

*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 first day of spring was Saturday of this past weekend and this hopeful season of renewal burst into bloom on campus seemingly overnight and on cue. The Flowering Cherries (left) that flank the elevated walkway from the Limestone garage to the main campus are one of the first trees on campus to bloom each year. They are preceded in bloom by only the Cornelian cherry (yellow blooms, a few near the Little Library) and followed quickly by the Star Magnolia and the Saucer Magnolia. These four trees species are part of a campus “forest” that includes more than 14,000 trees representing nearly 600 unique species. These trees are a valuable infrastructure system for our campus providing many key benefits that support our operations while also providing beauty . This living infrastructure is managed and maintained by the arboriculture team within **UK Grounds**.



The College of Communication and Information recently took the time to have yard signs created to express their gratitude for the **custodial team** caring for their facility. So often we only hear back when something goes wrong, so it is always a breath of fresh air when we get positive feedback from the academic units we support on a daily basis. We are so grateful for ALL of our FM staff and the work you do for this campus.



Last week **Bedia Collins, UK Grounds Supervisor**, received her Certified Grounds Manager credentials from the Professional Grounds Management Society. Her notification arrived with this note from the PGMS, “it is with tremendous pride that we inform you that your Professional Grounds Manager Evaluation portfolio was outstanding, and as such, you have achieved the PGMS Certified Grounds Manager certification.” **Congratulations Bedia!**

