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Dr. Kyle Marrero, President
The University of West Georgia
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Dear Tree Campus USA supporter,

Congratulations on The University of West Georgia earning 2014 Tree Campus USA recognition. Tree Campus USA, a national program launched in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation and Toyota, 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, The University of West Georgia met the five core standards for effective campus forest management: a tree advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and student service-learning project. Your entire campus community should be proud of your sustained commitment to environmental stewardship.

As you know, trees are a vital component of campus infrastructure and landscaping. First, properly-placed trees create a welcoming space for students, staff and alumni, providing much-needed relief from heat and a quiet place to reflect or study. Second, trees keep our air and water clean and remove harmful pollutants. Third, trees save money by reducing energy use and improving stormwater management. 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, congratulations! Your diligence in improving the environment and quality of life at The University of West Georgia contributes to a healthier planet for all of us.

Best regards,


Dan Lambe
President