In March, we saw mostly positive returns that were driven by our tech sector holdings. However, we also saw a great amount of uncertainty that stemmed from the banking crisis. In the last week of March, we saw an uptick in performance due to a correction to the overreaction to the banking crisis. Overall, the fund had a March return of (+0.80%), underperforming the S&P 500 (+3.67%) by 2.87%.

The fund also bought AMD on March 10th which helped add to our positive performance. AMD generated a return of +15.39% from March 10th through March 31st. In regards to our tech sector holdings, we also saw high returns from MSFT (+15.59%), GOOGL (+15.18%), and AAPL (+11.86%). We believe that the tech sector outperformed as a reaction to the banking sector struggling. This signaled a possibly of the Fed lowering interest rates sooner which would benefit the tech industry.

The figure below shows our YTD attribution analysis of the fund. The allocation effects are negative in four sectors that we are underweight in comparison to our benchmark (Tech, Comm, Staples, & Real Estate). This means that, YTD, we are being hurt by being underweight in these sectors. However, our selection effects for Tech, Financials, and Energy were positive, meaning that the stocks we have in these sectors are outperforming the sector return.