

University Forester Named Arborist of the Year

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Austin—Larry Maginnis, Urban Forester for the University of Texas at Austin, was named the 2008 Arborist of the Year by the Texas Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture and the Texas Forest Service. Maginnis was honored on September 25, 2008, at the Texas Tree Conference as part of the Texas Community Forestry Awards Program. Maginnis was recognized for his leadership, commitment, and innovation as well as community outreach and sustainability.

Recently, his efforts resulted in the university earning the Tree Campus USA accreditation from the Arbor Day Foundation and as one of seven institutions selected for the Foundation's Campus Tree Tour program. As part of this program, Maginnis will oversee the planting of more than 70 trees on the university campus on October 30 in an event sponsored by the Foundation.

Last year, the university earned the Texas Community Forestry Gold Leaf Award for tree relocations that preserved several large oak trees. Maginnis assisted in the relocation project. Maginnis was also responsible for creating an inventory of the more than 4,000 trees on the university campus and Longhorn ReLeaf, a student based outreach program dedicated to planting trees on campus.

The Texas Community Forestry Awards Program is sponsored by the Texas Forest Service and the Texas Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture.

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