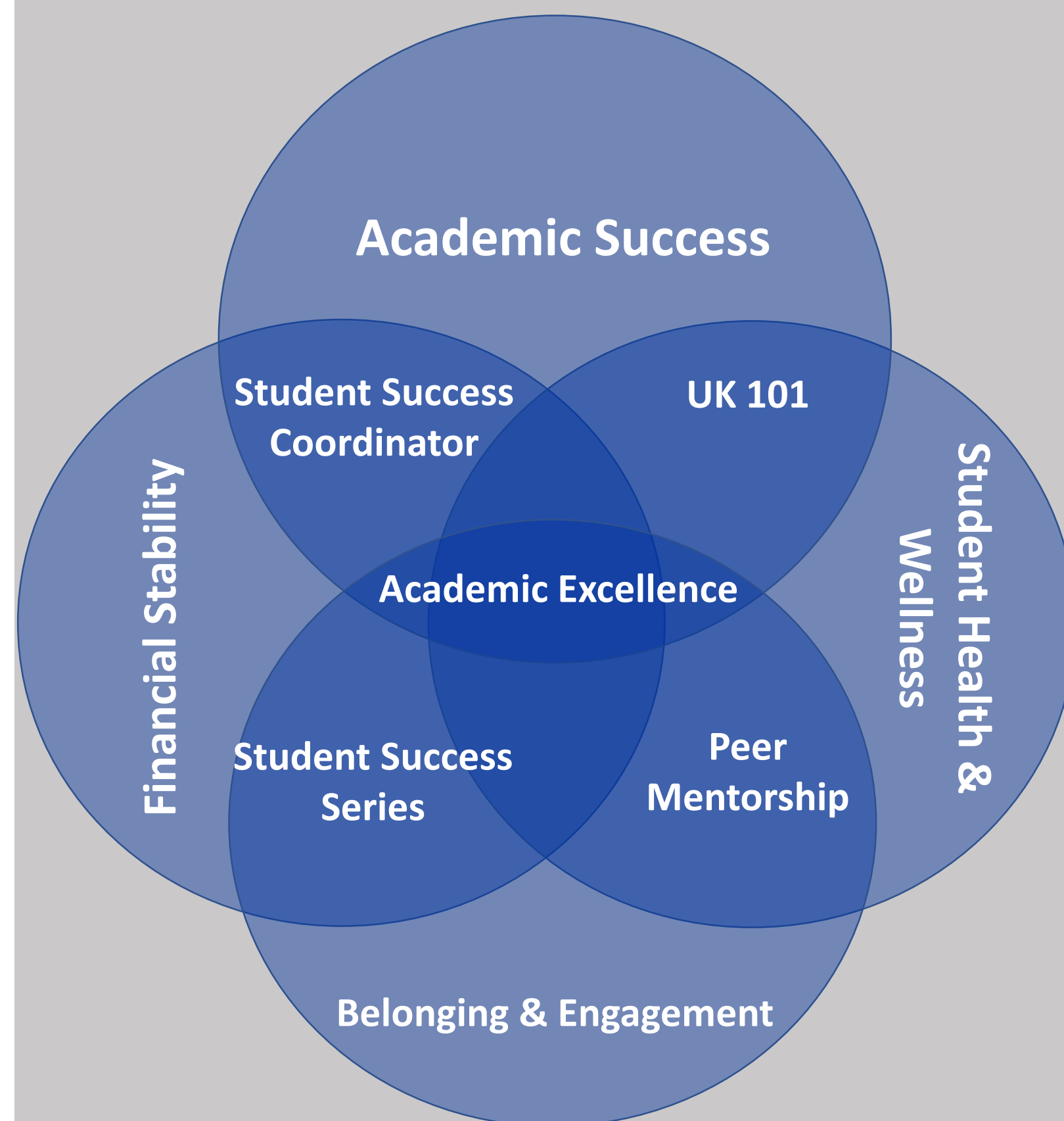


Emphasizing the dimensions of wellness – emotional, financial, intellectual, physical, social, and spiritual



Student Success Programming

The College of Health Sciences Office of Student Affairs has created and implemented co-curricular programming as an extension of the 4 Pillars of Academic Excellence.



Highlights

The Student Success Series is a series of opportunities developed to meet the objectives in each of the 4 Pillars. Sessions are offered on overcoming test anxiety, debt management, self-care, and KORU mindfulness, as well as volunteer activities to encourage engagement with the Lexington community.



#GritGoals

Learning Styles

Mindful Yoga

Encouragement Cards

PATHfinders (Peer Advising Through Health Sciences) utilizes upper-class students as peer mentors for all first-time freshmen entering CHS. The PATHfinders create and participate in co-curricular activities aimed at growing a sense of community and belonging in the college and at the university through small group interactions. The PATHfinders are required to create and host four social events each semester for their assigned mentees.



Movie Night

Course Credit

Study Sessions

One-on-One Connections

High impact student success practices implemented in the UK 2015-2020 strategic plan are improving students graduation and retention rates



Improvement of 17% in 4 year graduation rate in College of Health Sciences rising from 42.6% in 2015 to 59.6 in 2018



Improvement of nearly 7% in 4 year graduation rates at the university level rising from 40% in 2015 to 47% in 2018 graduating class

