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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is
dedicated to all The
Finance Society alumni.
Without your hard work,
FS would not be the
organization it is today.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Dear Alumni,

I hope everyone is staying warm and getting ready for the holidays! This fall, I had the honor of serving as Alumni Chair for the second time. I have continued to be inspired by the strength of our alumni network, which was evident this semester at our first Alumni Mingle since the pandemic started. Finance Society continues to be grateful for the contributions you all have made in shaping what the club is today.

This fall semester marked our first in-person events in nearly two years. While we still maintained a hybrid format, we greatly enjoyed seeing each other again and connecting with our members in-person. We welcomed three new sophomores into our Executive Committee this semester and held various social events ranging from our annual retreat to an E-Comm golf outing in order to maintain our tight-knit FS community. In addition, with the 2023 Summer Analyst recruiting cycle approaching, FS has remained committed as ever to preparing our members for their professional endeavors. At our general meetings, we continued the momentum of high engagement over the last year by hosting informative workshops throughout the semester.

I also want to give a shout-out to the other FS members who are graduating with me this winter. Michelle, Kartikay, Kartik, Noah, Ram, and Sara – thank you for your dedication and everything you have given to the organization. Wishing you all the best of luck after graduation, and I hope to see you involved in FS for years to come. As for the rest of E-Comm, be sure to stay in touch going forward!

Lastly, I am excited to see Kartik take over as Alumni Chair in the spring. We greatly enjoyed seeing you all at this semester's Alumni Mingle, and we look forward to connecting again at events in the near future. From our family to yours, we hope you enjoy the holidays!

Best,



Kumail Raza
Alumni Chair



Kumail Raza '22
Alumni Chair

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PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Dear Alumni,

Happy Holidays! It has been a pleasure to serve as Co-Presidents of Finance Society this past semester, and we are excited to share with you our club's highlights from our first semester back in-person. This fall, our focus was to seamlessly transition from a virtual setting to a hybrid format and continue expanding on our past initiatives. The club has continued to thrive despite this challenging backdrop, and we are very grateful for your support, guidance, and efforts in setting such a strong foundation for us to build on.

We kicked off the fall semester by welcoming three additional members — Karthik, Rishi, and Teeya — to join our E-Comm community. Shortly after they joined, we continued the tradition of hosting a retreat, this time in the Hamptons. We cooked, baked, played games, and decompressed away from the city in an effort to reconnect and get to know each other better. We also had an E-Comm bonding session at The Golf Club at Chelsea Piers, where Charlie (who plays for NYU's varsity golf team) coached us on golf skills to impress our future MDs. Finally, although we had to delay our holiday gift exchange due to rising COVID cases, we look forward to continuing the tradition when it is safer to do so.

We were also delighted to resume hosting in-person meetings at T-201 in a hybrid format. Despite being unable to serve pizza or dumplings to attendees, we continued to see elevated engagement with general members throughout the semester with an average of nearly 140 members per general meeting, which was supplemented by general socials and women's series events. We also hosted a unique event in which we moderated a fireside chat with Marc S. Cooper, CEO of Solomon Partners. Furthermore, our Finance Society Instagram account (@nyufinancesociety) has been a resounding success as a marketing channel and communication platform. Our account has grown to 700+ followers as we continue to spread awareness regarding our events and highlight the FS community.

However, the highlight of our semester was definitely hosting the first Alumni Mingle in five semesters, where we were amazed by the incredible turnout from our alumni (which was so impressive that we had to expand our section of the outdoor space at The Ainsworth). Your engagement with the club serves as a testament to the strong support you continue to provide. It was amazing to see many familiar faces and greet new ones, and we hope you enjoyed reconnecting with fellow alumni and meeting E-Comm members. We are happy we could continue the tradition this year, and we are looking forward to the next one!

It has been wonderful to work with our Executive Board this semester and we are immensely grateful for the opportunity to lead FS. Thank you for all of your efforts to make FS the organization it is today, which has made it much easier to navigate the challenges this semester has presented. We truly enjoyed making an impact on the club and the broader Stern and NYU communities, and are excited for the spring semester. We hope you enjoy the newsletter and wish you all a warm and delightful holiday season!

Best,



Kartikay Sharma
Co-President



Michelle Rozelman
Co-President



Kartikay Sharma '22
Co-President



Michelle Rozelman '22
Co-President

EXECUTIVE BOARD



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Co-President



Michelle Rozelman
Co-President



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E-Comm Co-Chair



Justin Chen
E-Comm Co-Chair



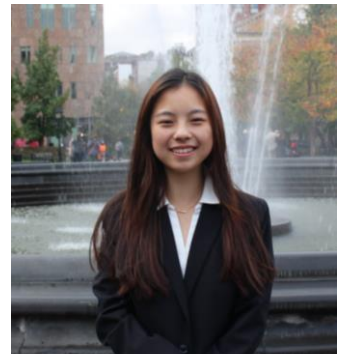
Kumail Raza
Alumni Chair



Julia Wu
Marketing Chair



Alice Yu
Secretary



Shannon Huang
Social Chair



Kevin Li
Tech & Media Chair



Robby Sain
Treasurer

NEW E-COMM MEMBERS



Karthik Arun

From: Manama, BH
Interests: Travelling and
Hiking



Rishi Kulkarni

From: Flower Mound, TX
Interests: Saxophone and
Indian Cooking



Teeya Lowe

From: Shanghai, CN
Interests: Dogs and
Digital Art

COMMUNITY BUILDING



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

What do you do now?

I work at a 100-year-old merchant bank, Carl Marks & Co, specializing in distress and special situations. I transitioned here after working on buying an e-commerce business out of bankruptcy at a small investment team of a single-family office based in Connecticut and Georgia. Most of my time is spent at our investment banking division, advising debtors, equity holders, lenders, and various ad hoc groups on in-court and out-of-court balance sheet restructurings, turnarounds, and M&A deals.

What was the best part of being in FS?

The fondest memories I recall include socializing and general camaraderie among the E-Comm team. FS was one of a few oases of cooperation, compassion, and inequitable exchange. One of the most impressive events I recall was a summer internship networking event held at a massive trading floor on the 70-somethingth floor of a NYC skyscraper. Getting exposed as an undergraduate to those programs, even if they rarely translated to job or internship offers, was invaluable. Some of the events we planned in collaboration with other clubs, featuring live Q&As with film directors for instance, were also memorable.

Any advice for the younger people reading this, especially in light of COVID-19?

Have a simple list of what you want to accomplish in life and prepare for the unexpected. People often relate life's priorities to juggling; it's a trap to think all the balls in the air matter equally. The ball about to hit the ground requires special attention. Start there. Some balls (e.g., career) are like rubber if you drop them: they can bounce back, while others (e.g., family), are more fragile, like glass. Success is an internal problem and there are different kinds of success. Albeit it is tempting to measure yourself against your peers, comparison can be dangerous. Someone once said, "success is getting what you want, and happiness is wanting what you get." Highly motivated people often have trouble knowing when enough is enough.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I like to play pickup basketball, catch up on the latest developments in foreign policy and geopolitics, read 19th-century Russian literature, and visit NYC's landmark art galleries, museums, and jazz/blues clubs.

Where is the first place you would travel to when you have the chance?

The Alhambra in Granada, the rock of Gibraltar, and the Baja Peninsula.



Mehyar Afkari '14
Former E-Comm Member

E-COMM SPOTLIGHT

How did you get involved with FS?

Coming into Stern, I wanted to find a tight-knit community that could not only help me develop my professional skills, but also help me navigate my four years at NYU. After attending general meetings throughout my freshman year, I quickly realized that FS checked off all these boxes. As a result, I decided to apply to E-Comm, and I am happy to say that I have found a strong community and a group of friends that I could rely on for anything – whether that be during the rest of my time at Stern or well after college!

What has been your favorite memory from FS so far?

I really enjoyed meeting everyone in E-Comm at the retreat, which was during the first weekend that I was a part of FS. It was great talking to all the members and learning about their diverse interests and upbringings. The highlight of the night was cooking food with the other members of E-Comm!

How has FS been able to help you grow?

FS helped me develop my knowledge of the technical aspects of the financial services industry. Through the E-Comm program, I have honed my professional and public speaking skills by presenting market updates throughout the semester to general members. However, what I value most is the mentorship I receive from upperclassmen in E-Comm who have already navigated several years in New York and at Stern. With that said, I am looking forward to growing even more with FS moving forward!

What do you look forward to in your coming years at NYU?

I have learned a lot throughout the past semester in FS. Over the next few years, I aim to continue learning as much as I can before I enter the real world. I am also looking forward to being a mentor to incoming underclassmen and hopefully giving back the mentorship I received in my first few years.

What are your career interests?

Learning about various aspects of the financial services industry through FS has helped me realize that I want to pursue a career in investment banking upon graduation. Though I am not sure about my longer-term aspirations yet, I aim to use investment banking as a platform to learn more about different industries.



Karthik Arun '24
E-Comm Member

E-COMM SPOTLIGHT

How did you get involved with FS?

In my freshman year, I tried to attend as many club meetings as possible to explore different areas within business. After attending FS meetings, it was clear to me that the club differentiated itself due to its emphasis on both enhancing our understanding of technical topics and creating a community at Stern. Eager to be a part of this organization, I signed up to meet some of the E-Board members during my freshman fall semester and really appreciated their willingness to help me feel more at home at NYU and answer any questions I had. I continued to attend every General Meeting and eventually got accepted into E-Comm. Since then, I am an active member of the club and am fortunate enough to serve on E-Board!

What has been your favorite memory from FS?

Earlier this semester, we rented a house and held a retreat with E-Comm members. After more than a year of being remote, this was an awesome way to catch up with everyone and hang out in a more informal setting. It was also great getting to know the underclassmen who joined the club during COVID. Everything including the train ride there, the card games we played, and eating the food the sophomores cooked was a lot of fun!

How has FS impacted your time at NYU?

FS has allowed me to find a community of like-minded, driven individuals across all grades. FS was also a great resource during my recruiting cycle by providing essential materials to study technical topics and an amazing network of alumni who were able to answer any questions I had about their experiences in the professional world. Lastly, by serving as Marketing Chair last year and President next semester, FS has given me the opportunity to grow as a leader while making an impact on the Stern community.

What do you look forward to in the remainder of your time at NYU?

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic my study abroad plans were cancelled so I am looking forward to rescheduling those to my senior fall! Aside from that, I am excited to explore the city more after being at home for the last year, go to some more Nets games, try new food places, and take some more interesting classes that fall outside the scope of my concentrations.

What are your career interests?

As of now, I am unsure about my long-term career interests, though ideally this would include working with entertainment or sports-focused firms. As a result, I plan to pursue a career in investment banking coming out of college to learn more about the technical skills needed on the job as well as the impact I would be able to have on companies.



Vikas Gurnani '23
Incoming Co-President

SEMESTER STATISTICS

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Events

110 Attendees / Event

12

General Meetings

139 Attendees / GM

Event Highlight

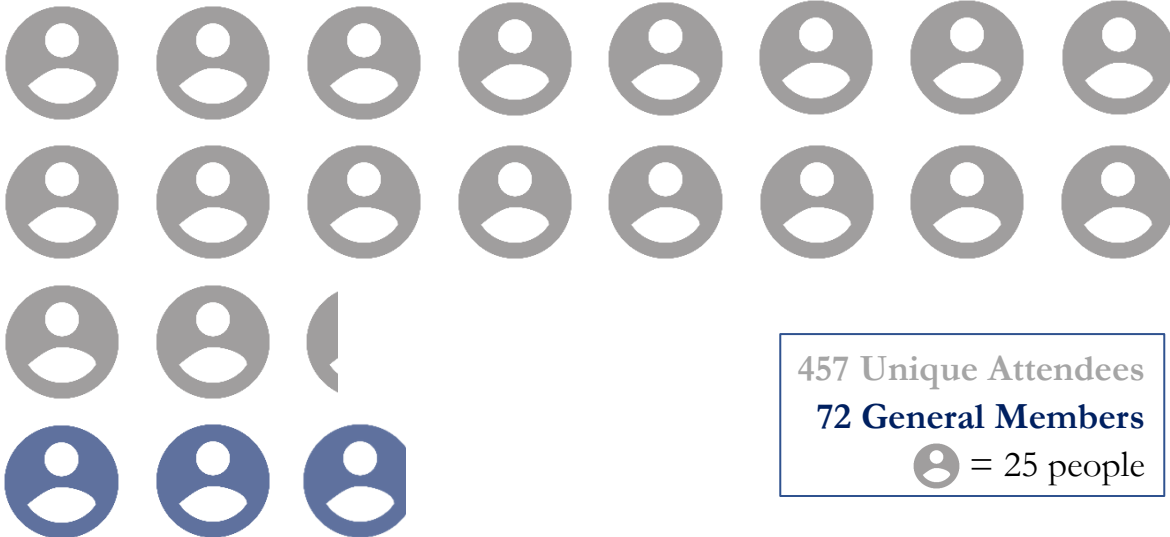
Fireside Chat with Marc S. Cooper

For one of our special events this semester, Marc S. Cooper, the CEO of Solomon Partners, spoke to us about his experiences and essential leadership skills.

GM Highlight

Investment Banking Case Study Walkthrough

For one of our general meetings, we walked through real M&A and restructuring transactions to highlight the work investment bankers do in a deal context.



FULL-TIME RECRUITING



Janet Huang,
Software Engineering



Kumail Raza,
Investment Banking



Weiting Hong,
Investment Banking



Ilan Kaissar,
Tax



Kartikay Sharma,
Investment Banking



Sara Liu,
Technical Program Management



Noah Greenblatt,
Investment Banking



Thomas Monsellato,
Investment Banking



Michelle Rozelman,
Investment Banking



Ramviknesh Ramanathan,
Investment Banking



Kartik Nalamalapu,
Investment Banking



Shlomo Husni,
Asset Management

JUNIOR RECRUITING



Justin Chen,
Investment Banking

Ducera

Omar Essa,
Investment Banking

EVERCORE

Charlie Hsieh, Investment Banking
Shannon Huang, Investment Banking

Greenhill

Iti Kommanavancha, Investment Banking
Jack Wang, Investment Banking

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