

A newsletter highlighting and connecting the people and work of Facilities Management at the University of Kentucky

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



SEE BLUE (jeans, not jorts) – SEE SERVICE

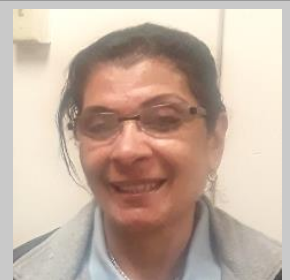
This Friday, Mary Vosevich invites and encourages everyone in **Facilities Management** to wear blue jeans. The only catch is you have to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the **Big Blue Pantry**, a student-led campus resource dedicated to fighting hunger on campus. Rice, Ramen, peanut butter, canned goods (beans, soups, veggies, etc.), dry pasta, and dried fruit are all excellent options. Today and tomorrow, supervisors will communicate with their teams on where to bring the items on Friday. There will also be a curb-side drop off option for our team working remotely. This will be located on Limestone by the first service dock for Peterson Service Building and will be in place from 8am-1pm. There will also be drop points in the front lobbies of the Kelly Building and Peterson Service Building. At left, Josh “Jorts” Harrellson, UK’s center 2009-2011.



At left, **Clint McMaine** from Central Shops, pressure washes the rock wall below the side entrance to the Fine Arts Building. Our summer work to ready the campus for the fall semester is in full swing. Plans for how we will operate our facilities this fall in support of the University’s commitment to reinvent how we serve the Commonwealth are currently being developed, including four draft concept plans. You can learn more about these plans, process, and timeline by visiting: www.uky.edu/coronavirus/concept-plans. The work of **Facilities Management** will be different in the fall as we adopt the practices and policies that will protect our community, however, regardless of the specifics of the new normal, our commitment to provide a safe, clean, and welcoming campus remains unchanged.



Way Back Wednesday – Holmes Hall. This four-story dormitory, built in 1956 to house 300 female students, was constructed on the corner of South Limestone Street and Avenue of Champions for a cost of \$1.1 million. It was designed by Ernst Johnson, UK’s Architect from 1938-1950, one of the 18 buildings he designed. Holmes Hall was named in honor of Sarah Bennet Holmes, UK’s Dean of Women in the 1940s, who tirelessly championed the rights of women throughout her career. She served during another tumultuous time in our history, that included the Great Depression and WWII. The original Holmes Hall was demolished in 2014 and a new residence hall was rededicated in her honor in 2016.



Faces of Facilities – Adilia Aslami

Adilia is from Lexington Kentucky and has worked at the University for 14 years. She currently works for the **Central 1 custodial group**. Adilia has 1 daughter and 3 grandchildren. Regarding the current situation, she said “that the university kept her safe and well informed on the outbreak and actions the university had taken against the virus”. She also stated she felt very fortunate to have been able to continue working for the university when so many others in the community had lost their jobs.

**Photo Friday
Lighting Up
Our Homes**

Green has become the color of compassion for the Commonwealth during this global pandemic. Green lights on buildings and homes everywhere signal support for the loved ones of those lost. This Friday we will feature our homes in our photo collage. Submit a photo of your home lit up in green to shane.tedder@uky.edu by midnight Thursday to participate.

