



*Friends*  
of Judson

# NEWSLETTER

*Fall 2024*

## *A Welcome from our New President*

Greetings Friends of Judson members,

I hope you have met Fall of 2024 rich in mind and Spirit. If I have not had the pleasure of meeting you yet, I am the new FOJ President, Donna Hall. I am also an Inventory Manager of a food pantry in Palatine, IL serving 120 families a week. More importantly, I am a proud parent of a Judson senior. My daughter, Lauren, is an Architecture Major, member of the Civic Orchestra, a JU Choir member and accompanist, producer for JU Chapel, and serves as stage manager for the Judson Theater. My husband Jon, and our son Nathan, round out our family residing in Schaumburg. Nathan is a junior studying Film and Business at Calvin University, and a FAA Certified Drone pilot.

I have been a FOJ member since 2021, gluten-free cookie baker and Student Cookie distribution team member since 2022, and the Christmas Decorations Chair since 2023. My FOJ goal for this year is to create avenues for more visibility to the student body and faculty, establish more social media visibility for parents, and to lay the groundwork for more interaction with local entities interested in supporting the Judson community. FOJ has rich traditions in supporting the Judson community. By God's grace, I intend to support that in ways that maintain a viable, pertinent group of supporters. I would be honored to hear from you. Please feel free to call, email, or text me. As you read through this year's directory, please know that I have left prayers at the foot of the cross for all those listed within.

May you feel God's presence with you, and His Spirit bless you this season.

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*"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thess. 5:16-18*

This year, we want to spend time in prayer at each meeting for the student body and to let them know we have prayed over them. If there's nothing else we can do for this generation, we can pray for them. Yet we know it is the **BEST** thing we can do for them! Won't you join us to pray for them at each meeting? We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Reed Room in Lindner Tower throughout the academic year and hear inspiring devotions, a student or faculty guest speaker, committee reports, university updates, and spend time in prayer. If you live in the area, you are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Our priority of prayer this year has already begun! A group of FOJ members gathered in the center of campus on August 13 to pray for the student body, faculty, and staff. Prayer cards were placed on each dorm room door.



Flyers were also placed on the bulletin boards of each dorm hall floor. Not only do we hope to familiarize students with FOJ, but also give them a way to contact us and share prayer requests throughout the year.



FOJ continued raising scholarship funds through another successful Spring Plant fundraiser. **THANK YOU** to those who helped to sort and distribute flowers and plants!



The first weekend in May was our Annual Garage Sale. It's never too early to start saving goods to sell! We are always looking for more volunteers to help make this sale a success.



Ladies gathered on April 8 for our Spring Luncheon. Our Spring and Fall Luncheons are a wonderful opportunities to introduce friends to Friends of Judson. **Our Fall Luncheon and Craft Sale will be Monday, October 14.** See the enclosed invitation and make your reservation today.





## Scholarship Recipients

We work hard all year to make it possible to present deserving students with additional funds for their education. This past year we were able to give a check to the university for over \$12,000. Our scholarship recipients for the 2024-2025 school year are:

Veronica Costa, Senior in Architecture

Susana Flores, Senior in Christian Ministries

Briana Gibson, RISE Year 2 Student pursuing Creative Arts

Sofia Melton, Senior in Christian Ministries

Nicholette Rojas, Junior in Christian Ministries

Mia Salas, Senior in Education

## Upcoming Events

**September 9 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 16 Cookie Bake** - This is a sweet tradition you won't want to miss! We will gather on Monday, September 16, at 8:30 at Chapelstreet Church of Geneva to bake hundreds of cookies to bless students. We plan to distribute the cookies as students leave Chapel on the following Wednesday, Sept. 18. Consider joining us this year.

**October 4-5 HOMECOMING WEEKEND**

**October 14 Fall Luncheon** - Invite a friend!

**October 25 Founders' Day Chapel & Luncheon**

**November 11 FOJ Monthly Meeting**

**November 26 Christmas Decorating** - Each year FOJ has the special responsibility of decorating Herrick Chapel and the Administration Building. Come deck the halls with us!

**December 6 RISE Students Christmas Cookie Decorating Event**

**December 7 Christmas Concert/Craft & Bake Sale**

**December 14 Fall Commencement**

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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 could use 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: **Catherine Davis, Betty Hoover, Betty Jackson, and Fusako & Yoshio Mori**



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## Renewals

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!

## 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!

**FOJ is on  
social media!**

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if you don't already!

