

Evan Hunter, CFA Named March Volunteer of the Month



As a young professional in the financial industry, navigating through the strenuous environment of finance is often a difficult and sometimes solitary task. CFA Society Los Angeles' (CFALA's) March Volunteer of the Month, Evan Hunter, CFA, is passionate about being an outlet for youth in the financial industry to ensure that young professionals feel as supported as possible.

Hunter joined CFALA and received his CFA designation in 2014.

Immediately, Hunter became involved by volunteering as a Level I Review Program Coordinator and Level I Review Program Mentor.

"When I got involved [at CFALA], I realized how much I had missed, having elected to self-study for the exams and how many resources were there for Members and Candidates," he explained. "It was a huge opportunity for me to look back and say 'I can help others through this process' because it was so fresh in my mind, having to navigate that whole process alone. The fact that I can contribute by helping make Candidates' lives easier by being a great resource and being a person that they can call or text anytime, that was a role that I knew I wanted and could fill."

Hunter has since become a Career Mentorship Program Mentor in its inaugural year. As a Career Mentorship Program Mentor, he is assigned a Mentee who applied to the Career Mentorship Program and assists his Mentee with professional development as well as serves to be a source of knowledge and experience.

"The problem is that the nature of our business, a lot of times, we sit in front of screens all day, interacting with the same handful of people, and then we go home. So you don't really get a sense of perspective on how many other people in the industry are in the same boat as you and going through the same thing," Hunter described. "Life is a lot easier when you know that others are working towards the same goals and you can count on those people to help each other through it."

He continues to further his volunteer efforts and outreach. As of the 2016 Spring USC/CFALA CFA® Review Program, in addition to being a Level I Review Program Coordinator and Level I Review Program Mentor, Hunter serves as the Levels I, II, and III Co-Moderator of the Review Program Discussion Board. In this role, he answers any and all questions that Candidates post to the online Discussion Board.

"I think [volunteering] comes back to: a) you should volunteer because you can make someone else's day so much better by doing something positive and giving back; and b) by volunteering with CFALA, you can give back and make this industry a much better place for all of us in the future," Hunter said.

He has worked at Wells Fargo since 2005 and has been an Investment Manager since 2008. Prior to Wells Fargo, Hunter worked at Citigroup and Merrill Lynch. He graduated with a B.A. in Economics at California State University, Northridge.