

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A
Judson Eagle

Sharye Skinner '72, is a proud graduate of Judson University's class of 1972, currently residing in Cazenovia, New York. Her time at Judson was spent in the human resource management program, where she gained the knowledge and skills to succeed in her career. She used to work for the YMCA and has now retired, but that doesn't stop her from staying busy and making a difference in her local community.



Sharye's favorite pastime in her retirement is volunteering in her local Presbyterian Church. She serves as an elder, sings in the choir, and teaches Sunday school. She is also an active volunteer. Sharye is on the board of the local League of Women Voters and several other non-profit organizations. Some issues that matter most to her include- anti-war, inclusion, women's empowerment, the arts, child welfare, and voting rights! Since she was young, her faith has guided her down a path of serving others and today she continues that service and remains committed to advocating for the rights of marginalized people.

When asked about what led her to choose Judson University, she revealed that she had attended Wheaton College at first but chose to leave due to her work protesting the Vietnam War. A classmate from Wheaton knew Harm Weber and drove her over to Judson to check out the school. She started classes at Judson in the fall of 1969. Right away, she loved the small class size and close community Judson had to offer. She was even a student representative in the initial accreditation committee for the University.

"At Judson, I learned you never know what opportunities God will give you. God opens new ideas and new doors, and you need to be open to those."

One of her most fond memories at Judson was being able to sing in the choir and getting voice lessons from Mrs. Thompson. These moments shaped her life and continue to guide her today! Sharye has been able to see people's lives shaped through her education at Judson, and she is grateful for the memories of her time on campus.

From her personal life to her relationship with God, her dedication to her community, her volunteer work, and her commitment to living a fulfilling life are all reflections of the values and teachings that Judson instilled in her during her time on campus!