

OUR PEOPLE. ————— OUR STORY.

*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*



The University has taken steps to prevent budgeted reduction in force. Facing more than a \$70 million shortfall, the University planned for deeper cuts to create an \$11 million contingency fund that would allow us to confront the inherent economic uncertainty created by the pandemic. Given the state of the economy in Fayette County and the Commonwealth – and our desire to protect our greatest asset, our people – President Capilouto announced on Friday that he had directed that a portion of the contingency funds be used to ensure that there are no reductions in force as part of our budget. That will save about 100 jobs, jobs that are vital to our work and critical to the economy of Fayette County and the region. UK is approximately 14 percent of the employee base in this county. We represent approximately 18 percent of the county’s payroll – the source for most of the funding for essential government services and public safety. It is not an exaggeration to suggest that our work – and our employee base – is sustaining Lexington’s economy as the richness of our community sustains us.



Last week, **Med Center Facilities** team, led by Planning Design and Construction Manager **Tina Arthur**, assisted UK HealthCare with the installation of a new **neurointerventional biplane**. *The piece of equipment is specifically designed for the diagnosis and treatment of neurological disorders, such as stroke and brain aneurysms. It has two-dimensional and three-dimensional capabilities that allow the neuroradiologist to view the brain, arteries and spine with one single injection of X-ray dye.* The project had the potential to cause significant disruption to the KY Children’s Hospital (KCH), but our teams worked with UKHC and our contractors to “think outside the box” and find innovative solutions for this project, effectively eliminating any disturbance to KCH. It took working late nights into early mornings to create a pathway IN the concrete floor to deliver the infrastructure needed to support this equipment. Crews came in at 3 am to pour structural grout, using 1” pours to obtain necessary strength for the floor. Our team completed this complex project in record time and under budget. **Great job to all involved!**



Way Back Wednesday – Unnamed Statue at Fine Arts

Last week, **Harold R. “Tree” Sandford**, **Jimmy McCann** (left), and team cleaned the exterior of the Fine Arts Building. During the process, **Tree** noticed the sculpture at left and started doing some research to learn more about it. After some digging, he learned that the statue was created by **Raymond Barnhart** (right) in the 1960s. Barnhart was the first sculpture teacher in the University of Kentucky’s Art Department. Bonus: during the process, I learned that some of **Tree’s** family members call him **Ray**.



Friday’s Photo Collage

Who is your favorite men’s basketball player of all time? Send the name of your favorite Wildcat to shane.tedder@uky.edu for this week’s photo collage. Even better, if you have a favorite picture of your favorite player.