



Friends
of Judson

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2023

Back to School!



It may still feel like summer outside, but students are all moved in, classes have started, and football season has begun. Friends of Judson were excited to welcome new students and meet parents at Judson's Welcome Weekend. We shared the mission of FOJ and even had some parents sign up as new members. We look forward to blessing students throughout the year.

Coming up...



Harvest of Souls

Join us on **October 9** for our Fall Luncheon.

We look forward to hearing from Jon and Amanda Good, who serve the Lord through evangelism, discipleship, education, and church planting in Hungary.



Reservations are \$20
See Enclosed Invitation



"...lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest." John 4:35b



Monthly Meetings

Join us on the 2nd Monday of each month throughout the academic year as we gather to hear inspiring devotions, a student or faculty guest speaker, committee reports, university updates, and receive prayer requests from students and faculty. If you live in the area, you are welcome and encouraged to attend. We meet at 9:00 a.m. in Lindner Tower on Judson's Campus. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know others in the community who care about being a blessing to Judson students and raising scholarship funds. If you're unable to join us in person, please pray that the Lord would guide, unify, and bless our efforts and that He would provide the fruit from our labors.

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What we've been up to



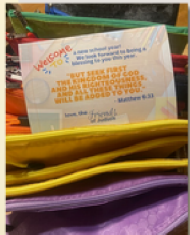
Our annual *Garage Sale* was another huge success. We raised over \$3,500 in scholarship funds! It's never too early to start setting things aside for next May. Donating clothes, collectibles, and household items is an easy way to help support students.

RISE Students

We ended last year with a morning of decorating sun catchers with these special students. Just as suncatchers reflect the sun, we heard a devotion about reflecting God's glory and



enjoyed singing songs together. In August, RISE students returned to find a special gift from Friends of Judson waiting for them in their rooms. We look forward to welcoming returning RISE students and meeting students who are new to the program.



Spring Luncheon

On April 3, we gathered for a lovely and delicious luncheon and had the privilege of hearing Maria Borrero, the Community Outreach Specialist for the Elgin Police Department. She helped us learn how to identify and avoid fraud and informed us about additional programs and assistance offered by the city.



Appreciation Breakfast

Our May meeting included a special breakfast, hosted by the University, in appreciation for all that we do all year long. It was a wonderful time to reflect on all the fun had and funds raised over the past year.



Spring Flower Sales

Since 2020, FOJ has partnered with Living Color Fundraisers to offer flowers, succulents, herbs, flats, and hanging plants in the Spring, and beautiful poinsettias and amaryllis each December. Flowers were delivered just before Mother's Day, and interest increases as friends and family see these gorgeous plants that further our mission.

Scholarship Recipients

THIS is what it is all about! Four very special guests joined us for our Spring Luncheon. **Kristen Gallagher, Ryan Schaefer (RISE student), Joshua Abraham, and Mia Salas** were each awarded a scholarship from Friends of Judson. We work hard all year to make it possible to present deserving students with additional funds.



Upcoming Events

September 11 Monthly Meeting - This will be our first meeting of the year! Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Reed Room on the first floor of Lindner Tower.

September 18 Cookie Bake - It has become a SWEET tradition for FOJ to welcome students back to campus each Fall with a giant, homemade cookie! We will gather on Monday, September 18, at 9:00 at Chapelstreet Church of Geneva to bake hundreds of cookies. We plan to distribute the cookies as students leave Chapel on the following Wednesday. The smiles are worth it! Consider joining us this year.

September 29-30 HOMECOMING WEEKEND

October 9 Fall Luncheon Please see the enclosed invitation and make your reservation today. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce friends and prospective members to Friends of Judson. Reservations are \$20.

October 20 Founders' Day Chapel & Luncheon

November 13 FOJ Meeting

November 20 or 21 Christmas Decorating - Each year FOJ has the special responsibility of decorating Herrick Chapel and the Administration Building. As this date is confirmed, please mark your calendar and join us as we deck the halls of Judson!

December 2 Christmas Concert & FOJ's Craft & Bake Sale - Each year, FOJ takes advantage of the festive concert held on campus and hosts a bake sale and a craft sale to help fund student mission trips. It's not too early to start making crafts to sell!

Hugs from Home & RaiseRight Giftcards

FOJ continues to offer these opportunities year-round as a way to encourage students and raise funds. Consider ordering a gift card or sending a Hug and spread the word!

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Membership Matters

LIFE MEMBERS - We appreciate your long-time support of Friends of Judson. As you no longer pay dues each year, please consider making a donation to the Endowed Scholarship Fund or the Annual Scholarship Fund. Your continued generosity goes directly to the university for student scholarships. Thank you for considering a contribution in this way.

We need your help..

UNKNOWN ADDRESSES - As time passes, we lose contact with some of our Life Members. If you have contact information for any of the following members, please contact Cathy Zange, our membership chair: **Bette Bagnall, Ina Carpenter, Catherine Davis, Betty Hoover, Betty Jackson, Fusako & Yoshio Mori, and Elna West.**



Welcome

NEW MEMBERS

Pedro Garcia

Lynn Long

Susan Michalak

Christina Haaf

Schelli Sanders

Julie Schmidt

Monica Shipley

Paulette Marks

We offer condolences to the family of **Carol White**. Carol was a long time FOJ member. She moved to Colorado last year and she passed away in May.

Renew Today

Please take time to complete and return the enclosed form. Be sure to check the areas in which you would like to help the organization this coming year. From baking cookies, to crafting, and Hugs from Home to Christmas decorating, there are so many opportunities to use your unique gifts and interest to help FOJ!

Cathy Zange, Membership Chair

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Directory

We print a new directory each year. In addition to including helpful member contact information, we include the FOJ Bylaws, policies, procedures, and committee descriptions. It is our hope that this information will be helpful to you in answering questions and using as a reference throughout the year. You will also find various local advertisers. Consider visiting and supporting these local businesses, as they share a common interest in Judson!