

# House System

## Tournament Rules

April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025



# 2023-2024 House Champion:

## The Liele House





**The House System Tournament** is the final House competition between the five Judson College Houses: Elliott, Liele, Fuller, Schaeffer, and Brainerd. Each House has been competing the entire 2024-2025 school year for the grand prize and first place title. The competitions culminate in the House Tournament, which is a week-long event.

The tournament starts on a Tuesday with the judging of the Art Submissions, followed by Social Media Challenges on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday starts with Humanities Day, which has competitions ranging from literature to music to art and ends with Travers Excellence in Writing Award Recognition Night.

Then, on Saturday, the field day competition takes place. Houses will compete in the annual egg toss, relay race, and other various activities.

Saturday will end with a catered dinner at the *House System Closing Ceremony & Awards*, where the winners from all of the competitions will be announced.



# Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup> - Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> *Social Media Challenge*

Each day at 8:00am a social media challenge will be emailed out to all House System students. **In order to count for points students must post the challenge on their story, tag their official house Instagram in the challenge, AND have the official house Instagram repost their submission by 7:00pm.**

The way points will be gathered is by your regent re-posting your story in the official house Instagram story. So, be sure to click (let people you mention add this to your story) before you post it if your account is private.

*Students who do not have Instagram should send their challenge to their Regent so that the Regent can post it on the House Instagram.*

@schaeffer\_house\_se

@fuller\_house\_se

@liele\_house\_se

@elliott\_house\_se

@brainerd\_house\_se

# **Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** ***Humanities Day***

Art Competition

Literature Competition

Music Competition

Traver's Excellence in Writing Award

*House Tournament Website: [housetournament.net](http://housetournament.net)*



# Art Competition

6 total categories:

5 Individual Categories

1 House Category

All art submissions are due **Friday, April 11th, 2025, by 4pm** to the *Student Life office in the Ledford Center*. Participants must also submit their artwork on the House Tournament website. When turning in physical artwork, a form will be available that must be filled out and left with the submission. Individuals may enter one piece in any of the 5 categories (so, up to 5 individual pieces of art per person, but no more than **one per category**. Additionally, each house may only have up to 4 submissions per individual category). Each of the first 5 categories will be awarded points for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place which will go towards the overall Art Award. **First and second place winners will be displayed at the Awards Banquet.**

The House category is for the House Pride art, which will be weighted more heavily than the other 5 categories. This is a special category designed to show House pride and must be a collaborative effort.

## 1: Color Photography – 1 Submission Per Person, 4 Per House

- Color photograph must be **at least** 8x10 in size
- Submissions must be framed
- Submissions must be turned in to the Student Life office where a form will be available that must be filled out with the following information:  
Name, Competition Entering, House, Title of Piece
  - o Submissions are due **Friday, April 11th, 2025 at 4pm**
- **Contestants must also submit their artwork on the House Tournament website**
- **First and second place will be displayed at the Awards Banquet, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## 2: Black and White Photography – 1 Submission Per Person, 4 per house

- Black and White photograph must be **at least** 8x10 in size
- Submissions must be framed
- Submissions must be turned in to the Student Life office where a form will be available that must be filled out with the following information: Name, Competition Entering, House, Title of Piece
  - o Submissions are due **Friday, April 11th, 2025, at 4pm**
- Contestants must also submit their artwork on the House Tournament website
- **First and second place will be displayed at the Awards Banquet, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## 3: Painting –1 Submission Per Person, 4 per house

- Must be an original work of the individual entering
- Must be on a canvas or a framed paper
- Submissions must be turned in to the Student Life office where a form will be available that must be filled out with the following information: Name, Competition Entering, House, Title of Piece
  - o Submissions are due **Friday April 11th, 2025, at 4pm**
- Contestants must also submit their artwork on the House Tournament website
- **First and second place will be displayed at the Awards Banquet, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## 4: Drawing –1 Submission Per Person, 4 per house

- Must be an original work of the individual entering
- Must be on a framed paper *\*exceptions may apply.*
- Submissions must be turned in to the Student Life office where a form will be available that must be filled out with the following information: Name, Competition Entering, House, Title of Piece
  - o Submissions are due **Friday, April 11th, 2025, at 4pm**
- Contestants must also submit their artwork on the House Tournament website
- **First and second place will be displayed at the Awards Banquet, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## 5: Mixed Media Art –1 Submission Per Person, 4 per house

- Mixed Media is any art piece that uses a different material than that used for painting/drawing OR a combination of art mediums (assemblages, collages, wood burning, etc.)
  - o **Mixed media art MUST be physical artwork, it CANNOT be a video**
- Submissions must be turned in to the Student Life office where a form will be available that must be filled out with the following information: Name, Competition Entering, House, Title of Piece
- **Contestants must also submit their artwork on the House Tournament website**
  - o Submissions are due **Friday, April 11th, 2025, at 4pm**
- **First and second place will be displayed at the Awards Banquet, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## 6: House Pride –1 Per House

- House Pride art entry includes any physical art, any medium, which incorporates your House, its values, its crest, and/or motto, etc. (excluding performance art pieces)
- One entry per House
- **Must be a collaborative effort of leaders and members**
  - o *Chancellor must approve piece before submission*
  - o ***A 1 paragraph explanation of collaborative process to be displayed with the art must also be turned in with artwork***
- Submissions must be turned in *by the Chancellor* to the Student Life office where a form will be available that must be filled out with the following information: Name, Competition Entering, House, Title of Piece
- **Chancellor must also make an online submission on the House Tournament website**
  - o Submissions are due **Friday, April 11th, 2025, at 4pm**
- *This category is weighted more heavily than the other categories*



# Literature Competition

3 Total Categories:

2 Individual Categories

1 House category

Travers Excellence in Writing Award (Academic Research Paper) submissions are due **Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

Poetry and Short Story submissions are due **Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 4pm** to the submission link found on the House Tournament website.

In each of the three categories, a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place winner will be announced. Each place will be awarded points that will go towards the overall House winner of the literature competition. The same House can win multiple places in the categories, but each House will be awarded a singular place in the overall literature competition.

## **1: Travers Excellence in Writing Award (Academic Research Paper), at least 1 Per House**

- **Each House must submit at least one research paper**
- Only one submission per student
- Research Paper should:
  - Be between 8-10 full pages in length, 12pt font, double spaced
  - Argue a thesis using academic research
  - Written for a course at Judson College anytime in Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 semesters
- The Travers Excellence in Writing Award Board will:
  - Award a monetary prize for the top 3 Judson College Research Paper submissions
  - Email students that secured a placement and honorable mentions before the Recognition Night
- **Submissions are due Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025,** to the submission link found on the House Tournament website
- **Recognition Night will be held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, 7-9pm)**

- Reading of the top three Judson College research paper submissions
- Honorary Mentions
- Reception to follow
- Formal Dress

## 2: Poetry, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30am-11:15am\*time subject to change -- 4 Per House

- Houses can have a maximum of four (4) submissions but are limited to one submission per person.
- Poems will be read aloud by the author.
- Poems submitted should be at a minimum of 10 lines in length
- Any type of poetry can be submitted, but it has to fall under the genre of poetry.
- Times will be assigned.
- Submission should include: Name, Competition Entering, House, Title of Poem as well as a copy of your poem
- Submissions are due **Friday, April 11th, 2025, at 4pm** on the House Tournament website
  - Individuals are responsible for their entry, not the House
- Individuals will be assigned via e-mail a time slot to perform

## 3: Short Story, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30am-11:15am\*time subject to change -- 4 Per House

- Houses can have a maximum of four (4) submissions but are limited to one submission per person.
- Required length: 5-15 pages (do not go over!)
- **Entrants should prepare a short section of their paper to read aloud, but will not read the entire story aloud.**
  - Judges will read the short stories beforehand
- Entrants should be prepared to answer any questions on
  - Your inspiration
  - Five key elements: Main character, Setting, Plot, Conflict, & Theme
  - Any other question the judge(s) may have
- Submissions are due **Friday, April 11th, 2025, at 4pm** on the House Tournament website
  - **Individuals are responsible for their entry, not the House**
- Submission should include: Name, Competition Entering, House, Title of Short Story as well as a document copy of your short story
- Individuals will be assigned via e-mail a time slot to perform

# Music Competition

## 4 Total Categories:

3 Individual Categories

1 House category

All music contestants must register on the House Tournament website by **Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 4 PM**

In each of the three categories, a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place winner will be announced. Each place will be awarded points that go towards the overall House winner of the music competition. The same House can win multiple places in the categories, but each House will be awarded a singular place in the overall music competition.

A rehearsal time for *Worship Ensemble* will be held on **Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** from 5-7pm in Appleby Chapel. Each House will need to sign-up for a rehearsal slot.

A rehearsal time for *all other music competitions* will be held in Appleby Chapel on **Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 9-11:30am for those who require any technical assistance in their performance (mic, plug in capabilities, etc.) Each participant will sign-up for a rehearsal slot in order to make sure any sound connections/microphone use is ready to go.

### **1: Solo Vocal 1pm-1:45pm \*time subject to change – 4 Per House**

- Houses may have a maximum of four (4) contestants, but individuals are limited to one entry per person
- Time Limit: Pieces must be **2 minutes max. and no less than 1 minutes**
  - o *With a 30 second grace period; points will be deducted after that*
- Each individual may sing acapella or may have some kind of accompaniment that they provide:
  - o Someone else (does not have to be same House)
  - o Self

- Audio track (No background vocals)
- Registration should include: Name, Competition Entering, House, Title of Selection, Composer, any accompaniment
  - Original pieces are accepted but the lyrics must be included in the submission
- Registrations are due by **Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 4 PM** on the House Tournament Website
  - *Individuals are responsible for their entry, not the House*
- Individuals will be assigned via e-mail a time slot to perform
- There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place winners
  - The same House can win multiple places
  - Places 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> will gather points that will go to the overall music award

## 2: Solo Instrumental 1:55pm-2:30pm \*time subject to change – 4 Per House

- Houses may have a maximum of (4) contestants, but individuals are limited to one entry per person
- Time Limit: Pieces must be **2 minutes max. and no less than 1 minute**
  - *There will be a 30 second grace period; points will be deducted after that*
- Registration should include: Name, Competition Entering, House, Title of Selection, Composer, Instrument
  - Original pieces are accepted but the music must be included in the submission
- Registrations are due by **Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 4 PM** on the House Tournament Website
  - Individuals are responsible for their entry, not the House
- Individuals will be assigned via e-mail a time slot to perform
- There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place winners
  - The same House can win multiple places
  - Places 1-5 will gather points that will go to the overall music award

### 3: Vocal Duet 2:50pm-3:20pm \*time subject to change – 2 Per House

- Houses may have a maximum of two duets, but individuals are limited to one entry per person
- Time Limit: Pieces must be **2 minutes max. and no less than 1 minutes**
  - o *With a 30 second grace period; points will be deducted after that*
- Each duet may sing acapella or may have some kind of accompaniment that they provide:
  - o Someone else (does not have to be same House)
  - o Self
  - o Audio track (No background vocals)
- Registration should include: Names, Competition Entering, House, Title of Selection, Composer, any accompaniment
  - o Original pieces are accepted but the lyrics must be included in the submission
- Registrations are due by **Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 4 PM** on the House Tournament Website
  - o Individuals are responsible for their entry, not the House
- Individuals will be assigned via e-mail a time slot to perform
- There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place winners
  - o The same House can win multiple places
  - o Places 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> will gather points that will go to the overall music award

### 4: Small Worship Ensemble 3:30pm-4:00pm – 1 per House

- Small worship ensembles are groups of 3-5 individuals from the same House and will perform a worship piece
- **Houses may only enter ONE group for this competition**
- Time Limit: Pieces must be **4 minutes or less**
  - o *With a 30 second grace period; points will be deducted after that*
- Registration should include: Names of all participants, Competition Entering, House, Title of Selection, Composer, Accompaniment
  - o Original pieces are accepted but the lyrics must be included in the submission



- Registrations are due **Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 4 PM** at the House Tournament Website
  - o *Only one person from each ensemble should fill out the registration form*
- Ensembles will be assigned via e-mail a slot to perform

# **Saturday, May 3rd**

## ***Field Day***

### **Field Day: Color Wars**

The field day competition will begin at 10am on Saturday morning and last until 4pm. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place for each event will be awarded along with points for each. There will be five (5) competitions.

#### **1. Participation**

The House with the highest percentage of members present will win.

#### **2. MyStErY G A M E**

Be prepared to get messy.

#### **3. Crisscross Egg Toss**

Each House will have three teams of two people compete. Try not to let the water guns affect your catching ability.

#### **4. Hilariously Huge House Hustle**

In the final field day game, each House will participate in a wild, wacky, and colorful relay race.

