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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2020 Semester Review

An aerial, high-angle photograph of the New York City skyline. The Empire State Building is the central focus, standing tall with its iconic spire. To its right, the Freedom Tower is visible. The surrounding area is filled with numerous other skyscrapers and buildings of varying heights. In the background, the Hudson River and the East River are visible, with the Manhattan Bridge and the Queensboro Bridge spanning the water. The sky is a clear, pale blue.

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 doing well and staying safe! Despite school closing early due to the unprecedented circumstances, I've had a great time serving as Alumni Chair for another semester. The FS members continue to be extremely grateful for all you have done to shape the club to what it is today. Although we were unable to host the annual Alumni Mingle this spring, we are planning to reschedule for the upcoming fall semester.

This spring semester, we welcomed seven new freshmen into the E-Committee and continued to increase engagement in the club. At the FS retreat in upstate New York, members were able to cook, play Super Smash Bros, and jam out to old songs. Additionally, we had numerous firms confirmed to host networking sessions with FS, and we were able to go through with many before school closed. We also continued our commitment to diversity through hosting a Women's Brunch, where we mingled with general members over burgers and toast. Furthermore, FS hosted a very successful virtual election and is excited for next year's E-Board to continue to build up the club. Although not all the events we planned came to fruition, FS was able to maintain a strong community and interact with many members and firms with the time given.

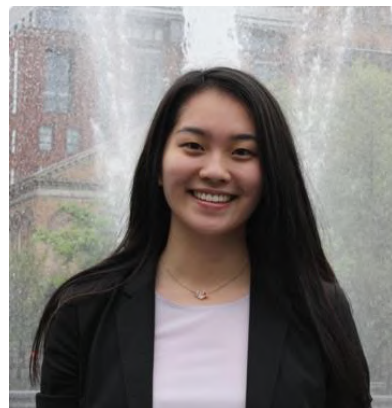
Finally, we are thankful for the tireless effort put into FS by our upperclassmen, many of whom will be graduating this spring. Rebecca, Shirley, Vincent, Mike, Aidan, David, Josh, Ben, Jason, and Howie – we wish you the best of luck after graduation and hope you continue to stay engaged as alumni.

We are looking forward to seeing some of you at future events, including the Alumni Mingle which will feature a ton of great food and company. We hope you have an amazing summer, and keep in touch!

Best,



Jessica Chen
Alumni Chair



Jessica Chen '21
Alumni Chair

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PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Dear Alumni,

As the Co-Presidents of Finance Society this past semester, it has been an interesting experience to say the least. We had a great start to Spring 2020 and hope to finish strong from the safety of our homes. While the current situation we are in is unfortunate and unprecedented, we have still had the honor of running the organization and making an impact on our E-Committee and NYU community. Thank you all for your continued support for this organization!

We are excited to introduce our Freshman E-Committee class, who we hope you get the chance to meet later this year and who we welcomed this semester by hosting our annual retreat in upstate New York. Although we did not get the chance to have other organized in-person bonding events this semester, we hope to continue growing our community within the E-Committee through virtual hangouts and events over the summer.

Professionally, we had the pleasure of welcoming several firms early on in the semester and were even able to host a successful virtual firm information session as we responded to developing circumstances. We had a record number of firms confirmed to come in through the rest of the semester but will instead look forward to continuing engagement with them next year. In terms of our diversity initiatives, we were happy to host another Women's Brunch to continue the tradition and involvement with our general members. We are confident in our new leadership to carry on this initiative and add to our expanding focus on diversity.

While we are disappointed that we could not carry out the various events we had planned, we are proud to say that we have taken everything in stride. E-Board election interest was high this year, and the virtual election itself ran smoothly. Alumni Mingle is already being planned for next semester to make up for the missed event this year.

As the spring semester and our senior years come to a close, we want to thank our E-Board for their continued efforts as we navigate these unusual times. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to lead FS and are thankful to current members and alumni for all the great memories. Moving forward, we would like to introduce the incoming Co-Presidents Ethan, Melissa, and Michelle. We are excited to see what the future of FS has in store and hope you will continue to support them.

Best,



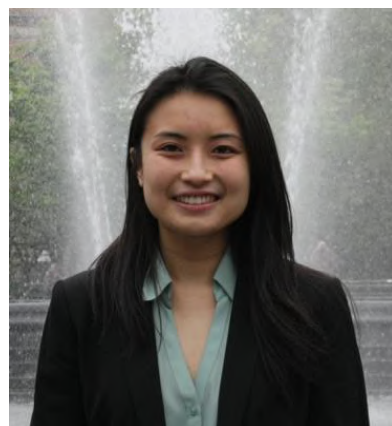
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Co-President



Shirley Zhan
Co-President



Rebecca Wang '20
Co-President

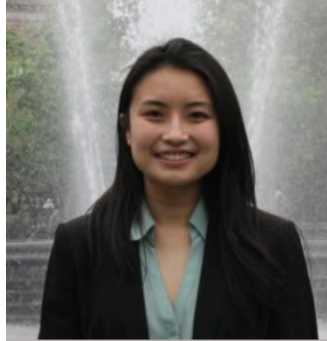


Shirley Zhan '20
Co-President

EXECUTIVE BOARD



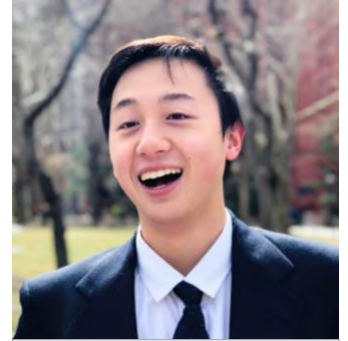
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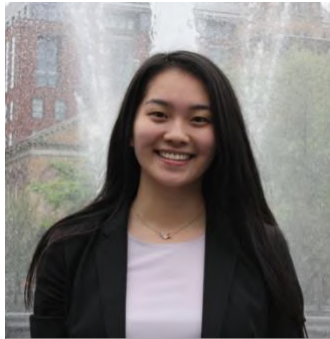
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Co-President



Vincent Cao
E-Comm Chair



Jonathan Zhao
E-Comm Chair



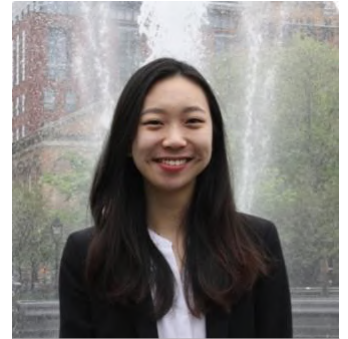
Jessica Chen
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Marketing Chair



Mike Zhang
Social Chair



Janet Huang
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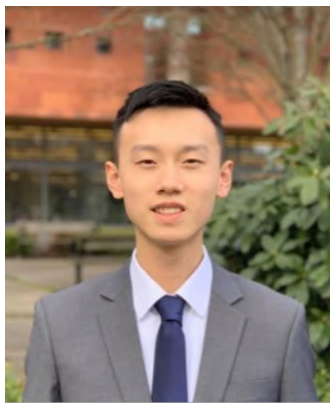


Melissa Zhang
Treasurer



Varun Bhardwaj
Tech & Media Chair

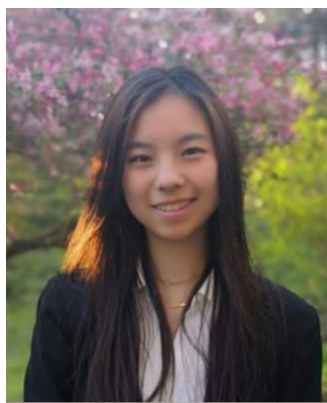
New E-COMM MEMBERS



Justin Chen
From: Shanghai, CN
Interests: Soccer and
Video Editing



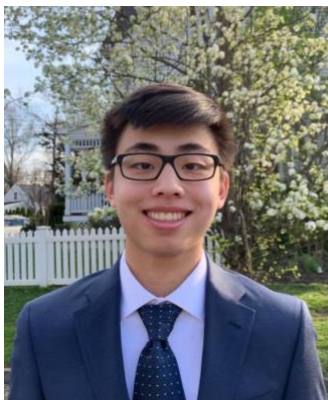
Vikas Gurnani
From: Bridgewater, NJ
Interests: NBA and
Snorkeling



Shannon Huang
From: Devon, PA
Interests: Baking and
Singing



Ankit Jain
From: Albertson, NY
Interests: Tennis and
Basketball



Kevin Li
From: Westfield, NJ
Interests: Basketball and
Exploring the City



Megha Purohit
From: Monroe, NJ
Interests: Hiking and
Cooking



Jack Wang
From: Fremont, CA
Interests: Cooking
Shows and EDM Music

COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENTS



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

What do you do now?

Investment Banking – I'm a Senior Associate in the Mergers & Acquisition group at Citi.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I usually spend my free time catching up with friends over dinner or brunch. Whenever you work any job that demands a busy work schedule, it's always important to stay grounded and maintain a personal life – I often find that hanging out with my friends is a good way for me to find that balance. I also enjoy watching a lot of cop TV shows – always a similar story but for some reason it keeps me enticed.

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

Any favorite memories?

The best part of FS was certainly the folks that I had the opportunity to meet and get close with. To this day, some of my closest friends are the people that I met through FS, and we continued to serve on the board / stay involved with the organization. Additionally, my interest and introduction to banking came from my mentor in FS who, along with the other upperclassmen at the time, gave me unfiltered advice which I pay heed to this day. As for a favorite memory – I think our retreat upstate was very fun, and I still have fond recollection of someone losing a tooth.

Any advice to give to the younger people reading this?

Based on my interactions with a few of the current members of FS, I think it's safe to say most people are already situationally in a good spot academically and career wise, so all I'll say is to enjoy your time in college.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Hopefully out and about and no longer social distancing. It's very tough to predict where I'll be in 10 years, but I'd like to be in a position where I have a direct and positive impact to society, either via my profession or personal affiliations. In today's unique world, where most of the world is scrambling to find its footing, I find it highly encouraging to hear stories of companies and philanthropic societies finding ways to do their part in being a part of the solution and help pass this time. As I'm sure the next 10 years will pass as quickly as the last 10 did, I think we can all find ways to be a net positive to society starting today.



Subeg Singh '17
E-Comm Chair

E-COMM SPOTLIGHT

How did you get involved with FS?

When I first came to NYU, I really wanted to get involved through extracurriculars, and I kept hearing about Finance Society from my peers and upperclassmen friends. I still didn't know exactly what the club was like, but after going to a couple of general meetings, I realized they were right: FS truly cares about its members, from providing a fun and tight-knit community to offering professional guidance. So, when spring finally rolled around, I knew I had to take the chance to apply.

What has been your favorite memory so far?

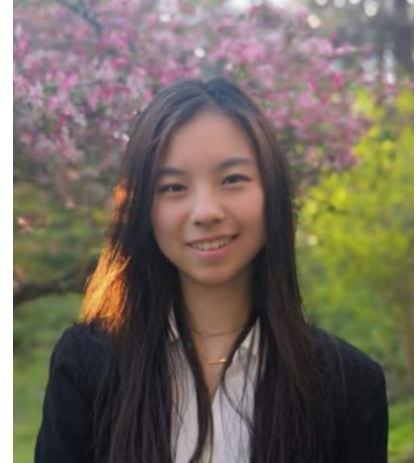
I have to say that FS retreat was definitely my favorite memory so far. My friends and I had just gotten into E-Committee, but we didn't really know the current members that well. To be honest, I was still pretty scared of some of them! But whether it was baking, dancing, or having deep group conversations, I felt like I really got to connect with a lot of the upperclassmen on a more casual and personal level. And let's be honest, who could forget the cream puffs?

How has FS been able to help you grow?

In just the past few weeks, I've definitely learned a lot in terms of technicals from the E-Committee chairs and professional development from the general meetings – skills that I'll be able to bring with me to future interviews, internships, and jobs. But more than that, being a part of the FS community has really helped me meet new people and go a bit out of my comfort zone to reach out to upperclassmen.

What are your career interests?

As a freshman, I'm still uncertain about what exactly I want to go into in the future, but investment banking, venture capital, and more technology-related roles all seem pretty interesting to me. Out of all of those, after joining E-Committee and learning more about it, investment banking has definitely piqued my interest. In the next few years, I hope to continue exploring the field through my classes and extracurriculars.



Shannon Huang '23
Incoming Marketing Chair

E-COMM SPOTLIGHT

How did you get involved with FS?

I decided to apply to FS on a whim while I was studying abroad in Spain because my roommate at the time was a member of E-Committee. The process was particularly memorable because it happened during my week-long fall break trip to Italy – I distinctly remember waking up at 3AM to catch a train from Milan to Florence to video call from the Airbnb before my friends arrived. Even though I used up my entire international data plan in one sitting, joining FS was the best decision that I made in college.

What has been your favorite memory from FS?

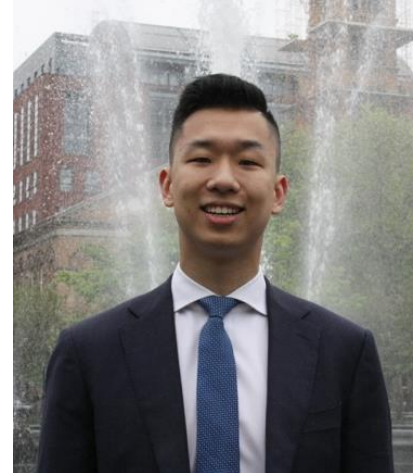
My favorite memory from FS is organizing this year's retreat to Bear Mountain. Being on the planning side of the experience was very eye-opening and really made me appreciate the hard work that goes on behind the scenes. However, seeing everyone have a great time made all the effort worthwhile. I also have very fond memories of our Holiday Gift Exchange, the epic cake fight on Rebecca's birthday, West 3rd happy hours, and going for a swim in the ocean during sunrise with Weiting at our last retreat.

How has FS impacted your time at NYU?

Being a part of FS has allowed me to find a real sense of community at NYU. From the moment I joined, everyone was extremely nice and approachable, and finding a group of people with similar experiences and goals has kept me grounded through many ups and downs in college. I'm also very grateful to FS for making sure that I was always well fed during Thursday common hours.

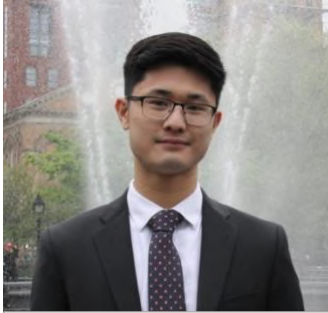
What are you looking forward to the most after graduating?

I look forward to staying in touch with all of the amazing friends I made through FS and to one day hopefully open up my own fine dining establishment in NYC (drinks on the house!). I also want to go heli-skiing in the Swiss Alps, watch a Lakers play-off game in Staples Center, and explore all the hiking trails around Vancouver before starting work.



Mike Zhang '20
Social Chair

INCOMING E-BOARD



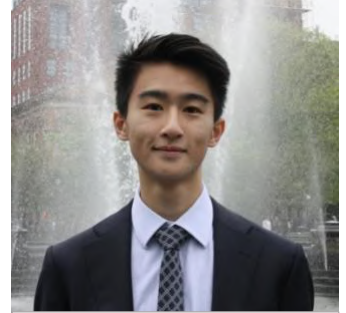
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Co-President



Melissa Zhang
Co-President (Fall)



Michelle Rozelman
Co-President (Spring)



Kevin Ho
Social Chair



Weiting Hong
E-Committee Chair



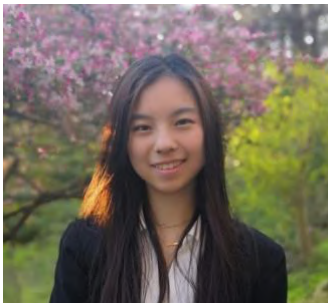
Kartikay Sharma
E-Committee Chair



Jessica Chen
Alumni Chair (Fall)



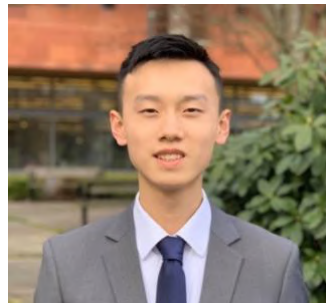
Kumail Raza
Alumni Chair (Spring)



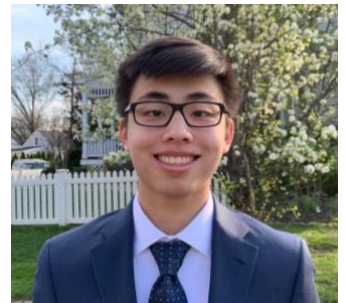
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Marketing Chair (Fall)



Vikas Gurnani
Marketing Chair (Spring)



Justin Chen
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Jack Wang
Treasurer



Kartik Nalamalapu
Tech & Media Chair

FULL-TIME RECRUITING



Jisoo Kim, Investment Banking
Aidan Lee, Investment Banking



Benedict Lai, Investment Banking
Rebecca Wang, Investment Banking

EVERCORE

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

FINANCO

Mike Zhang, Investment Banking

Greenhill

David Moon, Investment Banking

GUGGENHEIM

Jake Yoon, Investment Banking



Jason Leung, Investment Management

Morgan Stanley

Abhi Gupta, Investment Banking

PJT Partners

Shirley Zhan, Investment Banking

JUNIOR RECRUITING



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Andrew Chanin, Investment Banking
Melissa Zhang, Investment Banking



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Emily Markham, Global Markets

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