

TRADITIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

College Traditions

Rose Sunday

Rose Sunday was first observed on September 19, 1915 and from then to the present it has been celebrated on the first Sunday of the fall semester. The entire student body lines up along the front walk and makes its way to Siloam Baptist Church to pay tribute to the founders of Judson and to emphasize the tie between Siloam Baptist Church and Judson College. The procession is led by the President, members of the Cabinet, and faculty and staff members, followed by the senior class and underclassmen. Seniors are dressed in their academic regalia and wear Judson's signature flower, the rose.

President's Reception

At the beginning of each year the College president and his wife hold a formal reception for the new students at the President's Home. New students are introduced to student leaders, the President and his wife, members of the Cabinet and their spouses, and new faculty members in the receiving line.

Hockey Day

This is the culmination of weeks of intramural field hockey where training and competition prepare each participant for this day. The top players are selected by their peers as All-Stars to compete against a team of Judson College Alumnae. The class competition is a rivalry between the senior class and the underclassmen. The captain of the winning team is crowned Hockey Queen at Wishing Well. A spirit award is given on Hockey Day to the top class based on activities throughout the weekend and on Hockey Day.

Christmas Tea and Vespers

Early in December, a formal tea is held in Jewett Parlors to begin Judson's official celebration of Christmas. The Social Committee decides on a theme and decorations. Following the Christmas Tea, the Music Department presents a program for Christmas Vespers.

Parents' Day

After weeks of competition, Residence Hall intramural basketball teams compete in the playoff and championship games. Students' families are invited to attend. The "Dorm of the Day" is chosen based on contests held that day. Other exciting activities are planned to thank family members and to make them feel welcome on campus.

J-Day

"Judson Day" is homecoming time for alumnae and friends of the College. Highlights of the day include the coronation of the "J" Day Queen and the induction of the senior class into the Alumnae Association.

Senior Tea

This tea, hosted by the wife of the College president, is held for the graduating seniors in the President's Home. The Jewett Silver Service is displayed and the seniors are told of its history. A serenade is also part of the tea.

Honors Convocation

Held in April, the purpose of this convocation is to recognize those students who have excelled in academics, leadership, and service. Honor societies, organizations and clubs are also recognized for services rendered during the year.

Class Traditions

Pageant

The junior-sophomore class presents a pageant signifying the unity of Judson's classes. The representatives, participants, and theme of the play being performed for pageant are kept secret from the seniors, who enjoy trying to discover all about the event. Junior-sophomores select several students from the freshman and junior sophomore classes to represent virtues that all Judson students strive to exhibit. The class virtues are presented in a ceremony immediately before the pageant. All students are invited to attend.

Big-Little Sister Activities

Members of the junior-sophomore class select little sisters from the freshman class. Big sisters help little sisters become familiar with events, privileges, and responsibilities as an upperclassman. A banquet celebrating the selection of little sisters is held near the beginning of the spring semester in the Sarah Hunt Christenberry Dining Hall.

Step Sings

On various occasions, the student body gathers on the steps of Jewett foyer to sing college songs directed by the senior class song leader. These songs have been passed down for many years, and it is the responsibility of all students to preserve these songs.

Wishing Well

Part of the Hockey Day Weekend, Wishing Well is a program presented by the senior class on Hockey Day. The queen of Hockey Day is crowned and the seniors review their years at Judson, reflecting on the humorous and the serious side of college life.

Junior-Sophomore Weekend

The senior class gives senior privileges to the junior-sophomores for one weekend. The junior-sophomores enjoy sitting in the Alcove, having senior curfew, singing in the dining room, and serenading in the residence halls on Sunday night. On this weekend, the SGA sponsors a semi-formal dance in honor of the junior-sophomores. A formal lead out is held when the junior-sophomores and their dates are presented to the student body and guests.

Class Day

Near the end of spring semester, Class Day celebrates the importance of sister classes and the passing of seniorhood from those about to graduate to the rising seniors so that Judson will never be without a senior class. Students elected to serve as officers for SGA, Honor Council, Campus Ministries, and the three classes are also installed for the upcoming year during Class Day.

Senior Privileges

Seniorhood is a position of honor at Judson. Underclassmen are asked to show deference to those who have attained this position. Several courtesies are observed in order to show this respect. These courtesies include opening doors for the seniors, allowing them to enter or leave a room first, and standing when a senior enters a room, especially if she is wearing a cap and gown. Only seniors may sit on the south side (in the "alcove") of the dining room. Seniors may invite underclassmen to sit with them in this area after chapel and on weekends. Only seniors may sing in the dining room.