

Ryan Haight, CFA, Named October Volunteer of the Month



Some CFALA members begin volunteering after they retire or when their careers slow down. Ryan Haight jumped in immediately.

Haight, who volunteers as a Level One Coordinator for the review program, received his charter in October 2012, joined the society and began working with upcoming students shortly thereafter.

"I like working with students in general, and I like to help

people who are moving through the review program as a way of giving back." Haight said. "I've done a lot of similar work as a teacher's assistant as an undergrad and grad, tutoring other students in finance."

A Relationship Manager at Wells Fargo Capital Finance, Haight has an analytical mind that drew him to math and finance early on. His skill set and willingness to help has proven valuable to those studying for the rigorous CFA exams.

"We field a lot of questions on logistics and about actually taking the tests," he said. "It's important to know how to study, and of course it's also important to know the material, but you also have to know how to actually take the test in order to succeed. The most common question is, 'I'm at this point now – is that far enough along?' And sometimes, it's about talking students off a ledge and making sure they are comfortable with their progress."

An honors graduate of Pepperdine University with an MBA in Finance, Haight did his undergraduate work at Claremont McKenna College. And while some of his spare time is spent helping CFA candidates, Haight is also an avid golfer.