



JUDSON
UNIVERSITY



Senior Vice President of Business Affairs
and Chief Financial Officer

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Judson University

Over 50 years of excellence inspired by 200 years of legacy.

Mission Statement:

Judson is an evangelical Christian university that represents the Church at work in higher education, equipping students to be fully developed, responsible persons who glorify God by the quality of their personal relationships, their work, and their citizenship within the community, the nation and the world. Through a broadly based education in the liberal arts, sciences and professions, the college enables its students to acquire ideas and concepts that sharpen their insights, develop skills appropriate to their career goals, and develop the skills and commitment for lifelong learning. The Judson community experience challenges graduates to be decisive leaders and active participants in church and society, articulate proponents of Biblical Christianity, persuasive advocates for the sovereignty of God over all life, and effective ambassadors for Christ.

History



In 1913, Judson College was founded as the undergraduate arm of Northern Theological Seminary (NTS). In the early 1960s, when the seminary portion of NTS moved from Chicago to Lombard, it was decided to make the college an independent entity. Under the guidance of Dr. Benjamin P. Browne, college and seminary president, a "new" school was founded along the shores of the Fox River in 1963.

In the changing climate of academia, the word "college" was becoming blurred in meaning, as many community colleges deleted "community" from their names as a marketing tool. Judson took this into consideration as they deliberated on calling themselves a university, and in 2007, the trustees voted to change the name to Judson University. Since its beginning as 19-acre private estate, Judson has expanded to 90 acres of woods and lawns, with nearly two dozen buildings dotting the grounds. This includes four residence halls, a campus apartment building, a fine arts center, a fitness center, student center and a 700-seat chapel. Today, Judson offers more than 65 majors, minors and concentrations.



Faith Identity Statement

Judson University is and has been a conservative, evangelical Christian university that represents the Church at work in higher education, equipping students to be fully developed, responsible persons who glorify God by the quality of their personal relationships, their work, and their citizenship within the community, the nation and the world. In addition, and as stated in the “1968 Statement of Purpose” and reflected in other documents, the academic experience at Judson is founded within the context of the liberal arts tradition.

Judson’s faith identity is defined by three foundational principles. First, and as mentioned above, Judson is a conservative, evangelical, Christian university, reflecting the commitment to share God’s love through Jesus Christ throughout the world. Second, Judson is a Baptist institution of higher education, and its historical faith perspective shapes its academic and co-curricular programs. Third, the evangelical Baptist commitment provides a learning environment that is predominantly, but not exclusively, Christian. References to these foundational principles are found in the foundational documents of the University.

Ten Spiritual Qualities of Judson’s Faith Identity:

There are ten qualities that clearly reflect how Judson University Trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, students and alumni are to live out the three foundational principles of the University’s faith identity. For more in-depth information on the following ten qualities, [click here](#):



1. Commitment to a Baptist faith and heritage
2. God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit
3. Authority of the Bible
4. Core Courses in Biblical Studies
5. Significance of chapel
6. Commitment to lifestyle statements
7. Open enrollment for prospective students who are not Christian
8. Liberal arts foundation
9. Commitment to missions
10. Commitment to the Sabbath

Chief Financial Officer

Overview

The Senior Vice President of Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the financial and business affairs of the \$30 million Judson University budget. This position is vital to the success of Judson, providing visionary financial modeling, fiscal thought leadership, innovative resource planning and coordination of all fiscal resources, financial strategies and administrative functions of the institution. In the days ahead, the Judson administration and faculty will continue to explore expanding healthy growth strategies for on-campus student engagement, satellite campus outreach, on-line education channels and additional adult education components of the institution's unique higher education footprint in an increasingly crowded and competitive market.

The SVP, Business Affairs and CFO will report directly to the President of the University, Dr. Gene Crume, and work closely with the other members of the President's Leadership Team, the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and students. Direct reports include the Associate Vice President/Controller, the Director of Accounting, the Student Accounts Manager, the Personnel and Payroll Administrator, the Bookstore Manager (through Follett), the Director of Dining and Hospitality (through Creative Dining), and Facilities and Grounds (through National Services, Inc.). The SVP, Business Affairs and CFO will have a close working relationship with the VP Technology and will coordinate campus security and safety operations.

Working alongside the Judson leadership team, the SVP, Business Affairs and CFO will also help implement the approved campus master plan, developing innovative financing options and budget modeling for all campus facilities and related infrastructure over the next decade. Judson is in the midst of a \$40 million comprehensive capital campaign to rebuild endowment, add to scholarship and endowed chair commitments and fund this master campus plan, including improvements to campus safety, campus aesthetics and regular/deferred maintenance.

Responsibilities

The successful SVP, Business Affairs and CFO candidate will fulfill the following duties and responsibilities:

- 🏛️ Total oversight of the financial reporting and fiscal condition of the University including the management of auxiliary enterprises, accounts payable, business services, bursar, budget, finance, human resources, purchasing, risk management and student employment
- 🏛️ Compliance with all government, legal and debt requirements
- 🏛️ Budgeting, forecasting and financial planning
- 🏛️ Coordination and oversight of the year-end audit and financial reporting to state and national agencies
- 🏛️ Developing and monitoring appropriate internal accounting controls
- 🏛️ Oversight of the outside investment management firms

- Provide advice and counsel to the President, Board of Trustees and on-site operating executives on critical decisions
- Ability to act as a contract officer for the University, acting in concert with legal counsel on legal matters, litigation, contracts for facilities and performances
- Management of the procurement functions for services, materials, supplies and capital equipment and asset management
- Serve as advisor to the Business Affairs, Audit and Investment Committees of the Board of Trustees

Requirements

- 10+ years of progressively complex leadership experience, preferably in higher education or relevant marketplace sector
- BA/BS in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration or related field required, with CPA and/or MBA preferred
- Strong experience in strategic planning, long-range planning, budgeting, forecasting and financial reporting experience
- Exceptional communication, organizational and interpersonal skills
- Leadership skills that encourage teamwork and participative decision-making, and superior coaching and mentoring abilities
- Demonstrated experience and success forming and maintaining public/private partnerships
- Evidence of generating revenue through entrepreneurial initiatives
- Experience in various integrated accounting and administrative information systems
- Experience in implementing process improvement initiatives and strategies
- Familiarity with requirements governing receipt, expenditure and management activity of endowments and federal awards/grants
- Proven ability to work collaboratively and effectively across teams, including students, staff, faculty, alumni, Board Trustees, community and business partners, and external agencies.
- Ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously, with attention to details, timelines and deadlines
- Expertise in all applicable areas of insurance, claim processing and annual program review
- Demonstrated familiarity and knowledge of issues and challenges in institutions of higher education
- Demonstrated commitment to cultivating and managing a diverse workforce and to the University's values of excellence, efficiency, continuous improvement, respect and inclusion.
- Candidate must live in, or be willing to relocate to, the Greater Chicago Area.

For more information, or to apply for this position, please contact

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