

Okanagan Charter Commitments King's University College

About King's University College

King's is a Catholic university college affiliated with Western University. King's is committed to the ongoing creation of a vital academic community animated by a Christian love of learning and the pursuit of truth. The College fosters an environment based on open inquiry, Christian values and service to the larger community.

The College has developed its curriculum, student services, and campus ministry out of a concern for the development of students as whole persons, that is, for the spiritual as well as the academic, social, physical, and economic elements of their lives. As such King's is ideally equipped and positioned to adopt the principles of the Okanagan Charter.

Keys Commitments

1. June of 2016, **Student Services at King's** developed a new model, which embeds wellness into all planning and priority activities of the student services unit. (see attached)
2. September 2016, **160 student leaders** were trained under a comprehensive plan to ensure all leaders recognize and support of and referral to wellness and mental health resources on campus. This will be expanded upon in subsequent years.
3. In November of 2017, we established a new role, **Manager of Student Wellness** was hired who will oversee and develop programs and support structures aimed at improving health and wellness outcomes. This will include the re-development of our student development services, re-engaging with campus partners on new student programs and advance activities that place an emphasis on pro-active wellness strategies.
4. In partnership with our School of Social Work we have initiated our **Social Work in Residence** Program with a focus on health education and harm reduction. This program will be expanded in coming years.
5. In January of 2017 our **Elder in Residence Program** was initiated to support the development of indigenous programming and new support systems for our growing community on campus
6. As part of **our new strategic plan** the Okanagan Charter Principles will be embedded to focus on health and wellness outcomes for all members of our community. Measures will be developed to monitor and report on our outcomes.

We look forward to expanding and reporting on our key commitments and working to advance the principles of the Okanagan Charter at King's.



Joe Henry
Dean of Students

Creating Place and Space

Enabling
First Year
and
First Time
Experience

Supporting
Transitions

Empowering
Student
Leadership
and
Development

Communicating
our story

Internationalization

Indigenity

Partnership

Wellness