

April 14, 2021



Dear Mairi,

On behalf of Northwood University, it is with great honor and joy to announce you are the inaugural recipient of the Kelly Ann Meek Endowed Scholarship.

The endowed scholarship's purpose is to recognize women of academic and personal strength who are students of The Richard DeVos Graduate School of Management. As an outstanding scholar, you are a strong representation of Kelly's legacy and a fitting beneficiary.

It is a joy to learn about Kelly through what has been written about her in tribute. Her life's accomplishments are impressive. She holds many titles, of which a caring wife, a loving mother, and entrepreneur stand out.

As Co-Founder of Kichesippi Beer Company, she instilled a culture that persists today. Last year, she was honored on International Women's Day with an American Pale Ale all her own – Warrior Woman.

Kelly's legacy is empowering individuals. Through her gift, you are now a more formal part of her life's example. You will take her warrior spirit forward as you move beyond academics and toward your next milestone, and the many individual achievements that will follow.

Viola Desmond, a Canadian civil rights icon, is reported to be fond of the following statement most attributed to Desmond Tutu, which I believe reflects the influence of Kelly's life.

"Do your little bit of good where you are."

As you build upon Kelly's history, your actions beginning today sum up Viola's final remark

"It's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

Mairi, the "good" you will create and share with others will overwhelm the world. All of us at Northwood University are certain you will continue to astonish and we all look forward to learning of your success.

Congratulations again on being the inaugural recipient of the Kelly Ann Meek Endowed Scholarship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Justin W. Marshall'.

Justin W. Marshall
VP, Advancement and Business Development

