CAMPUS TO CAREER
a panel discussion and networking event
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Morris Inn Ballroom

Moderator and Panelist Biographies

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Alison Leddy is the Founder and President of Notre Dames and a native of Cleveland, OH. At the University of Notre Dame, she is a fifth-year senior who studies Mechanical Engineering and Sociology and has served as a Resident Assistant in Cavanaugh Hall. Her experiences within the dear walls of Laurel School, an all-girls high school, have shaped her and the Notre Dames Club immeasurably. Alison loves strong female role models and breakfast food, so she considers Leslie Knope from Parks & Recreation to be her spirit animal. Notre Dames is her dream come true and she loves to engage with each and every Dame.
Angela graduated in 1995 with a BBA in Finance and Computer Applications. She spent 2 years in management consulting before joining Strategic Hotels & Resorts as the Director of Financial Analysis. In 2004, upon the arrival of twins, Angela left her career to stay home with her girls. After relocating from Chicago to Minneapolis in 2008, she enjoyed volunteering in her daughters’ school and helping to bring ND Women Connect to the ND Club of MN. Today, she is the Administrator for the ND Club of MN and also serves on the ND Women Connect Steering Committee, primarily serving as the group’s social media manager. In her free time, Angela enjoys reading, cooking, running and traveling.
Joya C. De Foor is the founder of De Foor Consulting Solutions, LLC. During her extensive finance career, she has been directly responsible for $10 billion in debt issuance and management of a $7 billion investment portfolio. In 2009, Treasury & Risk named her to its list of the 100 Most Influential People in Finance.

She is the former CFO for the City of Atlanta where she advised the Mayor and City Council on municipal financing, budgeting, treasury activities, accounting, financial policies, and pension reform. Previously, Ms. De Foor served as the Treasurer for Los Angeles, CA and was the City Treasurer & Revenue Officer for Long Beach, CA.

Before joining the City of Long Beach, Ms. De Foor worked in a variety of professional capacities for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority including Assistant Treasurer, then Treasurer. Prior to the MTA, Ms. De Foor was member of Deloitte's Management Consulting Group, Coldwell Banker, EGS Metro Corporation as Assistant Controller and Panhandle Eastern (now Duke Energy Corporation) as a Project Manager.

Her Atlanta team received the Bond Buyers Deal of the Year (southeast region). While in Los Angeles, her team there was selected as the Grand Prize winner of Association for Financial Professionals’ Pinnacle Award and Treasury Today’s Adam Smith Award (Europe). In addition to past service as a member of the Government Finance Officers Association's Executive Board, she has held trustee or committee positions with US Bank, the Association for Financial Professionals and the Long Beach Museum of Art. She is currently Treasurer for the Arts Council of Long Beach, CA.

Ms. De Foor is currently attending Southwestern Law School (part-time) where she is a Dean’s Scholar, Dean’s Fellow, Vice President of the Black Law Students Association and Treasurer of the American Constitution Society.
Sheila Delaney ’99, MBA, ‘09
Home ND Club: Chicago
Undergraduate College: Architecture
Undergraduate Major: Architecture
Further Education: MBA, (‘09), University of Notre Dame

Sheila is a Vice President at J.P. Morgan Investment Bank in the Tax Oriented Investment group based in Chicago. Her group is focused on real estate investments through Low Income Housing Tax Credits within the United States and the US Commonwealths. Sheila has helped to originate, structure, underwrite, and close proprietary investments for over 80 deals and $900MM in equity for the last 5 years. Prior to JPMorgan, Sheila worked in corporate real estate for Sears Holding Corporation within Asset Management managing +47MM SF of corporate real estate assets in California, Florida, and New England.

Sheila’s career began on the Notre Dame campus as an Intern Architect for Ellerbe Becket during her 4th and 5th years of undergraduate studies in Architecture. Some of the notable projects she helped to oversee in construction include: Galvin Science Center project, Main Administration Building renovation, South Dining Hall addition, Bond Hall renovation, Notre Dame Stadium renovation, and construction of several residential halls. From 1999 until 2009, Sheila worked as an architect at Merrill and Pastor in Vero Beach FL, Cooper Robertson and Partners in Midtown NYC, GP Schafer Architects in Soho NYC, and Antunovich Associates in Chicago IL. Her range of work in classical and traditional architecture varied from project architect on a 4,500SF single family home in Windsor FL, to a project architect on a Southern Accent home design in Watercolor Beach FL, to a project manager on a 13,000SF Greek Revival Farmhouse in Dutchess County NY (winner of the 2009 Palladio Award), and finally to project manager directing a team of 12 direct reports on a 100+ acre Mixed-Use Brown Field development which included over 700,000SF of retail, 750 residences, and 180,000SF of office space.

Sheila enjoys running marathons and has completed the Chicago marathon each of the last 4 years as well as over 20 half marathons over the past 5 years. Sheila has a brother that is a 1997 graduate of the University of Notre Dame and two sisters that are 1992 and 1993 graduates from Saint Mary’s College. Sheila is a proud aunt of 9 and proud godmother of 3. She is active in the University of Notre Dame Alumni Club in Chicago and an active Alumna of the ND School of Architecture.
While at Notre Dame, Ellie lived in Breen Phillips Hall and was very active in the Engineering School, leading the Joint Engineering Council. During her college years, she was very fortunate to have several internships within the industry. After graduation, she worked in Research & Development in a chemical company environment as well as for two separate consumer products companies.

She got married in 1991 to Bob (’88) and ‘retired’ from full-time work when their first son (of two) was born. In 1997, her family relocated to Minnesota where she began working part-time as an Administrator for private clients. In 2003, after volunteering with the club, she began working for the Notre Dame Club of Minnesota as the club administrator. In addition to working part-time, she was an active volunteer at school and church. This past summer, she relocated to the South Bend area where her husband started a new job. Both of her boys are ND students.
Panelists

Kate Sullivan ’10, MA in Public Policy
Home ND Club: Washington, D.C.
Undergraduate College: Arts & Letters
Undergraduate Major: Political Science
Undergraduate Minor(s): Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
Further Education: MA in Public Policy (‘14), George Washington University

Kaitlin graduated from Notre Dame in 2010 with a major in political science and a minor in philosophy, politics, and economics. While at Notre Dame was involved with the Center for Social Concerns, Gender Relations Center, and ND/SMC Irish Dance Club. She also spent a semester in Washington DC and worked abroad in Uganda and Ireland as an undergrad.

After graduation, Kaitlin did a year of service with Jesuit Volunteer Corp in San Jose, CA and worked as a rape crisis advocate and educator at the YWCA of Silicon Valley. While in graduate school at George Washington University she started working at Facebook, where she's currently an Associate Manager on the Global Policy Management team in Washington DC. Kaitlin enjoys cooking, staying active, and, of course, Notre Dame football.
The Honorable Elizabeth F. Tavitas was appointed Judge of the Lake Superior Court, Room Three of the Civil Division, Domestic Relations Division in May, 2006.

Judge Tavitas received her B.A. degree, cum laude, from the University of Notre Dame in 1985, and earned her J.D. degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1990. She was admitted to the Indiana bar in 1990. She is a 2009 Indiana Judicial College graduate and a graduate of the 2012 Indiana Judge’s Graduate Program.

Prior to her appointment to the bench, Judge Tavitas served as a deputy prosecutor in the Lake County Prosecutor’s Office; served as a juvenile public defender in the Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division; and also maintained a private practice. In 1998, she was appointed to the position of referee in the Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division, where she served until 2006. During that time, Judge Tavitas served on the Juvenile Bench Book Committee.

Judge Tavitas served as Chair of the NWI Volunteer Attorneys, Inc. from 2007 through 2012, and currently continues to serve as a board member. She previously served as a judicial appointee member of the Indiana Pro Bono Commission from 2007 through 2012. From 2009 through 2013, she served as a board member for Indiana Legal Services, Inc. She was elected as a board member of the Notre Dame Law Association Board in 2010. She currently serves as a judicial appointee member of the Indiana Supreme Court, Domestic Relations Committee.

Judge Tavitas is an active member of the Lake County Bar Association, Family Law section; Indiana State Bar Association; Indiana Judges Association; Women Lawyers Association; National Association of Women Judges, and the International Association of Women Judges. She has served as a moot court judge for the Notre Dame Law School Trial Advocacy Program, and as a judge for the “We the People” program sponsored by the Indiana State Bar Association.
Monica, a Connecticut native, majored in Science Pre-professional with a minor in Latin American Studies. While at Notre Dame she worked as a student athletic trainer for a year, studied abroad in Mexico, served as president of the Jewish Club, and taught Spanish at the Juvenile Justice Center in South Bend.

Monica enrolled at Boston University to earn a master in public health, after deciding to not apply to medical school. There she concentrated in global health, worked at the Framingham Heart Study, and volunteered to work on a health research project in Nicaragua. After graduate school Monica worked for three years in environmental exposure research at Harvard University. She moved out to Seattle in 2012 and currently works in clinical research at the University of Washington Sport Medicine Clinic. Her boss, also a Notre Dame alumna and former basketball player, is the head team physician for the UW football team. Monica enjoys being active, traveling, cooking, and will be getting married next summer.