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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 fall semester of 2022. This year, students returned to a completely in-person education and college experience. We hope this newsletter will help our alumni stay updated with our team.

This newsletter highlights the team's new Fall 2022 members, new organizational updates, fall competitions, lectures, pitches, seniors, fund updates, and another edition of our Alumni Corner.

TEAM UPDATES

With everything back to normal post, the team hosted all in-person meetings and socials this semester.

New Members

For the first time since the pandemic, our recruiting efforts were fully in-person, from info sessions to coffee chats and interviews. This semester we received a record-breaking 88 applications and selected 7 new members to join the team this year. Congratulations to Sarah Gelfer, Nysa Dharan, Mikail Wijesekara, Irgen Soeriawinata, Jacob Encarnado, Shrey Shah, and Grace Zhou! We are excited to have them on the team and look forward to seeing how they grow as part of the FTeam family!

Pitches

The pitch format for this school year continued the usual slide deck presentation and financial model. The companies pitched this past fall include 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), and Intuitive Surgical, Inc. (ISRG).

Competitions

Congratulations to Rachel Ngueyn, 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! Many other members competed in a variety of pitch and case competitions throughout the semester and represented FTeam very well.

Seniors

Congratulations to Jennifer Cho and Grace Zhou for graduating this past semester! We wish you all the best.



EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

WHAT HAVE WE FOCUSED ON?

If any alumni are interested in lecturing at our weekly meetings on any topic, or being a part of our alumni panel this upcoming semester, please feel free to message any of the directors!

Lectures

Some of the lecture topics this past year were about asset management, the fashion industry, the 2008 financial crisis, Blackstone, and more.

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. Meetings would then end with closing thoughts and reasonings about our final vote.

Official Student Organization

We are almost through the new organization application process for FTeam to become an official, independent student organization at UT . The director team this year filled out the application, attended necessary orientation courses, wrote a constitution, and submitted it. We are now awaiting approval from one last person, and then we will be an official UT student organization.

Bootcamps

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

Portfolio

Our portfolio currently has holdings of just under \$8000.



SOCIAL INITIATIVES

HOW DOES FTEAM HAVE FUN?

Karaoke

Per tradition, we held another karaoke social this semester. Members sang and rapped their hearts out to their favorite bops. It was also a great bonding experience for everybody!

Intramural Sports

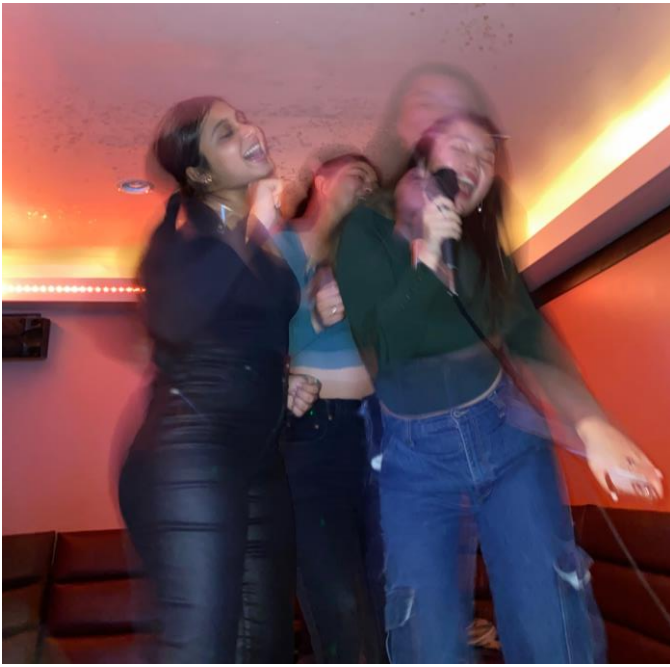
Shoutout to Aishwarya for organizing a sand volleyball IM team this semester! Although we didn't make playoffs, we had a lot of fun during and after our games, where we made it a tradition to go on a JuiceLand run.

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.

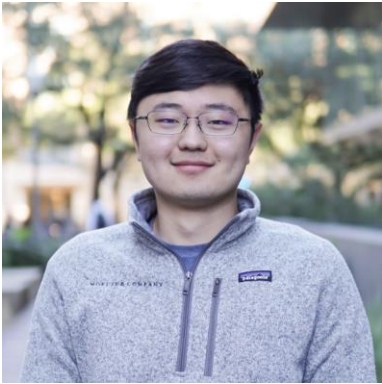
Other socials

This semester was filled with brown bag groups, 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! Additionally, when alumni are in town, we are always available to meet up! This semester we had the change to grab lunch with Tom, and it was a great time. FTeam socials also go international— We also had members meet up overseas in cities like Paris and Barcelona!



ALUMNI CORNER

EMILY NGUYEN



Please introduce yourself.

Hello! My name is Daniel Chen and I graduated in 2018 majoring in BHP / Finance. I joined Finance Team my freshman year and was heavily involved all throughout college.

What do you remember most fondly about UT?

Absolutely all the crazy stories and events. The time I spent hanging out with my friends and the wild adventures we went on are what remains with me.

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

College is a special time in which you are old enough to experience the world but have no real responsibilities yet. Take advantage of what UT has to offer and choose to live more in the present; you have the rest of your life to manage your career.

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

In my experience, life after college is a balancing act. You have three main priorities: Career, Friendships and Relationships. It starts becoming very difficult to have success in all three aspects. Reaching the highest levels of professional success (Partner, Managing Director, C-Suite, etc.) requires sacrifice along the Friendship and Relationship aspects. Similarly, to prioritize relationships will often come at the sacrifice of Career and Friendships. Being thoughtful about what matters the most to you personally and accepting the associated potential limitations is very important as you evaluate various career and life choices.

After graduating from UT, how have you thought about your professional development and career path?

I have navigated my career by optimizing for a few key factors (in order from highest priority): Lifestyle, Pay, Advancement Potential and Optionality. However, as described in the response above, what you choose to optimize for in life (Career, Friendships, Relationships) will largely determine how you choose to navigate your professional development.

If you could be a student again, what would you continue doing or do differently?

Have more fun, be more spontaneous, make more memories.



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.