



# WSU Wellness Initiative



# Objectives

- Support student and employee retention specifically SEM 2025 Strategy 3.9 to foster a culture of wellness and belonging across the University that contribute to optimal academic performance
- Enhance, promote and celebrate existing important work being done to foster community wellness at WSU
- Establish WSU as a leader in the promotion of community wellness both on and off campus



# Strategy 1

- *Strategy #1 – Create a wellness executive steering committee with the goal of enhancing, promoting, and celebrating wellness activities being conducted by the University*
  - Engage campus leadership and key stakeholders with departmental efforts
  - Conduct a process of discovery to identify and coordinate campus wellness activities, which have often been siloed
  - Advocate for community wellness efforts to be adopted and resourced
  - Engage University Senates and gather student and employee input
  - Host a recurring semester professional development and awards event to promote and celebrate individuals championing wellness at WSU and wellness activities
  - Explore University support for adopting the Okanagan Charter as a framework for campus wellness initiatives

# Wellness Executive Steering Committee



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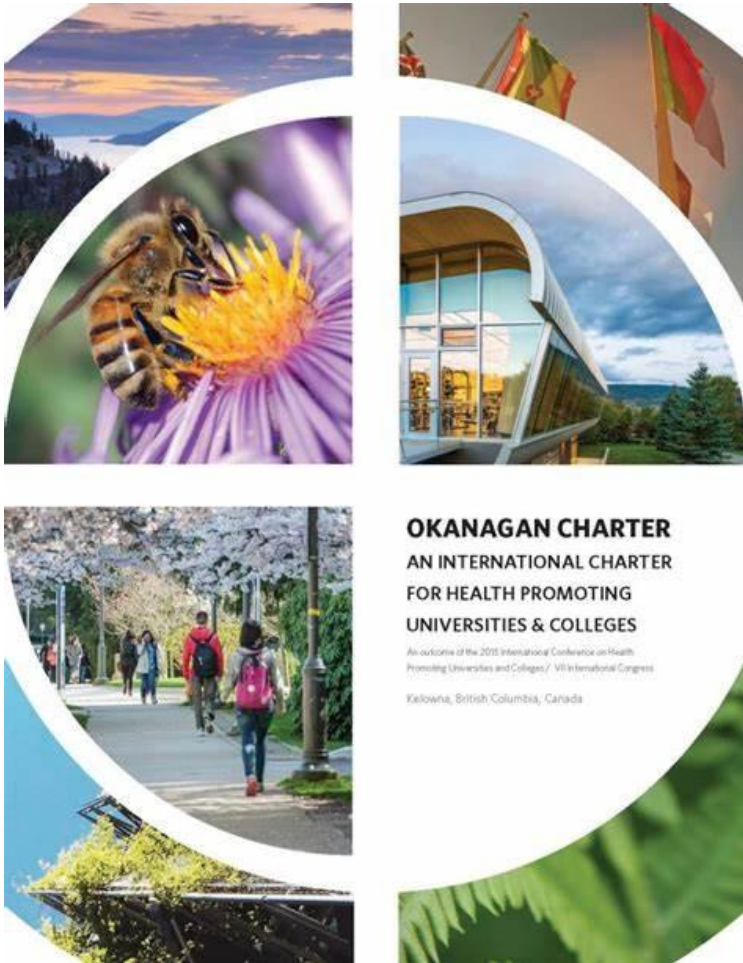
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# Vision

**Health and well-being promoting post-secondary campuses transform the health and sustainability of our current and future societies, strengthen communities and contribute to the wellbeing of people, places and the planet**



## Two Calls to Action

- 1. Embed health into all aspects of campus culture, across the administration, operations and academic mandates
- 2. Lead health promotion action and collaboration locally and globally

Does your department engage in

# health & wellness activities

either on campus or  
in the community?



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# Strategy 2

- *Strategy #2 – Establish a dedicated department to promote population-based, primary prevention, community wellness efforts – unveiling the new Health Outreach and Prevention Education (HOPE) Services department*
  - Promote health and wellness and prevention of suicide, substance misuse, and sexual violence on and off campus through education and community outreach
  - Manage the Suspenders4Hope Mental Wellness and Suicide Prevention Program
  - Coordinate the Prevention Student Ambassador applied learning program
  - Assist and collaborate with the wellness executive steering committee to execute efforts as a working group
  - Partner with academic units to enhance community wellness by expanding the Wellness Faculty Fellows program and developing a multi-disciplinary Prevention Sciences and Community Wellness academic program creating the only pipeline for Certified Prevention Specialists in the state expanding on the prevention ambassador training curriculum
  - Secure a permanent space for HOPE Services, which is currently operating out of the empty Wesley space in the Steve Clark YMCA conveniently located adjacent to the Student Wellness Center in a temporary arrangement



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# HOPE Services

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# Strategy 3

- *Strategy #3 – Coordinate student and staff mental health programming as a comprehensive campus approach*
  - Partner with Human Resources to adapt and adopt the Suspenders4Hope program as part of an overall employee mental wellness initiative
  - Encourage campus leaders to host departmental installation workshops with a participation goal of 90% of campus departments hosting a workshop and providing on-going training to new members
  - Partner with academic departments to ensure the program is part of the first-year student experience for all majors and track participation
  - Review student and employee policies and procedures impact on wellness and provide recommendations
  - Highlight existing resources, identify gaps, and provide recommendations for additional resources
  - Explore resources needed to bring a staff and faculty mental health treatment clinic to campus in the CAPS department expanding on existing EAP options



# Strategy 4

- *Strategy #4 - Expand the University's Suspenders4Hope community outreach*
  - Unite education, health care, businesses, non-profits, government, and faith communities to address the mental health of our community
  - Explore partnership with the Wichita Biomedical Campus as potential Suspenders4Hope headquarters transforming health care to be more hope inspiring not only for patients but also for the future health care workforce
  - Expand the national campaign and elevate WSU's brand recognition as a leader addressing the mental health and substance use challenges facing society
  - Build a 25-40 million dollars endowment that would allow WSU with the help of corporate sponsors to expand the national campaign providing the Suspenders4Hope program and resources free to small businesses, schools, non-profits, and faith communities, in addition to providing free hope kits to patients seeking emergency psychiatric services across the country bridging the avg. 6 week lethal gap in treatment services

# Suspenders4Hope Kits

- Bridging the “Lethal Gap”
- Transforming emergency mental health services
- Distress Tolerance Skills
- Peer Supports
- Making Environments Safer





