

## OUR PEOPLE. ————— OUR STORY.

*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*



President Capilouto donned a mask during the May Board of Trustees meeting and said, ***“I’m putting this on because I probably look silly, and I feel silly”***. He went on to say that in his lifetime the number of automobile fatalities per mile traveled had decreased by 85%. He expanded on the steps we took as a nation and as individuals to save those lives. ***“We put on seatbelts. Don’t y’all remember when we thought that was silly (too)?”*** Wearing a mask is an important part of saving lives today. It is also an **expectation of your work with Facilities Management** and the University of Kentucky. Period. So is following protocols about social distancing. If you have questions about when and where you should be wearing your masks given the unique aspects of your work, ask your supervisor for guidance. Attempts to frame wearing a mask as anything other than a public health strategy are aimed at division and disregard basic science that can save your life.

### In Case You Missed It... Reinventing Normal

The second status report describing the University of Kentucky’s progress toward reopening this fall is available for review. Our goal is to return to a safe and healthy campus as quickly as possible that sets the institution on a transition course to thrive. The status report contains the recommendations of 19 different ***work stream teams***. Each team provided recommendations for a specific aspect of our operations for two distinct scenarios: 1) Reinvented Normal Operations and 2) Fully Online Operations. University leaders are currently reviewing these recommendations along with campus feedback. We encourage you to review these recommendations as part of our efforts to support the operations and maintenance of our campus.



### Faces of Facilities - Britney Ragland: UEM’s Utilities Energy Manager (acting)

Britney is from Somerset, KY and has been with the University since 2013. She was recently named the acting Energy Manager for Utilities and Energy Management. Congratulations, Britney! Prior to joining the University, she worked for 3 years with Fayette County Public Schools as their energy manager. Britney and her husband, Brandon, have four children ages 23, 21, 16, and 2 (wish them luck). Regarding our current situation, Britney was first struck by the speed and scale of our response. And as the weeks have passed since the initial shock caused by the covid-19 virus, she also says that she “is proud of the care the administration is taking in charting our course forward”.



## PHOTO FRIDAY: FACILITIES MANAGEMENT @ PLAY

What do you do for fun? We want to see photos of your hobbies, projects and pastimes!

Submit photos to [Shane.Tedder@uky.edu](mailto:Shane.Tedder@uky.edu) by 8am on Friday morning.