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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. <u>Thank you for everything you do.</u> – Mary Vosevich, Vice President for Facilities Management

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OUR STORIES.



A glimmer of hope toward recovering some pre-pandemic routines was visible through the early morning drizzle across Fayette County this morning. All Kindergarten, first, and second grade students had the opportunity to return to their classrooms for the first time in 11 months. This is a huge change for the hundreds, if not thousands, of UK employees with elementary age children. Third through fifth grade are scheduled to return a week from today with other grades to follow. We hope all the **parents in Facilities Management** who sent little ones back to school this morning have a great day and that their students return this afternoon full of excitement. We will miss them showing up in Zoom meetings though. ©

Student Spotlight: Anji Chester, Utilities and Energy Management

Anji is one of three new student employees on boarded by UEM in January of 2021. The interview below was first published in UEM's weekly update on February 10. **Welcome to Facilities Management, Anji!**



I'm considered a non-traditional student since I'm about ten years older than even most graduate students. Before I decided that I needed a BS degree, I spent 6 years on active duty in the US Navy. I served onboard the USS Harry S Truman (CVN-75), a nuclearpowered aircraft carrier homeported in Norfolk, VA. I worked in the propulsion plant there; stood a lot of watches, changed a lot of lightbulbs, dusted all the dust that comes in the vents when you're deployed and doing circles in the Persian Gulf. The coolest port call I ever made was Rhodes, Greece. I have 2 kids and I'm a single parent and all three of us are neurodiverse (ADHD/autistic); Isabel is 8 and Luke is 7 and when one fine day (TODAY!) they return to in-person classes they will be at Glendover Elementary. I've been taking classes at UK since 2017 and I live in the family housing near the stadium. I'm an Electrical Engineering major and I plan to graduate in May of 2022. I am minoring in Math, Computer Science and Physics and I am also pursuing the PEIK undergraduate certificate. My hope as a future degree-bearing professional is to bridge the gap between engineers and operators.

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