

# RTSE

CELEBRATING JUDSON UNIVERSITY'S RISE PROGRAM

## HOMECOMING

On Friday of Homecoming week we had an Alumni panel composed of students from two graduated cohorts. They shared their experiences with current RISE students. Parents, current students, and alumni enjoyed a picnic on Saturday alongside friends, RISE staff, current advisors, and alumni advisors. All who joined the Homecoming picnic enjoyed celebrating the 5 year anniversary of the RISE Program.



## POLICE ACADEMY

Every first Wednesday of the month our students engage with the Elgin Police Department in a workshop session with Judson Alum Officer Chad Benavidez, regarding various capacities of the Elgin Police Department and law enforcement in general. In one particular session, Officer Chad invited other members from the EPD to come and give information about their perspective departments in the EPD. A student favorite was Chance, the EPD's Community Therapy Dog. We look forward to our continued partnership with EPD in the semesters to come.



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# INTERNSHIP FEATURE



For our students to be successful in the workplace, there needs to be a strive for independence. That is exactly what Katie Schachelmayer (Class of '23) demonstrates in her two internships. Katie interns at Habitat for Humanity Elgin Restore and at Light of Christ Church helping out in their AV department. Katie's confidence has grown at Elgin Restore and effectively communicates with her supervisor on what her next tasks should be after she completes the previous tasks. At Light of Christ Church, according to one of our advisors "She did a good job of thinking on her feet when one of the microphones produced feedback, she calmly adjusted the audio volume and fixed the issue on her own". Confidence is a big part of independence and it is a trait we hope all our students continue to grow in. Way to go Katie for demonstrating all you are learning!

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Students in the RISE program started their Special Olympic Basketball season with an away game on November 5th, but they played their first Special Olympic Basketball home game on November 15th. The RISE team won their first Special Olympics Basketball home game, but they were not alone in celebrating their victory. The RISE team was surrounded by Judson eagles who came to watch and support the RISE team.



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