

## March Economic Madness, Spring 2021

Our Esteemed Judges



### Marilu Hastings

Cynthia & George Mitchell Foundation, Chief Innovation and Strategy Officer  
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Marilu Hastings is a Philanthropic & Strategic Advisor in Austin, TX. After graduating from Duke University with a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Economics and Political Science, Marilu earned an MBA and MPA from The University of Texas at Austin. Marilu has also held leadership positions at the Houston Advanced Research Center, where her work focused on enhancing the integration of social science into environmental decision-making. She analyzed the dynamics of environmental decision-

making within the oil & gas industry, especially in sensitive and remote environments. Marilu also leads a number of national efforts with other prominent U.S. foundations to develop environment grantmaking strategies, define program evaluation protocol, and co-convene conferences and workshops on key issues related to water, natural gas, clean energy, and sustainability science. In her current role, Marilu convenes high-profile collaborative efforts to promote Texas's transition to sustainability, including initiatives to protect habitat and species from energy sprawl, address ongoing drought and water management challenges, foster sustainability education curriculum and practices, and adopt clean energy policies.



### Britta Klucznik

Truist Financial Corporation, Senior Vice President,  
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Britta Klucznik is the Senior Vice President of Middle Market Banking at Truist Financial. Britta earned her Bachelor of Science (BS) in Corporate Finance and Human Resource Management with a Minor in Spanish from the University of South Carolina. Prior to her current role, Britta spent nearly a decade as a Business Banking Associate, Portfolio Manager, Commercial Credit Underwriter, and Regional Corporate Banker at BB&T, which has since merged with SunTrust to create Truist Bank. Britta also volunteers at both the YMCA of Austin as a Board Member, and in the American Heart Association's Executive Leadership Team.



### Mike Mauldin

Texas Tech University, Director, Excellence in Banking  
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Mike Mauldin leads the Rawls College of Business as Director of the Excellence in Banking Program at Texas Tech University. Prior to be named director, Mike earned his Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) from the West Texas State University (West Texas A&M University), and spent 17 years as chairman, president, and CEO of First Financial Bank Texas, Hereford region. Mike is passionate about his work and the banking industry, as seen in his work in the banking industry for over 42 years, during which time he has held leadership positions with the American Bankers Association and Texas Bankers Association. Mike has also received the 2010 Texas Bankers Association Chairman's Award, Deaf Smith County 2010 Citizen of the Year Award, West Texas State A&M 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award, and was inducted into the Old Main Society in 2019. In his current role, Mike is responsible for all aspects of the Banking Program, which focuses on preparing its students to be work ready to meet the needs of the banking industry. He works with the finance faculty and regional stakeholders that invested in the program to create new opportunities for current and future students through the Texas Tech Excellence in Banking Program.

