

# **Fostering Friendships and Skillsets: Forté's Fit in the Cornell Experience**

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Being on an incredible men's rowing team on campus, I wanted to find a community of women that supported me through my endeavors at Cornell as well. Through my search for this community, I met the kindest Forté women during ClubFest and I knew that this club was going to be one where I could grow professionally, foster friendships, and learn about opportunities available to me in business. Having a background in the intersection of agricultural technology and STEM, Forté has taught me skills that have helped me elevate my understanding of the market in an encouraging environment. Through Forté's New Member Education Program, their Speaker Series, and Capstone Project I have been able to learn from intelligent women who have talked about their experiences and have demonstrated true leadership in the face of adversity.

Now, as a Social Chair I am excited to continue building community through team-building events and I hope that everyone within the club has the opportunity to learn and grow like I have. I am so fortunate to have met some of my closest friends through Forté who I can discuss anything from data analytics to pop culture and our difficult problem set over lunch. Although COVID-19 has presented us with roadblocks, we never let that stop us and I am determined to have another fulfilling year within Forté!