Vision

The Vision of the School of Human Environmental Sciences at the University of Kentucky is to be a leader in improving the quality of life of individuals and families in Kentucky, the region, and the nation through rigorous academic programs, state-of-the-art research, community-driven extension, and engagement opportunities.

Mission

The Mission of the School of Human Environmental Sciences is four-fold:

- Provide quality undergraduate and graduate education to prepare students for professional positions serving the growing needs of individuals and families;
- Engage in research and discovery creating knowledge for improved quality of life for individuals and families;
- Enhance life-long learning for the citizens of Kentucky to equip them with the knowledge and skills to improve the quality of life for themselves, their families, and their communities; and
- Expand engagement by the School of Human Environmental Sciences in improving Kentucky families, schools, communities, farms, and businesses.

Positioning for the Future

The Vision, Mission, and Goals position the School of Human Environmental Sciences and Family and Consumer Sciences Extension for the 21st Century demands of education, research, extension, and engagement.

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Goal 1—Research and Scholarship

Expand the research and academic activity of faculty and students to generate new knowledge, enhance the educational experience, and provide practical solutions.

Outcomes
1. Research will be implemented that impacts the lives of Kentuckians and garners national and international recognition.
   1.1 Develop a School of Human Environmental Sciences research agenda.
   1.2 Expand research and scholarly activity.

2. Funding for research and scholarly activity will increase.
   2.1 Degrees programs will be reviewed for relevancy to current and future needs and opportunities.
   2.2 Innovative teaching methodologies will be utilized in instruction to maximize student learning.
   2.3 Scholarship will be increased.
   2.4 Internships/practicums will be enhanced.

3. Publication of research and scholarly activity will increase.
   3.1 Faculty and students will be engaged in high-quality research and scholarly activity.
   3.2 Faculty and students will publish in peer-reviewed journals.
   3.3 Present scholarly work at national and international conferences.

4. Research findings will be utilized to design and develop extension programs.
   4.1 Utilize research findings to develop and revise Extension curricula.
   4.2 Create an inventory of engagement projects and best practices.

Goal 2—Undergraduate and Graduate Education

Advance undergraduate and graduate education to prepare students for ever-changing professional careers.

Outcomes
1. Degree programs will be reviewed for relevancy to current and future needs and opportunities.
   1.1 Degree programs will be reviewed for relevancy to current and future needs and opportunities.
   1.2 Update degree programs as needed.
   1.3 Establish and coordinate master volunteer programs.

2. Innovative teaching methodologies will be utilized in instruction to maximize student learning.
   2.1 Establish academic, research, extension, and engagement programs that promote a greater understanding of global interdependence.
   2.2 Provide professional certifications.
   2.3 Offer experiential learning opportunities.

3. Student learning opportunities will be expanded to provide multiple options for enriched real-world learning experiences.
   3.1 Establish internships or academically relevant work experiences.
   3.2 Provide professional certifications.
   3.3 Offer experiential learning opportunities.

Goal 3—Family and Consumer Sciences Extension

Deliver Family and Consumer Sciences Extension programs that elevate the quality of life for Kentucky families, individuals, and communities.

Outcomes
1. Research-based programs will be delivered that provide the knowledge and skills necessary for individuals to make positive changes in their personal, family, and work lives.
   1.1 Establish a Family and Consumer Sciences Extension program planning process.
   1.2 Develop and implement a fund development plan.
   1.3 Establish equitable and accessible opportunities for all.

2. Extension programs will be evaluated.
   2.1 Develop and maintain processes for evaluation of Extension programs.
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   2.3 Document the social and economic impacts of beneficial programming.

Goal 4—Engagement

Focus School of Human Environmental Sciences functions to increase engagement with Kentucky communities.

Outcomes
1.1 Human Environmental Sciences faculty, staff, students, and Extension agents will engage in academic, research, extension, and engagement programs that promote a greater understanding of global interdependence.
   1.2 The School of Human Environmental Sciences and Family and Consumer Sciences Extension will increase the number of faculty and staff positions to adequately support the teaching, research, extension, and communication resource base.
   1.3 New and innovative teaching methods will be utilized.
   1.4 Professional development will be provided for Family and Consumer Sciences Extension agents that will assist in building a collaborative, culturally diverse, and culturally sensitive team.

2.1 Recruitment efforts will be increased.
   2.2 Create an inventory of engagement projects and best practices.
   2.3 Establish a School of Human Environmental Sciences research agenda.

Goal 5—Communications

Enhance internal and external communications.

Outcomes
8.1 The School of Human Environmental Sciences and Family and Consumer Sciences Extension will have greater visibility throughout the state and nation.
   8.2 Develop a marketing plan and applicable marketing tools.
   8.3 New and innovative teaching methods will be utilized.
   8.4 Engage in academic, research, extension, and engagement programs that promote a greater understanding of global interdependence.

9.1 The number of faculty and staff positions will adequately support the teaching, research, extension, and engagement resource base.
   9.2 Develop student recruitment plans for targeted degree programs.
   9.3 The number of faculty and staff positions will adequately support the teaching, research, extension, and engagement resource base.

9.4 Professional development will be provided for Family and Consumer Sciences Extension agents that will assist in building a collaborative, culturally diverse, and culturally sensitive team.
   9.5 Develop and implement a fund development plan.