



September 9, 2021

Robert Jones, Chancellor
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
601 E. John Street
Champaign, IL 61820

Dear Chancellor Jones,

On behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation, I write to congratulate University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for achieving recognition as a 2020 Tree Campus Higher Education institution. Tree Campus Higher Education, 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 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 this work and the leadership of Morgan White and the committee.

The Tree Campus family of recognition programs includes Tree Campus K–12 and Tree Campus Healthcare – programs built on the legacy that began with Tree Campus Higher Education. There may be healthcare institutions and K–12 schools in your community that will look to your leadership in trees as they pursue a similar recognition. We hope your example inspires collaboration.

Over the past year, many have been reminded of the importance of nature to our physical and mental health. Your campus trees provide spaces of refuge and reflection to students, staff, faculty, and the community. Thank you for your contribution to this work.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DLambe".

Dan Lambe
President