

*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*

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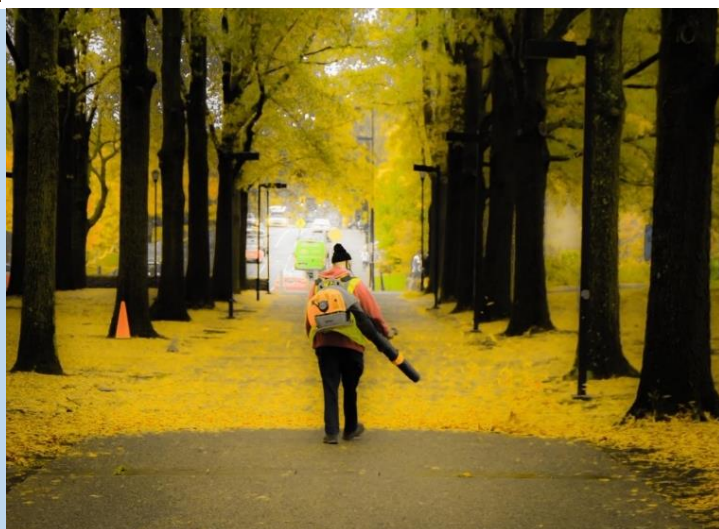
October 25-31 is National Healthcare Facilities & Engineering Week. Each day this week, we will feature facilities and engineering projects led by UK Facilities Management’s Medical Center (FMMC) teams.



FMMC is nearing completion of a multi-year, multi-stage project to completely upgrade the nurse call management systems in our hospitals to a new state-of-the-art nurse call and locator system called NaviCare. The project was led by FMMC Project Manager **Ed Manning**. FMMC Master Electricians **Doug Burgess** (not pictured) and **Kevin Cox** (left) are two of the experts who have worked on this complex and important project. Here Kevin is pictured in the north wing of the Chandler Hospital completing one of the final upgrades for the system. **GREAT WORK TEAM!**

Fall is in full swing which means our **Grounds Teams** are hard at work collecting campus leaf fall. Campus leaves, along with other green waste, are turned into mulch through a partnership with the LFUCG. Last year, 374,180 lbs. of leaves collected from campus were converted into mulch that is available to the community. At left, UK Grounds’ **Robert Edwards** blows leaves along the walks leading to the Kirwan Blanding Complex. In recent years, **UK Grounds** has also adopted battery-powered leaf blowers to minimize noise disturbances in many areas of campus and secured grant funding to help with the purchase of new leaf vacuum equipment.

Photo credit: Brian Connors Manke.



We have reached the final days for the Kirwan-Blanding Complex. The demolition of the iconic residential towers and low rises continues on schedule under the direction of project manager **Keith Ingram**. Thanks to Harold “Tree” Sandford for sharing these photos of the shrinking towers.

