



## **SPRING EVENTS INTRODUCE STUDENTS TO CAREERS IN URBAN TREE CARE**

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Two student events held in March and April resulted in more than 80 students and faculty from 15 colleges and a high school hearing urban tree care professionals discuss their expertise at actual field sites. These programs also resulted in 50 new student members spread over six ISA chapters.

The Illinois and Indiana chapters helped sponsor the Midwest Urban Tree Care Forum in the Chicago area, March 30-31. The program included tours at the Morton Arboretum (plants of China, ecological parking lot, and Children's Garden) as well as tree care at a zoo, an art museum, and a park built over a parking garage. Tree preservation during construction, plant health care across a landscape, an operational work place, utility line clearance, and municipal forestry at Downers Grove were also presented. The service project focused on tree care activities at Cantigny Park.

The Pacific Northwest Chapter hosted the Student Arboriculture Expo in Portland, Oregon, April 13-14. The program included plant health care, commercial propagation of landscape trees, utility arboriculture, municipal tree inventory data collection, large tree pruning, pruning techniques, and hazard tree assessment. For a service project the students established plants at a Native American school. While the chapters take the lead role in supporting these events, student registration fees, corporate sponsors, and special project funds from ISA are all important for making the events happen. Each chapter has a student champion. If you'd like to see student events in your area please let me know and we'll pass your comments along. If similar events were sprinkled around the chapters students could get a glimpse of what it would be like to live and work in a particular region or country.