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TURNING POINT EDUCATION **PREP YEAR** — JUDSON UNIVERSITY —

Turning Point Education Expands Prep Year to Judson University for Fall 2026

PHOENIX, October 6, 2026 — Turning Point USA is proud to announce the opening of its second on-campus Prep Year initiative at Judson University in Elgin, Illinois. The collaboration with Judson—an evangelical Christian university committed to helping students grow into fully developed, responsible persons who glorify God—advances Turning Point Education's (TPE) mission to reclaim, revive, and restore education by equipping the next generation with truth, wisdom, and character.

Turning Point USA's Prep Year at Judson University represents an important next step in responding to the clear cultural crisis before us: too many young people leave high school unprepared for life, only to be surrounded by ideological chaos and cultural rot at college campuses and classrooms. They lack critical thinking skills, a grounded worldview, and the resilience needed to succeed in business, politics, family, and community.

Erika Kirk, CEO of Turning Point USA, will speak at Judson University on October 6 as part of the *America: Love It or Leave It* campus tour. She said "Charlie always said he wanted to be remembered for his courage in his faith. That mattered more to him than anything, and it's a big part of why he was so passionate about Prep Year and speaking to America's youth on their campuses. This partnership with Judson University will allow students time to deepen their faith, understand what they believe, and build a grounded Christian, pro-America worldview before taking the next step in their lives. It means so much to see this program grow and reach even more young people."



Prep Year at Judson University offers students a nine-month, in-residence program where students live in Judson University's recently renovated dorms. The program combines foundational Christian, classical, and civic curriculum with immersive, skill-based opportunities designed to foster real growth in character and virtue.

Students study the Great Book—the Bible—alongside the Great Books for the Western tradition and America's founding documents. They learn from strong mentors, join service projects, attend conferences, take educational trips, tour factories and businesses, grow through athletics and leadership training, and explore clear pathways in academics, ministry, vocation, the military, and public office.

Students interested in Prep Year at Judson University for the Fall 2026 or Fall 2027 semester can follow Turning Point Education on [Instagram](#) and [apply online!](#)

About Turning Point USA

Turning Point USA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2012 by Charlie Kirk who was only 19 at the time. The organization's mission is to identify, educate, train, and organize students to promote the principles of freedom, free markets, and limited government. Since its founding, Turning Point USA has embarked on a mission to build the most organized, active, and powerful conservative grassroots activist network on college campuses across the country. With a presence on over 6,200 college and high school campuses, Turning Point USA is the largest and fastest-growing youth organization in America.

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About Judson University

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 university 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.

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