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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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An aerial, high-angle photograph of the New York City skyline. The Empire State Building is the central focus, standing tall with its iconic Art Deco spire. To its right, the Freedom Tower is visible. The city is densely packed with various skyscrapers and buildings, extending to the water's edge. The sky is clear and blue, and the overall lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

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,

Hope everyone is staying warm this holiday season! I've had an amazing time being Alumni Chair this semester. This position has made me realize how important staying connected with alumni is in order for FS to be successful. The club would be nothing without your hard work, and we are extremely grateful for your dedication.

This fall semester, FS welcomed four new E-Comm members and spearheaded a few new initiatives. We were able to increase engagement both inside and outside of E-Comm. At various events throughout the semester, members of the club mingled, cooked, and played poker together. We also started a coffee chat program to give current freshmen the opportunity to get to know the executive board and committee outside general meetings. Furthermore, we continued our diversity and community service initiatives through a women's brunch and card-writing charity event.

We are sad to see a few of our seniors leave Stern so soon due to early graduation, and we wish Jisoo, Travis, Jake, and Abhi all the best. Finally, we are excited to welcome back Shirley, who will serve as our co-president, alongside Rebecca, for the Spring 2020 semester after studying abroad in Beijing.

We hope to see some of you at future Finance Society events, and keep a look out in the coming months for the invitation to the annual Alumni Mingle. The mingle is a great opportunity to reconnect with other alumni and current E-Comm members, so we hope to see you there. Have a happy new year!

Best,



Jessica Chen
Alumni Chair



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PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Dear Alumni,

Over the past semester, we have had the honor of being Co-Presidents of Finance Society. It has been a fun and busy semester full of new initiatives and old traditions. This fall we focused on promoting programs that helped us get to know the general members and increase engagement within E-Comm. We have had a lot of success in the first half of this year, and none of it would have been possible without your continued support and guidance.

After selecting four great new sophomores, we added a fall retreat to welcome them into FS. At the retreat, we bonded over cooking, games, and swimming in Long Branch, New Jersey. In December, to celebrate a great semester, we ended this calendar year with a holiday gift exchange.

In order to continue promoting diversity, we held the Women's Brunch once again, where women had the opportunity to speak with members of our E-Board and E-Comm in a more casual setting. Additionally, to engage and get to know our general members, we started an open coffee chat program, specifically for freshmen. In the program, they could meet with our E-Comm and E-Board members to just chat or ask any questions. Our final new initiative this semester was partnering with DOROT to hold a card-making event for the elderly. This event focused on giving students the opportunity to volunteer and also be more involved in the club.

We are extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to lead FS this past semester and would like to thank all of you for putting in the time and effort to make the organization what it is today. Both of us have had a great experience as a part of the FS community and are honored to have been able to make an impact on the club and the greater Stern and NYU communities. We are excited to see what is in store for the organization next semester and hope all of you enjoy the rest of the newsletter. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Best,



Rebecca Wang
Co-President



Andrew Chanin
Co-President



Rebeca Wang '20
Co-President



Andrew Chanin '21
Co-President

NEW INITIATIVES

Coffee Chat Program

- Freshmen have the opportunity to sign up for a coffee chat with 2 current members of the executive board and committee
- Current FS members are able to get to know the freshmen outside of general meetings



Card-Writing with DOROT

- In partnership with DOROT, members take a break from studying to write holiday cards for the elderly
- DOROT is a non-profit organization that combats social isolation among elders through innovation and volunteering



Fall Retreat

- Executive board and committee members cook and play poker in a beach house on the Jersey shore
- In the past, FS has only held a spring retreat in upstate New York

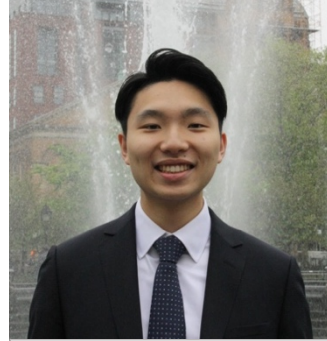
FALL EXECUTIVE BOARD



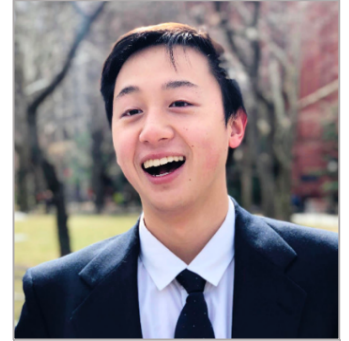
Rebecca Wang
Co-President



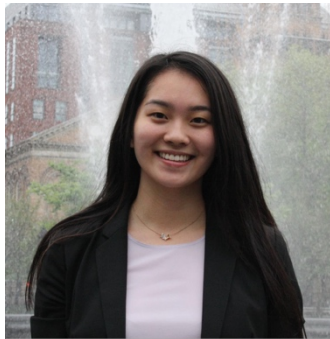
Andrew Chanin
Co-President



Vincent Cao
E-Comm Chair



Jonathan Zhao
E-Comm Chair



Jessica Chen
Alumni Chair



Ethan Lin
Marketing Chair



Jisoo Kim
Social Chair



Weiting Hong
Secretary



Melissa Zhang
Treasurer



Varun Bhardwaj
Tech & Media Chair

New E-COMM MEMBERS



Noah Greenblatt
Hometown: Teaneck, NJ
Interests: Bowling,
Middle Eastern Travel



Thomas Monsellato
Hometown: Paris, FR
Interests: Soccer,
Ancient History



Ramviknesh Ramanathan
Hometown: Shrewsbury, MA
Interests: Graphic Design,
Basketball



Kumail Raza
Hometown: Ridgewood, NJ
Interests: Watching Football,
Reading Poetry

COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENTS

FS Retreat



Women's Brunch



Holiday Gift Exchange



SEMESTER STATISTICS

553

Unique Attendees

295

vs. Last Semester

113

Attendees per Event

96.5

vs. Last Semester

131

General Members

133

vs. Last Semester

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS

What do you do now?

I am currently a second year MBA student at Stanford University.

What would you say was the best part of being in FS?

The best part of being in FS was the relationships I formed in the club.

Any advice to give to the younger people reading this?

To younger people reading this, my advice is to build a five-year and 10-year plan for your career/life, but build in enough flexibility to take whatever curveballs life throws at you.



Sameen Singh '12
Co-President



Lia Wei '18
Co-President

What do you do now?

I joined Goldman Sachs in their investment banking division shortly after graduation. I have been with the firm for 1.5 years, working in the Industrials space.

What would you say was the best part of being in FS?

The best part was the sense of community and support system. I love how the club is so invested in its members. Even as a new member, I knew that I could reach out to any upperclassmen for advice. I was nervous the first time I approached my e-comm chair (Subeg Singh, '17) for a quick clarification on summer internships, but he was genuinely happy to talk through all the details with me for an entire hour in a cafe. When I became an e-board member later on, I came to appreciate how malleable the club is because it was easy to share a vision within such a close-knit group, which allowed us to implement changes that fostered an even stronger sense of community and support. Special shout out to my co-president Natasha Lim ('19) for driving forward these changes with me!

Any advice to give to the younger people reading this?

Build meaningful relationships in all dimensions. Your relationship with family and friends will give you a strong sense of support, your professional relationships will help you navigate your career much more effectively. Many of these relationships start in college, so invest the time and effort to maintain them.

E-COMM SPOTLIGHT

How did you get involved with FS?

I had just joined Stern from Tisch as part of NYU's BS/BFA dual-degree program and was looking to get involved with a finance-related organization. I really wanted to learn about the industry alongside other, more experienced people. Among other clubs, FS was the one that struck me as the most tight-knit. I knew then that being a part of it would not only enable me to learn the most about finance, but also grow on both a personal and professional level. Thus, I decided to apply and was beyond excited to be accepted.

What has been your favorite memory so far?

The fall retreat has so far been my fondest memory from FS. By playing poker with other E-Board and E-Comm members, I got to know everyone on a more personal level. It also enabled me to reconnect with some E-Comm friends I had made prior to joining the club.

How has FS been able to help you grow?

The technical training that I have received has been invaluable because it has enabled me to grow my understanding of key financial concepts as well as prepare for interviews and internships. Furthermore, FS has also been a way for me to get in touch with successful upperclassmen whose journey into investment banking is something that I draw lessons from.

What are your career interests?

From my experiences in the film industry prior to joining FS, I have learned a lot in terms of what I enjoy and what I am good at. Investment banking is what appeals to me the most and where my analytical skills most align, but as a Stern/Tisch dual-degree student, I also have a strong interest in the Media and Entertainment industries. My long-term goal is to specialize in Media & Telecom coverage groups, in which I hope to bring a unique perspective.



Thomas Monsellato '22
E-Comm Member

E-COMM SPOTLIGHT

How did you get involved with FS?

I joined FS E-Comm my freshman spring after attending general meetings my freshman fall. I actually decided to go to my first FS general meeting after meeting then co-President Amanda Lin ('17) at a welcome week event.

What has been your favorite memory from FS?

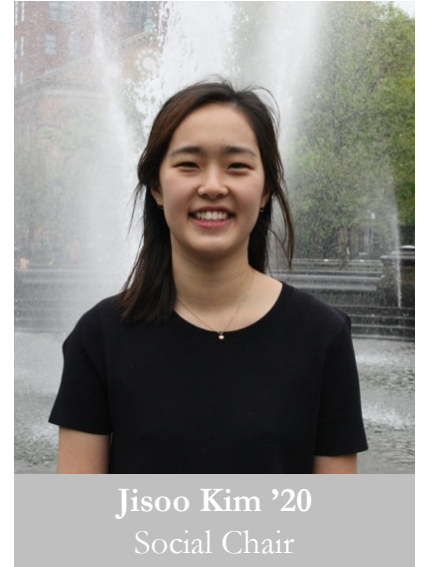
I remember during spring semester of my junior year, we brought an Oreo cheesecake from Eileen's Cheesecake to FS Retreat for Rebecca's birthday, and everyone started running around putting it on people's faces. Even though it was a terrible mess to clean up in the morning, and it was really gross to get cheesecake all over my face, it definitely made that trip my most memorable FS Retreat.

How has FS impacted your time at NYU?

Being a part of E-Comm has introduced me to some really great friends and mentors of all ages. There are a lot of upperclassmen who helped me navigate Stern and recruiting, some of whom I've kept in touch with past graduation and still get advice from. I also grew closer with a lot of people in my class, as we've all supported each other through experiences like recruiting and junior summer. Also, I've definitely had fun getting to know people in the FS classes below me and have enjoyed giving back to the FS community.

What are you looking forward to the most after graduating?

I'm graduating this January and am looking forward to taking some time to travel around the world and spend some time in Minnesota with my family. In particular, I'm excited to travel in Australia and New Zealand with Rebecca this January (and hopefully go skydiving) and see the Swiss Alps in June.



Jisoo Kim '20
Social Chair

FULL-TIME RECRUITING

Morgan Stanley

Abhi Gupta, Investment Banking

EVERCORE

Vincent Cao, Investment Banking
Joshua Ling, Investment Banking
Travis Liu, Investment Banking

PJT Partners

Shirley Zhan, Investment Banking



Jason Leung, Investment Management

FINANCO

Mike Zhang, Investment Banking



Benedict Lai, Investment Banking
Rebecca Wang, Investment Banking

GUGGENHEIM

Jake Yoon, Investment Banking



Jisoo Kim, Investment Banking
Aidan Lee, Investment Banking

Greenhill

David Moon, Investment Banking

JUNIOR RECRUITING

Morgan Stanley

Varun Bhardwaj, Investment Banking

EVERCORE

Ariel Kau, Investment Banking
Howie Shen, Investment Banking

PJT Partners

Jessica Chen, Investment Banking



BANK OF AMERICA

Jonathan Zhao, Investment Banking



Andrew Chanin, Investment Banking
Melissa Zhang, Investment Banking



Ethan Lin, Investment Banking

CREDIT SUISSE



Emily Markham, Global Markets

FINANCO

Kevin Cao, Investment Banking

GUGGENHEIM

Kevin Ho, Investment Banking



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