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# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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Fall 2020 Semester Review





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 and gearing up for the holidays! This fall, I had the pleasure of serving as Alumni Chair for a third semester. I have continued to be impressed by our alumni network, which has shown its strength particularly during these unprecedented times. Finance Society continues to be thankful for the valuable contributions you all have made in forming what the club is today.

This fall semester has been unlike any semester we have had in the past. With our E-Comm scattered around the world and our events solely conducted on virtual platforms, E-Board has had to quickly adapt to changing circumstances and learn along the way. We welcomed five new sophomores into E-Comm and held various social events filled with Among Us, Codenames, and Jack Box to strengthen the FS community. Although we were unable to meet new general members in person over Domino's Pizza, our high engagement on Zoom has us confident in the capabilities of FS going forward. We also continued our commitment to diversity through hosting a formal women's series, which featured events such as women in banking and diversity recruiting tips.

Furthermore, I want to give a quick shout-out to the other three FS members who will be graduating with me this winter. Melissa, Andrew, and Shlomo – thank you for your dedication and all you have done as members of FS. Wishing you three the best of luck after graduation, and I hope you continue to stay involved as alumni. As for the rest of E-Comm, see you on the other side!

Finally, I have full confidence in Kumail taking over as Alumni Chair in the spring. Although we were unable to host an Alumni Mingle this semester, I'm hoping to reconnect with many of you at future events. From our family to yours, we hope you have a great holiday!

Best,



Jessica Chen  
Alumni Chair



Jessica Chen '21  
Alumni Chair

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# PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Dear Alumni,

As many of you know, this past year has been one of the most peculiar and challenging to date. As Co-Presidents, it has been a busy but exciting semester as we have pioneered new initiatives while adapting old traditions to this new virtual age. Ultimately, this year has been extremely successful, and we owe our success to your continued support.

We kicked off the semester with a record-breaking 117 applications for E-Comm. Out of the many that applied, we selected five new sophomores — Charlie, Iti, Joy, Omar, and Vedant — whom you can learn more about later in this newsletter. To integrate them into the FS community, we hosted a virtual fall retreat and swapped gifts across the country at our second annual Secret Santa holiday party.

Transitioning our traditional general meeting structure to a virtual setting this semester was a new but rewarding task. Over 300 people attended our kick-off meeting, and while we miss cramming into T-201 every Thursday, engagement at our general meetings has never been higher.

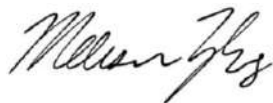
Outside of general meetings, we also extended our efforts to strengthen our General Member community. In addition to continuing our two-on-two coffee chat program, we have hosted weekly social events. Our general socials doubled as office hours for questions and opportunities to play games with E-Comm members. Through our women's series, we organized discussion and service events to foster a stronger community of women in finance. We also established an FS Instagram as an additional marketing channel. With over 450 followers, our Instagram has allowed us to broadcast events as well as highlight E-Comm members.

We have had an incredible time working with our E-Board this semester and are grateful to have had the opportunity to lead FS. We look forward to what our spring semester will look like and wish you all a warm and wonderful holiday season!

Best,



Ethan Lin  
Co-President



Melissa Zhang  
Co-President



Ethan Lin '21  
Co-President



Melissa Zhang '21  
Co-President

# EXECUTIVE BOARD



**Ethan Lin**  
Co-President



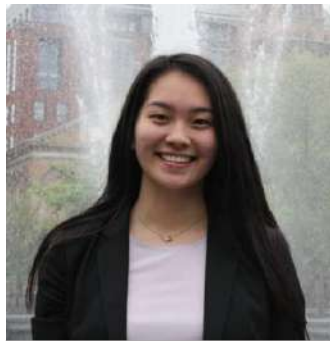
**Melissa Zhang**  
Co-President



**Weiting Hong**  
E-Comm Chair



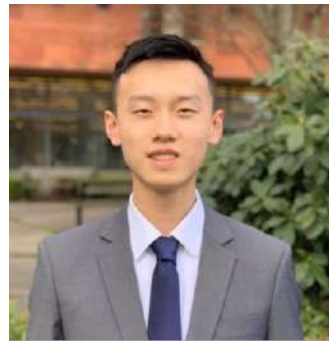
**Kartikay Sharma**  
E-Comm Chair



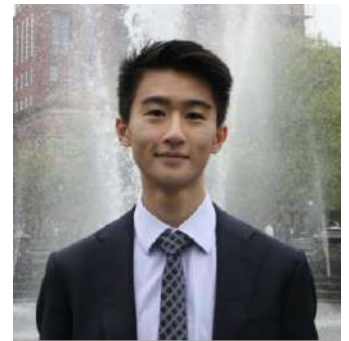
**Jessica Chen**  
Alumni Chair



**Shannon Huang**  
Marketing Chair



**Justin Chen**  
Secretary



**Kevin Ho**  
Social Chair



**Kartik Nalamalapu**  
Tech & Media Chair



**Jack Wang**  
Treasurer

# NEW E-COMM MEMBERS



**Omar Essa**

Hometown: New York, NY  
Interests: NBA Basketball and  
Fantasy Novels



**Joy Fu**

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA  
Interests: Urban Exploring and  
Scuba Diving



**Charlie Hsieh**

Hometown: Menlo Park, CA  
Interests: Basketball and Poker  
Games



**Vedant Iyer**

Hometown: Seattle, WA  
Interests: Video Games and  
Trying New Restaurants



**Itihaas Kommanavancha**

Hometown: Lancaster, MA  
Interests: Escape Rooms and  
Bowling



# NEW INITIATIVES

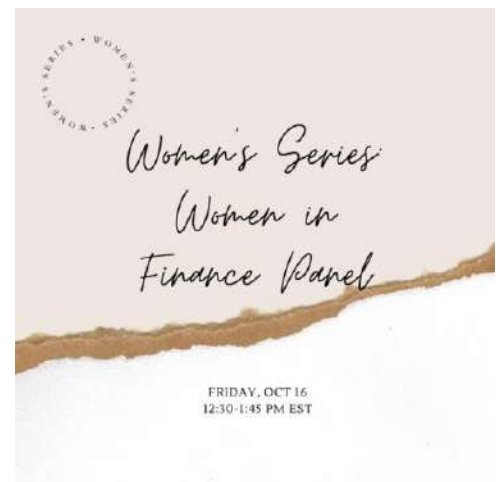
## Friday General Member Socials

- General members have the opportunity to attend bi-weekly Friday socials
- Events include online games, like Jeopardy, as well as office hours



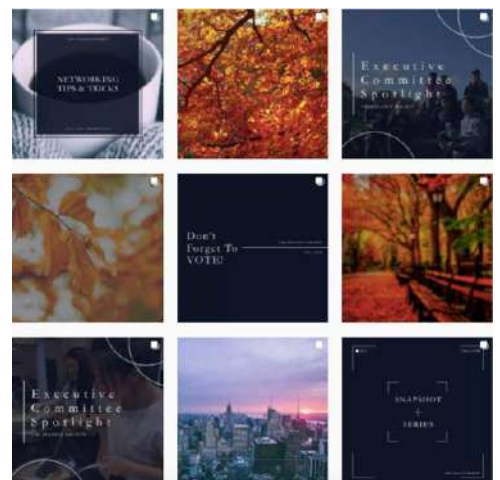
## Women's Series Events

- Aims to strengthen women in finance community at NYU
- Events include panels, workshops, and community service focused on diversity



## Official FS Instagram

- Spearheaded by Marketing Chair
- Includes promotion for various events throughout the semester, FAQ, and E-Comm spotlights





# COMMUNITY MEMORIES

## Past Alumni Mingles

Spring 2017 Mingle @ NYU



Spring 2018 Mingle @ Vapiano



## Past Social Events

Spring 2016 E-Board Dinner



Fall 2017 Senior Send-Off



Fall 2018 Apple Picking



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

## **What do you do now?**

I currently work in private equity investing at HGGC.

## **What do you like to do in your free time?**

Assuming COVID is gone, I'd be enjoying my free time doing things around the city and traveling, as well as spending a lot of time discovering new music, producing music, and going to concerts.

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

### **Any favorite memories?**

Aside from the friends and mentorship, I like some of the unique events we put on. Some of the ones I remember include a Q&A session with the director of Margin Call as well as a discussion with someone convicted of insider trading, among others. Although the club had a large pre-professional and investment banking focus, I think those events made us unique relative to other clubs on campus.

## **Any advice to give to the younger people reading this?**

Try to enjoy your time at NYU as much as you can. Be sure to explore all the options available to you, both in Stern and outside of it. Don't be afraid to explore outside of the finance industry. You'll hopefully develop a better sense of what you want to do professionally as well as a better sense of what your interests and goals are. More importantly, you'll have experiences and memories that you'll look back fondly on if you make the most of your time at NYU. That goes for both inside and outside of the classroom.

## **Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

I have ideas of a couple different places I'd want to be professionally and personally. In any event, my goal is to continue doing something that I enjoy and that I find interesting – whether it's in finance or not.

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

Not sure where, but I know I want it to be a long trip. I'm starting to get cabin fever without any international travel right now...



Patrick Malanga '15  
Co-President

# E-COMM SPOTLIGHT

## **How did you get involved with FS?**

I had originally heard really great things about FS from a mentor of mine, who told me about how strong the E-Comm program and community were. I knew E-Comm would prepare me for recruiting, and I wanted to meet more people that shared my interest in finance. I applied and ended up joining this semester!

## **What has been your favorite memory so far?**

Joining FS during the pandemic has made it a little harder to interact with the rest of the club members, but I think that it has made me appreciate our shared moments even more! I've really enjoyed getting lunch with the E-Comm members that are in the city and grabbing coffee with my mentor. I've also loved our virtual games nights, which I feel allow us to get to know each other in a relaxed setting. Meeting other FS members has been the highlight of my semester.

## **How has FS been able to help you grow?**

The FS community has definitely helped me grow the most. It's inspiring to learn from upperclassmen in the club, who are not only smart and successful, but are also willing to give their time to help us grow. They've given me a lot of insight into banks, recruiting, and overall, how to approach college. Additionally, my fellow E-Comm members have created a very motivating setting for me, and it's been an honor to work and learn alongside such ambitious people!

## **What are your career interests?**

Coming into college, I did not know much about finance, but I did know that I wanted to have a dynamic career that would allow me to constantly learn, use a mix of hard and soft skills, and make a big impact. After hearing the experiences of upperclassmen, I became attracted to investment banking because it fits my career interests, and I knew that it would challenge me and make me stronger. As for my long-term outlook, I'm interested in potentially staying in investment banking, moving to private equity or corporate development, and/or going back to school!



Joy Fu '23  
E-Comm Member



# E-COMM SPOTLIGHT

## **How did you get involved with FS?**

I went to the same high school as Kevin Ho, who recommended FS as he mentored me on the ins and outs of Stern. At my first FS general meeting during freshman fall, Bill Shen and SK Ra's thorough, captivating teaching style immediately engrossed me. The conspicuous camaraderie among the E-Comm members further motivated me to join FS. Fortunately, my freshman spring E-Comm application was accepted, and I have been closely involved since then.

## **What has been your favorite memory from FS?**

My favorite memory so far has been swimming with Mike Zhang in the ocean off the beach at Asbury Park, NJ during a FS retreat. I did not know what to expect because it was my first time swimming in the ocean. However, the moment I went in the lukewarm waves, I found a great sense of relaxation and freedom absent from the organized lanes of public swimming pools.

## **How has FS impacted your time at NYU?**

My involvement in student organizations shaped my undergraduate experience at NYU. FS has not only prepared me professionally but also gave me a group of friends who look out for each other in all facets of life. From my time as a freshman E-Comm member to my current role as an E-Comm Chair, the constant support and guidance from everyone are inseparable from my personal growth and taught me the true definition of a "close-knit community."

## **What are your career interests?**

I am very interested in investing, and one of my dreams is to eventually own a hedge fund and become a portfolio manager myself. Additionally, I have recently found academic paths exciting and impactful. Another dream of mine is to one day join the ranks of scholars and policymakers and tackle challenging socioeconomic problems with my curiosity and drive.



Weiting Hong '22  
E-Comm Chair

# SEMESTER STATISTICS

25

Events

138 Attendees / Event

12

General Meetings

212 Attendees / GM

## Event Highlight

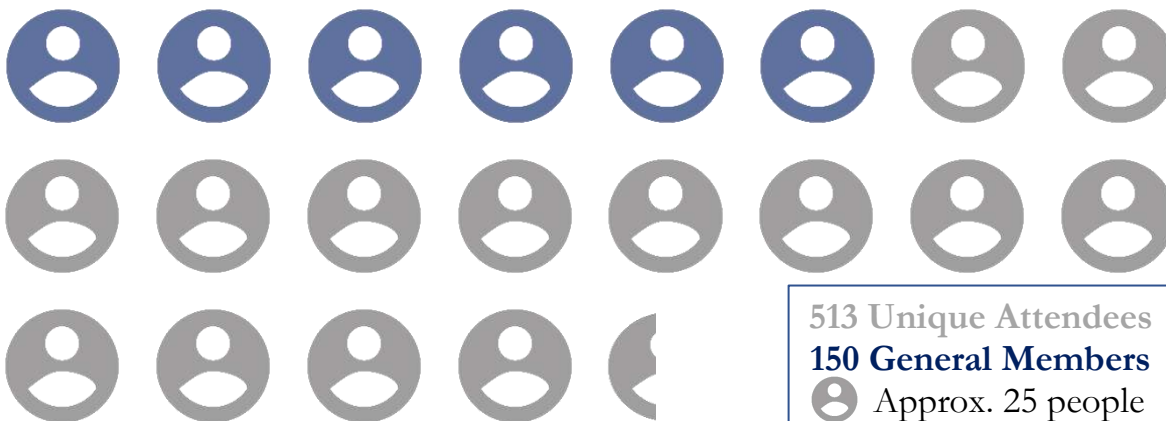
### HGGC: Deep Dive into Private Equity

Co-sponsored with USWIB and Pride Corp, members learned about the day-in-the-life of a PE analyst and different aspects of the industry

## GM Highlight

### Final Review Kahoot

For one of the last meetings of the semester, E-Comm Chairs led a comprehensive Kahoot session to test members' knowledge of GM workshop concepts



# JUNIOR RECRUITING



Janet Huang,  
Software Engineering



Kumail Raza,  
Investment Banking



Weiting Hong,  
Investment Banking



Kartik Nalamalapu,  
Investment Banking



Ilan Kaissar,  
Tax



Kartikay Sharma,  
Investment Banking



Noah Greenblatt,  
Investment Banking



Michelle Rozelman,  
Investment Banking



Ramviknesh Ramanathan,  
Investment Banking



Thomas Monsellato,  
Investment Banking



Shlomo Husni,  
Asset Management



# 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

GUGGENHEIM

Kevin Ho, Investment Banking

Morgan Stanley

Varun Bhardwaj, Investment Banking

PJT Partners

Jessica Chen, Investment Banking  
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