



JUDSON UNIVERSITY

WORLD
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FORUM

2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT



A LETTER FROM THE BOARD



For the seventh year, the World Leaders Forum has continued to positively impact the Judson family and the surrounding community. Attendees have enjoyed the opportunity to hear from incredible speakers in the past. Thanks to our community sponsors, the World Leaders Forum will continue to uphold that excellence moving into the future.

This past April, we successfully introduced a new concept for our Keynote event. We were blessed to have two fantastic speakers, former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and former Governor of Vermont Howard Dean. These two gentlemen gave us an interesting bipartisan discussion on leadership in divided times. It was the first of its kind for the World Leaders Forum and a huge success. I am very excited for what 2018 has in store for us!

Last October, the World Leaders Forum continued with the third Inspirational Series by hosting Jim Munroe, founder of Maze Magic. Jim gave a touching testimony of his journey to faith after nearly dying from leukemia. He was saved by a stranger, a last-minute bone marrow donor. That influenced his decision that there must be “something bigger going on behind the scenes.” Jim was able to provide us with an amazing story followed by an exciting finale of mind-blowing illusions! Be The Match – the National Bone Marrow Registry Organization - was on-site to enlist donors.

In April, the World Leaders Forum announced a new partnership with Foster Progress. This initiative will allow students who age out of the foster care system the opportunity to attend Judson University on scholarship. We are also proud to announce that the first class of Judson Leadership Scholars graduated in May 2018. I am so thankful for the many sponsors and donors that support the World Leaders Forum and invest in both the Judson Leadership Scholars and the new foster care initiatives. I cannot wait to see what the future has in store for all of these students.

It is my honor to serve as the Chair of the World Leaders Forum, and I can assure you that we will continue to strive for excellence as an organization as we encourage and promote our students to strive for excellence in their own endeavors as well.

Sincerely,

Terri Greeno

Terri Greeno
Chair, World Leaders Forum



OUR VISION AND MISSION

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 World Leaders Forum is to provide a worldclass 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 World Leaders Forum support scholarships to include the Judson Leadership Scholars program, innovative entrepreneurial activities and on-going operations. Over the past seven years the World Leaders Forum has raised over \$2.7 million.

The Entrepreneurial Studies Program

Judson's School of Business and Professional Studies launched its accredited MBA program in 2013. As a step in creating a distinct entrepreneurial program, Judson is now offering an entrepreneurial certificate that can accompany any traditional undergraduate degree. The university is also researching development of a distinctive entrepreneurial program within the higher education sector that does not duplicate its existing programs.



Foster Progress

In April 2018, Judson University announced a partnership with Foster Progress. Proceeds from the World Leaders Forum will also benefit the higher education of youth in foster care by providing programs and educational opportunities.

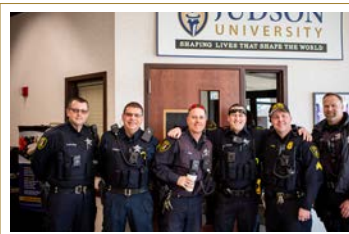
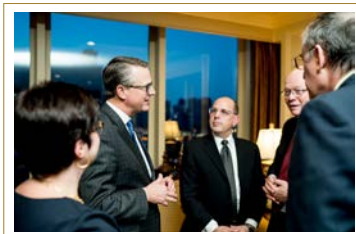
WHO WE ARE

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



2018 PHOTOS

FEATURING NEWT GINGRICH AND HOWARD DEAN





FINANCIALS

2017-2018 BUDGET SUMMARY

EXPENSES

General Operations & WLF Event..... \$210,801
 WLF Inspirational Series Event..... \$33,247

TOTAL REVENUE TO DATE

\$2,730,498

TOTAL EXPENSES TO DATE

\$2,085,637

2017 JUDSON LEADERSHIP SCHOLAR DINNER



Sixteen Judson Leadership Scholars were able to benefit from the funds raised from the World Leaders Forum this past year. Students attended an exclusive dinner with the Judson President and Bob Rupczynski – Corporate Vice President, Global Media, CRM, Digital Merchandising. The guest list included Judson Trustees, World Leaders Forum Board members and distinguished Judson alumni.

NEWT GINGRICH AND HOWARD DEAN AT THE 2018 WORLD LEADERS FORUM

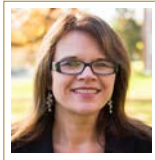


On April 19, Judson University hosted the World Leaders Forum featuring a “bipartisan discussion about leadership in divided times.” This event marks the first time that former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and Former Governor of Vermont Howard Dean have shared the stage since 2011. It is also the first time that two people have keynoted the World Leaders Forum since its inception eight years ago.

Judson University selected Dean and Gingrich to showcase how two national political leaders with opposing viewpoints can respectfully disagree in a productive way. At the event, the two spoke about topics such as partisan attacks, election reform, federal debt, congressional term limits, and hopes for America’s future.

ABOUT US

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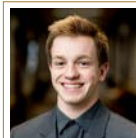
STUDENT SCHOLARS

Judson Leadership Scholars

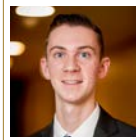
The Judson Leadership Scholarship was established with funds raised from the university's annual World Leaders Forum. This is the most prestigious scholarship that a Judson University student can receive; a limited number of recipients will be chosen for the honor each year. In order to be eligible, 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 have an opportunity to 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 Judson Leadership Scholar Dinner in Chicago, an exclusive dinner with Judson's president and a renowned business leader.

2017-2018 SCHOLARS



Lucas Schorr
Christian Ministry
Mundelein, IL



Maxwell Starcevich
Architecture
Shorewood, IL

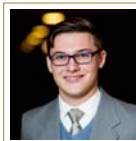


Aiden Stevens
Architecture
U.S. Virgin Islands



Bryan Tripp
Music Business and
Entrepreneurship
Chatham, IL

2016-2017 SCHOLARS



James Fleshman
English Literature
Alexandria, VA



Lindsey Mellema
Worship Arts
Grand Rapids, MI



Jarod Pletcher
Architecture
Lancaster, PA



INSPIRATIONAL SERIES

Judson University is proud to present the World Leaders Forum Inspirational Series, an offshoot of the ongoing World Leaders Forum events! This series brings an inspirational speaker to the Judson campus with the intent to inspire and motivate all who attend. All proceeds are put towards educating tomorrow's leaders.

JIM MUNROE | OCTOBER 9, 2017



Renowned author, magician, and cancer survivor Jim Munroe filled the room with laughter, tears, and amazement at Judson University's third annual World Leaders Forum Inspirational Series held in Herrick Chapel. In 2009, Munroe was one of the most sought-after magicians in the world, known for his bewildering acts of illusion that left audiences yearning for more. After receiving a harrowing leukemia diagnosis and being given only months to live, Munroe beat the odds thanks to a lifesaving bone marrow donation from a young Wisconsin woman.

MARY LOU RETTON | OCTOBER 10, 2016



Olympic gold medalist Mary Lou Retton has been retired from gymnastics for more than 30 years, but Chicagoland learned why her message continues to inspire decades later. Capturing hearts with her zest for a joyful life, she spoke to an audience of 300 people at Judson University as part of the World Leaders Forum Inspirational Series. Retton also answered questions from Judson students and other audience members. The topics included her 1984 gold medal experience, her story of overcoming obstacles and adversity, the role of faith in sports, the importance of maintaining a positive attitude, and advice for young athletes.

NICK VUJICIC | OCTOBER 12, 2015



Nick Vujicic, who was born in Melbourne, Australia, with the rare disorder Tetra-amelia syndrome (characterized by the absence of all limbs), was the first person to keynote Judson's World Leaders Forum Inspirational Series. During Vujicic's 45-minute presentation, he spoke of embracing God's love and finding hope and redemption even amid hardship and despair. Among the dignitaries in attendance were Hollywood character actor Doug Jones and film director Josh Weigel. Vujicic's presentation encouraged the crowd. Later that night, he took time out to attend an on-campus VIP event, where participants got the opportunity to take photos with him and receive a signed copy of one of his books.

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