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## ACM OBSERVES ARBOR DAY WITH MAJOR CAMPUS TREE PLANTING



Allegheny College of Maryland observed Arbor Day with a celebration that featured a professional forester's observations about Maryland's historic trees and their role in shaping forest conservation in the state. Francis "Champ" Zumbrun, who managed Green Ridge State Forest in his career with the Maryland Forest Service, gave an appreciation of Maryland's Liberty Tree and Wye Oak in a talk titled "Forests for the Future." Two offspring of that grand white oak were planted on campus for Arbor Day as were 15 trees in a variety of species from the Tree-Mendous Maryland program. Becky Wilson, urban and community forestry coordinator with the Forest Service's Western Region, and Adam Miller, a forester with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, are shown planting one of these, a sweet gum, near the Science Building. Following their demonstration of proper tree-planting methods, they and other volunteers, chiefly forestry and green science students, planted the 16 other trees at various spots throughout the campus. ACM's designation as a Tree Campus USA college by the Arbor Day Foundation for a fourth year was also announced as part of the celebration. ACM is the only community college in Maryland with that distinction.