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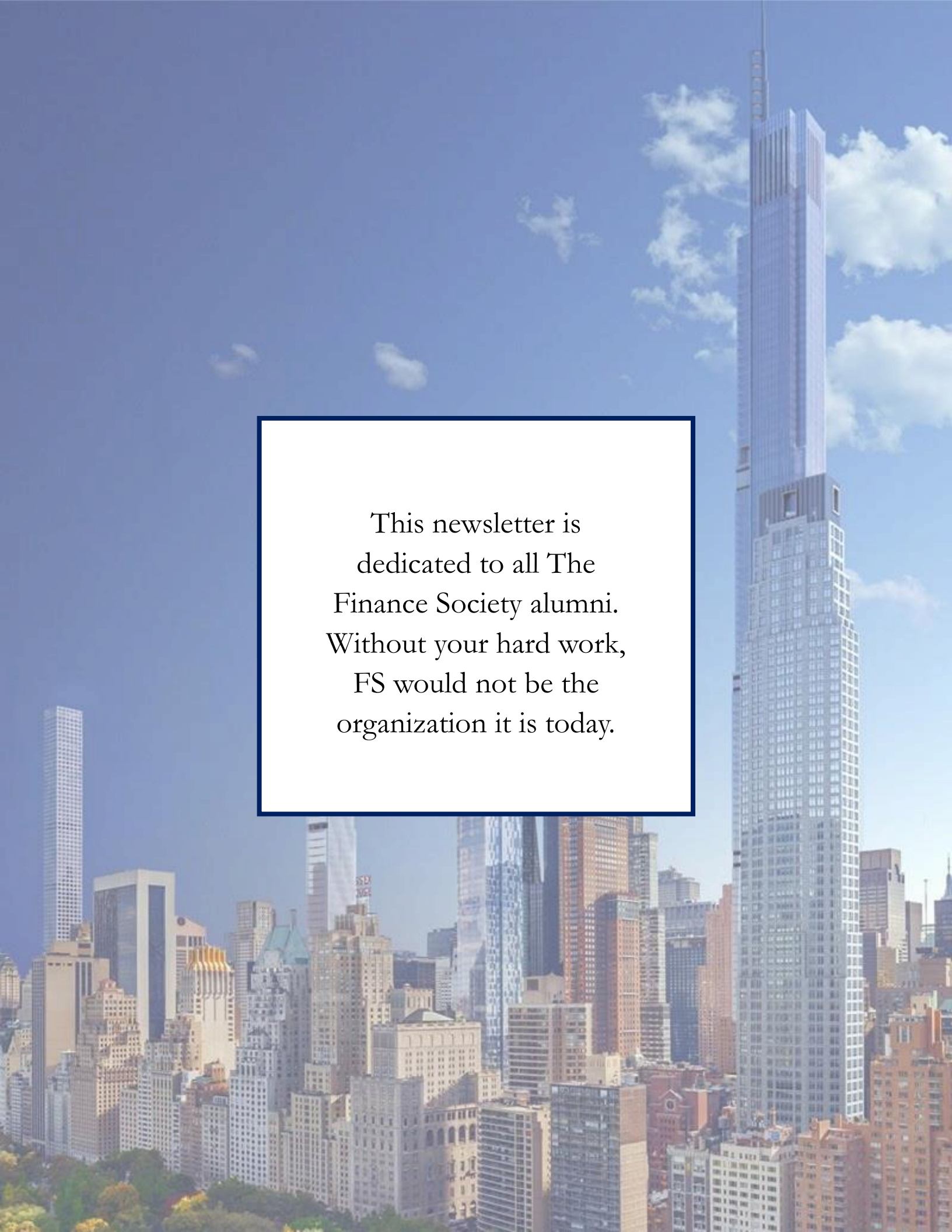
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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Spring 2021

Spring 2021 Semester Review

An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, featuring a dense cluster of skyscrapers. The most prominent building on the right is the Freedom Tower, which is tall and slender with a distinctive spire. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. In the foreground, there are green trees, suggesting a park area like Central Park.

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 enjoying the warm weather and getting ready for the summer! This spring, I had the honor of serving as Alumni Chair for the first time. Throughout my first semester on the E-Board, I have been amazed by the strength of our alumni network, which has only grown in recent years. Finance Society continues to be appreciative of the contributions you all have made in shaping what the club is today.

This unprecedented spring semester brought many opportunities, as well as challenges, for our club. We welcomed ten freshmen into our Executive Committee this semester and held various social events ranging from a Central Park picnic to a virtual escape room to maintain the tradition of a tight-knit FS community. With the 2022 Summer Analyst recruiting cycle in full-swing virtually, FS has remained committed as ever to preparing our members for their professional endeavors. We continued the momentum of high Zoom engagement at our general meetings by hosting numerous firms and informative workshops throughout the semester.

I also want to give a shout-out to the FS members who have just graduated this semester. To the senior class, especially Ethan, Melissa, and Andrew (who led FS as Presidents either this year or last), thank you for all that you have done in leading our club. A thank-you is also in order to Weiting, who is graduating as well and was instrumental in mentoring the current freshman and sophomore classes as E-Comm Chair. Wishing all of you the best of luck after graduation, and we hope to see you involved in FS as alumni!

Lastly, I look forward to serving again as Alumni Chair in the fall. Although we were not able to host an Alumni Mingle this semester, we look forward to reconnecting with many of you in the fall as programming slowly transitions back to in-person. From our family to yours, we hope you have a great summer!

Best,



Kumail Raza
Alumni Chair



Kumail Raza '22
Alumni Chair

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PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Dear Alumni,

The spring semester has always brought excitement and new challenges to our community. As Co-Presidents for the last 6 months, it has been an especially dynamic experience adapting to the virtual recruiting landscape while eagerly anticipating the return of in-person activities. On behalf of the greater Finance Society community, we look forward to seeing everyone again soon, and we thank you all for your continued support.

We are excited to introduce our new Freshman Executive Committee members, who you can read more about later in the newsletter. In lieu of our traditional spring retreat, we hosted an Avengers-themed virtual escape room, allowing members to bond. Later in the semester, we also hosted small in-person socials to welcome our underclassmen to our community.

Inviting firms to our spring general meetings is a Finance Society tradition that we continued throughout the virtual 2021 recruiting season. From February through May, we hosted several firms via Zoom, and used breakout room and panel functions to simulate the networking experience. For our underclassmen, we ran a miniaturized strategic advisory project that imitated an investment banking case competition. For our upperclassmen, we hosted a Junior Summer Best Practices panel that gave insight into virtual and hybrid summer analyst programs.

We have also built upon our efforts from last semester to strengthen our general member community. Our Friday socials continued to serve as an opportunity for general members to get to know our E-Comm and E-Board, as well as ask their more personal questions. Introducing events such as an online poker tournament and a women's panel on recruiting allowed us to engage a wider audience despite the lack of in-person interaction. We are excited to continue this momentum into next semester.

Ultimately, your dedication to this community is the reason why Finance Society survives and thrives. It has been an honor working with our E-Board this semester and leading this organization through the struggles of the last year. Thank you all for helping bring FS to where it is today - we are optimistic about next year and hope to see you soon!

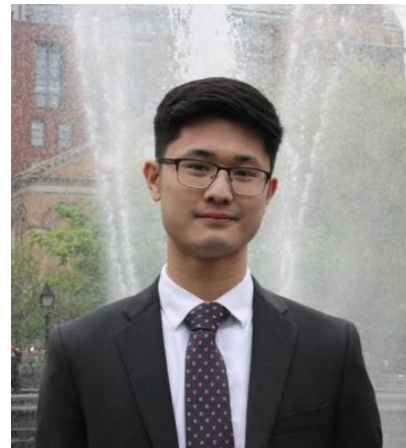
Best,



Ethan Lin
Co-President



Michelle Rozelman
Co-President

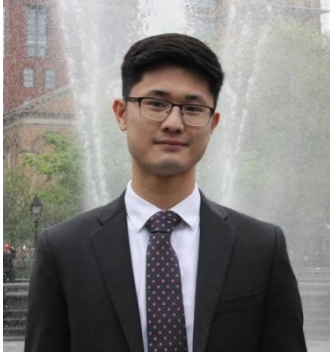


Ethan Lin '21
Co-President



Michelle Rozelman '22
Co-President

EXECUTIVE BOARD



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Michelle Rozelman
Co-President



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E-Comm Co-Chair



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Tech & Media Chair



Jack Wang
Treasurer

NEW E-COMM MEMBERS



Albert Chen

From: Vancouver, CA
Interests: Badminton and Smoothie-Making



Alice Yu

From: Weston, MA
Interests: Ice Hockey and Pipe Organ



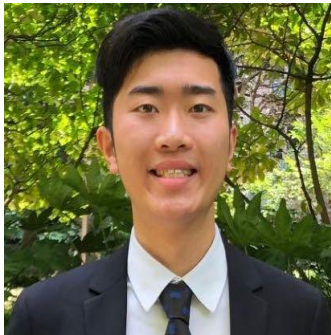
David Huang

From: Beijing, CN
Interests: Poker and DJ



Delvia Zhang

From: Austin, TX
Interests: Fountain Pens and Hot Sauces



Harry Xu

From: Shanghai, CN
Interests: Jazz Improv and Table Tennis



Julia Wu

From: Lexington, MA
Interests: Volleyball and Poetry



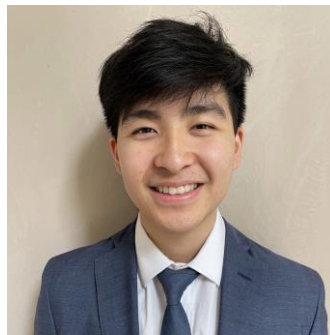
Kritika Venkat

From: Singapore
Interests: Fitness and Alternative Music



Raghul Ravindranathan

From: Edison, NJ
Interests: Football and Exploring NYC



Richard Fan

From: Toronto, CA
Interests: Snowboarding and Acoustic Guitar



Robby Sain

From: Los Angeles, CA
Interests: Basketball and Call of Duty

COMMUNITY BUILDING



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

What do you do now?

I am a Vice President in Private Equity at Goldman Sachs focused on buyouts in the digital infrastructure space, e.g., data centers, broadband / fiber, telecom towers, etc. I started at Goldman Sachs in Investment Banking as an Analyst before transitioning into Private Equity and have been at the firm for 9 years.

What was the best part of being in FS? Any favorite memories?

The best part of being in FS was getting exposure to professionals across a number of different companies to help inform my career path. The resume and interview prep was also very helpful. The friendships I formed in the club and the free pizza are my favorite memories.

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

Developing a passion for a career does not happen overnight for most people. A passion is often developed over time and after one becomes really good at something – which most people only achieve after putting a lot of hours and hard work into something. Don't worry if you don't have a clear view as an undergrad of what you want to do 5 or 10 years out. Take a job out of college that maximizes your optionality from a career path perspective. Then, be patient, take ownership over your work, and see things through. Before you know it, the career path to follow will appear obvious.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

On a boat in Florida with my wife and daughter.

What do you like to do in your free time?

In my free time I like to spend time with my family, run outside and play soccer.

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

Europe.



Alejandro Batista '12
Former E-Comm Member

E-COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

How did you get involved with FS?

Starting freshman year in a virtual space, I sought to explore the diverse extracurricular opportunities offered at Stern in search of a community. From speaking with old friends, Orientation Leaders, and current E-Comm members, I realized that FS is a community full of sharp, committed individuals. The sense of camaraderie among its members is palpable. Attending the weekly workshops shaped my understanding of business and finance, and I especially appreciate FS' commitment to educating and mentoring its members. I saw many E-Comm members as role models, and I decided to apply to E-Comm in the spring semester of my freshman year. (Also, the merch looks really good).

What has been your favorite memory from FS so far?

I loved getting to know everyone on E-Comm through the Zoom socials and women's series – after a semester of hard work and practice, I was finally able to place top three in a game of Skribbl.io.

How has FS been able to help you grow?

FS is a community that has cultivated my growth both professionally and personally. The technical training equipped me with the tools and knowledge needed to understand the fundamental elements that drive the operations of a business, while the communal aspect taught me the importance of mentorship and collaboration. I am fortunate to be part of this group of exceptional individuals, and I look forward to how FS will shape the rest of my undergraduate career.

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

I came to NYU to find people who are intellectually curious and passionate. At NYU, I am excited to see how my interactions with incredibly inspiring, diverse peers propel me forward both in and out of business. I hope to be inspired and challenged by broad and conflicting perspectives, and I believe the NYU community will teach me how to be perceptive to the tensions, ambiguities, and nuances underlying the world.

What are your career interests?

Through FS, I learned about the fast-paced and dynamic field of investment banking, and I am excited to continue exploring this field in the future. I am also interested in portfolio management. In the long-term, I would love to combine my interest in history with finance by exploring the role of historical perspectives in informing management decisions, public policy, and market trends.



Alice Yu '24
Incoming Secretary

E-COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

How did you get involved with FS?

As a freshman, I explored various clubs at Stern by attending common hour general meetings. FS stood out to me most because of its commitment to professional development and tight-knit community. I remember seeing E-Comm upperclassmen sit together and hang out with each other in T-201 at general meetings even though they were not required to attend the events. All of the E-Comm members were very open to answering my questions about the organization and life at NYU, which made me feel welcome at their events. I applied to E-Comm when applications opened in the spring, and I was fortunate to have been accepted and become involved with the club since!

What has been your favorite memory from FS?

The weekend after I was accepted into E-Comm, the club hosted a retreat at a mansion upstate. Frankly, I was initially pretty intimidated by the upperclassmen. However, it was really fun meeting everyone and bonding with them in a more informal setting, cooking and watching horror movies, and putting cake on each other's faces after singing "Happy Birthday" to Rebecca. Freshman retreat really made me feel like a part of the club after I had just been accepted, and I made a ton of great friends and memories.

How has FS impacted your time at NYU?

Being involved with FS has allowed me to develop professionally, personally, and socially. The club's resources and network were incredibly valuable when I was recruiting, and my role as E-Comm chair has allowed me to learn how to be a better leader. Most importantly, I have met an amazing group of like-minded people who I look up to and made great friends at the same time.

What do you look forward to in your senior year?

Given that my time in college has flown by, I hope to spend time on hobbies that I didn't necessarily have time for in college. I look forward to taking workout classes, reading classic novels, volunteering, and traveling abroad with friends in the spring before starting work (fingers crossed).

What are your career interests?

I am interested in pursuing a career in investment banking because of the diverse skillset it provides, as well as the opportunity to have a tangible impact on the businesses you work with. In the long-term, however, I would love to have an opportunity to work in a government agency to help shape public policy in either the healthcare or education sectors.



Kartikay Sharma '22
E-Comm Chair

SEMESTER STATISTICS

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Events

103 Attendees / Event

11

General Meetings

153 Attendees / GM

Event Highlight

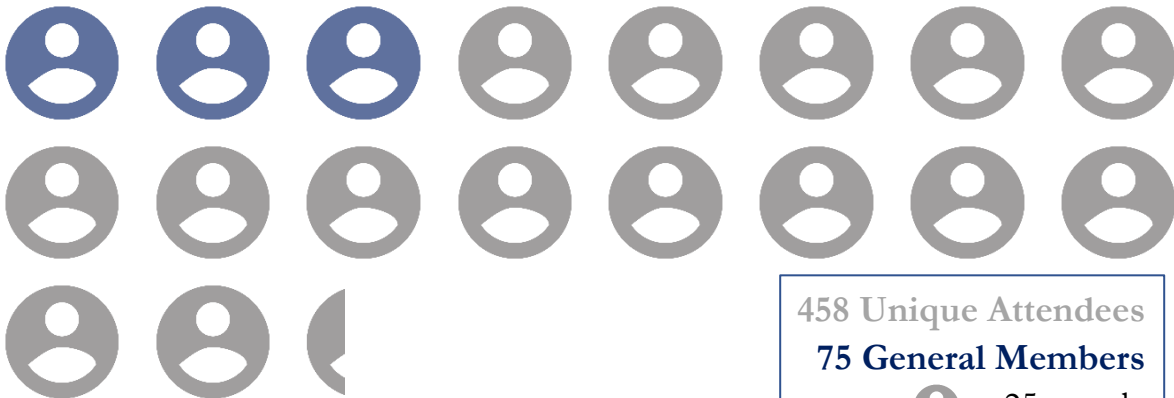
Finance Society Poker Tournament

For one of our last Friday socials, we held our first-ever poker tournament, hopefully starting a new FS tradition in the coming semesters!

GM Highlight

Junior Summer Best Practices Panel

For one of the last meetings of the semester, a panel of seniors spoke about their experiences as summer analysts and offered their tips for success.



INCOMING E-BOARD



Michelle Rozelman
Co-President



Kartikay Sharma
Co-President (Fall)



Vikas Gurnani
Co-President (Spring)



Jack Wang
E-Comm Co-Chair



Justin Chen
E-Comm Co-Chair



Kumail Raza
Alumni Chair (Fall)



Kartik Nalamalapu
Alumni Chair (Spring)



Kritika Venkat
Marketing Chair (Fall)



Julia Wu
Marketing Chair (Spring)



Alice Yu
Secretary (Fall)



Albert Chen
Secretary (Spring)



Shannon Huang
Social Chair (Fall)



Megha Purohit
Social Chair (Spring)



Robby Sain
Treasurer (Fall)



Raghul Ravindranathan
Treasurer (Spring)



Kevin Li
Tech & Media Chair (Fall)



Joy Fu
Tech & Media Chair (Spring)

FULL-TIME RECRUITING



Andrew Chanin, Investment Banking
Melissa Zhang, Investment Banking



Emily Markham, Investment Banking

EVERCORE

Ariel Kau, Investment Banking
Howie Shen, Investment Banking

FINANCO

Kevin Cao, Investment Banking

Greenhill

Ethan Lin, Investment Banking

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JUNIOR RECRUITING



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Software Engineering



Kumail Raza,
Investment Banking



Weiting Hong,
Investment Banking



Kartik Nalamalapu,
Investment Banking



Ilan Kaissar,
Tax



Kartikay Sharma,
Investment Banking



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