

*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.

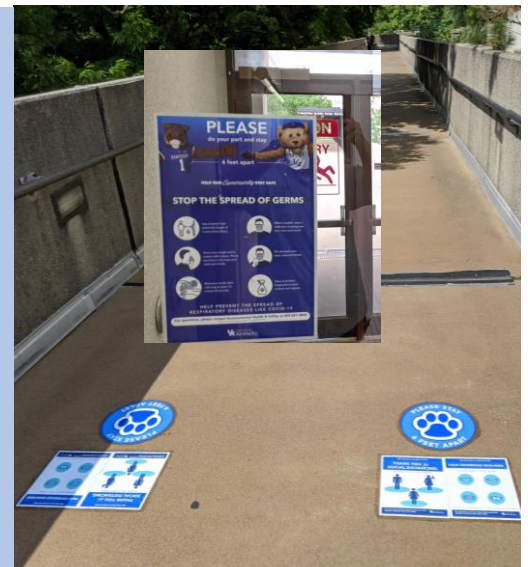
OUR STORIES.



This statue near Kroger Field depicts UK's first African-American football players Greg Page, Nate Northington, Wilbur Hackett and Houston Hogg. On September 30, 1967, Northington became the first African American to play football in the SEC.

Yesterday, President Capilouto announced the next steps that the University of Kentucky will take toward racial reconciliation, equity, and inclusivity. He noted, “We have made progress as an institution. But we must recognize that it has not been enough, not if equity and inclusion are truly our goals and aspirations for this community.” Toward these ends, the University is forming a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Implementation Plan. If you are interested in contributing to this effort, or know a co-worker who would be, you are encouraged to complete [this nomination form](#) by 5pm on Thursday, July 9. Facilities Management is one of the most diverse units on campus and we hope to have multiple members of our team directly participating in this important effort.

In our newsletter yesterday, we introduced the six workstreams 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. Each day, we will take a deeper look at the scope of work for each of these teams. Today's focus is the *Campus Navigation* team. This team is led by **Paul Knowles**, Planning, and includes **Maureen Dreckman**, FIS, and **Shane Tedder**, Sustainability. This team is responsible for developing and deploying signage and other resources designed to help our community safely navigate the campus with a focus on social distancing and campus construction. By the end of the month, this team will implement public health and way finding signage in key areas including entrances to the campus, pedestrian pathways and crosswalks, outdoor gathering spaces, seating areas including bus stops, building entrances and more. At right, examples of the type of signage the team will use to accomplish these goals.



Wildly PAWsible! Last week's historic black bear sighting on campus got us excited about campus wildlife. Here are some of the other furry friends spotted on or near campus recently.



Black bear (*Ursus americanus*)



Red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)



Groundhog (*Marmota monax*)



Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*)