MANHATTAN. The business world has traditionally been a club of guys in ties, but the other half of the population is finally getting some recognition. With New York University’s Stern Women in Business organization, female graduate students are given networking opportunities with peers, faculty, alumni and successful business women to create a supportive community for emerging women in the field.

“I really wanted to be in a school with a large female population to build a network that was going to include other successful women 10 years down the line,” said Naseem Sayani, a second-year grad student and co-president of the organization. “I think it’ll be much more relevant to have friends who are females in the future business world. Women tend to be more emotionally driven, more relationship driven, and I think larger businesses are running like that now.”

According to a report from QS TopMBA.com, “Women are increasingly turning to an MBA as a means to accelerate their careers,” and 38 percent of the Yale School of Management’s most recent entering class are women. Stern Women in Business’ response to the rising number of X-chromosomes on Wall Street includes networking events like their 16th annual conference, to be held at Bridgewater’s. Participants will hear from several successful women in the field and will engage in panels such as “Doing Business in Heels: Making the Workplace A Place of Our Own,” to discuss how women have maintained their femininity and individuality in male-dominated industries. (The conference’s dress code does not require heels, but it’s encouraged.)

“Everyone finds the day inspiring and educational,” said Jodie Resnick, second-year grad student and vice president of the conference. “I think everyone walks out with at least one new person they’ve met, or one more idea or piece of advice for their career.”

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