

Inspired and Invigorated: The Strength of Forté's Community

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I was inspired to be the Social Chair for Forte because, since the moment I joined, I have felt supported by my fellow Forte members. Even during the recruitment process, Forte members make sure to foster a safe and supportive environment, where they just want to learn more about you. When I joined, I felt the genuine desire for members to get to know me, and, through coffee chats, I found I had much to learn from older members.

This semester, I have met so many cool women through the Capstone consulting project, where Forte partners with a business or organization and advises them on problems and inefficiencies within their operations. This activity has given me a taste of the consulting world, and I have been able to get closer and learn more about my peers through working together on projects and finding solutions. We all think very differently and have different interests within the business world, which adds a very interesting element to the way we solve problems.

As the Social Chair, I have been able to build on that community aspect. Although it is hard to plan social events when the world has moved online and members are spread across the globe, we have been making it work through Zoom and possibly a few socially-distanced in-person events for those on campus. Every member has their own strengths and skills, and we hope to highlight them through our social events and through getting to know our other members better. We plan to continue to create that mutually supportive and empowering community that countless Forte members hold so dear.