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Major: Economics

Year: Sophomore

Hometown: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Research Project Title: “Higher Education Endowments in Economic Recessions”

Research Project: The recession of the late 2000s led to a decrease in charitable giving across the non-profit sector. In this project I will focus on the effect of economic recession on the higher education endowments of private versus public institutions and explore the historical and contemporary investment management issues and trends in higher education endowment management.

How you became interested in this topic? The summer 2011 federal debt ceiling debates and newly determined ceiling of $14.29 trillion resulted in the elimination of the subsidized interest benefit on previously subsidized Stafford loans for graduate and professional students beginning July 1, 2012. These reductions led me to do some research on how college finance works, and later specifically how higher education endowments work.

Faculty Mentor: Caprice Knapp, PhD

Dream Job: Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

Student Organizations You’re Involved In: Freshman Leadership Council, IDEAL, Gators for UNICEF, Honors Without Borders

Highlight of your UF Career: Though there are many highlights to the time I have spent at UF, my admission to the University Scholars Program is noteworthy.

Favorite Hangout: Library West, second floor behind the stacks near University Avenue

Hobbies: Reading the news, examining peer-reviewed journal articles, maintaining a blog, drinking coffee

Last Book You Read that Wasn’t Assigned: Freakonomics by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner

Random Fun Fact About You: It was my intention to pursue a degree in Music Composition throughout my entire high school career