

Martha Byrne \$2,000 Past President's Scholarship \$10,000 College Woman's Club of Westfield Scholarship

Following in the footsteps of Janet Yellen, Martha is already on her way to becoming Treasury Secretary or head of the Federal Reserve. Her keen interest in Economics began her freshman year at Mount St. Mary Academy when she joined their Euro Challenge Team, researching and presenting on the Latvian economy. Sophisticated debates on economic policy became a regular at the family dinner table.

Her enthusiasm grew when she joined the school's Fed Challenge team, one of only two all-female teams in the competition where members play the role of monetary policy makers. Martha developed an expertise in synthesizing the data that underpinned the team's economic analysis and became certified on Bloomberg Terminals.

Martha has excelled academically at Mount Saint Mary, earning AP Scholar with Distinction for her performance in 10 different AP courses and gold medals in the National Latin Exam. She is a National Merit Finalist, a rare distinction reserved for the top 1.25% of PSAT test-takers.

Because she "likes to be busy," Martha was also a delegate for the Model UN, a flutist in the school symphony, senior editor of the student blog, and a peer minister. She is co-captain of her volleyball team and is an avid horseback rider. A Girl Scout since kindergarten, she is currently pursuing her Gold Award using a website prototype she developed that provides female role models for teen girls.

Martha's math teacher and guidance counselor equally extol her high level of intellectual curiosity, self-motivation, team spirit and grit. We have no doubt that the University of Notre Dame will provide her with an excellent springboard for a career to watch!