

*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.



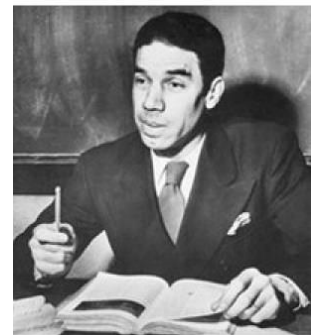
Yesterday, five people succumbed to the Covid 19 virus in Lexington. The worst day yet for our city in our fight against this pandemic. The University of Kentucky continues to light our campus in green each night in support of the loved ones of those lost.



In our newsletter last [Monday](#), we introduced the 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 those teams. Today, we focus on the final team, **Construction**. Led by **Dall Clark, Tina Arthur, Angela Powell, and Chris Withrow**, this team has worked closely with all construction contractors to ensure that they have all submitted, and are complying with, a Covid-19 Response Plan. These plans set the requirements for how our construction contract partners will help us keep the campus community safe while maintaining momentum on the new facilities and renovations that will help UK continue to meet its mission. At left, the Gatton Student Center Addition.

### Wayback Wednesday – Lyman T. Johnson Hall

Similar to last week’s time machine, this week we feature at a relatively new facility named for one of UK’s most important alums, Lyman T. Johnson. This residence hall was constructed along Hilltop Ave in 2013 at the start of our historic effort to transform the residential living experience. The hall is part of the UK Honors Quad and houses members of our *Community of Scholars Living Learning Community*. It was dedicated to Dr. Johnson at a ceremony in 2015. In 1949, Lyman T. Johnson became the first African American student to enroll at the University of Kentucky after he successfully challenged a state law that had upheld segregation. Johnson taught history, economics, and mathematics for 16 years at Louisville’s Central High School before enrolling as a law student at UK. Johnson received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from the UK in 1979. Recently, his son was commissioned to produce a work of art for the University that explored this formative time in his father’s life. Plans for how that piece will be displayed are ongoing.



## Photo Friday – Life is a Beach!



Summer time has many of us day dreaming about the beach, especially since our ability to travel to our coasts this year is so deeply impacted by the pandemic. In this week’s photo collage, let’s share photos of our favorite shorelines (lake, beach, creek, etc) or a favorite photo taken by the water. Submit your photos to Shane Tedder at [shane.tedder@uky.edu](mailto:shane.tedder@uky.edu) by midnight on Thursday.