

Governor Markell Celebrates Arbor Day

Photo #1: Delaware Arbor Day celebration: Delaware State University (DSU) is now the first Tree Campus USA in Delaware and the only historically black college or university in the United States that is currently certified by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Less than 150 colleges and universities nationwide have achieved Tree Campus USA certification. On hand to mark the occasion are: (from left to right): Dr. Alton Thompson, DSU provost and vice president of Academic Affairs; Dr. Arthur Tucker, research professor; Dr. Susan Yost, herbarium educator; DSU President Harry L. Williams; Gov. Jack Markell; Dr. Sathya Elavarthi, assistant professor of agriculture; and Michael A. Valenti, Delaware State Forester.

At Delaware's official state Arbor Day celebration held at Delaware State University on May 3, Governor Jack Markell honored the schoolchildren who won this year's annual Arbor Day School Poster Contest sponsored by the Delaware Forest Service. The 2012 theme was "Trees are terrific... from acorn to oak!"

Over 100 Delaware schools participated in the contest this year and winners received a U.S. savings bond, a book about trees, and a professionally framed canvas rendering of their artwork.






Kindergarten
from Kent
County
Aurora
Krause

Photo #2: Governor Markell congratulated Aurora Krause, a student from McIlvaine Early Childhood Center in Magnolia whose poster was named the winner in the Kent County kindergarten category.

Photo #3: Seth Flaherty, a student from W.B. Simpson Elementary in Camden-Wyoming, receives congratulations from Governor Markell for his winning poster in the Kent County Grades 1-2 category.

Photo #4: Corinne Gumpman, who attends W.B. Simpson Elementary in Camden-Wyoming, was recognized by Governor Markell for her winning poster in the Kent County Grades 3-4 category.

Photo #5: Governor Markell offers congratulations to Shannon Glew from Holy Cross Elementary School in Dover, whose poster won the Kent County Grade 5 category in the annual Arbor Day Poster Contest.

 Grades 3-4 Winner from Kent County Corinne Gumpman	 Grades 1-2 from Kent County Seth Flaherty	 Shannon Glew of Holy Cross
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