

## 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*



**UK Gatton Student Center expansion gets underway.** The University's Gatton Student Center was originally constructed in 1938 and the Alumni Gym in 1924. They were completely renovated and expanded in 2018 to more than 378,000 square feet. Earlier this spring, a second expansion of the facility was launched in response to the popularity of Champions Kitchen with students, staff, and employees. The \$25 million, three-story expansion will add 350 seats to Champions on the first floor and additional space for student support on the second and third floors. **UK's Capital Projects Management** is overseeing the work, led by project manager **Scotty Bowles**. The project was made possible by an incredibly generous gift from William “Bill” Gatton and funding support from the University's dining partner. The project should be complete by the fall of 2021.



**Power outage scheduled for South Limestone (PS5) Garage on 4.29.2020.** An electrical power outage is scheduled for the University of Kentucky's South Limestone Garage (PS #5) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 29. This planned outage is associated with the expansion project and will enable contractors to connect new electrical service to the structure. Gates to the garage will be up that day and while the structure should have ample natural light for parking purposes, the elevators will not be in operation during this time.



**Strategic reassignments help us meet our mission during massive shift in campus operations.** The University's move to online instruction to protect the health of our campus and community reduced (almost overnight) the number of daily visitors to our campus by more than 30,000. This abrupt shift did not change the square footage of buildings we heat, cool, power and maintain or the acres of grounds and thousands of plants we tend, but it has required us to evaluate how and where our talented staff are deployed. The reduction in campus visitors makes some projects such as renovation, construction, and utility upgrades, less complicated to implement. This week, as part of our ongoing efforts to maximize these opportunities, five employees from **FM's Maintenance and Operations** teams will be assisting **Utilities and Energy Management's** distribution team. At left, **UEM High Voltage Technician Brian Bayer** performs work on one of UK's electrical substations.



### ***Faces of Facilities - Joanna Ashford, UK Recycling***

Joanna is originally from Orlando, Florida, but saw the light and moved to Kentucky 14 years ago. She has served as UK's Recycling Coordinator since early 2018. Before joining our **Facilities Team**, Joanna worked for the Kentucky Division of Water. Joanna, Bryan (husband), and son Elliot (3) welcomed a new baby boy, Caleb, last October. Regarding the challenges of our current situation, Joanna appreciates the commitment and creativity that our teams have shown in staying connected as we work together.