

## CELEBRATING EARTH DAY WITH A TREE PLANTING

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**R**ivier held a tree planting in April as part of its annual Earth Day celebrations. Faculty, staff, and students gathered for the planting of a Legacy Sugar Maple in honor of the University's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the Chapel Quad near Madeleine Hall.



Led by Grounds Manager **Ryan McCaughey**, the planting is a step towards receiving Tree Campus USA designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree Campus Higher Education program was founded in 2008 to provide a framework for colleges and universities to grow their green spaces, achieve national recognition, and create a campus their students and staff are proud of. The organization recognizes that trees and green spaces are an integral part of the college experience. They make campuses more livable, healthy, and beautiful, benefiting students and the environment as a whole.

“This tree planting is a reminder that the Earth is our common home to be cultivated through conservation, stewardship, and a recognition that creation is a gift of the Creator,” said **Sister Paula Marie Buley, IHM, President**.

The tree planting was followed by an Earth Day Fair where students shared environmental projects with the campus community. ■