



Arbor Day Foundation™

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

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Matt Gart
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Dear Matt Gart,

Congratulations! Virginia Tech has achieved Tree Campus USA™ status for 2010—an accomplishment that assures your students and administration greater opportunities than they may yet realize!

The Tree Campus USA program is an initiative that sprang from a partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation and Toyota Motor North America, Inc., to foster the development of the next generation of tree stewards. The program is designed to award national recognition to college campuses and the leaders of their surrounding communities for promoting healthy urban forest management and engaging the campus community in environmental stewardship.

As you already know, trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in campus landscaping, providing environmental and economical benefits. Trees in urban areas, and especially on campuses, reduce the heat island effect caused by pavement and buildings. Leaves filter the air we breathe by removing dust and other particles. Properly placed trees create a welcoming environment that makes students, administration, and alumni want to be a part of the campus.

In honor of being recertified as a Tree Campus USA, you will receive a recognition package that will be mailed to you by your state coordinator. If there is anything else we can provide for you, please contact us at 888-448-7337.

Again, we celebrate your diligence in improving the quality of life for the students and administration of Virginia Tech and thank you for creating a healthier, more sustainable world for us all.

Best regards,

John Rosenow
Chief Executive

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