

People

Purpose

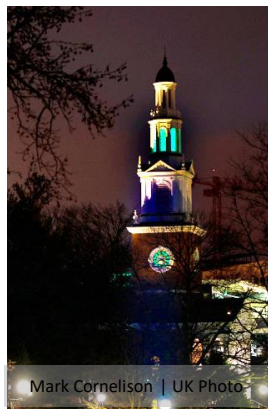
Pride

Perseverance

*The Covid-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on our campus and community. The people of UK Facilities Management remain the “boots on the ground” for UK, providing the essential services needed to keep our campus safe, secure, and positioned to respond to the evolving crisis. The strength each of you demonstrate daily is inspiring and represents such courage and compassion. We are in this together and we will get through it together. **Thank you for everything you do.** – Mary Vosevich, Vice President for Facilities Management*



Fighting fires, literally. On Friday, April 24, Good Sam Maintenance Technician **Thomas Coward** was working on the ground floor of the hospital when a faulty light fixture in stairwell E caught fire, causing a Code Red alarm. Thomas immediately took stairwell A to the 3rd floor and raced to stairwell E. When his supervisors arrived on the scene, he was in the stairwell with a fire extinguisher and had put out the fire. Thomas then directed his team to place wet towels at the base of patient room doors to keep smoke from entering the rooms. His quick reaction prevented the fire from spreading and kept more smoke from entering the hallways affecting patients and staff. If he had not responded so quickly, it is very likely we would have had to evacuate the patients on the 3rd floor hall and possibly the floors above. **GREAT JOB, Thomas and team!**



UK Announces Start of Low Operational Activity/Administrative No-pay Plan as part of measures to address budget challenges caused by covid19. **Facilities Management** continues to provide critical services to the campus and is working closely with university Administration to adapt to the financial challenges we face. On Thursday, April 23, University of Kentucky officials announced changes for approximately 1,700 employees as part of the first phase of the plan. Approximately 1,500 of the full- and part-time employees work at UK HealthCare across the health care enterprise. Another 200 employees will be placed on low operational activity/administrative no-pay status from UK’s dental clinics, which have been suspended in response to COVID-19, as well as Dining and Transportation Services. More info: www.uky.edu/coronavirus/updates/next-steps-meeting-our-budget-challenges-2



Last Friday was National Arbor Day. UK Grounds Manager **Stacy Borden** provided highlights on UK’s oldest and largest trees, along with one of his favorites. At left, the oldest known tree on campus is this Pin Oak on Administration Drive, planted by the graduating class of 1920. The largest tree on campus, measuring over 5 ft in diameter, is this Field Elm (center) at Maxwell Place. The War Mother Bur Oak (right) on Admin Drive, is one of Stacy’s favorites because of its connection to our Nation’s history. More info on this tree: <https://ufi.ca.uky.edu/tree-stories/war-mothers>



Facilities Fact: Kentucky State College

UK was founded in 1865 as an Agricultural and Mechanical College but hasn’t always been known as the University of Kentucky. In 1901, when Barker Hall was constructed, we were Kentucky State College. This wrought iron sign is the only physical remnant of that name on our facilities.

Share your Stories:

We want to highlight how you and your co-workers are rising to the challenges posed by our current situation. Send story ideas to shane.tedder@uky.edu