

*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*

OUR PEOPLE. ————— OUR STORIES.



Above, Kyle Hollingsworth uses the steam weeder outside the Jacobs Science Building.

The opportunity to connect our operations to the educational experience of our students and the research programs of our faculty – turning our campus into a living, learning lab - is an important, and expanding aspect of our work. Last year, our **Grounds Team** partnered with faculty from the College of Agriculture to submit a successful grant proposal to the city of Lexington’s Stormwater Quality Projects Incentive Grant Program. They used the funding to purchase a piece of equipment that allows for weeding campus plant beds with steam instead of chemical herbicides. This has the potential to create safer working conditions for our staff by reducing exposure to potentially harmful substances. Reducing the application of these substances on our grounds can also have positive impacts on water quality in campus watersheds. The partners will research the effectiveness of this practice for maintaining our grounds and conduct outreach for others who may be interested in using this type of equipment.



The pandemic has led to an emphasis on outdoor experiences for the campus. Facilities has responded to this new aspect of campus life in a variety of ways, including the installation of 8 *hammock gardens* across the campus. Working with our partners, we fabricated 24 hammock stands where students can hang their own hammock or one they have checked out from Campus Recreation following the instruction linked from stickers on the frames (left)



Earlier this month, the **HealthCare Planning Design and Construction** team completed a lounge for patients undergoing outpatient radial artery surgery. The space was designed using input from patients, surgeons, nurses, and administrators with the goal of creating a calm and refreshing space for patients to recover until they are discharged. **Josh Tarter** was our project manager on this job.



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WEAR A MASK



WASH YOUR HANDS



PHYSICAL DISTANCE



DAILY SCREENING

