

## The FM Daily

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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.



The social stair in the Gatton Student Center includes several large areas for indoor plants. These plantings provide beauty and indoor air quality improvements for the facility. Over the weekend, a small tree in one of the planters fell over. **Emanuel Rawlings** (left) and **Stacy Borden** (right) worked together this morning to get the tree straightened and properly replanted.





The SKYblue Solar House departed campus for a final time yesterday afternoon. The house was constructed by a team of students, faculty, and staff from multiple colleges in 2008 as part of the 2009 Solar Decathlon in Washington D.C. (below, right). The UK entry placed 9<sup>th</sup> overall in that international competition. The house then returned to Lexington. The house was featured on the Main lawn in early 2010 and then served as a visitor center during the 2010 World Equestrian Games. Following the games, the house was relocated to the lawn behind the Cooper House at the corner of Nicholasville Road and Farm Road.

Thousands of people toured the house and learned about renewable energy and sustainable building over the past decade. Last fall, the house was sold as surplus property, although the sale prioritized bids that would allow to home to continue to serve as an educational resource for the University of Kentucky. Yesterday, after several weeks of preparation, the house was loaded onto a trailer for transport to its new home on a farm near Simpsonville, KY. The new owner has committed to ongoing partnerships with the University that will provide students with access to the home.



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