

Chartering Petition for the
Stevens Startup Group
of the International Fraternity of
Delta Sigma Pi
at
Stevens Institute of Technology

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Delta Sigma Pi at Stevens Institute of Technology

Stevens Startup Group

Delta Sigma Pi Board of Directors

330 South Campus Avenue

Oxford, OH 45056

Members of the Stevens Startup Group at Stevens Institute of Technology

Stevens School of Business

1 Castle Point Terrace

Hoboken, NJ 07030

Feb 2, 2024

Dear Members of the Board of Directors,

We, the members of Stevens Startup Group at Stevens Institute of Technology do hereby petition for a collegiate Chapter Charter of the International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi.

Stevens Startup Group was created with the intention of affiliation with Delta Sigma Pi, and will seek to further uphold the mission and ideals of this international fraternity. Throughout our existence, we have proved our professionalism, commitment, enthusiasm, supportive Brotherhood, and strong rapport with the university and the community.

We promise to sustain the rules, regulations, and standards of Delta Sigma Pi as defined in the Bylaws in pursuance of a Chapter Charter all while maintaining a strong alliance with the Fraternity.

Respectfully, the following signed members of Delta Sigma Pi Stevens Startup Group:

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Rutharis

Shahi Van

Prayag

Hiran

Hudak

M. J. J.

Saagar Shah

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Kenzil Slade

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Malanika Loka

Raj Shah

Alex de la Cruz

Robert Rahilly

Tom Dea

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Letters of Recommendation
written on behalf of the
Stevens Startup Group
of the International Fraternity of
Delta Sigma Pi



Delta Sigma Pi Board of Directors
330 South Campus Avenue
Oxford, OH 45056

Dear Board of Directors:

As associate dean of undergraduates at Stevens Institute of Technology's School of Business, I am happy to write a letter of recommendation on behalf of Murtaza Iqbal and Fayha Farooqi in their effort to start up a Delta Sigma Pi chapter for our School. Murtaza and Fayha have already recruited 30 students to join the future chapter, and they organized a number of events last academic year, including a

- Resume workshop
- Mock interview night
- Volleyball Fundraiser
- Game Night
- Community Service Night
- Speed Networking Event
- Brotherhood Night
- Professional Night and a
- Charity Event.

For this coming year, they have planned a series of events, including a

- Industry Networking Night
- Skill Development Workshops
- Wall Street Tour
- Alumni Panel Discussion
- Community Outreach Programs
- Professional Development Retreats
- Leadership Night
- Mock Interviews
- Resume Review
- Professional Networking Mixers
- Pitch Competition and a
- Career Development Workshop.

These student leaders clearly have a vision and they have demonstrated their leadership and commitment to this effort by dedicating a significant amount of their time in planning and running events for a chapter that has yet to be approved. The Stevens community will gain by the formation of this chapter and I wholeheartedly recommend Murtaza and Fayha's efforts to establish a Delta Sigma Pi chapter for our School of Business.

If you require additional information, please feel free to email me at jsandles@stevens.edu.

Sincerely,



Joelle Saad-Lessler



ΔΣΠ

TO: Delta Sigma Pi Board of Directors
CC: Central Office
FROM: Charles Weening, Empire Regional Vice President
SUBJECT: Stevens startup group letter of recommendation

Brothers, it's a pleasure writing to you representing the birthplace region of ΔΣΠ. Empire is excellence from the beginning – the Stevens startup group has been excellent from their beginning.

I remember having the opportunity to be in person to watch the September Board Meeting. You discussed positive developments you are looking to expand. You also discussed challenges and how we can take a strong position to generate value for generations. Several times during the meeting solutions came to my mind from the night before when I met with the Stevens. An executive committee of sophomores and a room full of people that can engage the mind, warm the heart, and better the world.

There was a lot of excitement of local Brothers upon hearing a startup group being at Stevens Institute of Technology. Stevens is a stalwart institution for research and technology. They are nationally recognized with accolades and have alumni that have made significant contributions to the world for over 150 years. Stevens students operate at a higher level – in many ways this can be seen in the startup group. The team has high caliber events that leave you thinking *"this is something every brother needs to experience"* They possess intellectual curiosity and act with drive.

Petition submission indicates they met the startup group requirements. From early in the process, I have been impressed with their interest in chapter operations. They are already performing very similar to a collegiate chapter and have demonstrated strong vision in their recently submitted strategic plans.

Their humble & hungry approach will support brothers, chapters, and the Fraternity in capitalizing on strengths and fortifying improvements.

When we see a startup take off in the world, the initial reaction is wishing we could have been in from the beginning. If only I had the opportunity to invest in / learn more about / be part of it before they catapulted. I have immense pleasure from being with Stevens from the beginning. Board of Directors, here is your opportunity to be part of the Stevens startup group. Your investment of a chapter charter will build a better brotherhood with people that are ready to learn & live the values of Delta Sigma Pi.

Fraternally / Αδελφικά,

Charles A. Weening
Empire Regional Vice President



School of Business

1 Castle Point Terrace
Hoboken, NJ 07030
stevens.edu

Feb 8, 2024
Delta Sigma Pi Board of Directors
330 South Campus Avenue
Oxford, OH 45056

Dear Board of Directors:

As an assistant professor of school of business at Stevens of Institute of Technology, I am happy to write a recommendation on behalf of this group of passionate Stevens students in their effort to establish a Delta Sigma Pi chapter for our school of business.

Hima Thummala has shown remarkable organizational and interpersonal skills. Her ability to collaborate with diverse groups of individuals and their aptitude for effective communication make them well-suited to take on the responsibilities associated with establishing and maintaining a Delta Sigma Pi chapter.

The Delta Sigma Pi chapter at the School of Business holds the potential to significantly enhance the educational experience for Stevens' students. Delta Sigma Pi's emphasis on professionalism, community service, and ethical leadership resonates strongly with the goals and objectives of Stevens Institute of Technology. I am confident that the establishment of a Delta Sigma Pi chapter will not only enhance the academic and professional experiences of our students but also contribute significantly to the broader campus community.

In conclusion, the establishment of a Delta Sigma Pi chapter at the School of Business has the potential to bring about positive and lasting changes to our campus. I wholeheartedly recommend the approval of their application and look forward to witnessing the impactful contributions that Hima Thummala and the fraternity will make to the Stevens Institute of Technology community. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at yliu350@stevens.edu. Thank you for considering this recommendation.

Warm regards,
Yu (Luna) Liu
Assistant Professor of Entrepreneurship
yliu350@stevens.edu

History of Stevens Institute of Technology

Originally known as the Stevens Institute, Stevens Institute of Technology was founded in 1870 through a bequest by Edwin Augustus Stevens. Stevens, an inventor, and industrialist, left over \$1 million to establish a school for mechanical engineering education. The first class entered in 1871, comprising only a handful of students taught by a few professors.

In the early years, Stevens focused on practical mechanical and civil engineering training and naval architecture. The institute awarded its first bachelor's degrees in 1873. In 1896, Stevens expanded its curriculum to include electrical engineering and chemistry. Over the next few decades, Stevens continued to broaden its academic programs, establishing new departments in fields like physics, aeronautical engineering, and materials science.

The institute officially changed its name to Stevens Institute of Technology in 1970. By the late 20th century, Stevens had evolved into a technological university offering a variety of engineering, science, computer science, business, and humanities degrees at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels. Pioneering work was done at Stevens in computing, robotics, biomaterials, environmental engineering, and telecommunications.

Today, Stevens enrolls over 7,200 students, with tuition for full-time undergraduates reaching \$60,962 per year. There are four different schools within the institute offering bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees across 50+ programs. The campus infrastructure has undergone major expansions, including plans for new multi-million dollar academic complexes to provide cutting-edge facilities for students and research.

The campus has significantly expanded since the institute's early days. Stevens recently completed a 10-year Campus Master Plan to modernize facilities, upgrade labs and academic buildings, and improve the campus infrastructure. Current and future projects include new academic complexes, dormitories, athletics centers, and computing networks to support Stevens' education and research missions. The

campus infrastructure has undergone major expansions, including the recent completion of the \$120 million multi-high-rise UCC Towers - housing over 1,500 students in apartment-style dorms equipped with amenity spaces for networking, studying, and more.

As Stevens looks ahead to the future, the institute is focused on advancing technology and high-impact research to address pressing global challenges and prepare students to become tomorrow's innovators and leaders.



Picture of the newly built UCC Towers

Development of Stevens Startup Group

At the beginning of 2022, a few at Stevens Institute of Technology students were thinking about how they could further their career paths. They wanted to join a place where they could not only learn more about how to get internships, network, and such, but they wanted also to teach others. More importantly, they wanted a strong community of like-minded individuals to talk to and bounce ideas off of. One day, our founding member, Fayha Farooqi, our current President, came up with the idea of establishing a business fraternity on Stevens. At the time, there were no other business fraternities on Stevens' campus, even though many nearby colleges had highly successful organizations. So, Fayha decided to enlist some of her friends' help to establish a Delta Sigma Pi chapter, because of the Fraternity's well-respected reputation.

As a very involved individual, participating in other leadership activities such as the Web Chair for the Indian Undergraduate Association, she had a vast network of friends and peers who could spread the word about the newly started Startup Group Delta Sigma Pi at Stevens Institute of Technology. Bi-weekly meetings began to take place while the interest in the Executive Committee grew. Before they knew it, many people showed interest in wanting to join this new Delta Sigma Pi Startup Group. The Executive Committee discussed and decided on how they wanted their organization to run and what the main topics of discussion would be at each meeting. As months passed on, the Startup Group completed many events and fundraisers to be qualified to start the chapter. Fayha then reached out to Dale Clark, Senior Director of Membership Growth and Expansion. After a few conversations discussing the Delta Sigma Pi values, The Stevens Institute of Technology Startup Group of Delta Sigma Pi had been formed. The Startup Group continued to have weekly meetings, professional and community service events, and fundraisers to fulfill installation requirements.

Stevens Institute of Technology Facts & Figures

Founded:	1870
School Colors:	Red and White
School Mascot:	Ducks
Number of Faculty as of Fall 2023:	550
Enrollment as of Fall 2023:	4,092 undergraduate students 4,750 graduate students 8,842 total students
Student-Faculty Ratio (Fall 2023):	1:11
Total Alumni:	50,000
Endowment (June 2022):	\$269 million
Tuition for 2023-2024 Academic School Year:	Tuition and Fees: \$60,952 Housing and Meals: 18,650

Hoboken Demographics 2020 Census Data

Population:	Number:
Total Population	57,703
Square Miles(land)	1.25
Population per Square Mile	46,162
Gender:	Number:
Male	28,488
Female	29,255
Age:	Number:
Under 5 years old, percent	7%
Under 18 years old, percent	14.7%
Between 18 and 65	71.7%
65 and over, percent	6.6%
Race and Ethnicity:	Number:
White, percent	63.6%
Black or African American, percent	4.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native, percent	0.2%
Asian, percent	12.6%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, percent	0.0%
Two or More Races, percent	10.4%

Hispanic or Latino, percent	15.9%
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Source for data: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census;

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/hobokencitynewjersey,NJ/POP715219>

Quick Campous Facts

Total Acres:	55 acres
Total Number of Buildings:	65 buildings
Total Number of Classrooms:	127
Total Number of Teaching Auditoriums:	7
Total Residence Halls:	8
Residences - Total Capacity:	2,500



Quick Faculty Facts

	Full-time	Part-time	Total
All Departments	450	100	550

Undergraduate Student Enrollment by School/College



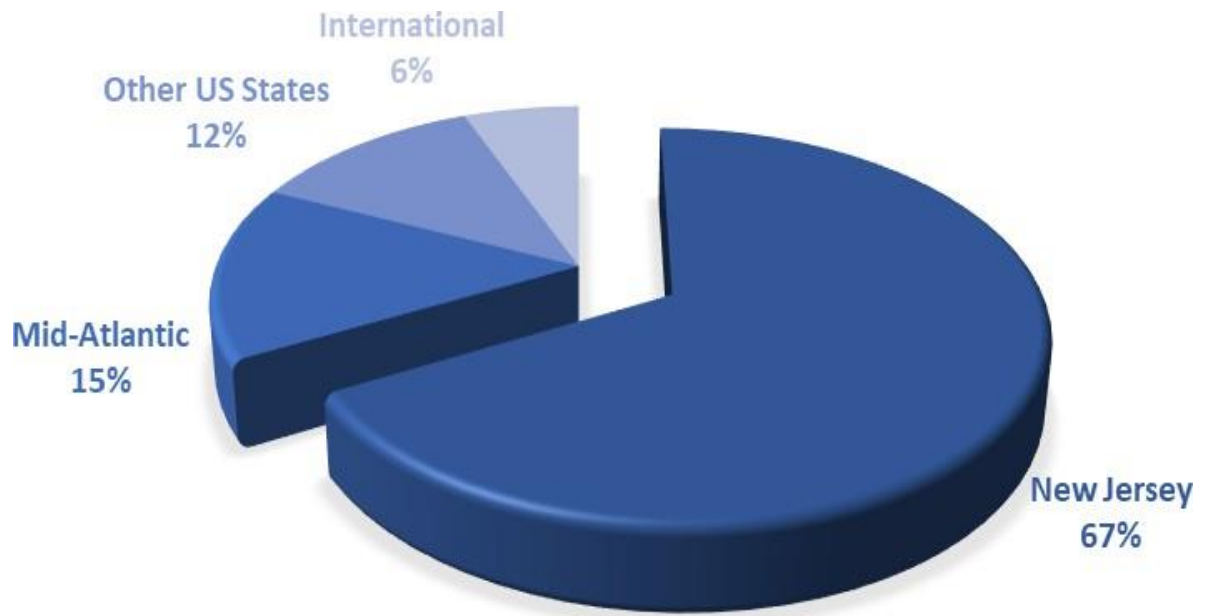
School/College	Total:
School of Engineering and Science	3,850
School of Business	1,200
School of Systems and Enterprises	850
College of Arts and Letters	500
Undeclared/Non-Degree	450
Total:	6,850

Undergraduate Student Enrollment by State and Region



State/Region	Total	Percentage
Mid-Atlantic	1020	15%
New Jersey	4600	67%
Other US States	825	12%
International	405	5%
Total	6,850	100%

Undergraduate Student Enrollment by State and Region



School of Business - Stevens Institute of Technology



History of the School of Business - Stevens Institute of Technology

Business and management education at Stevens Institute of Technology has its origins in the late 19th century, not long after the school's founding in 1870. Early business and accounting coursework was offered within the economics department to complement Stevens' core engineering and technical curricula.

In 1908, Stevens founded a dedicated Department of Business Administration, later renamed the Economics and Business Administration Department. The department grew over the next few decades and by 1947 had expanded into the School of Business and Finance. Master's degree programs were introduced in the 1950s to train management professionals and leaders in technology-driven industries.

Over the next several decades, the school broadened its academic degree options while pioneering new research in areas like operations management, project management, and finance applied to technological innovation. New concentrations were added in Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Financial Systems, and Analytics, among others.

In 2018, the school was renamed the School of Business and Leadership to emphasize its focus on training the next generation of technical business leaders. With over 25% of Stevens undergraduate students enrolled across its programs, the school has become an integral part of the institute's interdisciplinary approach.

Today, the School of Business and Leadership offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral level degrees focused on the intersection of cutting edge technology and strategic management. Signature programs include the Innovation Management & Entrepreneurship major and the Quantitative Finance degree. Unique offerings like the Master of Science in Finance and STEM Business Bootcamp cater to the future managers and leaders of the tech sector. The school maintains close relationships with industry through research partnerships and community engagement.

School of Business – Stevens Institute of Technology
Mission Statement

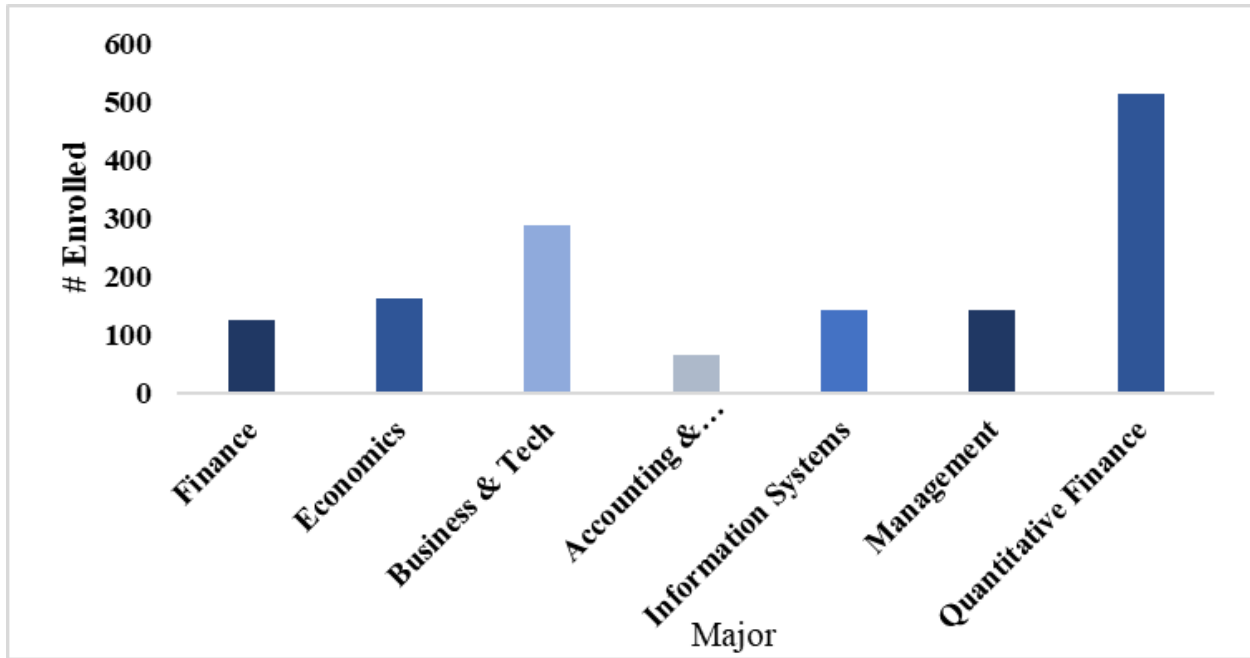


“To inspire, nurture and educate leaders in tomorrow's technology-centric environment while contributing to the solution of the most challenging problems of our time.”

The Stevens vision during the next decade is to become a premier student-centric technological research university. Stevens will achieve this goal through five key strategic priorities.

- Student-Centricity. Stevens will place an extraordinary emphasis on the development of its students, their academic and leadership development, career preparation, and personal growth.
- Excellence in All We Do. Stevens will have an unrelenting commitment to excellence in all that it does.
- Through Collaboration, Impact. Building on its agility and collaborative spirit, Stevens will break down internal barriers to collaborative education and research to maximize the impact of the work of its faculty and students.

School of Business - Stevens Institute of Technology
Facts and Figures



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Concentration	# Enrolled
Finance	124
Economics	162
Business & Technology	287
Accounting & Analytics	66
Information Systems	142
Management	143
Quantitative Finance	512
Total	1502

*Quantitative Finance at the School of Business -
Stevens Institute of Technology*

Quantitative finance has long been a strength within Stevens Institute of Technology's academic programs. Originating as a concentration within the business school, the QF major formally established its own department after rapid growth in student interest and faculty expansion in the field.

Today, Walter H. Carpenter Jr. The Department of Quantitative Finance offers a Bachelor of Science focused on math-intensive financial modeling, risk analysis, and big data analytics. Students take courses across statistics, economics, accounting, and computer science to complement intermediate and advanced finance training. With Wall Street and the NYC metro finance industry on its doorstep, Stevens leverages partnerships with top investment banks, hedge funds, and FinTech innovators to align curricula and research with industry demand.

At the graduate level, students can pursue a Master of Science in Quantitative Finance. This STEM-designated program dives deeper into computational finance tools, complex securities analysis, algorithmic trading systems and more. With a 10-to-1 student-to-faculty ratio, students receive rigorous and personalized training both inside and outside the classroom.

With 20 full-time faculty dedicated to the field spanning mathematical finance, financial engineering, econometrics, statistics, and financial technology, quantitative finance has become the 2nd most popular major within Stevens undergraduate programs. Over 500 students now pursue QF degrees to access abundant research, internship, and career opportunities in the finance epicenter of the world.

Cumulative Calendar of Events

Professional Events

Date	Event Name
2023	
April 5th	Mock Interview
September 21st	Guest Speaker and LinkedIn Workshop
October 16th	Speed Networking Night
October 19th	Professional Night and Resume Review
December 5th	Resume Tips and Tricks

Community Service Events

Date	Event Name
2023	
October 4th	Ronald McDonald House Card Marking
October 18th	Charity Drive
November 1st	Hoboken Trash Pickup
December 20th	Park Trash Pickup

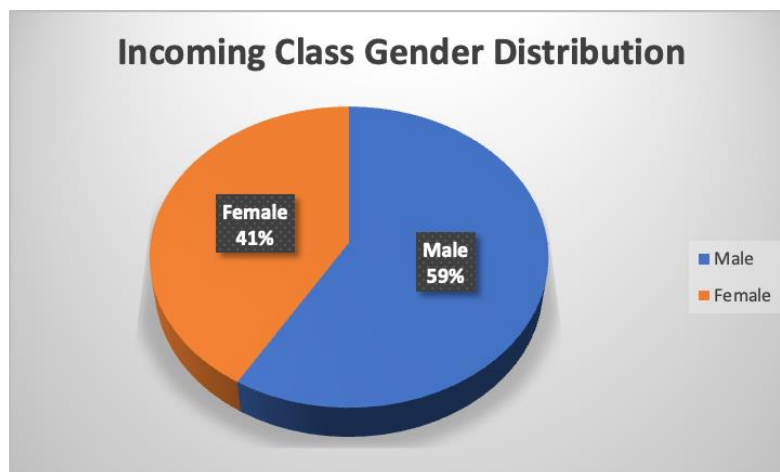
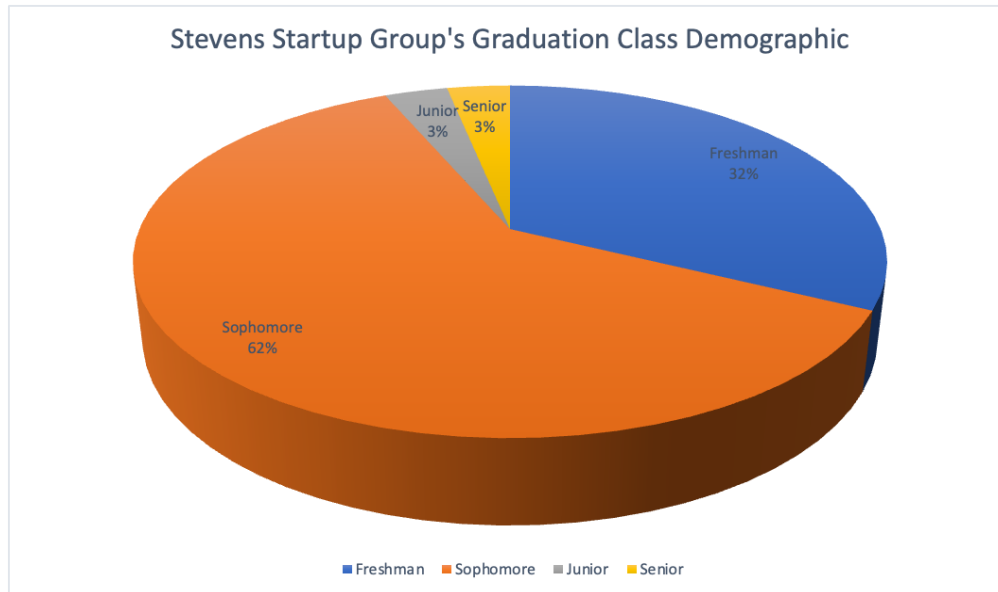
Fundraiser Events

Date	Events
2023	
March 20th	Krispy Kreme
October 18th	Volleyball Tournament

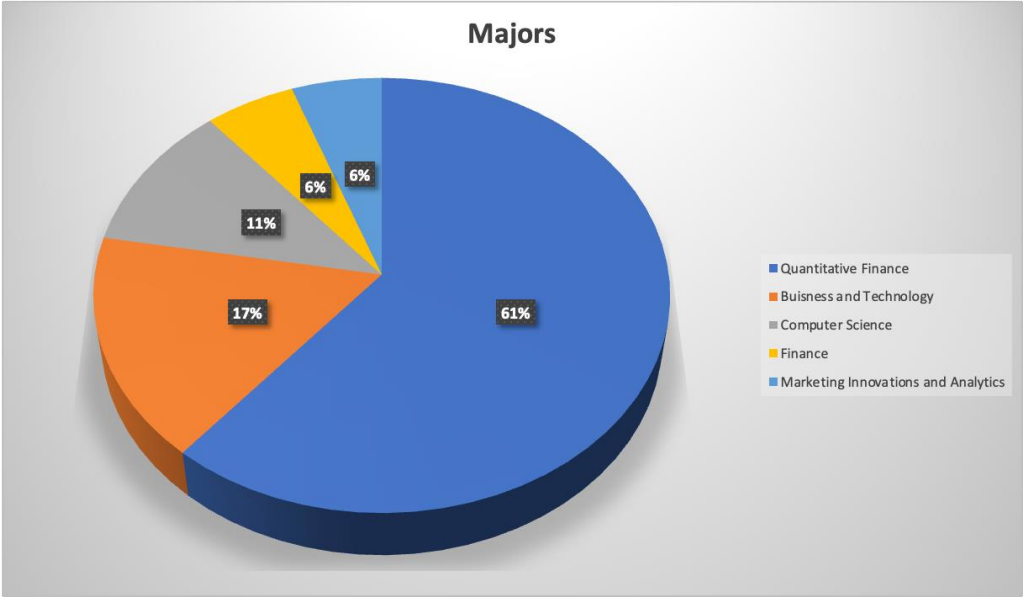
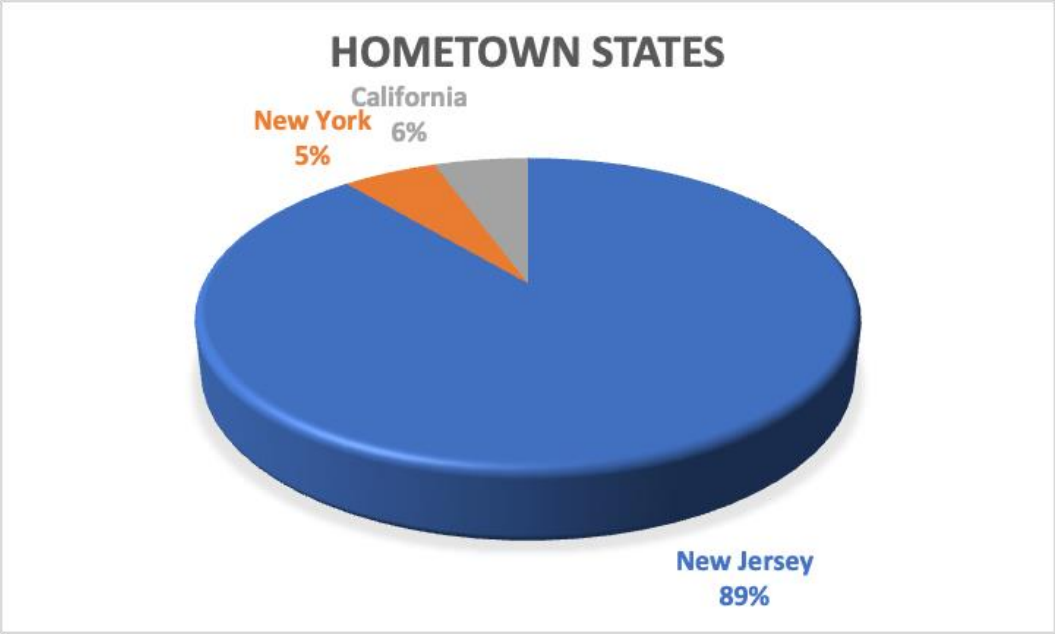
Other Events

Date	Events
2023	
February 7th	Meet the Chapter
March 22nd	Game Night
April 22nd	Poker Tournament
September 7th	Meet the Chapter
October 17th	Brotherhood Night

Statistics of the Stevens Startup Group



	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Total
Males	7	11	1	0	17
Females	3	8	0	1	12
Total	10	19	1	1	31





President

Name	Fayha Farooqi
Projected Graduation	Spring '26
Major	Quantitative Finance
Hometown	Bordentown, NJ
Career Goals	Quant Trading



Senior Vice President

Name	Prayag Rao
Projected Graduation	Spring '26
Major	Quantitative Finance
Hometown	Monroe, NJ
Career Goals	Investment Banking



Vice President of Finance

Name	Hrishi Mehta
Projected Graduation	Spring '26
Major	Computer Science
Hometown	Monroe, NJ
Career Goals	Quant Trading



Vice President of Chapter Operations

Name	Mohan Dichpally
Projected Graduation	Spring '26
Major	Quantitative Finance
Hometown	Parsippany, NJ
Career Goals	High Finance



Chancellor

Name	Hriday Ajinkya
Projected Graduation	Spring '26
Major	Quantitative Finance
Hometown	Bridgewater, NJ
Career Goals	Quant Trading



*Vice President of Alumni
Relations*

Name	Murtaza Iqbal
Projected Graduation	Spring '26
Major	Quantitative Finance
Hometown	Parsippany, NJ
Career Goals	Investment Banking



Vice President of Community Service

Name	Parthavi Nerurkar
Projected Graduation	Spring '26
Major	Business and Technology
Hometown	Plainsboro, NJ
Career Goals	Data Science for a Fashion Brand



Vice President of Professional Activities

Name	Hima Thumalla
Projected Graduation	Spring '26
Major	Information Systems
Hometown	Robbinsville, NJ
Career Goals	Data Science



Web Manager

Name	Swathi Venkateswaran
Projected Graduation	Spring '26
Major	Quantitative Finance
Hometown	Denville, NJ
Career Goals	Quant Trading



Name	Karthik Pydishetty
Projected Graduation	Spring '27
Major	Quantitative Finance
Hometown	Monroe Township, NJ
Career Goals	Computer Science Field



Name	Malavika Loka
Projected Graduation	Spring '26
Major	Quantitative Finance
Hometown	Wayne, NJ
Career Goals	Real Estate Equity Research



Name	Nishka Mehta
Projected Graduation	Spring '27
Major	Quantitative Finance
Hometown	Monmouth Junction, NJ
Career Goals	Quant Trading



Name	Meghana Mamadapur
Projected Graduation	Spring '27
Major	Quantitative Finance
Hometown	Monroe Township, NJ
Career Goals	Risk Analyst



Name	Alexa Servidio
Projected Graduation	Spring '26
Major	Business and Technology
Hometown	Towaco, NJ
Career Goals	Lawyer



Name	Arushi Kashyap
Projected Graduation	Spring '27
Major	Computer Science
Hometown	Monmouth Junction, NJ
Career Goals	Applied Artificial Intelligence



Name	Dev Patel
Projected Graduation	Spring '27
Major	Business and Technology
Hometown	Dumont, NJ
Career Goals	Work in a positive environment where I am happy, make money, have a good and supportive family



Name	Robert Dahill
Projected Graduation	Spring '25
Major	Finance
Hometown	Manalapan, NJ
Career Goals	Investment Banking



Name	Jordan Haas
Projected Graduation	Spring '26
Major	Business and Technology
Hometown	Short Hills, NJ
Career Goals	Fintech Project Management



Name	Renée Grunwald
Projected Graduation	Spring '24
Major	Marketing Innovations and Analytics
Hometown	Wall, NJ
Career Goals	Fashion/Beauty Marketing



Name	Snehil Mahendrakar
Projected Graduation	Spring '27
Major	Quantitative Finance
Hometown	Avenal, NJ
Career Goals	Data Science



Name	Kenzel Slade
Projected Graduation	Spring '27
Major	Quantitative Finance
Hometown	Clifton, NJ
Career Goals	Finance



Name	Ohm Jariwala
Projected Graduation	Spring '26
Major	Quantitative Finance
Hometown	North Brunswick, NJ
Career Goals	Quant Trading; Professor (in later career)



Name	Eshan Kadam
Projected Graduation	Spring '27
Major	Quantitative Finance
Hometown	Monroe Township, NJ
Career Goals	Private Equity Sales and Trading



Name	Hadeer Motair
Projected Graduation	Spring '26
Major	Computer science
Hometown	Queens, NY
Career Goals	Stock Market Data Analysis



Name	Harmehar Chhabra
Projected Graduation	Spring '27
Major	Quantitative Finance
Hometown	Monmouth Junction, NJ
Career Goals	Venture Capital



Name	Gavin Ng
Projected Graduation	Spring '27
Major	Quantitative Finance
Hometown	Cupertino, CA
Career Goals	Investment Banking



Name	Suraj Biju
Projected Graduation	Spring '26
Major	Quantitative Finance
Hometown	Monroe Township, NJ
Career Goals	Finance



Name	Raj Shah
Projected Graduation	Spring '26
Major	Quantitative Finance
Hometown	Monroe Township, NJ
Career Goals	Quant Trader

