

*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*

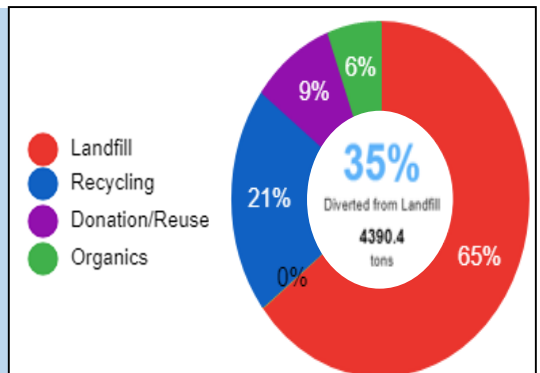
## OUR PEOPLE. ————— OUR STORIES.



### DON'T FORGET YOUR DAILY SCREENINGS

Employees who come to campus for their work assignments are required to complete a COVID-19 screening, every day, seven days a week, regardless of how many days per week they come to campus. The daily screener is quick, easy, and takes less than 3-5 seconds if you don't have symptoms. **Any employee with an on-campus work assignment will receive a daily email with instructions for completing the screening. If you do not have regular access to email, your supervisor will provide a paper copy of the screen.**

For the 2019-2020 academic year the University achieved a 35% diversion rate thanks to the great work of UK's **Recycling** and **Waste** programs and the partnerships they have formed across campus. The diversion rate was an increase compared to the previous year although the overall volume of waste was down due to the pandemic. A *diversion rate* is the percent of total waste that is diverted from the landfill. So for last year, for every 100 pounds of waste generated by the campus, 35 pounds were reused, composted or recycled and 65 pounds went to the landfill. The University has set a goal of reaching a 50% diversion rate by 2022.



Because of changes forced by the pandemic, UK dining has temporarily suspended the use of reusable utensils and plates at Champions and The 90. All meals are now served in to go containers. This has the potential to create a lot more waste going into landfills, cause litter issues on our campus which could have negative environmental impacts on water quality in the bluegrass, and our **Grounds** teams are already responding to large increases in litter and trash near the residential dining facilities (right). We can all help reduce waste in this situation by using the green reusable to go containers. UK Dining has made this easier by **creating an exchange card (left)** which you can trade the reusable container for after your meal so you don't have to carry it with you.



### Photo Friday – First Day of School



Keniyah's 1st day of virtual learning

As the University of Kentucky reaches the midpoint of the second week of classes, Fayette County Public School students have their first day of classes today. Let's recognize and celebrate our parents, grandparents, and guardians who are helping our young students kick off this new year of learning. Submit your first day of school pictures to [shane.tedder@uky.edu](mailto:shane.tedder@uky.edu) by Thursday at midnight. At left, Kena Greenlee's daughter, Keniyah. **Hats off and good luck to everyone helping children through these trying times!**