

Good Evening Everyone,

I'm Teena Riddell, Housekeeping Team Leader here at Berea, I grew up in Pike County Kentucky, being from Eastern Ky. I had heard of Berea College and appreciated what the college did for kids like myself from Eastern Kentucky. I moved to Richmond Kentucky right out of high school, met my husband and started a family.

I started working at the college in April 2009. If you had asked me then "what does Berea mean to me?" I would have simply said "I work there". Now Berea means so much more, I have met so many amazing people through students, faculty, staff, President and first lady Roelofs. I feel very blessed to work with such amazing, caring people (my work family).

We have 18 housekeeping staff across campus, we have around 250 labor students each semester we couldn't do everything we do without them. When students graduate it is bitter sweet, we feel very fortunate to have gotten to know them and be a part of their success and know they are moving on to bigger and better things, but it's also sad to see them go. The housekeeping staff does an amazing job! They sure make my job easier.

Don't get me wrong, we have challenges every year, but we get through them. This year has been a huge challenge with the corona virus, but we will get through this challenge as well. I worked in healthcare for 15 years before coming to Berea, actually we have several housekeepers with healthcare back grounds. We have blood-borne pathogen training, how to properly disinfect for viruses and bacteria, along with proper PPE training, for housekeeping staff and labor students. Housekeeping has been using our new sanitizing equipment, we've purchased to disinfect classrooms after each class, common areas such as restrooms, sitting areas, stair wells anything that could possibly have been touched. We have made several videos before the semester started, you can find them on our Facilities Management TMA (work order website) we want to keep Berea as safe as possible, so please do your part by wearing your mask, social distancing, and lots of hand washing.

Thank you all so very much!