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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.

Happy Thanksgiving

A message to the Campus Community from President Eli Capilouto



It is a season of thanks and reflection. And as I reflect on the past few months, this special community is among those things for which I am most thankful. We have persevered. We have overcome challenges that were neither expected nor fair. We sought new ways to do our jobs, always putting the needs and success of our community and students first. We taught in traditional formats in anything but a traditional way, with masks and face shields, desks spread apart and yards of protective plexiglass.

We utilized new technologies to teach, while relying on the same commitment to quality in instruction that makes us distinctive. We continued our commitment to

research, re-arranging labs to ensure that we continue meeting the biggest challenges facing Kentucky and our world – from clinical trials to develop a vaccine to our goal of eradicating cancer and opioid use disorder. We worked throughout the night to ensure students overseas could return quickly and safely home. We made 30,000 calls to our students, to check in and make sure they knew how much we cared.

We kept our campus immaculate, re-wired classrooms and re-engineered spaces to maximize safety.

As you leave this community for a few days, my wish for all of you is a time of rest and renewal. I know, though, that for so many of our students and other members of our community, leaving campus doesn't always bring happiness or reprieve, but only increases anxiety and uncertainty. Over the next few weeks — as students finish the semester remotely and as so many of you continue to balance work, life, family and other expectations — we will be communicating about resources here on our campus, available no matter the time and place, that we hope to offer to support and reinforce our commitment to you and to this community.

That's because now, more than ever, we must be a community that cares. This semester has demonstrated for me so many times, and in so many ways, that we are that community.

I am thankful for you.

Eli Capilouto President

Read the full message here: https://www.uky.edu/president/communications-and-commentary/campus-messages









