

## The O'Neill Student Investment Fund Announces Two New Alumni Board Members

The O'Neill Student Investment Fund (OSIF) at Willamette University proudly welcomes two alumni to its Executive Board. "It brings us tremendous joy to watch former students become mentors to the next generation of investors. That kind of generosity is built into the Atkinson school's DNA and leadership," said Professor Chris Magaña.



**Elizabeth Hartman** attributes her confidence to her time going through the OSIF program, graduating with her MBA in 2019. The strategies and methodology she learned in the classroom provide daily opportunities for financial analysis and stakeholder buy in as a Senior Financial Analyst at Intel. According to Hartman, "Experiences like OSIF are critical for any MBA because it teaches students to stay calm when there are real consequences on the line. Developing and training my mind to accept failure, be patient, and knowing when to change course continues to be instrumental to my career. OSIF delivers on this and more."



**Karan Iraddi** completed his MBA from Willamette University's Atkinson Graduate School of Management in 2017 with a focus on finance and data science. Since 2019, he has worked as a Financial Analyst at Google. Through the OSIF elective program, Iraddi learned firsthand how to apply economic principles and theories, as well as crunch numbers and extrapolate data to make decisions. "When you work in a corporate finance setting like me, you evaluate potential deals between companies to see whether a joint venture would be profitable. One important skill I learned through the OSIF course and apply regularly is how to communicate clearly and defend your investment thesis," said Iraddi.

Hartman and Iraddi join the existing board members and professional fund managers to provide mentoring and financial market insights to the current cohort of OSIF students.

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### About the O'Neill Student Investment Fund:

Through the generosity, leadership and insight by Robert and Doris O'Neill (alumni), Willamette University's Atkinson Graduate School of Management received funds to start the OSIF Fund. The fund has grown beyond \$500,000 and returned more than \$67,000 in scholarships over the last five years. The class continues to provide students with hands-on opportunities to learn by competing in the financial markets.

Students manage an institutional-style portfolio while applying the tools necessary to make sound investment decisions. Students take content from the classroom and bring learning to life. They analyze economic, financial, political developments, and trends to design an asset allocation strategy. Twice per year the student portfolio managers formally present investment results and outlooks to the Board. OSIF alumni have gone on to lead wonderful careers in finance and beyond. For more information, visit [www.oneillfund.org](http://www.oneillfund.org) online.

