

We inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees.

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Robert Jones, Chancellor University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 601 East John Street Champaign, IL 61820 APR 1 6 2018
CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

Dear Chancellor Jones,

On behalf of the Arbor Day Foundations, I write to congratulate University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for achieving recognition as a 2017 Tree Campus USA. Tree Campus USA, a national program launched in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation, honors colleges and universities and their leaders for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation.

To obtain this distinction, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign met the five core standards for an effective campus forest management including, establishment of a tree advisory committee, evidence of a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and the sponsorship of student service-learning projects. Your entire campus community should be proud of your sustained commitment to environmental stewardship.

If ever there was a time for trees, now is that time. Worldwide we are facing issues with air quality, water resources, personal health and well-being, and energy use. By earning Tree Campus USA recognition, your campus has shown its commitment to protecting and preserving its valuable tree resources and will reap their benefits for generations of students to come.

Again, we celebrate your diligence in improving the environment and quality of life at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Thank you for contributing to a healthier planet for all of us.

Best regards,

Dan Lambe President