

*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*

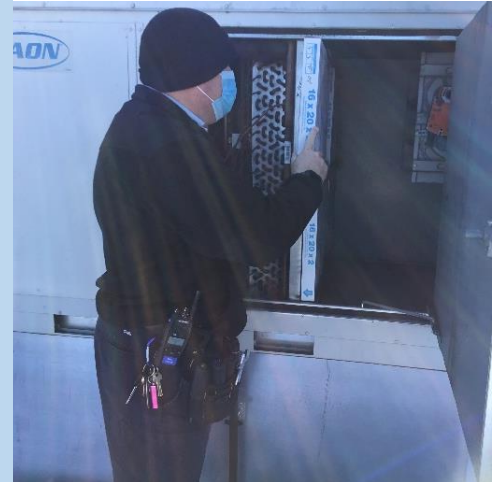
## OUR PEOPLE. ————— OUR STORIES.



The pavilions placed around campus to provide the community with additional outdoor gathering spaces have received some upgrades for the winter thanks to our **Area Maintenance** teams. The curtain walls have been lowered on all of the pavilions and propane heaters added to the ones that have received the heaviest use. At left, a student steps inside the heated pavilion on Barker Plaza at the Gatton Student Center. At right, **Area 1 Tech Kevin Ransdell** changes a propane tank on one of the heaters. Thanks to everyone who has worked to support these new spaces.



While much of the campus receives heating and cooling from UK’s Central Plants, we have many buildings and spaces that rely on stand-alone systems for heating and cooling. Our **Area Maintenance** teams perform the preventative maintenance and repairs on these units. At left, **Don Riddle** performs preventative maintenance on a unit at the Bingham Davis House. At right, **Tony Haungs** inspects a gas-fired heating unit. With frigid weather forecast for next week, this equipment will be crucial for maintaining safe and comfortable conditions on campus.



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 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>



## Photo Friday – Celebrating our Students

For our photo collage this week, let’s feature the students working with us in Facilities Management. From internships to part-time jobs to pathways to meaningful careers, students have many roles within Facilities Management. Submit photos of students in your areas by midnight on Thursday, February 4 to [shane.tedder@uky.edu](mailto:shane.tedder@uky.edu). Thanks! At left, graduate assistants (Sustainability) Sophie Beavin and Carlie Laughlin help distribute yard signs earlier this semester.