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# BEYOND TOLERANCE

## Diversity and Inclusion, Both Matter at Judson



My formal educational background is as an architect and cultural anthropologist. My Christian background and experiences have been as an African American Southern Baptist and as a “preacher’s kid” who grew up in the South during the Civil Rights era. Apparently as God has planned it, all my previous experiences have prepared me for my current role at Judson University as the Chief Diversity Officer.

Since arriving here 12 years ago from Atlanta, Ga., as the new Architecture Department chair, I have heard about “the Judson Bubble.” But, over the last decade, I have witnessed a change in the cultural demographics of the University and a deepening of the commitment to diversity and inclusion. It is a commitment that goes

beyond one of tolerance to one that desires to reflect the Kingdom of God.

In 2004, our Hispanic student population was at 5 percent, our Black or African American student population was at 3.5 percent, our Asian student population was at 1 percent. In 2017, these numbers have dramatically increased.

In 2018, our Hispanic student population is 21 percent, the Black or African American student population at 10 percent, the Asian student population is at 2 percent. The Judson Bubble has expanded; but, how are we embracing these diverse populations? How are we including their uniqueness at Judson? What initiatives and tools are we developing to include them in our community?

In this issue, you will read stories about Judson’s approach to diversity, such as our goals to recruit and increase the retention and graduation rates of our under-represented populations through the “You Can Afford It” program and the start of the new RISE Program. These stories come from our students, staff, faculty and alumni.

Finally, in our chapel series this past fall, students studied 1 John and found out what the Apostle John meant by being a part of a family. 1 John 4: 19- 21 reads: “We love because He first loved us. If anyone says, I love God, yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And He has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.”

This is the essence of diversity and inclusion at Judson University.

Inclusiveness involves being intentional in being open to others who are different than we are. It involves reaching out, removing barriers and creating an environment in which all students, staff and faculty can achieve their full potential. It also involves creating an environment free from micro-aggressions in a culturally cognizant and sensitive community. This is also one of the purposes for the creation of the Office of Diversity and Spiritual Development, which I oversee at Judson University. Please stop by and visit me. The Office of Diversity and Spiritual Development is in the Harm A. Weber Center, Room 325.

Dr. Curtis Sartor

*Associate Vice President of Diversity and Spiritual Development*

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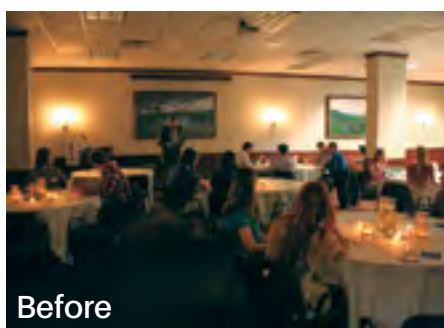
## ON THE COVER

Judson alumni speak candidly about coming to campus and experiencing varying degrees of diversity and inclusion.





## CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS



Before



After

## Reed Room Gets Update

In August 2017, the Eagle Lounge in Lindner Tower was renamed the Reed Room. The multi-use space also received new paint and flooring as well as upgrades to the AV provided in the space.

## 'The Caf' Gets a New Look and Name



During the summer of 2017, the Judson Dining Hall received a completely new look, design and layout. The renovations included new chairs, tables, flooring, and food stations. A major fundraising effort successfully helped to raise the remaining \$50,000 needed to complete the multi-month project. At Founders' Day 2017, Robert Lindner, who made the renovations possible, was honored. During the festivities, his late wife Betty Lindner was posthumously honored with the unveiling of "Betty's Kitchen." The dining hall servery was named after Betty Lindner, who had been a longtime Judson trustee and for whom the Betty Lindner Campus Commons are named.





## Rockford Campus

In late July 2017, renovations to the new Rockford Campus space were completed and a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the SwedishAmerican Riverfront YMCA in Rockford, Ill. Judson's adult students now have access to new classroom facilities as well as a place to exercise, get child care during class time and pick up a bite to eat at the Subway located in the same building.



## Judson Honors Lynn Hammerlund

Friends, family and alumni honored Lynn Hammerlund through dedicating a plaque in the Benjamin P. Browne Library in recognition of her 33 years of service to Judson and a new endowed fund to benefit the library that has been named in her honor. The dedication was held in January 2017 in recognition of the many roles she played at Judson. In addition to her role as catalog librarian, Lynn was an associate professor. She taught Faith and Learning I and II in Judson's traditional and adult undergraduate liberal arts program and was instrumental in helping to write and update coursework for the classes.

She also served on the General Education Committee; she scored basketball games; she worked as a faculty sponsor of Alpha Lambda Delta; she led discussions following some of the Reel Conversations films; made presentations in chapel; took voice lessons and participated in Judson recitals; and she appeared in at least two theater productions, including "Fiddler on the Roof" and "Godspell." Lynn passed away in May 2016 after a long illness. Thank you to the many donors who made the plaque and new endowment possible as a way to remember a dear friend of Judson.

## Judson University Pays Tribute to Jack Shales



Judson University mourned the passing of longtime friend and supporter John S. "Jack" Shales of Elgin, Ill. Shales died at age 87 following a brief illness in January 2018. A celebration of his life was held in Herrick Chapel on February 24.

Shales was well known in the Elgin community for being a strong supporter of local programs and agencies and being a generous philanthropist and businessman. He began his business career with Illinois Hydraulic Construction Company in Elgin, where he worked for 27 years. In 1983, he became a founding partner with Jerry Seagren in Seagren/Shales, Inc. In 2001, he and his sons joined with John McNutt in establishing Shales McNutt Construction, a construction firm that continues to bear his name.

His partnership with Judson spans more than 50 years. Shales served as a Board of Trustee member for 14 years and as a Trustee Emeritus for nine. He served on the Business Affairs Committee and as Secretary of the Board. He received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from Judson in 2004. And, he and his wife Marlene were awarded the D. Ray Wilson Volunteer Service Award in 2009. Moreover, Shales was always a fierce fundraiser for the university and involved with its numerous construction projects, including the Creekside South building, the renovation of Lindner Tower and the construction of the Harm A. Weber Academic Center.





# HOME COMING HIGHLIGHTS



HOME COMING  
STUDENT DANCE



DISTINGUISHED  
ALUMNUS AWARD



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JESSE WHITE  
TUMBLERS

Homecoming 2017 showcased Judson flair! The three-day extravaganza included dynamic speakers, great music, class reunions and connections with family and friends. It began with Thursday's Network Night event that featured a presentation by David Plummer, the executive producer of the WCIU-TV show, *The Jam TV Show*. Plummer, who attended Judson from 1995 to 1998, is an Emmy Award-winning producer, writer and director.

Illustrator and artist Shawn Finley '91 (pictured above, top right) and Assistant Attorney General of Virginia Braden Curtis '98 received Distinguished Alumnus Awards. The university recognized Dr. David Rendall '95 (pictured middle row, right), an author and sought-after speaker, with the Alumnus of the Year Award. And, for the first time, two families received the new Family Legacy Award, including the Carter and Hitch families. The Hitch crew also provided music.

Homecoming participants witnessed amazing flips and jumps by the Jesse White Tumblers, a story-and-music time with alums Dr. Steve Layne '87, Michelle Hill '97 and Scott Liebenow '95, numerous alumni athletic games and varsity soccer matches.

There was also time to honor Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame inductees including (pictured middle row, left): Wilson Neto '05, Sara (Brendemuehl '07) Luck, Amanda (Rohrsen '07) Boscaljon and Steve Kimery '69-72.



## Judson University's Choir European Tour

After much planning and fundraising, the 40-member Judson University Choir embarked on a 13-day tour to Europe in May 2018, ministering in towns and provinces throughout Hungary, Croatia, Slovenia, Austria, Germany, Belgium and France. The musical ensemble traveled with Choir Director Dr. Warren Anderson and Artist-in-Residence Huntley Brown. They were joined mid-trip by Judson President Dr. Gene Crume and wife, Cindy, as well as by Judson Trustee Dennis Demoss and his wife, JoAnn.

## Seniors Win Judson's Shark Tank Competition



Creighton North '18 of Ferrisburg, Vt., and Ryan Faulkner '18 of Montrose, Pa. (pictured far-left), won the \$1,000 first-place prize and the \$100 Fan Favorite prize for their "Earbuddi" idea during the November 2017 Judson Shark Tank event. The "Earbuddi" is a storage device for earbuds. One side of it adheres to a cellphone and can hold an iPhone adaptor. When the storage lid is closed, earphone cords can be wrapped around it for easy storage. There were five competitor groups in all. Juniors Sarah Kay of Barrington Hills, Ill., and Jean-Marc Plantin (pictured far-right) of Brockton, Mass., won second and third-place honors respectively. Participants not pictured were Kenjrick Watson and Jaqueline Sosa.

## Andrew Kennedy named 2017 Student Laureate



New Biochemistry/Premedical graduate Andrew Kennedy '18 was honored in November 2017 as Judson's Student Laureate of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois. Every fall, an outstanding senior from each of the four-year, degree-granting institutions of higher learning in Illinois is awarded the Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement

Award and becomes a Student Laureate of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois. Student Laureates are honored for their leadership and service in curricular and extracurricular activities.

Andrew was joined by Judson President Dr. Gene Crume and his parents, John '80 and Marjorie (Franke '85) Kennedy. They all attended a special ceremony held in the Hall of Representatives at the Old State Capitol in Springfield, Ill., where Andrew was presented with the Lincoln Academy Student Laureate Medallion, a certificate of achievement, and the Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Award in the amount of \$1,000.

As a senior, Kennedy was in the Honors Program and earned Dean's List honors throughout his time at Judson. He spearheaded initiatives to build community within the Department of Science and Mathematics, volunteering to be the student liaison to faculty, organizing departmental meetings each semester and a yearly barbeque social. He also worked as a volunteer with the World Leaders Forum and was a member of student government. In fact, as head of Student Advocacy for JSO, he traveled to Springfield, Ill., to lobby for bipartisan passage of a bill to distribute MAP grant monies.

He has planned and served on Global Outreach trips to Belize, and recently had research on Angelman Syndrome published in the *Journal of Student Research*.

## Leadership Team Changes



**Devlin Donaldson '79** resigned as Senior Vice President of External Relations to serve as CEO of VisionTrust International, a child development ministry based in Colorado Springs, Colo. Devlin joined Judson in 2015 after serving on the Board of Trustees.



**Kristen Egan** was promoted to Vice President for Advancement beginning June 1. As a new member of the Leadership Team, she will lead Advancement, Alumni, World Leaders Forum and special event functions.

Kristen joined Judson in July 2016 as Associate Vice President for Development. In that time, she has worked on building donor relationships and capacity for the university.



**Hasi Smith** was named Judson's Chief Operating Officer, effective June 1, with Information Technology, Campus Safety, Campus Post Office and Plant Operations under her portfolio. Hasi joined the Judson community in February 2016 as the Vice President for Information Systems.





## A New Look at Baptist History During Founders' Day

Judson's 2017 Founders' Day celebration gave a contemplative look at missional work that happened even before our namesake Adoniram Judson's ministry to Burma.

Founders' Day events began with a Spiritual Council Diversity Reunion Breakfast that brought members of the local ministry community to campus to fellowship. The breakfast was followed by a Founders' Day chapel that included a processional of faculty, songs by the choir, prayers and a chapel message entitled, "A Special Hug from Heaven: Jamaica's Hero and the First Baptist Missionary to the World," brought by Dr. Doreen Morrison.

Dr. Morrison is an ordained Baptist minister, author and historical theologian. Born in Birmingham, England, she received her Master of Divinity degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Doctorate in Theology from the University of Birmingham (England). She has been trained as a clinical chaplain and spent time as a managing chaplain, probation officer and prison chaplain. Yet, her heart has been to help Caribbean youth imprisoned in England.

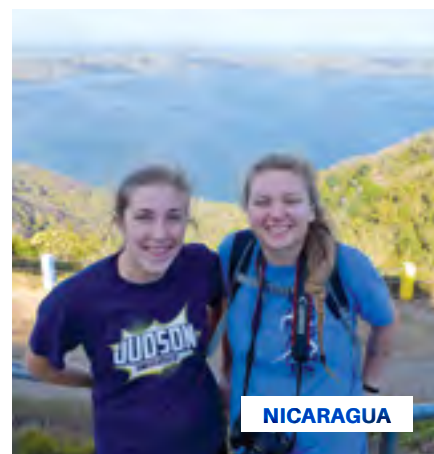
During her presentation, Dr. Morrison introduced the ministry work of George Liele, the first African American Baptist minister and a pioneer of Baptist work in Jamaica. Dr. Morrison also shares her historic findings with the world in her book, "Slavery's Heroes: George Liele and the Ethiopian Baptists of Jamaica 1783-1865" (2014).



**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**



**BELIZE**



**NICARAGUA**



**NICARAGUA**



**PERU**



**UKRAINE**

## SHARING GOD'S LOVE ABROAD

Dozens of Judson students, staff and faculty embarked on different Global Outreach trips during and right after the school year. Some traveled to Belize, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic during Spring Break, helping Global Ministry partners abroad with various ministerial tasks. Post-term, groups left for Peru and Ukraine to help with construction and cleaning projects as well as engaging in relational ministry with university students and hosting various outreach events. More than 50 people traveled in all.





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# CAMPUS LIFE - LIVING THE JUDSON DREAM



Students attending Judson's annual Taste of Judson event feasted on international fare prepared by our international students, and they danced and fellowshiped together.



Students enjoyed paint balling, volleyball and more at the JSO Glow Party!



Ajay Ninan graduated with a degree in architecture and was one of 236 students celebrating graduation on May 5.



Students take their talents to the stage at the annual Judson's Got Talent competition.



Canceled classes meant a day of ice hockey on Volkman Pond.



For the second year in a row, Judson welcomed Supreme Court advocate and religious liberties attorney Jay Sekulow to campus to commemorate Constitution Day. Here, he poses with Judson's Leadership Scholars.



# Every Day is a Great Day to be a Judson Eagle!



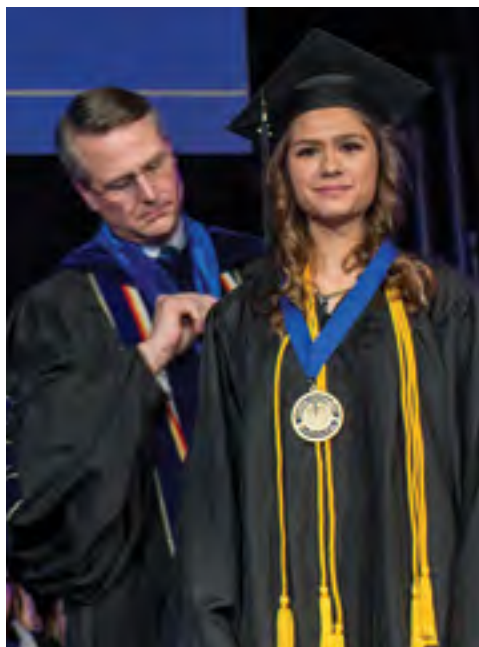
**"Everybody Loves Opal" cast members are all smiles following four days of performances of this sweet comedy.**



**Art and Design seniors presented their final projects in the Draewell Gallery.**



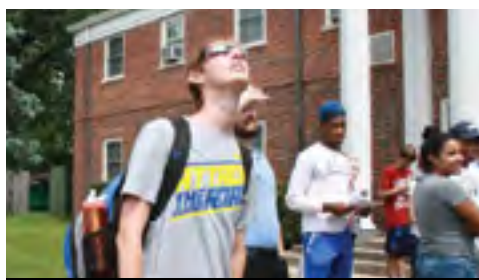
**The Architecture Program celebrated its 20th anniversary in September.**



**Faith Gazdzicki, receives the President's Scholar Award for her academic achievements during the December 2017 commencement.**



**At the World Leaders Forum Inspirational Series in October, magician and cancer survivor Jim Munroe shared his story that ends happily thanks to the bone marrow donor, Jennell Jenney, who saved his life.**



**The Science and Mathematics Department hosted a Solar Eclipse viewing in August.**



**Honors Program students presented projects during Student Research Day in April.**



**Award-winning Hollywood actor Doug Jones (center) delivered the keynote address and received an honorary doctorate degree at the spring commencement ceremony.**

## FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



**Jhennifer Amundson, Ph.D., Associate Provost of Faculty, Professor, Architecture**, has completed her first year serving Judson as Associate Provost for Faculty. Maintaining ties to her academic discipline, in April, she presented the paper, "Principles of Purity and America's First Maternity Hospitals," at the annual meeting of the Society of Architectural Historians.



**Amy Greene, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Chemistry, and Biochemistry** and Psychology junior Trevor Butler were awarded a summer research fellowship at the Nebraska Nanoscale Facility in Lincoln, Neb. They will spend June and July doing biochemistry research on an environmentally important single-celled organism, *Vorticella convallaria*, in the lab of their collaborator Dr. Sangjin Ryu (engineering department). The position comes with a generous stipend for both Dr. Greene and Butler, research funds and free student housing for Butler.



**Craig Kaplowitz, Ph.D., Chair, History and Intercultural Studies, Director, The Honors Program**, published two articles this winter. "An Unexpected Legacy: Richard Nixon and Policies for the Spanish-Speaking," in the *Journal of American Studies of Turkey* (2017), explores the role of the Nixon Administration in developing civil rights protections for Latinos. "Helping with the 'How': A Role for Honors in Civic Education" published in the *Journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council* (Fall/Winter 2017), considers the opportunity to connect disciplinary specialties to ways of helping students become more responsible and effective citizens. He also led a faculty development workshop at Judson on honors pedagogy, titled "New Adventures in Hi-Fi: Lessons from the Honors International Faculty Institute," and moderated/presented at two sessions on "Developing in Honors" at the National Collegiate Honors Council annual meeting. He just completed his first year as faculty moderator.



**Sharon Kim, Ph.D., Professor, English, Chair, English Department**, served as guest editor for the peer-reviewed journal, *The Edith Wharton Review*, organizing a special issue on Edith Wharton and Religion, Spring 2018. She also presented a paper, "Post-Traumatic Healing in Zelda Fitzgerald's *Caesar's Things*," at the 2018 American Literature Association conference in San Francisco.



**Eric F. Mason, Ph.D., Julius R. Mantey Chair of Biblical Studies**, completed his sixth and final year as Regional Coordinator for the Midwest Region Society of Biblical Literature at the group's February 2018 meeting, where he was also named the region's Vice President (and president-elect) for 2019-2020. He is now editor of the journal *Biblical Research*. The first issue of his tenure is a thematic volume titled "Faith and Faithfulness in Hebrews and the Catholic Epistles." Mason organized this collection and contributed the chapter titled "Now Faith Is: Faith and Faithfulness in the Epistle to the Hebrews." His 2005 journal article titled "The Epistle (Not Necessarily) to the Hebrews: A Call to Renunciation of Judaism or Encouragement to Christian Commitment?" was recently reprinted in *The Letter to the Hebrews: Critical Readings* (edited by Scott D. Mackie; London: T&T Clark, 2018).



**Amber Randolph, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, Assistant Professor, Chair, Clinical Mental Health Counseling**, was elected president-elect for the Association for Adult Development and Aging, a division of the American Counseling Association, beginning July 2018. She also presented on "Integrating Spirituality and Religion into Counseling Older Adults" at the (peer-reviewed) American Counseling Association national conference in April 2018.



**Curtis Sartor, Ph.D., Associate Vice President of Diversity and Spiritual Development, Professor, Architecture**, was an invited speaker and presented at the regional ACI (Associated Colleges of Illinois) Fall Conference held Nov. 3, 2017, at Morningstar in Chicago, Ill. The session was titled "Environmental and Spatial Microaggressions in the Built Environment." The presentation discussed a deeper level of microaggressions that were first implemented during the Segregation Era of American society and still exists today at an unconscious level in the built environment. The concept of "separate but equal" was first introduced during the early 1900s and mitigated during the Civil Rights Era. The concept systematically impacted the quality of service, materials and planning in educational institutions, restaurants, housing and other facilities. Historical examples such as separate entrances, bathrooms, and other spaces to the more contemporary examples of transgender spaces to the proposed "great wall" separating Mexico and the U.S. were discussed.



**Joyce Shotick, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Business, and Michelle Kilbourne, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Business Department Chair**, presented at the Midwest Business Administration Association (MBAA International) on April 26, 2018, in Chicago. Their poster presentation was entitled, "Engaging GenZ: A New Cohort of College Students," in which they discussed the characteristics of this generation and their specific learning styles. Based on the current literature regarding this generation, marketers and business educators are testing new products and teaching practices to attract GenZ students and enhance their learning and retention. The presentation focused on different methods of teaching. For example, rather than lecturing, faculty can involve students by incorporating digital content acquisition and then serving as advisors in the use and application of the information.



**Jim Stahr, MAcc, MBA, CPA, Associate Professor, Business**, was the sole presenter for a "Judges workshop" that spanned two days in Chicago in fall 2017. The workshop was conducted for Nigerian Federal Justices. Session topics related to United States Federal Tax Law. The outline covered Structure of Tax Law, Formation, and Adjudication. Stahr engaged them with some real (and unusual) court cases.



**A. Gillian Stewart-Wells, Ph.D., Professor, Graduate Programs in Literacy Education**, presented the following session at the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities International Forum in Galveston, Texas, on Feb. 2, 2018, "Hated on Both Sides of the Aisle: Overcoming the Tension Between Christian Foundation and Present-Day Social Advocacy."



**Kristen Stombres '79, M. Ed., Associate Professor, Education**, was a featured speaker at the Ohio Middle Level Association on Nov. 2, 2017, in Columbus, Ohio. The presentation title was "Putting Your Gears in Motion to Find a New Normal with Autism Spectrum Disorders." Stombres was the keynote speaker at the Illini and Vermillion Valley Reading Councils winter workshop held on Feb. 5, 2018, at the University of Illinois. The evening's topic was entitled, "Autism Spectrum Disorders...What Every Teacher Must Know!"



## Faculty Farewells



**Mark A. Torgerson, Ph.D., Professor, Chair, Worship Arts**, published a book review of *Lone Star Steeples: Historic Places of Worship in Texas* by Pixie Christiansen (Texas A & M Press, 2016) appeared in the spring 2018 edition of the *Great Plains Review*. He is completing a feature article on the church design career of Minnesotan architect Edward A. Sövik for the journal *Faith and Form*. The Sövik article appeared in the June 2018 edition of the journal. Dr. Torgerson has also been invited to be a review critic for the book *Architecture and Theology: The Art of Place* by Murray A. Rae (Baylor University Press, 2017). He will be featured at "Author Meets Critics: Murray A. Rae's *Architecture and Theology*" for the Space, Place, and Religion Unit at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion in November in Denver.



From the Rochester Institute of Technology's Comics Monograph Series, **Terrence Wandtke, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Art and Design**, has a new volume entitled *The Comics Scare Returns: The Resurgence of Horror Comic Books*. In the recently published *Working-Class Comic Book Heroes: Class Conflict and Populist Politics in Comics*, he has a chapter article entitled "The Working-Class PI (AKA Jessica Jones): Alias as a Narrative of Quiet Desperation." At the 2018 Popular Culture Association Conference in Indianapolis, he presented a paper entitled "The Pleasure Principle of Comics Magazines Beyond Regulation: Black and White and Red All Over in Creepy and Eerie."



### Dr. Amy Greene

Assistant Professor of Chemistry Dr. Amy Greene resigned from Judson and accepted a full-time position in Chemistry at Albright University in Reading, Penn., which is closer to her family.



### Dr. David Ogoli

Architecture Professor David Ogoli has resigned from Judson to continue his professional work in architecture full time. He has taught at Judson since 2001 in areas of design with climate, thermal comfort, energy-efficiency, architectural lighting and architectural acoustics. For the last two years he has served as chair of the Architecture Department.



### Dr. Rachel Shannon

Dr. Rachel Shannon joined the Judson faculty in 2004, and for the last 14 years she has taught numerous subjects, including Human Sexuality, Interpersonal Relationships, Abnormal Psychology, Child Advocacy, Basic Helping Skills and Leadership, among others.

Dr. Shannon will continue to build her private counseling practice in Schaumburg, Ill., and serve as an adjunct instructor in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program.



### Dr. Robert Wallace

Dr. Robert E. Wallace has resigned as Biblical and Theological professor to become the Senior Pastor at McLean Baptist Church in McLean, Va. Dr. Wallace joined the Judson faculty in 2010. He received his B.A. from William Carey College and his Ph.D. from Baylor University. Dr. Wallace teaches in the area of Old Testament with an interest in the Psalms. In 2013, he began teaching his Old Testament class in a flipped classroom format, which relied on filming his lectures and using technology to engage students in active learning. His efforts resulted in success with students and several opportunities to describe his teaching techniques at seminars and conferences.

## Professor Pat Hargis Named Professor Emeritus



Alumnus Pat Hargis '77 began his career at Judson in 1987. Over the course of 31 years, he has taught a dozen different Writing and Literature classes, ranging from basic Expository Writing and research-based courses to Advanced Essay and Literature courses.

Having spent more than three decades coaching students in grammar basics, first as an assistant professor and more recently as an associate professor and interim English Department chair, Hargis completed his last semester this spring. He now assumes the title of Professor Emeritus.

In addition to his love for words and all things grammatical, Hargis is a passionate musician. This singer-songwriter and guitarist released his debut CD, "Memories of Jesus," in 2016.



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## Let's Invite Everyone to Dance at Judson



Dr. Teri Stein  
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As a Human Resources professional and an educator/consultant specializing in Organizational Leadership, Human Resource Development and Diversity for almost three decades, I was both honored and profoundly touched to share my thoughts regarding diversity and inclusion in today's business and educational environment.

I believe that the practice of diversity in both the business and educational communities have recently undergone a major paradigm shift. In its infancy, diversity was viewed as successful if a dedicated percentage of jobs or student acceptances were offered to minorities. However, we have now moved into a more impactful and transformational stage of diversity, which we call "inclusion."

So what does inclusion mean in reality? Through my research, I have determined that the practice of inclusion requires us to do more than simply recruit a diverse workforce or student population. Inclusion requires us to better understand how we can empower diverse people to thrive once they arrive on our campuses and at our businesses. Think of it like this: **"Diversity is being invited to the party, inclusion is being asked to dance."**

What do diversity and inclusion look like for an African American born and raised in the South?

I have been fortunate to have worked for many organizations throughout my business career, which allowed me to witness the difference between organizations that focus on diversity metrics versus those that focus on inclusive diversity best practices. Some researchers suggest that focusing on educating individuals about inclusive diversity can be a challenging and oftentimes exhausting task.

Quite the contrary, I am of the opinion that attempting to address, identify, solve and improve issues of race and inclusion does not have to be a daunting task. Over the last 10 years, I have had the honor of mentoring, executive coaching, teaching and hosting students from many parts of the

world. To date, I have hosted students from the Dominican Republic, Mexico, South Korea, China and Chicago (South Side). Each experience has been uniquely rewarding, educational and life-changing as well as providing me an opportunity to experience what it really means to be inclusive beyond academic theory.

So back to the statement **"Diversity is being invited to the party, inclusion is being asked to dance."**

What does "inviting someone to dance" look like in my home? At my home, our non-African American guests are expected to maintain their full identity and share their culture with us. We reciprocate by sharing our African American culture with them. When Hoalin, my most recent student from China came to live with my family two years ago, he was surprised to see that we used chop sticks every day at dinner, shopped at the local Asian markets and were eager to learn his language. Additionally, I am learning how to speak the Chinese language and how to cook a number of authentic Chinese dishes, which were handed down to Haolin from his grandfather. In return, Hoalin is currently reading a book by Fredrick Douglas, enjoying American cuisine and has many questions about the Christian faith. As you can see, the practice of inclusion as a host parent has been educational for the both of us.

With regards to inclusion and Judson University, I cannot say enough about the inclusion/diversity initiatives that have been implemented to encourage everyone to dance. Faculty, staff and students are participating in numerous initiatives designed to educate, appreciate and challenge issues related to diversity/inclusion. I extend special thanks to the Office of Diversity and Spiritual Development, the Internal/External Advisory Council and Diversity Reading groups, led by Dr. Curtis Sartor, and to the Courageous Conversations series led by faculty and staff!

In addition, as part of my international research at Judson, I did my second speaking engagement in May at the 12th Annual World Academy Women's Symposium held at Sias International University in Zhengzhou, China. God is forever working in my life, and this experience will allow me to interact with women from around the world and learn about their workplace and employment practices as well as share how such practices work in the United States.

Praise be to God!



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# FUELING THE POWER OF UNITY

"That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in Me and I am in You.  
May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me." **John 17:21**

**By Dr. Darryl T. Jenkins**  
Judson University Trustee

What do you think are the most important principles in unity? There are so many opinions on this, but most agree that the most important principle of building a culture of unity is love. Many have a love for sports, business, teaching students, volunteering time, service or sharing resources to improve the quality of life for people. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "We must discover the power of love, the redemptive power of love, and when we do that, we will make of this old world a new world."

We live in a rapidly changing world and, at times, a highly volatile culture. Jesus reminded His disciples that they would indeed always live in the world, but challenged them not to be just like the world (John 17:15-16). He teaches one of the most important principles or ingredients in unity – love. "The world will know we are disciples by our love" (John 13:35). Universities, companies, organizations, associations and yes, students, faculty and staff, exert unity in and through the power of love. St. Paul encouraged the same principle in his letter to the church of Corinth (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:13-26); in which Paul says, every member of the body works in concert with the other.

Over the past months, Judson Diversity and Spiritual Development Councils (led by Dr. Curtis Sartor) have assembled faculty and staff to focus on a unified approach for advocacy across the campus to better care for students. There have been group discussions and times for sharing in spaces created to intentionally engage participants in candid, and substantive conversations. This has helped to build stronger leaders and vibrant relationships as effective ambassadors for Christ.

Bryan Loritts (pictured top middle with Bible), author of *Right Color, Wrong Culture: The Type of Leader Your Organization Needs to Become Multiethnic*, sparked further interest during his February 2018 campus visit. Loritts was one of three presenters, including Ebele Onyema (pictured top right) and Dr. Daniel Hill (pictured top left), during the Beyond Colorblind chapel series. Using Hosea 3:1-5 as his text, Loritts directed attention to the most important ingredient in unity, love. From God's perspective, he said, love is the chief of all virtues. Loritts wasn't

speaking of romantic love, but the love God commands us to imitate – His own. According to Loritts, it's the kind of love that "will cause us to come out of our ethnic zip codes ... to love all people and hang out with the Gomers of the world in order to live in God's eclectic community." This continues to be the goal of the Diversity and Spiritual Council.

The series that also included Ebele Onyema and Dr. Daniel Hill helped everyone to embrace the gospel of unity. The centrality of these themes underscores Judson's affirmation that "diversity is a Biblical value embraced and celebrated by God and His people." As Chris Lash, director of University Ministries said during a spring chapel service, "We believe at Judson, that through a relationship with Christ, we can push into difficult and vital conversations for the good of our communities and personal relationships."

Such sentiments have been widely expressed in our popular culture more recently, too. In the words of the Presiding Bishop of the American Episcopal Church, the Rev. Michael Curry who preached at the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle earlier this spring: "Let us love one another because love is of God and those who love are born of God and know God, those who do not love do not know God. Why? For God is love. There's power in love."

By design, God draws to Himself faculty, teachers, students, contractors, caregivers, leaders and others, to be part of the unique group of people He calls His Church. While there are differences in beliefs, talents, norms, socio-political views, and more, there is power in seeking to understand and experience the strength and power of unity in being brought together in Jesus' name.

This is the power of unity, fueled by love to reach higher levels of vibrancy and vitality!

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## RISE PROGRAM

### A REFLECTION OF GOD'S COMMUNITY

By Kathryn Lambert

I'm so proud of the Judson community. In fact, I brag about you on a regular basis. When people ask me what I do for a living, I have the privilege of telling them about the RISE (Road to Independent Living, Spiritual Formation and Employment) Program, which provides students with intellectual disabilities the college life experience. I love it when someone follows up with the question, "So, how do the other students and faculty feel about the program?" It's great for me to be able to honestly respond that the Judson community loves and supports our students. Not only that, but I can say, with great joy and confidence, that RISE has made Judson a more complete reflection of the diversity of God's community.

I like to think of Judson as the city on the hill that Jesus spoke about at the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:14-15: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house."

I think God is utterly delighted observing Judson community builders, who believe the best of one another, who serve and accept each other even in our messy, imperfect condition.

We believe in diversity and embracing one another. Webster's Dictionary defines these two words as follows: Diversity is the condition of having or being composed of differing elements; variety; especially: the inclusion of different types of people (such as people of different races or cultures) in a group or organization.

Embrace (definition No. 4 in Webster's) to take in or include as a part, item, or element of a more inclusive whole.

Eureka! These are the words that capture the heart of the RISE Program and what our students are experiencing at Judson.

Our community is more diverse with the RISE students. In fact, people have told me that our students have changed the Judson community for the better. RISE students have impacted so many people with their joy and desire to be fully engaged on our campus. Not only that, but traditional student advisors have a unique opportunity to serve and learn from individuals with intellectual disabilities.

The Judson community has totally embraced the RISE students. I say this A LOT, and I apologize if you are tired of hearing me say it – but I have to say it! When I observe the RISE students in the cafeteria, hanging out with traditional students, or hear a faculty member say "Hello!" to one of the RISE students, or receive an email from a staff person expressing their delight with how a RISE student is growing in his internship, I just have to smile.

Do you know how amazing you are, Judson community? You are the city on the hill for the RISE Program. My prayer is that we would continue to demonstrate that we are the light of the world and that the Judson community cannot be hidden.

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*Kathy Lambert was named director of the RISE Program in August 2016. The first cohort of students began during the 2017-2018 school year. RISE is currently recruiting students for its second class, which will begin this fall.*

## BUILDING EXCELLENCE ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

By Gineen Vargas '07

Judson University, in compliance with The American Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, strives to be an inclusive campus and makes every effort to provide qualifying students, based on needs and expert recommendations, with reasonable accommodations to ensure individual academic excellence.

The Student Success Center, in partnership with faculty and staff, was created as a resource for prospective students, traditional students and their families to make certain that every student is equipped with the right tools through reasonable accommodations to succeed. The Student Success Center also provides informational workshops for faculty and staff.

Academic accommodations are designed to provide equal access and inclusion within the learning experience for a student. All accommodation requests are reviewed by the Student Success Center's ADA/504 Compliance coordinator. Documentation from a licensed clinician must also be included with any request.

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The U.S. Department of Education reports that 11 percent of students have disabilities in postsecondary institutions. Ten percent of Judson students in all programs have disclosed a disability.

If you have any questions or would like an informational meeting to discuss accommodations or compliance matters, feel free to reach out to Judson's ADA/504 Compliance Coordinator Gineen Vargas, in the Student Success Center, by email at [gineen.vargas@judsonu.edu](mailto:gineen.vargas@judsonu.edu).



# EMBRACING DIVERSITY

Our experiences are as individual as God created them to be. Yet, when we connect, we complete a community that is enriched by our unique voices, talents, cultures and traditions.

We're thankful that at Judson there is room for everyone, and the welcome mat is spread wide to celebrate, validate and encourage each student.

Recently, we reached out to a diverse pool of alumni and asked them to share memories of their Judson years and wishes for Judson in the future.





# SIVY BIENERT '15

## SURROUNDED BY A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT

By Stephanie Kleczynski '17

Sivy Bienert is a proud stay-at-home-mom, author and entrepreneur, who graduated from Judson in 2015 with a degree in Intercultural Leadership.

Sivy was born into a Buddhist family in a small village of Cambodia. Growing up, Sivy endured several hardships. She was diagnosed with an unrelenting skin condition that appeared on her knee when she was just three years old. She also suffered the loss of both of her parents at age ten, was separated from her siblings, and was placed in an orphanage.

Eventually, she would be adopted by a Christian missionary couple, who were parents of a Judson alum. Sivy lived seven years in Thailand with her adoptive parents, where she finished high school. Then she moved to America and attended college at Judson University.

As a former international student at Judson, Sivy recalled the role the Judson community played in her life. Although Sivy encountered cultural challenges during her transition, such as language and food choices, she knew she was surrounded by a community of support. "When I first set foot on Judson's campus I felt at home. Professors at Judson genuinely cared for students' education and spiritual health. They wanted us to thrive in all aspects of our lives and challenged us to grow," she said.

In addition to guidance and instruction from professors, Sivy also attributes her growth to the community of international students at Judson. "The [International] Program really enriched my experience," she said. Through conversations with peers, or participating in monthly group activities, such as ice skating or the annual Taste of Judson event, Sivy was able to develop valuable friendships through the International Program that she still treasures today.

Currently, Sivy lives in Charlotte, N.C., and is married to fellow Judson alum Carey Bienert '14. Using her passion for intercultural studies, she serves her community in many ways. She authored a book, *Speak Khmer Today: A Simple Way to Learn to Speak the Cambodian Language*, to help people learn more about Cambodian culture and language. Until the birth of son, Jeshua, Sivy worked as the administrative assistant at Bridges to Common Ground, an organization that is dedicated to reconciliation and peace between Muslims, Christians and Jews. She also helps in her church and lives out her faith by intentionally living as a bridge-builder to Muslim neighbors. She desires to find opportunities that foster meaningful conversation and relationships with other cultural groups.



# EULA WOODS '77

## CAMPUS AS A COCOON FOR LIKEMINDED PEOPLE

By Lisa J. Townsel

Eula “Jeannine” (Wilson) Woods graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Human Institutions in 1977. She now serves as the executive director of the Cairo Women’s Shelter in Cairo, Ill., just a stone’s throw away from her hometown of Olmsted, Ill.

Although it’s been more than 40 years since she attended Judson, Eula remembers her experience here as if it were yesterday. “I was 16 when I showed up at Judson. It was my first time away from home,” she said proudly. “I was a little young country girl coming to big Elgin, Illinois.”

From the beginning, Eula said she sensed she was among friends. “I had three white roommates in Ohio Hall, and they always made me feel welcome,” she said.

Her experiences on campus further solidified that feeling of belonging. She toured as a member of choir, going to places as far away as California and Arizona. Eula said it didn’t matter that she was the only black member of the choir at the time.

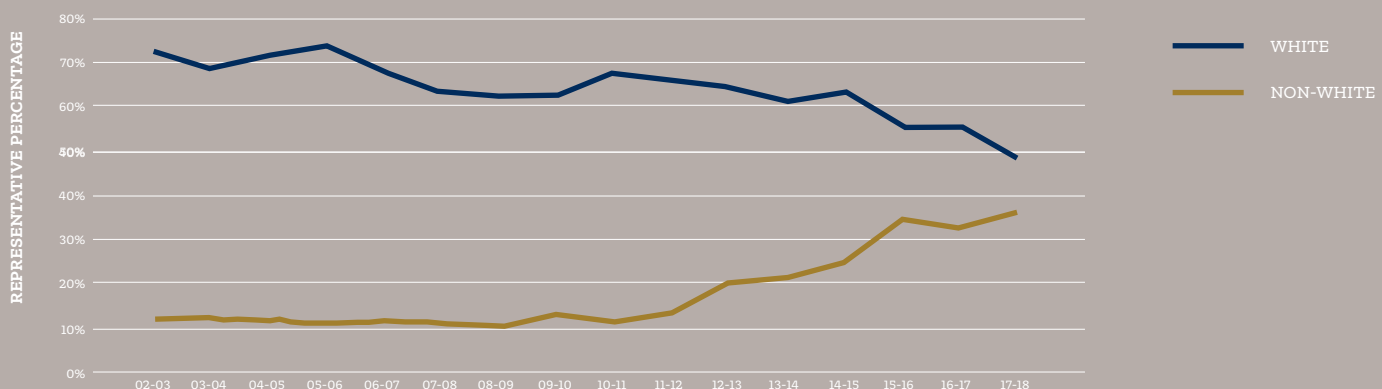
She also got involved with theater. “Back then, there was the musical, ‘Godspell,’ and I was in the first production of it,” she recalled.

It’s because of memories like these that Eula says she doesn’t miss an opportunity to recommend Judson to others. “When my nephew was looking into Architecture, I suggested Judson,” she said.

Yet, the campus offered more than a platform for socialization and a great education. “It was really nurturing spiritually,” Eula explained. “When you come from a secular school where anything goes, and then to a place where there’s a likeminded community of spiritual-thinking people your age, it’s kind of a cocoon. It felt so good to be in a community like that.”

Years passed before she returned to campus. She came back for her 30th anniversary and for a reunion of the original “Godspell” cast. “I was amazed at how the campus had grown,” she said, glad to reminisce. She still enjoys opportunities to reconnect with classmates through the Alumni Association Facebook page.

### DIVERSITY TRENDS BY RACE (WHITE, NON-WHITE): 2002-2003 TO 2017-2018







# ANGEL CISNEROS '10

## NARROWING THE DIVIDE

By Lisa J. Townsel

By default, Angel Cisneros felt out of place when he came to Judson University in 2006. A native of Panama, Angel said that everything from the language to the food to the frigid Illinois temperatures took some getting used to. "If you were to move to a new place where you are not able to easily communicate with other people, the weather is 20 degrees colder and the food tastes completely different, you too would feel like you do not belong," he explained.

Thankfully, he found a community among the guys on the baseball team. "Baseball was the only reason I came to Judson, and in that sense, the baseball field was my only comfort zone around campus. I was lucky to have a coach and a group of U.S.-born Hispanic teammates who could speak Spanish to help me get settled," Angel said. "Coach Torres made sure I had everything I needed, even appropriate winter clothes, as I didn't come prepared for that either."

Angel said his professors also provided a constant supply of help and grace. "All my professors were very helpful to me. Professor Judy DeRolf spent countless hours helping to improve my English. Former international advisor Gerald Longjohn made sure I was exposed to available small groups and events around campus. These staff members did a terrific job of making sure I had everything I needed to succeed both as a student and as a baseball player at Judson."

The gap that divided Angel from the community at large at Judson had all but disappeared by the time he graduated in 2010 as a double major in Accounting and Business Administration. By then, he said he spoke fluent English and landed a professional job with W. R. Meadows, the specialized construction product manufacturer that he continues to work for today as the Latin American sales manager.

"By then, I felt like I belonged not only at Judson, but in the Christian community and in the United States," he said. "That is how meaningful my experience was at Judson. If there is one such improvement that I would point out, it would be my faith in Jesus Christ. I met good people at Judson who gave their testimony of faith not only through words but through their actions, and that inspired me to dig deeper into my faith and actions and to become a better person. Everything else just fell into place."

To this day, Angel continues to tell other youth about Judson. He is also a member of the Judson Alumni Board. "My experiences and the people I had the opportunity to meet while at Judson truly shaped my life in a positive way," Angel said, "and I can only pass this along to others as it was done to me."

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– Angel Cisneros



# RICK WILLIAMS '02

## A REASON TO COME TOGETHER AND CELEBRATE

By Rachel Lester '19

Diversity is about the uniqueness of every individual. This is what Rick Williams, Class of '02 and Judson Hall of Fame member, firmly believes and has always believed since his time at Judson. With an illustrious basketball career from his time at Judson behind him, Rick is now the director of Athletics at Elgin Academy and is more than happy to contribute his worldview on diversity. He says that he never saw himself as a minority on campus but regarded his ethnicity as another unique part of him that contributed to the community as a whole. While the student body at Judson was not very racially diverse during his time at Judson, Rick says he always felt accepted by other students and staff, never feeling like he didn't belong.

"My height, weight, eye color, likes and dislikes, personal values, past experience and all of the other millions of things that makes each of us unique do not necessarily make us 'different,'" he said. "We are all unique individuals within a larger human race. That was my worldview in 1998 and that is my view in 2018,

and at no point during my time at Judson was that viewpoint not embraced by the community."

In fact, Rick has fond memories of playing basketball and making lifelong friends while at Judson, feeling that the color of his skin in no way hampered his ability to live his life, pursue higher education or excellence in sports at Judson. As somebody who is always recommending Judson to others, Rick adds a final word of encouragement for the greater Judson community: "Diversity exists. It doesn't need to be contrived or put together," he said. "It merely needs to be recognized and celebrated. Look around any community and you will see people who are like you in many ways and different from you in many other ways. Diversity is about seeing those differences as reasons to come together instead of reasons to move apart."



# JAWANDA RANSAW '95

## USING PODIUM TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE

By MyLeah Matheny '20

Jawanda Ransaw is a proud Judson University alumna from the class of '95. Passionate and diligent, Jawanda actively follows Judson on social media to stay attuned with her beloved *alma mater*.

Originally from Monroe, Mich., she transferred to Judson as a sophomore. After visiting many other colleges, she found her place as a Judson Eagle and would gladly recommend Judson for anyone looking to be a part of a welcoming community.

Being a part of Judson's community helped Jawanda "open up" and transform as she became involved in Softball, the social activities committee and the concert committee. Dr. Kathy Gribbin, who worked in Student Development, noticed potential growth and leadership qualities in Jawanda while she was participating in extracurricular activities and encouraged her to use her unique voice and become more involved. Ignited with a new desire to do more, Jawanda was further challenged by a friend to step up and run for the position of JSO Student Body President because of her joyous and determined spirit and her desire to bring people together. Jawanda went on to become the first female and first African American JSO President.

With the heart of a follower of Christ and servant leader, she saw a real need for unity in the community as JSO President. Jawanda purposefully interacted with those who seemed dejected within the student body. She admits that she was a shy person when she first came to Judson, but she says, "I challenged myself to be involved on campus in order to meet new people."

Focused on building relationships and trying to understand the differences of others, she believes in showing others the Kingdom of God by wholeheartedly engaging with them. She is a firm believer that being intentional in forming connections with others will prepare the Judson student body to impact the world. Jawanda now forms connections with others as a recruiter at the American Academy of Dermatology.

# ROGER SIMMONS '94

## BUILDING BRIDGES HERE AND THERE

By Micah Andersen '18

Roger Simmons is a deeply involved member of Judson University and the wider Elgin community due to his roles on the Judson Spiritual Council, Judson's External Diversity Committee, and as a community coordinator at Fox Valley Christian Action (FVCA), where he focuses on serving the people of Elgin, Ill. Roger studied Philosophy and Biblical Studies at Judson and graduated in 1994.

He proudly recalled stories of what it was like at Judson in his student days. "You know, back then, [diversity] wasn't really a conversation. People weren't talking about it, at least not as much or as publicly as they are now. And for me, coming from right over there, right in Clifford Court which is literally on the other side of campus, we knew Judson, but it wasn't until I actually got on [campus] as a student that I felt like 'Oh, now I'm a part of this community.'"

The closer Roger got to graduation, he noticed more interest and awareness about diversity. "So, it was strange, you know? Being right there, really right next door, and there still being that divide. But by the time I was graduating, I think that's when people started having the conversation of investing outside of our little Judson bubble."

In the midst of this, one professor had a major influence on Roger's life and was an advocate for diversity: Biblical Studies Professor Dr. Robert Laurent. Roger says Dr. Laurent's intentional actions made an impact.

Roger recalls how, one day, Dr. Laurent noted Roger and another student, Miguel who was from the Dominican Republic, as being the only people of color in the class. He informed the class that Jesus would have looked closer in race to either of the young men than any of the other students. By doing this, Dr. Laurent was reminding his students of the importance of remembering that, while on Earth, Jesus came as a person of color.

"I remember just being like, 'Wow,'" Roger said. "In class, he'd specifically point those kinds of things out, and I know I really appreciated that. I really admired that he took that kind of action."

Today, Roger hopes to "build bridges" between Judson and the wider Elgin community, and to bring in local leaders who have their finger on the pulse of the city to foster diversity, conversation, and an environment of working together across social lines.







# THE REV. DR. EDDIE CRUZ '76

## A DIFFERENT WORLD

By Lisa J. Townsel

When the Rev. Dr. Eddie Cruz was a student at Judson, he lived between two worlds: his hometown neighborhood in Chicago, Ill., and the home campus of Judson in Elgin.

The juxtaposition between the two would present a complicated thread that he would try to unravel during his years on campus. "I think that Judson has matured," said Dr. Cruz, as it relates to diversity and inclusion.

When he was a Human Relations-Psychology student in 1973, he said there were a "handful" of people of color. "There were students who happened to be Latino or black, but it was just who you happened to be," he explained.

While Dr. Cruz played on the Judson Baseball team and lettered, he said he often opted to go home on weekends. "My life didn't revolve around the campus," he said. "My world of friends wasn't really there. I just went there to finish school."

Coming from a big metropolitan area like Chicago, he said it was hard to feel like the small, suburban setting of Judson would be welcoming. "It was different," he said, "and I think that's why I kept going back to Chicago."

Yet, it was during some of those home visits that he represented Judson most as he shared his testimony of faith in Chicago and at assemblies in Wisconsin and in other nearby areas.

Teetering between the two worlds got the best of some of his friends, but Dr. Cruz stuck with it, thanks to professors who reached out to him. "You have a couple of professors who take an interest in you," he said. In his case, those professors were Dr. Stuart "Doc" Ryder, Dr. James Didier and Dr. Charles Cassell. "They made me feel welcome, and that was the reason that I pretty much stayed. They took an interest in me and helped me," he said.

Dr. Cruz graduated in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in Human Relations and Psychology with a minor in Business. He went on to earn a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary.

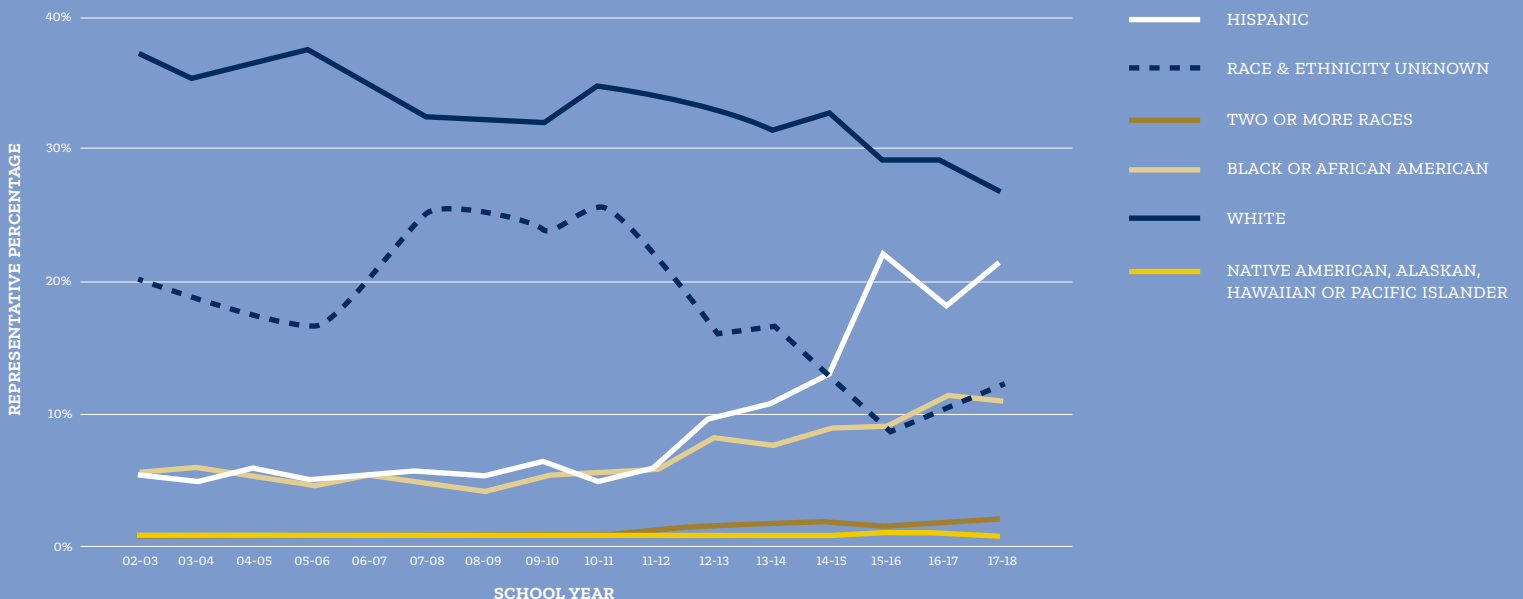
Today, he lives between his home in Orlando, Fla., and his job as the director of American Baptist Home Mission Societies' Missionary Advancement and Passionary Movement in Valley Forge, Penn.

And, he remains quite the advocate for his *alma mater*. "I'm very proud to say I'm a Judson College (University) graduate," said Dr. Cruz, whose wife, Priscilla '00, and oldest daughter, Gina Nicole Cruz '00, are also Judson graduates.

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— The Rev. Dr. Eddie Cruz

## DIVERSITY TRENDS BY RACE & ETHNICITY: 2002-2003 TO 2017-2018





## BEING CHANGE AGENTS ACROSS THE AISLE

### NEWT GINGRICH AND HOWARD DEAN DISCUSS THE POWER OF BIPARTISANSHIP DURING THE 2018 WORLD LEADERS FORUM



Political opposites on the political spectrum aren't supposed to attract one another, enhance one another's viewpoint and actually make the opponent shine. Yet, that is exactly what happened when political pals Newt Gingrich and Howard Dean met at Judson University on the Herrick Chapel stage for the annual World Leaders Forum earlier this year. Together, they served as the 2018 keynote speakers on April 19. It was the first time the two had shared a stage together since 2011, and it was the first time that two people served as keynote presenters for the forum.

These political heavy hitters were quick with wit, pleasantries and political viewpoints, and all were doled out with a big dollop of respect. They listened as the other took to the podium and gave feedback that was forthright without being brash or rude. Indeed, their "Bipartisan Conversation About Leadership in Divided Times" showed the 400 gathered that it was possible to disagree along political lines and strongly held viewpoints and still be friends, or at least friendly.

"Our world has become increasingly divided along political lines, and Judson University is honored to host a conversation highlighting the importance of civility in political

discourse," said Judson President Dr. Gene Crume. "We believe in presenting our campus and our community with a balanced approach to understanding divergent ideologies by fostering respectful dialogue."

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— HOWARD DEAN

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Once on stage, no topic was off limits for these two seasoned politicians. They tackled everything from election reform and federal debt to partisan attacks, congressional term limits, and the future of America.

"America's political system was designed for cooperation, and somewhere along the line we lost our way. The two parties have very different philosophies, but that should not stop us from moving our country forward," Dean insisted.



In fact, such separation can be dangerous for the American political infrastructure, Gingrich noted. "When people view 'the other side' as 'the enemy' it gets dangerous because people suffer when politics break down," said Gingrich. "Great accomplishments are made in this country when people practice cheerful persistence and strong listening skills. If you ask the right questions, you can often help guide people to solve their own problems."

Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich was first elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1978, and he served until 1999. In 2012, he ran for president as a candidate for the Republican Party. Judson University was one of his campaign stops that summer. He has published multiple books including 15 New York Times bestsellers, and works today as a Fox News contributor and senior scientist with Gallup and advisor at Dentons law firm.

Former Vermont Governor Howard Dean was a U.S. Presidential candidate in 2004, and he served as the Governor of Vermont from 1991 to 2003. His leadership roles also include turns as chairman of the National Governors' Association, the Democratic Governors' Association, and the New England Governors' Conference. He led the Democratic Party to success as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 2005 to 2009.

The energy between the two men on stage was palpable. Cooperation, they both believe, is key to going forward in our country and communities. "We can get together. We have gotten together. There is no reason you can't work together. This system was meant to have people cooperate with each other," said Dean.

Gingrich spoke of how the country's founding fathers and their vision reflected such cooperation. "They saw themselves as engineers," he said. "They were trying to build a machine. Their design was deliberate. They were afraid of tyranny, so they designed this intricate, complicated machine, and no dictator could make it work," he said.

Yet change, can take time, sometimes decades, to get the wheels of the machine moving. Gingrich said that it took 30 years after Ronald Reagan ran for governor to make welfare reform happen.

That's why he said bipartisan work across the aisle is needed and necessary. "You're fighting out real, deep differences," he said, "inside of a machine made not to work. It's important to shake hands; to remember that the other person is a human being, and not an alien; and know that you deserve a chance to hear their views."

Such connectedness makes for better politics – and a better life. "Listen, learn, help and lead. Discipline yourself when you go into a meeting," Gingrich said. "It's not just transactional. Understand what people are saying and why it makes sense to them. Turn

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— NEWT GINGRICH

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After taking turns at the podium, the two men also sat on stage with NBC-TV Chicago reporter and anchor Lisa Chavarria for a Q-and-A session. When asked about the impact continuous partisan attacks have had on the country Gingrich said, "It's hard because it divides you," he offered. "You want to find out opponent views. If you are cut off from people, you cut off information."

Dean agreed, adding somewhat tongue-in-cheek, "One of the best ways to be bipartisan is to be bipartisan," he said, as the audience applauded in agreement. "We need an earthquake in Washington."

Dean said that is why his optimism lies with the next generation, with the youth. "Young people think that they're world citizens, not just Americans. Things are changing, slowly. If you keep working at it, it does change," he said. "I'm optimistic about the future because of our younger generation – a powerful group of socially tolerant, respectful individuals who are eager to work together."

He told the story of Molly Katchpole of Washington, D.C., who organized a petition against Verizon charging a \$2 fee for paying a bill by phone or online. Eventually, Verizon changed its policy.

"The higher the bar, the higher we will reach," he said. "I would like to live in that type of country again, where inspiration matters."

As a symbol of hospitality, Dr. Crume presented both men with timepieces from the historic Elgin National Watch Company, including a Lord Elgin watch and an antique pocket watch.

The special night came to a close with both Gingrich and Dean attending a VIP Event at Hilton Chicago in downtown Chicago, where they took pictures and addressed World Leaders Forum sponsors and guests. Dan Proft of AM-560 moderated.

## NEW FOSTER CARE INITIATIVE LAUNCHED AT FORUM

Dr. Gene Crume used the World Leaders Forum Community Event in April as an opportunity to announce a new partnership with the Chicago-based organization, Foster Progress. The initiative will allow students who age out of foster care to attend Judson on scholarship. A portion of the funds will be supported by the World Leaders Forum.

Chicago-based Foster Progress is an organization that looks to empower youth who have experienced foster care by providing mentors, advocacy and educational opportunities as they transition into young adulthood.

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# 28,000

youths nationwide annually age out of the foster care system at age 18 or 21

# 31%

experience homelessness by age 26

# 50%

have been unemployed by age 26

# 57%

have been incarcerated by age 26

# 2011

Illinois had the third highest rate of youths aging out

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"The stats are gut-wrenching. We're happy to be providing another way, and a different option," said Judson Vice President for Student Life Lisa Jarot, who will oversee the program at Judson.

Thanks to the partnership, Judson will welcome its first cohort of students in fall 2019. This summer, Jarot and other members of the Leadership Team will seek a full-time program director.

Source Data: [fosterprogress.org](http://fosterprogress.org)

# AlumNotes



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## WEDDINGS & BIRTHS

**1** Congratulations to **Ben Shenkin '11** and Jecelyn Ann Gill who were married on July 7, 2017, at Moonstone Beach in Trinidad, Calif. Ben is founder and lead videographer of Thrive HD, and the Shenkins reside in Elgin, Ill.

**2** **Molly Studer '15** and **Josh Tindall '15** were married on August 26, 2017, surrounded by family and many Judson friends. The happy couple currently resides in Birmingham, Ala., where Josh is working with the architecture firm Giattina Aycock and Molly is a barista and freelance graphic designer. Pictured starting from bottom left: **Justin Banda '15**, **Meredith Kennedy '15**, Lindsey Maher, **Dustin Turner '15**, **Branden Benskin '16**, **Anna Benskin '16**, **Josh Huntington '15**, **Casey Huntington '16**, Becca Martin, **Jake Ettelbrick '15**, **Natalie Ettelbrick '16**, Amy Porzelius, **Catherine Ademe '15**, **Mike Ademe '15**, Christina O'Connell, **Zach O'Connell '15**, **Amanda Muhlena Hays '15**, **Shalina Wozny '15**, **Andrew Witek '15**, **Gavin Buckland '16**, **Jeremy Yap '16**, **JJay Eden '17**, **Noah Shannon '18**, **Rece TenHaken '06**, **Molly Tindall '15**, **Josh Tindall '15**, **Rebekah TenHaken '05**, **Kirsten Eason '14**, **Alec Shover '15**, **Tyler Wade '15**, **Mecca Shannon '16**, **Layne Buckland '16**, **Noah Porzelius '14**, **Cail Fletcher '14**, **Jacob Patterson '15** and **Alex Hays '15**.

**3** In September 2017, **Marcilyn (Rowan '16)** and **Jon Moment '16** were married with many Judson alumni and current students in their wedding party. Judson attendants included **Andrew Moment '14**, **Isriz Balase '15**, **Ethan Adams '15**, **Tyler Kerley '15**, Riley Rowan (current student), **Madi Flack '16**, **Stephanie (Belokon '13) Moment** and **Kasey Lewis '18**. Marcilyn is the middle school and girls' pastor for Christ Community Church while Jon is a musician who travels the country with a band sharing God's truth through music.

**4** On December 16, 2017, **Zachary Conover '17** was married to past Judson prep student, Kathryn Schacherer, at Calvary Baptist Church in Elgin, Ill. The groomsmen in the wedding party were: **Noah Adams '13**, **Zachary Kranz '16**, **Ethan Adams '15**, **Andrew Etheridge '17** and **Chris Brotzman '17**. Zachary is the digital content coordinator for the Dometic Group, and the happy newlyweds reside in Mishawaka, Ind.

## NEWS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**5** **Beverly Calender-Anderson '75**, director for the Department of Community and Family Resources, received the City of Bloomington's Black History Month Bicentennial Award. Beverly was also honored to represent the City of Bloomington at the chartering ceremony of Sigma Kappa Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

**6** On Dec. 4, 2016, **Dr. Jeff Cooper '80** was installed as the senior pastor of Ashland Church in Oregon, Ohio. The speaker for the day was longtime friend and sister in the Lord, Blythe Ann Cooper, who was also joined by husband Mark as the two shared in special music. Ashland Church has a rich history with Judson with several who graduated and others who attended Judson for a time. The work of the Lord through Judson University is alive and well at this American Baptist Church in northwest Ohio. Pictured are (L-R front) Rodney Lucas, Susan Lucas, Nathan Cooper (pastor Cooper's son and a Judson student 2004-08), **Blythe Ann (Hitch '75) Cooper**, Nancy Harris (L-R, second row) Dan Camick, Joanna Camick, **Mark Cooper '76**, Dave Harris (center, back) and **Dr. Jeff Cooper '80**.

**7** **Dale "Bud" Brauer '82** released a new book, *The ABC's of Intentional Living*, available on Amazon. From home life to work to relationships, *The ABC's of Intentional Living* is full of insights, direction, personal reflections and humor as it helps you examine your life and suggest changes that can make your life more satisfying. Bud sold his business in Illinois and retired to Ridge Manor, Fla., in 2016.

**8** **Huntley Brown '88** recently released his book, *Keys to Avoiding Deception / Keys for Living*, a practical guide to Biblical discernment in a contradictory world. He also released his latest CD, "Days of Elijah." Huntley's book and CD can be ordered at [huntleybrown.org](http://huntleybrown.org).

**9** In February 2018, Distinguished Alumnus **Shawn Finley '91** was the featured artist at the Rotofugi Gallery exhibit in Chicago. He recently worked with DreamWorks Press on their *Baby Po*, *Madagascar* and *How to Train Your Dragon* picture book adaptations and with IKEA on their *Lattjo* book series. Shawn lives and works in Chicago. This was his first exhibit at Rotofugi Gallery.

In July 2017, **Denise Barreto '93** was named to the 2017 Diversity MBA Top 100 list of Executive Leaders. This recognition represents outstanding achievements in community, leadership and education. Denise is senior managing partner of Relationships Matter Now and resides in Evanston, Ill.

**10** Distinguished Alumnus **Sheilla Lienenrth** joined the management team of Safeguard Properties based in Valley View, Ohio. Sheilla now serves as the assistant vice president of client relations and oversees client account management and process improvement.

**Brian Kono '93** was recently announced as the new university chaplain at Spring Arbor University. Brian has served as associate professor of youth ministries at Spring Arbor University for 14 years. Brian's wife **Angel (Hendon '93) Kono** serves as the director of Compass Counseling at Spring Arbor Free Methodist Church in Spring Arbor, Mich.









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**Julie Mavec '95** is serving as the new director of social services for the Salvation Army in Decatur, Ill. Julie's past areas of service include Macon Resources, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Lutheran Child and Family Services.

**Scot Squires '98** earned a Doctorate of Business Administration degree in October 2017 from France's Grenoble Ecole de Management, which is one of the leading business schools in the world. Squires' dissertation focused on generational cohorts and their buying behaviors as it relates to green products. He teaches marketing courses at Central Michigan University.

**Justin Searles '99** is the pastor of Total Life Church in Huntley, Ill. He also serves as staff chaplain for all of the Centegra Hospital locations. Justin, his wife **Valerie (Dailey '00) Searles** and their three sons live in Lake in the Hills, Ill.

**11** Mayor Tom McNamara appointed **Shurice Hunter '00** as the new human resources director for the City of Rockford, Ill. She has 12 years of experience working in human resources in the public and private sectors. Most recently, Shurice served as the director of human resource operations at Rock Valley College.

**12** In June 2017, Judson Athletic Hall of Famer **Rob Eastland '01** was named Northwest Herald Girls Soccer Coach of the Year. Rob stepped down from high school coaching at the end of the season after 12 years as head coach for Johnsburg High School (boys and girls), three conference Fox Valley Counseling titles and one Big Northern Conference title. Rob currently serves as the director of coaching for Northern United FC in McHenry, Ill.

**Andrew Carman '01** was recently hired by Dorion-Gray Retirement Planning in Crystal Lake, Ill., and Vernon Hills, Ill., as a wealth management advisor. He has been a financial advisor since 2004 and previously owned his own investment advisory business based in Warrenville, Ill.

**13** Golden Apple Foundation announced that **Jared Young '01** was among the five Golden Apple recipients for 2017 who are recognized for making a difference in their communities through their commitment to educational excellence. Jared was distinguished among 20 outstanding 6-12th grade finalists representing public and non-public school districts of Winnebago and Boone counties. He serves as a business teacher at Belvidere North High School in Belvidere, Ill.

**14** **Jodi Barth '01**, the first female Crime Scene Investigator with the Illinois Department of Law Enforcement (state police), recently released her book, *CSI OLD SCHOOL-Reconstructing Nightmares*, available at [www.jodibarthcsi.com](http://www.jodibarthcsi.com). *CSI OLD SCHOOL* is an honest, nonfiction account of some of Jodi's CSI and law enforcement experiences from a time before DNA analysis and automated fingerprint identification. After more than 30 years in law enforcement and investigations, spanning the United States and Canada, Jodi is currently retired and living with her husband, Doug, in North Carolina.

**15** **Gregg Hampton '01** recently released his book, *The Blue Print: A Basic Plan for Discipleship*, available on Amazon. Gregg has been a pastor for nearly 20 years, having served at churches ranging in size from 70 to 10,000. Gregg's heart for discipleship has followed him through each role he's held in the church, from youth pastor to worship arts pastor to director of the small groups department at New Life Church in Colorado Springs, Colo. In 2013, New Life Church sent Gregg to plant The House - a Local Church in Rock Island, Ill. The House is a small, healthy church calling prodigals home and adopting the spiritually homeless in Rock Island, where he lives with Cynthia, his wife of 15 years, and their four children, Brennan, Liam, Wallace and Adley.

**16** Congratulations to **Rayne Warne '06** who graduated from Regent University in August 2017 with a Master of Fine Arts in Film-Television/Script and Screenwriting degree. Rayne achieved a 3.97 GPA and was awarded the Award of Excellence as an Outstanding Graduate in the Master of Fine Arts in Cinema-Television degree program.



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**17 Gineen Vargas '07** recently graduated with a Master of Science in Education degree with a specialty in disability studies from California Baptist University. Gineen serves as the Student Success Tutor and ADA/504 coordinator at Judson University.

**Domenico Maniscalco '10/'12** is Hinsdale Township High School District 86's chief human resources officer as well as an author. Last year, he directed Hinsdale Central High School's spring musical, "The Little Mermaid." Domenico has a rich theater background, as he performed regularly in the theater program at Niles West High School and upon graduation, moved to New York to pursue a stage career. He worked in New York and Los Angeles for four years and performed across the country with national touring companies before returning to Illinois.

**18** Congratulations to **Officer Robert McCarthy '13** on his new role at the Brisbane Police Department in Brisbane, Calif. He has returned home to the San Francisco area where he grew up before coming to Judson and playing point guard for the Judson Eagles as a Business Administration major.

**Alec Shover '15** was named the prevention education director for Love True, a New Jersey Nonprofit Corporation. Love True works to end sex trafficking through parallel efforts in prevention education and restoration.

**19** In June 2017, **Tyler Wade '15/'17** joined Legat Architects' Oak Brook studio. Between undergrad and graduate degrees at Judson, Tyler was an architectural intern at Michigan-based GMB Architecture and Engineering where he focused on elementary schools.

**Rachel Peterson '17** was hired by Glave and Holmes Architecture as a member of the firm's Cultural Studio. She is completing her Preceptorship there before returning to Judson to complete her Master in Architecture degree.

## ALUMNI GATHERINGS

**20** Past Judson roommates **Sally (Ackemann '73) Boscaljon** and **Carole (Phillips '74) Van Dyke** met up on the Judson campus with husband Roger Van Dyke. The Van Dykes reside in Durham, N.C., and the Boscaljons reside in Sheldon, Iowa.

**21** The Livingston family stopped by the Alumni Office and also visited the Harm A. Weber Academic Center for the first time. **Eric Livingston '03**, wife Katie and their three beautiful children, Liam, Hannah and Ranen, reside in Longview, Texas, and serve with Missionary TECH Team, providing ministries and churches around the globe with efficient and innovative facilities for Christian ministry.

**22** **Dan '67** and Sue **Abner** met in the Judson University Choir in the 1960s and have been together ever since! They reside in Jackson, Mich., and drove to Saline, Mich., to join the Judson University Choir during the Spring Break tour. **Warren Anderson '86**, director of the Demoss Center for Worship in the Performing Arts welcomed them before the Judson choir led chapel service at Washtenaw Christian Academy.

**23** **Bob '71** and **Marti (Shay '70) Atwater** hosted a Peoria alumni, parents and friends gathering in their home in April 2018. Pictured are (left to right): Bonnie Bienert, John Butler, JoAnn Butler, **Marti Atwater '70**, **Bob Atwater '71**, Graham Butler, **Greg Butler '14**, Rodney Kennedy, Linda Greiner, Harold Booze, **Brent Ward '99**, **Lisa McCoy-Ward '96**, Gene Crume, Cindy Crume, Allyson Butler, Cai Butler, Louise Shafer and Judy Booze. Not pictured: **Joe Monahan '12** and **Emily (Newton '13) Monahan**.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Wanda Susan Burman '72**  
August 15, 1948 – February 23, 2018

**Benjamin Caskey '03**  
February 14, 1980 – February 5, 2018

**Lois Clement '93**  
July 10, 1938 – May 13, 2017

**Bob Dillard '70**  
January 9, 1943 – February 27, 2018

**Tyrone Henderson '74**  
November 26, 1939 – March 11, 2018

**Judith (Russell) Mallett '70**  
May 2, 1948 – March 18, 2018

**Ruth Palmer '81**  
July 6, 1959 – October 12, 2017

**Jacqueline Sara '11**  
September 4, 1960 – December 8, 2017

**Bizo Sogavo '01**  
August 19, 1976 – December 6, 2017

**Jeff Thomas '83**  
October 14, 1960 – March 6, 2018

**Douglas Utzke '91**  
February 7, 1964 – October 22, 2016

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## BASEBALL

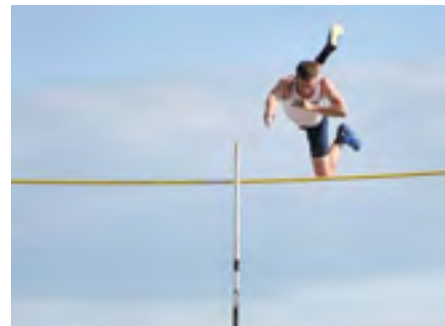
### Matthews Breaks School Record for Regular Season and Career Home Runs



Senior baseball outfielder David Matthews of Chicago, Ill., broke the single-season record in 2018 by hitting 22 home runs, obliterating the old school record held by Nate Rohl (12 home runs in 2011). He also finished with 28 career home runs, two home runs ahead of Johnny Amann (26 in four seasons) on the all-time school home run list.

## TRACK AND FIELD

### Becker Wins Fifth CCAC Pole Vault Title



Dan Becker of Sheboygan, Wis., won his fifth consecutive CCAC pole vault title (including both indoor and outdoor Track and Field) following his impressive effort of clearing the 4.30m bar at Memorial Stadium in Joliet, Ill. Becker was a 2017 All-American for outdoor Track and Field at pole vault in both the NAIA and NCCAA. The victory allowed him to compete in the NAIA National Meet.

## BASKETBALL

### Judson Defeats NCAA Division II Wisconsin Parkside



The Judson University Basketball team's signature win of the 2017-2018 season was a victory over NCAA Division II University of Wisconsin-Parkside on December 28.

Junior Taylor Boley of Elgin, Ill., led the Eagles with 22 points, three rebounds and four assists in 31 minutes of action. Junior Germaine Roebuck of Champaign, Ill., played his best game of the season with a 21-point, 11-rebound effort. Junior Teesean Patterson of San Antonio, Texas, finished with 10 points and eight rebounds for Judson.

The penultimate non-conference game was Judson's third straight victory.

## BASEBALL

### Judson Wins CCAC Regular Season, Participates in NAIA Opening Round



The Judson Baseball team members won their ninth CCAC conference championship (combined regular season and tournament) in the past seven years when they completed a doubleheader sweep against Olivet Nazarene University with 6-2 and 7-3 wins on April 24.

The Eagles learned two weeks later that they would be traveling to Lincoln, Calif., for the NAIA Opening Round. Judson finished the tournament 2-2 with wins over the University of British Columbia, 15-5 and 19-8, and two losses to host William Jessup, 12-4 and 8-1, to eliminate the Eagles.

This was Judson's sixth appearance in the NAIA National Tournament, all of which have occurred in the last seven seasons.



## VOLLEYBALL

### Eagles Win Their First Ever CCAC Home Match



The Men's Volleyball team began its conference home slate on January 30 in front of a packed house at Lindner Fitness Center. Judson was able to capitalize on the crowd's energy for a thrilling four-set win over Calumet College, including a 29-27 match finale.

What makes the victory even more impressive was that Judson was missing its primary setter, Freshman Ryan VanThyne of Bolingbrook, Ill., due to injury. Junior Manny Andrade of Santa Ana, Calif., stepped in and had 35 assists and even contributed with five kills in the win.

The victory was Judson's first in program history as well as the Eagles first conference win. Judson would go on to win two more road conference games against Trinity Christian College and Calumet College of St. Joseph.



## TRACK AND FIELD

### Anali Cisneros Wins Third Race Walk National Championship

Sophomore Anali Cisneros of Elgin, Ill. followed through on high expectations on May 25 as she won her second-consecutive NAIA Outdoor 5,000-Meter Race-Walk at Mickey Miller Blackwell Stadium in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

She was seeded first in the country entering the final and did not disappoint as she won the title with a 24:26.79 time. Her sister, All-American freshman Nayeli Cisneros of Elgin, Ill., entered the final seeded fifth. She held fourth for much of the race but dropped back and finished sixth crossing the finish line in 27:02.02.

Anali Cisneros' title is her third race walk title in the past year, as she also won the 3,000-meter NAIA Indoor Race Walk in early March.

## TENNIS

### Men's Tennis Participates in NCCAA National Championship



The Men's Tennis team finished the regular season 18-8, which allowed the Eagles to host Greenville University in the NCCAA North Central Region Final. The Eagles won the match 5-1 to earn a spot in the National Championship Round in Mobile, Ala.

The Eagles finished 1-2 at the National Championship with a win against Brewton Parker College, 5-1, and losses to Bluefield College, 5-1, and Campbellsville University, 5-0. Judson lost to good competition as Bluefield received votes in NAIA National poll and Campbellsville was ranked 11th.

## SOFTBALL

### Judson Softball Advanced to NCCAA World Series with Regional Series Win over Trinity International



For the fourth consecutive season, and the fifth time in six seasons, the Softball team advanced to the NCCAA World Series. The Eagles defeated Trinity International University 4-1 and 6-4 on May 10 to win the series two games to one. Judson's senior Sarah Friedlund of DeKalb, Ill., and sophomore Olivia Bartholomew of Pontiac, Ill., each hit a three-run home run in game three to pull away.

The Eagles split four games in Botetourt, Va., with wins over Emmanuel College 6-2 and Trinity International 1-0 and two losses to Belhaven University 6-2 and 7-3. Judson finished the season 34-24 overall.

## CROSS COUNTRY

### Bruns Makes NAIA Nationals



The Cross Country team was represented at the NAIA nationals in Vancouver, Wash., by senior Robert Bruns of Waynesville, Mo. He qualified by placing 16th overall with a time of 27:03.3 in the CCAC conference meet at Wing Park in November that was hosted by Judson.

At nationals, Bruns finished with his second-best time of the year with a 26:58 mark, which placed him in the top 200 overall runners at the meet.

## SOCCER

### Haianon Named to Second Team All-American by the NCCAA



Judson sophomore midfielder Bruno Haianon of San Paulo, Brazil, was recognized as a Second Team All-American by the NCCAA.

He led the team with 17 goals and 37 points on the season. His efforts helped propel Judson to its first postseason tournament since 2014 when the Eagles reached the NCCAA Regional Final.

Haianon was also honored as the NCCAA North Central Region Player of the Year. Joining him on the Region's first team was fellow teammate, Eduardo Ruiz-Liebers of Tarija, Bolivia.



## BOWLING

### Judson Finishes in the Top 15 in Two NCAA Division I Tournaments

The Bowling team is only in its second year of existence, yet the Eagles made strong showings as they finished in the top 15 in two

NCAA tournaments facing Division I foes. In early October, the Eagles finished 10th at the Purdue Boilermaker Classic in West Lafayette, Ind. In November, the Eagles finished 12th of 40 teams at the Western Illinois Leatherneck Invitational in Davenport, Iowa.

In West Lafayette, Judson's top bowlers included freshman Luis Landrau-Suazo of Carolina, Puerto Rico, who finished 31st overall, and sophomore Lowell Lynde IV of Elgin, Ill., who finished 35th out of 250 bowlers. In Davenport, Landrau-Suazo, finished 16th and Lynde IV finished 17th out of approximately 450 bowlers.

## VOLLEYBALL

### Women's Volleyball Maintains Winning Record and Finishes Strong

The Women's Volleyball team looked to have a successful season in 2018 with plenty of talent returning from the 2017 season. Judson started the season winning 14 of its first 20 non-conference matches.

In the latter portion of October, the Eagles had to adjust to a coaching change on the fly as the Eagles adjusted to an interim coaching staff and maintained a winning record as the Eagles finished 18-16.



## BASKETBALL

### Women's Basketball Participates in NCCAA Regional Final

The Women's Basketball team finished the regular season 19-12 to earn the fourth seed in the CCAC conference tournament quarterfinal round. After a 91-76 loss, the Eagles learned that they would host the NCCAA Regional Final against Trinity Christian College on February 28. Judson lost a heartbreaker 88-87 to end the season 19-14.

Senior Jayla Barrett of Homewood, Ill., led Judson with 28 points and finished her career with, 1,611 points, good enough for second all-time in program history. Senior Kayla Toussaint of Johnsburg, Ill., also finished her Judson career in impressive fashion finishing with 16 points, including three three-pointers.



## GOLF

### Women's Golf Wins First Meet in Program History

For the first time in the Judson University Women's Golf program history, the Eagles took first place as a team in a meet as they tied St. Xavier University with an overall score of 396 at the Trinity Christian invite at Calumet Country Club in Homewood, Ill.

Sophomore Maddie Bellone from New Lenox, Ill., was the top Eagle golfer and she shot a 97, good enough for eighth place. Sophomore KayCee Robinson of Taylorville, Ill., tied for 10th place with a score of 99. Junior Hailey Provo of Bolingbrook, Ill., and freshman Grace Haakenson of Albertville, Minn., tied for 13th place with a score of 100.



## GOLF

# Team Plays Historically Well at Spring Invitational

On April 11, the Judson University Men's Golf team hosted its own Spring Invitational at Randall Oaks in West Dundee, Ill. Five teams from four schools participated and the Eagles finished in the top two as a team for the first time in program history. The team also broke the school record for lowest team score of 294, 11 shots better than the prior mark.

Senior Austin Miller of West Dundee, Ill., had a team low 72-shot performance. Junior Ryan Young of Bradford, Ill., and senior Noah Shannon of Alpha, Ill., finished a shot behind at 73. Sophomore Nick Swierczynski of Carpentersville, Ill., and senior Cody Phalen of Mendota, Ill., also shot under 80 for the Eagles.



## SOCCER

### Coach Burke Retires

Head Men's Soccer Coach, Steve Burke, has retired from his position. Burke leaves Judson as the longest-tenured coach in school history with 34 seasons, and leaves as the winningest coach in NAIA history with a 556-198-48 record.

His personal accolades expand well beyond the all-time wins record in the NAIA as he has won NCCAA National Coach of the Year four times (1987, 1992, 2003, 2004). He also is an eight-time NCCAA Regional/District Coach of the Year Winner. He is a three-time NAIA Region/Area Coach of the Year and named top coach of the CCAC six times.

Burke also is a six-time NCCAA National Champion coaching the 1991, 1992, 1995, 1997, 2002, and 2009 teams to the title. Burke's teams have also won 13 NCCAA District/Regional titles, seven NAIA region/area championships, seven regular season CCAC Conference Championships, and six CCAC tournament championships.

He will also be remembered for being a great recruiter, being able to attract local and international talent to join the team. He coached six NCCAA National Players of the Year, including son Corey in 2011. He also has coached five CCAC Players of the Year and seven Northern Illinois-Iowa Conference (Judson's prior conference) Players of the Year.

"The positive impact that Steve Burke has had on so many people as the Judson men's soccer coach is tremendous," said Nancy Binger, Vice President of Enrollment Management, Athletics & Strategic Planning. "His legacy will never be forgotten and it goes way beyond his wins and accolades."

## Coaching Transitions



### Vince Biondo

Vince Biondo is the new Head Bowling Coach. He was the Head Women's Bowling Coach at Western Illinois University from 1992-1993. He since has coached the North End Travel Bowling Team and has given bowling lessons in Island Lake, Ill. He is a two-time U.S. Olympic Festival Gold Medalist and a United States Bowling Congress Certified Coach. Biondo replaces Astrid Valiente as Head Bowling Coach. Valiente launched Judson's Bowling program two years ago.



### Julia Fahy

Julia Fahy joined Judson in December 2017 as the new head coach of the Women's Volleyball program. Coach Fahy most recently served as a graduate assistant coach at Olivet Nazarene University during the 2016 and 2017 seasons. During her two seasons there, Olivet won 49 games and went 30-3 in CCAC conference play. She is a 2016 graduate of Taylor University in Upland, Ind., where she was a varsity setter for all four seasons. She replaces Jill Rokosik as Women's Volleyball coach.



### Kristi Cirone

In May, Head Women's Basketball coach Kristi Cirone stepped down from her post to pursue other professional ventures. Cirone served as head coach for the past six seasons, taking three teams to the NCCAA Regional Tournament and leaves as the third-winningest coach in both wins (82) and winning percentage (.439).

## JUISY AWARDS

### Athletes of Year and Scholar-Athletes Announced



The Athletic Department brought back the annual JUISY (Judson University Impressive Stars of the Year) Awards show that took place in late April, as the athletes were all honored at the event. The two most prominent awards for men and women included the Athlete of the Year and Ryder Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Junior pole vaulter Dan Becker of Sheboygan, Wis., took home the Athlete of the Year Award as he was an NCCAA and NAIA All-American for Track and won two CCAC titles in pole vaulting in the past year. Becker currently holds both the Indoor and Outdoor pole vault records for Judson. Men's Golfer Nathanael DeLong of Mendota, Ill., won the Ryder Award representing academic excellence with a GPA of 3.84 studying Music Business and Entrepreneurship.

Senior Women's Basketball player Abigail Gould of Steward, Ill., was the women's recipient of the Ryder award as she holds a 4.0 GPA while studying Psychology. Sophomore Anali Cisneros of Elgin, Ill., won the Female Athlete of the Year as she won two NAIA national championships in race walking at 3,000 and 5,000-meter distances and was undefeated in race walk during the 2017 outdoor season and the 2018 indoor season.



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## A Shared Vision

As any former student will testify, one of the things that makes attending Judson such a unique experience is the community, not just between the students, but also between students and faculty. Two shining examples of faculty that fostered that sense of community were Ted and Jeanette Hsieh.

Ted Hsieh served as an assistant professor in Psychology at Judson from 1969-1974 and as an associate professor in Psychology from 1974 until his retirement in 2013. His wife, Jeanette, also taught Psychology and Education at Judson for 17 years.

"Papa Hsieh," as students have affectionately called him through the years, earned his title by serving with his wife as a house parent in Wilson Hall for 10 years. He also served as the director of Student Housing at Judson.

"We loved our time at Judson. Judson is a place where there is a sense of community and family. Ted loved the students and his colleagues. He saw potential in Judson students and, over the years, witnessed many alumni who did Kingdom work through their service to the Lord and service to their neighbors," Jeanette reflected.

Professor Hsieh's major interest as a psychologist was in the areas of personality, religious behavior and relationships. His research has been published in various distinguished periodicals and cited in several standard textbooks.

"Ted Hsieh dedicated his life to his Lord, to his family, to Judson University and to the multitude of students who took his classes or lived in the dormitories that he and his wife Jeanette supervised," stated Judson President Dr. Gene C. Crume. "His passion for teaching coupled with his extraordinary love for his students made him a favorite. When anyone asks what makes Judson unique, the answer 'Ted Hsieh' is at the top of the list of answers."

In 2015, after a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer, Professor Hsieh was hospitalized and then moved to hospice care, where he succumbed to the disease surrounded by his family.

"When Ted passed away, the kids and I knew that establishing a memorial scholarship in his name would be an appropriate way to commemorate Ted and the time he spent at Judson and provide meaningful scholarships for students for years to come," said Jeanette Hsieh. "It was an opportunity for his friends and family to give toward a shared vision."

On July 24, 2015, the Ted Hsieh Endowed Scholarship Fund was established to help a promising Psychology student entering senior year. It is wonderful when someone's legacy on our campus can be remembered in such a special way!



*Ted and Jeanette Hsieh*