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Ellen Zentner

As Morgan Stanley's chief U.S. economist, Ellen Zentner has been named to *Bloomberg* Best list of top forecasters and is one of the nation's most highly regarded markets experts. But when she smells pine trees, she's a 13-year-old girl again, giggling with cabin mates at Luzerne Music Center, where she learned to tease her hair with AquaNet and the timeless hipness of Doc Martens.

"Showing up to school the first day in Texas, and I had a pair of Doc Martens and my hair was sprayed up like crazy and people were like, 'Oh my God, what have you done?'" Zentner recalled.


The older cousin of Luzerne Music Center CEO

and Artistic Director Elizabeth Pitcairn was the first in their family to attend LMC. When Elizabeth went a few summers after Zentner, she was flattered.

"I was quite honored my illustrious cousin ended up going to the same camp as me," she laughed in a recent interview — a rare few minutes of downtime snuck into a tightly packed schedule.

Zentner played the oboe growing up in Texas, but her school didn't have a full orchestra. She returned from her first summer at Luzerne Music Center, intent on getting serious about the instrument.

"Luzerne was the heaviest," she said. "I did a little bit of the city youth orchestra, but it just wasn't the right place for a woodwind, so I was in band, but it's just not the same as being in a full orchestra. It's just not as powerful."



Elizabeth Pitcairn, CEO and artistic director of Luzerne Music Center, left, is seen with her cousin, Ellen Zentner, in New York City in 2019.