First-Generation Student Advising supports first-generation students (neither parent or guardian has a four-year degree) at the University of Kentucky from recruitment to graduation through research-based programs, resources, best practices, and campus-wide advocacy. Advisors advocate for first-generation students within their colleges and collaborate with other campus offices (e.g. Division of Student and Academic Life, Enrollment Management, International Center, and Office for Institutional Diversity) to provide the best resources to promote student success.

PROGRAM ADVISING
First-Generation Student Advising works with college advisors to support the success of first-year students. The program advisor monitors the transition into college life, academic progress, early alerts, and midterm grade reports. The goal of our student advising is to increase retention and graduation rates of UK’s first-generation student population.

FIRST-GENERATION SCHOLAR LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY
The First-Generation Scholar Living Learning Community is a residential experience designed to support first-generation students and assist them with their transition from home and from high school to college life at UK. Academic success is promoted through connected courses with their peers, increased faculty and staff interaction, and intentional programming efforts that include cultural enrichment experiences, social interactions, and community-service involvement.

UK 101 SPECIALTY SECTION
This section of the UK 101 academic orientation course addresses the unique needs of first-generation college students. It is co-taught by a first-generation faculty/staff member and a first-generation peer instructor.

FIRST-GENERATION FACULTY/STAFF ADVOCATE PROGRAM
This program serves to connect first-generation college students with faculty and staff around campus who have had similar experiences in their respective educational pursuits. Students who participate in this program will develop a network of support on campus, thus positively impacting their retention rates.

FIRST-GENERATION STUDENT ORGANIZATION (FGSO)
The FGSO is designed to support, educate, and promote the needs of students who are the first in their families to go to college. Look for information on how to join online on BBNvolved.

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