

Outstanding Finance Trader—Lauren Oplinger



Image of woman smiling next to screen with stock market trading numbers on it.

- * Lauren graduated from College of Holy Cross where she double majored in math and economics. She got her dream job with JP Morgan Chase working on the trading floor in New York City. In February 2009, she left work for the weekend thinking she had the flu.
- * Her symptoms progressed and she ended up in the hospital in ICU. Her kidneys failed twice and she went into cardiac arrest. Her doctors determined she had an airborne infection in her lungs that went into her bloodstream and spread to every major organ in her body and ultimately damaged her optic nerves leaving her legally blind in both eyes.
- * After months of visual and physical therapy, she was able to return to the job she loved, working on the trading floor with the help of three large computer screens and ZoomText Reader Magnifier software.
- * “I sit right in the aisle with all the other traders,” Lauren said. “Sharing my story has been therapeutic. This is me and I’m proud of it.”
- * Lauren is active in raising awareness of issues related to vision loss and advocating for people with vision impairments. This year, she was recognized as one of 10 Employees of the Year by Careers & the Disabled magazine. She was recognized as one of her firm’s Disability Champions in 2018.