DSU Named as Tree Campus USA

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Delaware State University's observance of Arbor Day included being honored with a new distinction – it has been named a "Tree Campus USA."

As part of the state observance of Arbor Day, Gov. Jack Markell and a local youth plant a new American Holly tree -- the official state tree -- outside of the MLK Jr. Student Center.

DSU hosted Gov. Jack Markell's annual observance of Arbor Day on May 3 in the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center, where the governor announced the honor to DSU.

The Tree Campus USA designation goes to schools that have an implemented plan for tree care that is supported by school allocations, an established Campus Tree Advisory Committee, related education outreach, as well as an annual observance of Arbor Day.

While being among 148 schools in the country to have the Tree Campus USA designation, DSU is the only school in Delaware with that title and is currently the only Historically Black College or University in the nation to be recognized as such.

DSU main campus in Dover currently has hundreds of trees that are represented by 130 different species.

DSU President Harry L. Williams commended the University's Herbarium staff for their work in identifying the species of trees on our campus.

"That work led Dr. Susan Yost, who is the Herbarium educator, to create the Campus Tree Walk and the DSU Tree Map in 2006 on campus," Dr. Williams said. "The tour – given about seven to eight times a year – gives our students and the public an opportunity to learn more about the different species of trees and other plants on campus."

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