KEVIN NOE

It was just over five years ago that my dream of starting the World Leaders Forum became a reality, and it has been thrilling to see this dream come to life and make a significant impact in the Judson University community, Fox River Valley and beyond. Just this year the World Leaders Forum was honored to receive the Elgin Image Award because of the impact that it has made in the Elgin community. We have had more than 50 area businesses sponsor the World Leaders Forum event, and we are truly thankful for their continued support. Because of their support we have been able to bring in world leaders who continue to set the bar high, and attendees have given overwhelmingly positive feedback every year.

We are very proud of our accomplishments with the World Leaders Forum event, but the purpose of the World Leaders Forum is much more than just putting on an event each year. The mission and vision of this event is to inspire change, create a lasting legacy and invest in tomorrow’s leaders. This past year we launched the World Leaders Forum Scholar Program. The program invests time, money and resources into the five Judson University students who are selected to receive this scholarship because of their leadership qualities including entrepreneurship, creativity and faith.

Exciting things are happening this year! We are about to launch the inaugural World Leaders Forum Inspirational Series in October 2015 with Nick Vujicic, founder of Life Without Limbs. I am confident that this event will bring just as much success as the World Leaders Forum and has the potential to bring new sponsors that are interested in a different quality of speaker. Later this year, we will also announce specific plans concerning the Entrepreneurship Program!

It is my privilege to serve as the president of World Leaders Forum, Inc., and I assure you that we will continue to strive for excellence in our events and in our endeavors to support and mentor entrepreneurs and our Judson University students.

Best,

Dr. Kevin Noe ’79
President, World Leaders Forum, Inc.
OUR FOUNDATION

The World Leaders Forum began in 2011, with the goal of bringing a world renowned speaker to the Judson Campus, to give students a chance to hear an inspiring message, take an active interest in the framework of leadership, understand how leaders develop, and even ask questions and seek advice from someone who has made a global impact on our world. The goal of the Forum is to provide a world-class learning opportunity for the Judson University community and the communities we serve in the Fox River Valley to include our hometown of Elgin. The proceeds from the Forum support the development of an entrepreneurial studies program and scholarships for Judson students to include the World Leaders Forum Scholars scholarships. This is one of the most prestigious scholarships that a Judson University student can receive, and only five students have the honor of receiving it every year.

Over the past four years the World Leaders Forum, which has welcomed world-renowned leaders such as Felipe Calderón, Condoleezza Rice, Tony Blair, Mikhail Gorbachev, and George W. Bush to campus since it began in 2011, has raised nearly $500,000, with half of this used to establish an endowment for an entrepreneurial studies program and the other half going toward student scholarships.

The Entrepreneurial Studies Program

Judson's School of Leadership and Professional Studies launched its accredited MBA program in 2013. As a first step in creating a distinct entrepreneurial program, Judson is offering an entrepreneurial certificate program as part of the MBA program. The university is also researching development of a distinctive entrepreneurial program within the higher education sector that does not duplicate its existing programs. In addition to developing an undergraduate minor or a major in the Business program, Judson is developing an entrepreneurial focus across other disciplines.
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STUDENT SCHOLARS

2014-2015 Scholars

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Psychology
Round Lake, Ill.

Dora Perez
Pre-medicine
Clinton, Md.

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Fort Collins, Colo

Kendall Getzinger
Graphic Design
Grayslake, Ill.

Hannah Kyle
Elementary Education
Mahomet, Ill.

World Leaders Forum Student Scholars

The World Leaders Forum Scholarship was established with funds raised from the university's annual World Leaders Forum. This is the most prestigious scholarship that a Judson University student can receive; only five recipients will be chosen for the honor each year. In order to be eligible, a student must show attributes of creativity, entrepreneurship, leadership, innovation, mission and faith. They must also be in good academic standing, maintaining a 2.75 cumulative GPA or higher. Additionally, student scholars agree to be an ambassador for the annual event.

Along with the financial aid package, student scholars will have access to unique opportunities for the purpose of cultivating their aptitude for leadership. Students will receive a sponsored ticket to the annual World Leaders Forum Event, and they will interview for the World Leaders Forum Internship position during their sophomore, junior and senior years at Judson. Student scholars will also be invited to the Presidential World Leaders Forum Scholar Dinner in Chicago, an exclusive dinner with Judson's president and a renowned business leader.
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Budget Summary

EXPENSES

- General Operations: $84,800
- WLF Inspirational Series Event: $82,000
- WLF Event: $207,500

NET REVENUE

- 2011: $86,671.06
- 2012: $193,863.31
- 2013: $145,664.82
- 2014: $85,547.31
- 2015: $91,871.22
INSPIRATIONAL SERIES

Judson University is proud to present the World Leaders Forum Inspirational Series, an offshoot of the ongoing World Leaders Forum events! This new series brings a world leader to the Judson campus with the intent to inspire and motivate all who attend. All proceeds are donated to the Entrepreneurship Program and are put towards educating tomorrow’s leaders.

Nick Vujicic | October 12, 2015 at 6:45 P.M.

Nick Vujicic, of Melbourne, Australia, faces life each day without ever using hands, arms, legs, or feet. That is because he was born without any limbs. Yet maneuvering around with severe disabilities has done little to deter him from living a “ridiculously good” life and encouraging others to do the same. Now, the 32-year-old husband and dad travels the world over as a successful motivational speaker and New York Times best-selling author, telling people to hold on to their dreams, their hopes, and to Jesus Christ.

Who We Are

Judson University is a fully accredited, Christian university of the liberal arts, sciences and professions.

Judson is home to over 1,200 students from 30 states and 25 countries. We offer degrees in more than 60 different majors/minors and graduate programs that include Master of Architecture, Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership, Master of Business Administration, Master of Leadership in Ministry, Master of Education in Literacy and Doctor of Education in Literacy.

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