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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Spring 2022

Spring 2022 Semester Review

An aerial photograph of the New York City skyline during sunset. The Empire State Building is the central focus, its spire reaching towards the sky. The sky is a warm, golden-orange color, and the city buildings are silhouetted against it. The foreground shows a dense cluster of skyscrapers, with a prominent one on the right side. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

This newsletter is
dedicated to you, our
alumni. Without your
hard work, our
organization would not
have the presence and
reach it has today.

END-OF-SEMESTER REVIEW

Dear Alumni,

I hope this letter finds you all in good health! This spring, I had the honor of serving as our organization's Alumni Chair. I'm grateful for having had the opportunity to connect with several of you personally, both again as well as for the first time. Our organization rests not only on the quality of the professional training we provide, but most principally on the strength of our alumni network. Having had a firsthand look, I'm thrilled by how involved and receptive that network has been.

This past semester, we continued on the progress we made on re-engaging with the Stern and FS communities as NYU has opened up. Despite lingering restrictions, we remained an important conduit for bringing undergrads face-to-face with professionals and, fueled by popular demand, we expanded the number of formal and informal E-Comm specific social events held in person.

I would like to congratulate Janet and Thomas on graduating this semester. Be sure to stay in touch with FS going forward! It's also my pleasure to introduce Kritika and Julia as next year's co-Alumni Chairs. I know they will do a great job.

We greatly look forward to reconnecting with you all at next year's Alumni Mingle. I would like to also reiterate the E-Board's commitment to supporting you in your endeavors. If we can be of service, don't hesitate to reach out – we'd love to help!

From our family to yours, we hope you have a great summer!

Best,



Kartik Nalamalapu
Alumni Chair



Kartik Nalamalapu '22
Alumni Chair

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PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Dear Alumni,

As Co-Presidents of Finance Society this past semester, it has been an exciting, yet challenging experience to continue to navigate the club as the pandemic lingers on. We are grateful to have been able to make an impact on our Executive Committee members, as well as the general NYU community. On behalf of the Finance Society community, we thank you for your continued support and involvement in this organization, and we look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

We are excited to introduce our new class of Freshman Executive Committee members, who you can read more about in the newsletter. As per Finance Society tradition, we welcomed the freshmen to the FS community at our annual Spring retreat, which took place in the Poconos. Additionally, we had an in-person social for general members, a welcome dinner near campus at the beginning of the semester for new E-Comm members, and an E-Board brunch a couple of weeks ago. Lastly, we are looking forward to hosting a senior send-off to express our appreciation for the upperclassmen who have devoted their time and effort to this organization.

Professionally, we have been able to virtually host numerous firms during our general meetings. Additionally, we had more informational events and co-hosted a Speaker Series. In terms of diversity initiatives, we recently culminated our Women's Series in our annual Women's Brunch.

Looking ahead to next year, we recently held our elections for the 2022-2023 E-Board. We are proud to say that our members have demonstrated a huge interest in serving on E-Board, and with new ideas already being discussed among the new E-Board, we are excited to continue this momentum into next semester.

As the spring semester comes to a close, we want to express just how grateful we are to have led such an amazing organization. We are thankful to all of our current members and alumni for making our community as strong as it is today. Thank you again for all bringing Finance Society to where it is today, and we hope to see you soon!

Best,



Michelle Rozelman
Co-President



Vikas Gurnani
Co-President



Michelle Rozelman '22
Co-President



Vikas Gurnani '23
Co-President

NEW E-COMM MEMBERS



Sean Chen

From: Auckland, NZ
Interests: Basketball, MMA



Eric Markov

From: Bellevue, WA
Interests: Poker, UFC



Christina Money

From: Greenwood, IN
Interests: Hiking, Reading



Christopher Rosa

From: Boston, MA
Interests: Piano, Skiing



Neil Sarkar

From: Queens, NY
Interests: Basketball,
Exploring the City



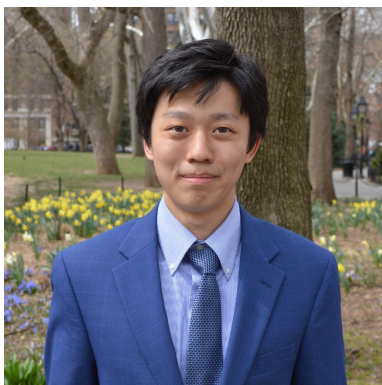
Carol Sun

From: West Windsor, NJ
Interests: Constitutional Law,
Music Composition



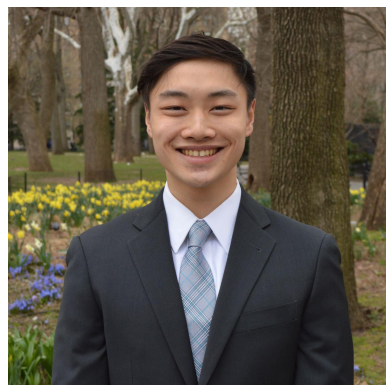
Niyanth Thatta

From: Atlanta, GA
Interests: Basketball, Guitar



Winston Yin

From: Vienna, VA
Interests: Long Distance
Biking, Reading Biographies



Jacob Zhang

From: Marlboro, NJ
Interests: Chinese Cuisine,
Reading

EXECUTIVE BOARD



Michelle Rozelman
Co-President



Vikas Gurnani
Co-President



Justin Chen
E-Comm Co-Chair



Jack Wang
E-Comm Co-Chair



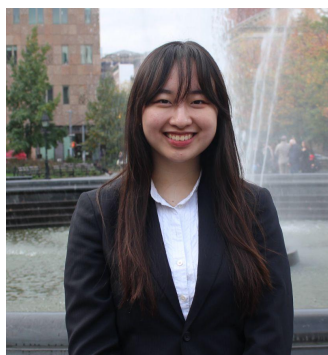
Kartik Nalamalapu
Alumni Chair



Raghul Ravindranathan
Treasurer



Megha Purohit
Social Chair



Julia Wu
Marketing Chair

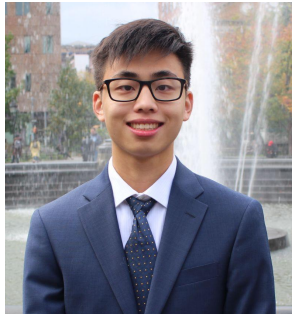


Joy Fu
Tech & Media Chair



Albert Chen
Secretary

INCOMING E-BOARD



Kevin Li
Co-President (Fall)



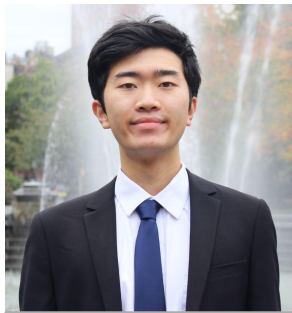
Jack Wang
Co-President (Fall)



Shannon Huang
Co-President (Spring)



Raghul Ravindranathan
Co-President (Spring)



Harry Xu
E-Comm Co-Chair



Delvia Zhang
E-Comm Co-Chair



Kritika Venkat
Alumni Chair (Fall)



Julia Wu
Alumni Chair (Spring)



Sean Chen
Treasurer (Fall)



Winston Yin
Treasurer (Spring)



Richard Fan
Social Chair (Fall)



Charlie Hsieh
Social Chair (Spring)



Teeya Lowe
Marketing Chair (Fall)



David Huang
Marketing Chair (Spring)



Megha Purohit
Tech & Media Chair (Fall)



Albert Chen
Tech & Media Chair (Spring)



Niyanth Thatta
Secretary (Fall)



Chris Rosa
Secretary (Spring)

SEMESTER STATISTICS

16

Events

119 Attendees / Event

13

General Meetings

135 Attendees / GM

Semester Highlights

- ↑ 4% Unique Attendees
- ↑ 4% Average Attendance
- ↑ 9% Total Attendance
- ↑ 36% General Members

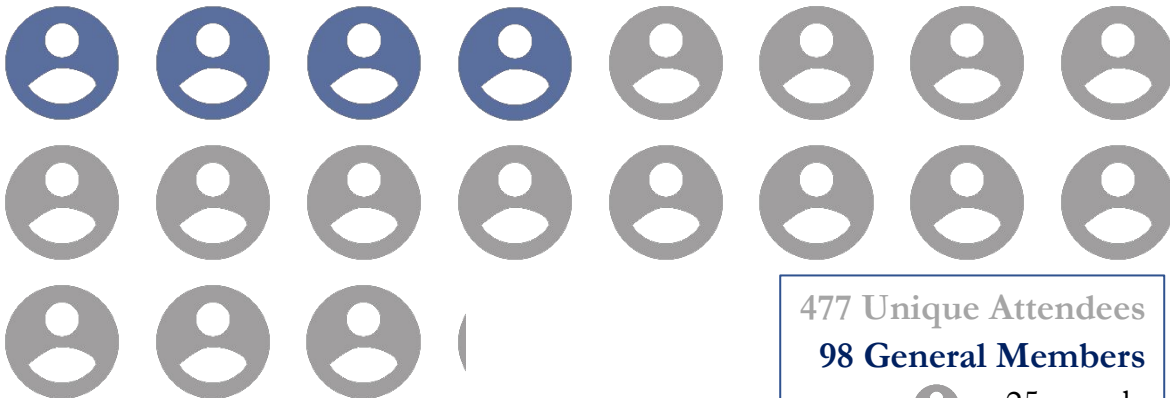
Best Event

Morgan Stanley

Information Session

259 Attendees

+13% YoY



COMMUNITY BUILDING



FS Retreat



Girl's Night Out



Freshman Welcome Dinner



E-Board Social



Pie Your President!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

What do you do now? How did you discover your current career interest?

In the deepest point of the darkest cave of the tallest mountain of a secluded uncharted island in the middle of the sea, I found my calling, my passion, my raison d’etre, my very reason for being: the job of private equity associate.

JK, obviously. There’s a big rush to PE from banking, just like there’s a big rush to banking from Stern, or to college from high school. The hope is that PE has more of what you like about banking and less of what you don’t. And so far it’s delivered by letting me deal more with business’ strategic financial decisions and deal less with unreasonable personalities and long hours. Ultimately, though, the actual junior-level work of all of these jobs look and feel very similar.

How did you get involved with FS?

I think as a pre-frosh I was tipped off by my only Stern contact to keep an eye out for Finance Society – the club has always drawn a reputation for its colorful leaders and strong recruiting performance. As a result, I attended every general meeting workshop in my Freshman fall, which ended up being crucial in my e-comm interviews. This is why when I became an e-comm chair in my senior year we put such a strong emphasis on using the general meetings as study sessions for the interviews’ technical questions. The rest is just history – I applied when the spring semester came around and was fortunate enough to get a spot. Subeg (’16) and Rushi (’17), my interviewers, also eventually became two great role models within the organization; my e-comm curriculum was based almost entirely around Subeg’s.

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

We’ve always pitched FS as a club where you can find a great job and a great friend group. It’s probably not surprising that the most enduring moments of the experience were all of the social events – every retreat (even the one in Bayonne), hiking, marshmallow throwing fights, apple picking, alumni mingles, parties, poker, etc. Probably more surprising and almost more meaningful were the small moments around school. The Class of 2020 playing Smash on some TV that’s older than the freshmen, the Class of 2021 sitting in a circle drinking boba and bullying me for eating a family-sized tub of Wendy’s chili.

What do you hope to accomplish in 5-10 years?

Who knows? Five years ago was an entirely different time. I hope I’m still in touch with everybody in 5-10 years.

Any advice to give to the younger people reading this?

For those who are pre-recruiting, the most important advice I can give you is that life is long. There are millions of paths you can take to success, and you’re already in a great position. Even if you face setbacks there will be plenty of time to catch up or do something that you end up liking even more – so just do your homework and everything will end up aces. For those who are post-recruiting, my advice is that life is short. Try to go out and do something fun every day, or at least every weekend. And spend some money. I cannot tell you how many plans I shot down because I thought it’d be too expensive – I was paying for my own rent and still had several thousand at graduation. One day much, much sooner than you realize you’ll have plenty of money and no time to use it. So go book the cheapest flight to Miami or something.



Bill Shen '19
Former E-Comm Chair

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

What do you do now? How did you discover your current career interest?

I am a student at Yale Law School. I had worked on a political campaign during college and was intrigued by the possibilities of a law career. I knew I wanted to pursue investment banking right after college for the work experience, skills, work ethic, and discipline, all of which I continue to find valuable, but I also considered what I would like to do after banking.

I am currently interested in the areas of women's rights, though I strive to keep an open mind. The paucity of women in finance especially influenced me to seek other avenues for reform.

How did you get involved with FS?

My involvement with FS began with joining the Executive Committee. I think it is important to surround yourself with those you admire. Doing so enabled me to improve over time, and I credit the leaders, mentors, and my peers in FS with pushing me forward.

What was the best part of being in FS? Any memories that stand out?

I have a lot of fond memories in FS. Some that stand out include socializing at Central Park, eating dumplings at general meetings, cooking together at retreat, running a 5K in the rain, and watching *Avengers Endgame* with E-Comm. The best part of being in FS was working with the other board members and feeling a shared sense of commitment to FS.

What are your career options?

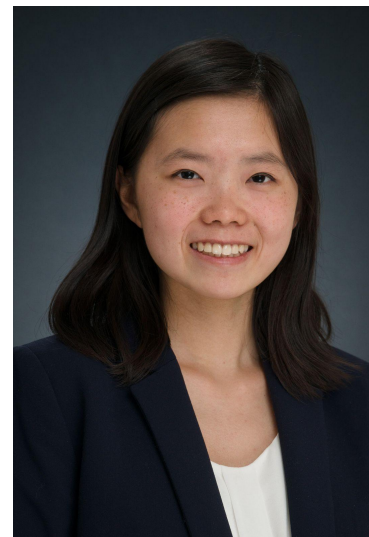
Potential career options for lawyers are broadly distinguished between private firms, public interest, and government work. Finance and law intersect in fields such as financial regulation and corporate law. Of course, some who go to law school do not end up working as lawyers; many are in finance or business more generally.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I enjoy reading, going to art museums, and spending time with my cats. I am currently binging *Cheer* and Season 2 of *Love is Blind*. And like the rest of the world, I am obsessed with Wordle.

Any advice to give to students reading this?

Stern's education provides a unique amount of flexibility, for instance, in credit requirements and the stack-ability of classes, so take the opportunity to explore classes in other schools, try internships outside finance (after recruiting), and study abroad. For those thinking about applying to graduate school in the future, it might be a good idea to continue getting good grades and develop strong relationships with your professors.



Jacqueline Huang '19
Former FS President

E-COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

How has FS helped you grow?

FS has helped me to grow in a multitude of ways. Through the E-Comm training and mentorship program, I have been fortunate to forge lasting bonds with upperclassmen who provided invaluable insights about how to make the most of my years at NYU academically, professionally, and in terms of personal development and discovering what I enjoy. My assigned mentor, Kartikay, in particular has been a guiding light for me since I joined FS. He remains one of my close friends whom I can go to for advice about anything, from my career to food, books and travel recommendations.

What is your favorite memory with FS?

My favorite memory with FS will always be getting to meet the younger E-Comm class as well as my own at some of the sophomores' apartment last semester. I got to socialize with my own E-Comm class properly for the first time in person, finally getting to meet familiar faces from Zoom who I had gone through the FS preparation and the recruiting process with. I also enjoyed meeting the new members and getting to know the underclassmen in the club. That was the first time I truly felt part of a tight-knit community within Stern, which I think is one of the most important things FS has given me.

How did you develop your career interests, and what are they? Where would you like to see yourself 5 years out from now?

I first developed an interest in financial restructuring and the world of distressed companies upon the recommendation of seniors within FS, who pointed me to some resources I could read to get a sense of whether I would enjoy that area of investment banking. I ended up becoming intrigued by this niche and reading everything I could get my hands on about it, and I will be interning with a restructuring-focused boutique this summer. More broadly, I decided upon investment banking as a way of gaining exposure to a variety of companies, industries, and transactions in the early years of my career while also building analysis skills. I'm hoping that spending time at an investment bank, and being at the center of the flow of information regarding many businesses, will help me make informed long-term decisions about my career path – whether that be on the advising, investing, or operating side.

What are you looking forward to in your coming years at NYU?

It's a sad thought that next year will be my last at NYU, but I have truly found my place within the school and am excited to return to the New York campus for my final two semesters (I'm currently studying abroad at NYU London). In my senior year, I hope to give back by dedicating time to mentoring underclassmen and sharing some of the pointers about college life that I wish I had gotten early on at NYU. I'm also looking forward to savoring my last year among the community of friends, the familiar campus spots, and the rich culture of the surrounding neighborhood that I've been lucky enough to call home these past few years. I will sorely miss NYU and hope to stay in touch with as many people as I can from my time here.



Omar Essa '23
FS / FSM Junior Mentor

E-COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

You've lived all over the world, what brought you to NYU?

After moving from New Jersey to Shanghai, China at the age of 7, I quickly grew accustomed to the fast-paced lifestyle of living in a metropolitan city. When I was applying to colleges, I knew I still wanted to live in a large city where I could grow both personally and professionally, so naturally NYU was my top choice. Stern also offers an unparalleled education in finance and has allowed me to meet many like-minded individuals who share the same drive and passion for business as I do.

What sparked your interest in Finance, and how did you become involved in FS?

Coming to college, I knew I wanted to join a community that was supportive of both my professional and personal growth and so after a healthy exploration period, I found FS and realized it was a great match for me. When I joined E-Comm in the fall semester of my sophomore year, everyone was very supportive and welcoming, and made me feel like I wouldn't be alone during the recruiting process. During my time in FS, I've grown really close with the E-Comm members in my class as well as my junior and senior mentors, who have helped me so much and provided me with support along the way.

What are your career interests?

FS definitely helped me gain a deeper understanding of the various verticals within the financial services industry. As of right now, I am very interested in pursuing a career in investment banking upon graduation. I think banking will be a great way for me to explore different industries and develop valuable professional skills.

What are you looking forward to in your coming years at NYU?

I definitely look forward to remaining active and involved in FS because I want to give back to this amazing community that has helped me grow so much. Additionally, because NYU offers such a flexible curriculum, I would also like to explore classes outside of Stern to gain exposure to other disciplines and perspectives beyond the scope of business.

What do you like to do in your free time?

Since I moved away from home and started living alone, I've developed an interest in cooking. As a major foodie, I find it to be very therapeutic to cook for myself and my friends. I also enjoy baking as well, such as cakes, cookies, or brownies – basically anything sweet!



Teeya Lowe '24
Incoming Marketing Chair

FULL-TIME RECRUITING



Janet Huang,
Software Engineering



Kumail Raza,
Investment Banking



Weiting Hong,
Investment Banking



Ilan Kaissar,
Tax Consulting



Sara Liu,
Technical Program Management



Noah Greenblatt,
Investment Banking



Thomas Monsellato,
Investment Banking



Michelle Rozelman,
Investment Banking



Kartikay Sharma,
Investment Banking



Kartik Nalamalapu,
Investment Banking



Ramviknesh Ramanathan,
Investment Management



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

GUGGENHEIM

Megha Purohit,
Investment Banking

PJT Partners

Joy Fu, Investment Banking
Vedant Iyer, Investment Banking



Kevin Li, Investment Banking
Vikas Gurnani, Investment Banking

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