



FRIENDS OF
JUDSON
UNIVERSITY

Spring Newsletter 2025

Spring is here, and we've got lots to share! In this newsletter, you'll get a glimpse of what Friends of Judson has been up to—blessing students, awarding scholarships, and building community support for Judson. Plus, we'll fill you in on what's coming next—exciting things you won't want to miss! None of this would be possible without you, and we're so grateful for your continued support all year long.



The FOJ Garage Sale is our **BIGGEST** fundraiser all year! This year, the dates have changed. Mark your calendars and spread the word that the sale will still be held at First Baptist Church in Elgin. We will set up the floor on the evening of May 27.

Drop Off: May 28
Set Up: May 29
Sale Dates: May 30 & 31

Don't throw out those old books, clothes, or household items! Donate them to the FOJ annual garage sale!

"You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace"

~Isaiah 55:12

FOJ SPRING LUNCHEON

You're
invited

Grow in Gratitude

Monday, April 14, 2025

(see the enclosed invitation)

Come hear Dr. Rob Currie,
professor of psychology
at Judson University and
author of *Hunger Winter*.



What we've been up to...

FOJ knows the best way to start off the academic year and to welcome students back to campus - **WITH COOKIES!** We gathered on September 16 to bake cookies and got to see the smiles and greet students as we passed them out on the following Wednesday.



The semester rolled on with our Fall Luncheon and Craft Sale on October 14, where we not only enjoyed good company and creativity but also reflected on something deeper. Hearing the story of Judson University's beginnings reminded us why our work matters and the lasting legacy we're helping to shape.



Cookies & Christmas

Each year, Friends of Judson has the joy of decorating the chapel and administration building for Christmas, bringing warmth and festive cheer to students during the holiday season. It's our privilege to create a space where they can celebrate, reflect, and feel at home during this special time of year.

Join us this coming November, the week of Thanksgiving!

We also gathered with RISE students to decorate Christmas cookies on December 6. This has become a beloved tradition.

December 7 we hosted our Craft and Bake Sale in conjunction with the Christmas Choir Concert. All proceeds from this sale support student Global Outreach Trips.



THINK living color fundraiser SPRING

FOJ is partnering once again with Living Color Fundraisers to sell colorful bowls, baskets, flats, and succulents. This year there's also something NEW! Check out the new Petunia Firefly that glows in the dark! Place your order with **Mary Schroeder** today at (630) 248-9340 or oblio78@aol.com no later than April 8. Spread the word!



Scholarships

Hear from two of our scholarship recipients...

"Because of your generosity, I have experienced many amazing opportunities. All these achievements have made me the person I am now and will continue to be. I feel prepared to step into a classroom as a teacher! Thank you again for being part of my journey at Judson University. You are a blessing and in my prayers!"

--- Mia Salas

Elementary Education Major, Class of 2025


"I deeply appreciate your generosity and care for this school. You have not only helped me pursue my education but also helped my family by limiting some of the obstacles that come with pursuing a college education – and for that, I am incredibly grateful. I have such a great community, passion, and education – all of which would not have been possible without you and your help!"

--- Sofi Melton

Christian Ministries Major, Class of 2025

This year's recipients will be announced at our Spring Luncheon!





ALL MEMBERS are invited to the monthly meetings
of FOJ and encouraged to invite friends.

Come see what we do and why we need YOU! We meet on the

2nd Monday September - June @ 9 a.m.

in the Reed Room in Lindner Tower

(except for luncheons in October & April).

If you are unable to attend in person, contact Pat Reed at
pmreed0802@yahoo.com for a link to join via Zoom. We
would love to have you join us in person or online!

Welcome to our **NEW MEMBERS:** Miriam Conner, Donna Danielson, Cheryl Hanson,
Karen Hilton, Tammie McQueary, Stephanie Piper

Deceased Members

Romelia Adams, Muriel Dickerson,
Marlene Shales, Janie Nelson, and
Paulette Marks



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MEMBERSHIP

THANK YOU for supporting Friends of Judson through your membership each year!

The 2025-2026 FOJ membership dues are due by July 1st.

Please take a moment to renew your membership NOW and not in the Fall.

Use the enclosed membership form and mail your check to:

Cathy Zange

11885 Mohican Drive

Algonquin, IL 60102



Please be sure to complete the back of the form to include
the areas in which you would like to participate throughout the year!

