

July 27, 2020

E. Joseph Savoie, President
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
104 E. University Circle
Lafayette, LA 70503

Dear President Savoie,

On behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation, I write to congratulate University of Louisiana at Lafayette for achieving recognition as a 2019 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 Louisiana at Lafayette 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.

Earlier this year, we announced a name change of the Tree Campus USA program, which will be called Tree Campus Higher Education in 2020 and beyond. This change unifies the Tree Campus family of recognition programs, which now includes Tree Campus K–12 and Tree Campus Healthcare – new programs built on the legacy that began with Tree Campus Higher Education. In establishing these networks, our commitment is to unite the leaders who manage trees and green initiatives within these anchor institutions, unlocking new collaboration opportunities.

Again, we celebrate your diligence in improving the environment and quality of life at University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 2019. We know that 2020 has brought unprecedented challenges – but you have shown that your commitment to trees is unwavering. Now more than ever, thank you for contributing to a healthier planet for all of us.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DLambe', written in a cursive style.

Dan Lambe
President