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WELCOME

Texas Finance Team is proud to present you with a new edition of the newsletter. This newsletter will include topics and updates from the 2022-2023 school year. We hope this newsletter will help people stay updated with our team.

This newsletter highlights the team's new members, competitions, lectures, pitches, seniors, fund updates, and newly signed offers.

TEAM UPDATES

New Members

This year we received a record-breaking 154 applications and selected 10 bright freshman to join the team this year. Congratulations to Sarah Gelfer, Nysa Dharan, Mikail Wijesekara, Irgen Soeriawinata, Shrey Shah, Christine Yuan, Matt Kolb, Ryan Song, Anish Palakurthi, and Nishita Appana!

Competitions

Congratulations to Rachel Nguyen, Julia Lin, and Chinmayi Bodapati for **winning** the TechX Case Competition, and Yiwei Shen for **winning** the Women's Case Competition! Additionally, congratulations to Mikail Wijesekara for placing **2nd** at Texas Charity Pitch, and Sarah Gelfer, Nysa Dharan, and Irgen Soeriawinata for placing **3rd** at the Fall Case Competition! Lastly, congratulations to Nysa Dharan, Anish Palakurthi, Nishita Appana, and Irgen Soeriawinata for placing **2nd** at the Analyst Group Stock Pitch!

Offers

Congratulations to our sophomores Evie Kao (Evercore, NYC), Anna Li (Moelis, NYC), Angela Ling (BoA, NYC), Tin Nguyen (Guggenheim, Chicago), Chinmayi Bodapati (BCG, Dallas), Yiwei Shen (Bain, Dallas), Advait Anakala (Ardea, NYC), and Alex Foote (Stellax, NYC) for signing their offers for Summer 2024!

Seniors

Congratulations to our graduating seniors! We can't wait to see all the great things you will all accomplish. Listed below are our seniors and where they will be heading after graduation:

Noah Carr (Citi, NYC)
Brian Lee (JPM, SF)
Michelle Zhang (Moelis, NYC)
Michelle Jiang (BCG, Austin)
Aishwarya Agnihotri (Moelis, NYC)
George Rao (Lazard, Houston)
Jennifer Cho (Oliver Wyman, NYC)
Grace Zhou (Citi, NYC)
Jessie Yu (Microsoft, Seattle)
Jialu Sun (Moelis, NYC)
Sunny Wang (Greenhill, NYC)
Michael Nguyen (McKinsey, Austin)





EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

WHAT DO MEETINGS LOOK LIKE?

Lectures

Every meeting we have 1-2 members lecture on a topic of their choice, a way for other members to learn something new! Some of the lecture topics this past year were about asset management, the fashion industry, the 2008 financial crisis, Blackstone, the publishing industry, the US debt ceiling, and the startup/VC space.

Pitches

Every weekly meeting has a pitch with a slide deck presentation and financial model, made by a team of five members. The companies pitched this past year include both long and short positions on Electronic Arts Inc. (EA), Adobe Inc (ADBE), Shopify Inc. (SHOP), Travelcenters of America Inc (TA), Netflix Inc (NFLX), DraftKings Inc (DKNG), Life Time Group Holdings Inc (LTH), Align Technology, Inc. (ALGN), Intuitive Surgical, Inc. (ISRG), Chemed Corporation (CHE), AvalonBay Communities, Inc. (AVB), Yum! Brands Inc. (YUM), Monster Beverage Corp (MNST), and Duolingo Inc (DUOL).



Portfolio Management

The primary focus this semester in portfolio management was discussions on each weekly pitch, led by Angela Ling. Pitch team members would start off with a short summary of the pitch, and the rest of the members would proceed to ask questions. At the end of the discussion, everyone present would vote for whether they agreed with the pitch or not. We have added CHE, MNST, and AVB to our portfolio this semester. Our portfolio currently has holdings of over \$8000.

Bootcamps

Bootcamps for freshman newbies covered everything from accounting to valuation to options led by directors Bhavik Reddy and Lucy Wu. Bootcamps for sophomores recruiting for investment banking were led by Michelle Zhang and covered both technical reviews and behavioral interview tips.



SOCIAL INITIATIVES

HOW DOES FTEAM HAVE FUN?

Intramural Sports

This past year we played sand volleyball and dodgeball intramural sports! It was fun playing sports and competing together and great for teambuilding! We also had a few members run the Longhorn Run 5K together!

Friendsgiving

Does the F in FTeam stands for Friends or Food? At our annual Friendsgiving we had both! Members brought delicious food, including Pluckers wings, mac and cheese, honey-baked ham, and kimbap.

Alumni Meetups

We were excited to host alumni weekend near the end of the school year to reunite in Austin and get to know our current members as well! We had a lot planned, and had a great time, from a dinner at Aba, sports at Zilker, and a barge on Lake Travis! Additionally, when alumni are in town, we are always available to meet up! This year we had the chance to grab lunch with a few alumni!

Other socials

This semester was filled with karaoke, spontaneous food runs, and late-night coffee shop study sessions. We also had a mixer with UCF (Undergraduate Computational Finance), and it was a great way to meet new people! FTeam socials also go international— We also had members meet up overseas in cities like Paris and Barcelona!



ALUMNI CORNER

MEGAN LI



Please introduce yourself.

Hi, everyone! I'm Megan, and I graduated Spring 2021 with Business Honors and Math degrees. I joined F-Team as a freshman, and it was an integral part of my college experience. I currently reside in Austin, and my favorite hobbies are traveling, discovering new coffee shops and restaurants, reading, and going to Solidcore (similar to pilates)!

What do you remember most fondly about UT?

As weird as it sounds to reminisce, I remember all the grueling nights I spent with friends at PCL or in study rooms in West Campus apartment complexes the most. I never enjoyed studying, but it always felt better to grind away with friends during late nights and then go to a convenience store or a restaurant to grab a bite to eat. It's rare to meet up with friends in such an impulsive setting after college, and I miss those times.

What do you think we should appreciate more about UT as current students?

The opportunity to learn about almost anything you want at a minimal cost. I never wanted to take more credit hours than I had to, but I wish I had taken more interesting classes. Post-college, I find myself researching topics that interest me outside of my career but lament that I have limited time to do so. There are so many fascinating courses at UT, and everyone should definitely take a few classes purely for leisure than for degree completion.

What are the most important lessons you've learned from your career?

Ask people to mentor you. I've grown tremendously because I've met people who are gracious enough to want to teach and share their knowledge and skillsets with me. My co-workers (past and present) have incredibly diverse backgrounds, and I've done my best to reach out to them and ask them to sit down with me. I'm a strong proponent of passing lessons learned forward, so I enjoy mentoring juniors as well. Everyone started from somewhere, so it's important to be courageous and ask questions so you can develop and grow.

What would you change during your time at UT?

I wish I had branched out more. While it's not necessarily harder to meet people after college, it's certainly more difficult to put yourself in organic social settings. College gives you the opportunity to constantly be around new people. The pandemic happened when I was still in college, so my classmates and I faced some of the consequences that came along with staying indoors and having limited contact to new people. I wish I had joined more clubs, taken more classes, and in general, broken out of my comfort zone.



FEEDBACK

FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT AND STAY IN TOUCH!

Rolling out new initiatives always comes with growing pains, but we are constantly iterating and looking to improve the team through new ideas and feedback. If there is anything that you feel could be done better, please feel free to reach out to us, and we will work on making improvements from our end.

If you have any questions, concerns, comments, or requests, please feel free to contact us at texasfteam@gmail.com.