

*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.



For the second year, UK is distributing iPads to incoming first year students to enhance their educational experience. Given the constraints posed by the ongoing pandemic, this technology is more important than ever. Distributing thousands of delicate, complex devices is a significant logistical effort led by **Facilities Information Services**. They have developed efficient systems for doing so and have been supported by other FM units in the process, including **UK Recycling**. At left, **Chris Wilson from FIS**, recycles some of the thousands of boxes and cardboard dividers generated by this initiative. **UK Recycling** will work with contract partners to ensure this material is converted into source material for other paper-based products. .

In our newsletter last [Monday](#), we introduced the six work streams that Facilities Management has assembled to lead the implementation of the changes needed to reopen our campus to in-person education as safely as possible. Since then we have taken a closer look at the scope of work for four of those teams. Today, we focus on the fifth of these, the **Information Team**. Led by **Phil Tackett, Gunnar Kennedy, and Shane Tedder**, this team has developed interior/exterior signage/graphics for buildings, grounds, and departments. This signage has been designed in collaboration with **UK Marketing and PR** to ensure consistent messaging across the campus. The sign shop is supporting this work by operating two shifts to print the necessary materials and Area teams are assisting with the placement of tens of thousands of signs. Departments and colleges will receive documents that can be printed and distributed, as necessary.



Todd Stone, Area 2, placing a sign with information about healthy behaviors



Self-care, maintaining and improving our mental and physical health, should always be a priority but it is especially important in these trying times. UK Human Resources, through their **Work-Life Connections Program**, provides a wide array of resources available to all UK Employees. We encourage you to take time this week to do two things. First, learn about the warning signs that commonly indicate that stress and circumstances are negatively impacting your mental health. Second, familiarize yourself with the resources that UK provides to help you regain balance and focus. More info:

<https://www.uky.edu/hr/work-life/counseling/worklife-connections-counseling>

## Tee Shirt Tuesdays – July 2020



We have a tremendous amount of work to accomplish to ready the campus for the return of our students over the next month. Our teams have already rolled up their sleeves to get this done, but you are invited to go a step further on Tuesdays in July by skipping the button up altogether. Starting today, FM employees may wear a t-shirt on Tuesdays in July. Plain t-shirts or UK-themed only please.