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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.

Congratulations and thank you to Mohammad "Moe" Barati on his retirement!



Friday, February 5 marked the end of a 35 year career with Facilities Management for Mohammad "Moe" Barati – high voltage manager for Utilities and Energy Management (UEM). "Coal keeps the lights on" can be seen on license plates across the state, but at the University of Kentucky its been "Moe keeps the lights on" for many years. UEM's Richard McClure shared, "Once, Moe was moving the loads around in the substation and he had to open up one of the big oil circuit breakers. Moe had a couple of electricians standing right behind him when he opened the breaker. The breaker failed, sparks started flying and smoke started to come out of the breaker. Moe make a quick decision and decided to close the breaker back up. He closed the breaker and then looked around for his electricians who were helping him. He said they had turned "rabbit" and were running out of the gate of the substation." Thank you, Moe! You will be missed and we hope you enjoy your retirement and that you can rest easier knowing someone else will get the call the next time an unlucky squirrel trespasses in a substation.



With a polar vortex bearing down on the region this week, our **Area Maintenance** teams doubled down on making sure buildings and equipment are ready for the cold. Far left, **Brian Gess** troubleshooting an air handler at Chemistry Physics. Left, **Bryan Poe** installing a new steam gauge at Jacobs Science Building. Right, **Lance Dunn** performing a maintenance check on air handler controls at Chemistry Physics.



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