

*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*



STUDENT SALUTE– A Finals Week Feature for the students working in Facilities Management. In honor of finals week and Friday’s graduation, we will be honoring and highlighting the students who work for Facilities Management. We are kicking off this new feature with **Sophie Beavin**, a graduating senior in Natural Resources and Environmental Science from Louisville, KY. **Sophie** has worked for **UK Recycling** for the past two years and has spearheaded two exciting projects: a digital map of repair and reuse resources in our community and a Fix It Festival which morphed into a set of online guides after Corona struck. Last week, we learned that **Sophie had been chosen by UK Human Resources as the 2020 Student Employee of the Year. Congratulations Sophie!**



UK Facilities Management’s teams continue to focus on using “found” time to improve our operations, reduce costs, and ready our campus for the return of our students. Last week, a distribution team from **Utilities and Energy Management** led by **Tommy Smith** spent a rainy afternoon upgrading lighting in our underground utility tunnels. The team upgraded 40 fixtures to LED in a few hours. **UEM’s Utilities Engineering Manager Britney Ragland** ran the numbers and, after factoring in time and equipment costs, calculated that this will save the university more than \$500 per year in electricity costs. **GREAT JOB TOMMY, thanks for taking the initiative.**



The Keeneland Concours d’Elegance came to campus on Friday in the form of a parade to honor UK Healthcare front-line workers and the teams supporting this work. The parade was organized by Tom and Connie Jones, who have hosted the Keeneland Concours d’Elegance car show for 16 years as a fundraiser to benefit Kentucky Children’s Hospital. Approximately 20 cars (including Maseratis, Corvettes, and classic cars) drove past the pediatric clinic at Kentucky Clinic South, UK Good Samaritan Hospital and the UK HealthCare Pediatric Clinic at Maxwell Street before arriving at UK Chandler Hospital Pavilion A to deliver a \$25,000 check for the Kentucky Children’s Hospital. Fun Fact: **FM’s Ed Stevenson** was invited to drive in the parade this year but had to decline due to a scheduling issue.



Facilities Fact: General Support Services

Facilities Management’s *Operations and Maintenance* and *Facilities Services* teams provide general support to more than **20 million gross square feet (gsf) of building space across the 350+ buildings on campus.** This includes custodial, plumbing, electrical, building operators and much more. 20 million gsf is more than half the size of Central Park in New York City.

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In honor of finals week and Friday’s graduation, we will be honoring and highlighting the students who work for Facilities Management this week. **Please submit highlights and bios on your student employees to shane.tedder@uky.edu ASAP.** Include a sentence or two about their contributions to your unit along with their name, major, year in school, and hometown. **Shout Out to Esther Moberly for this idea!**