

Mariya Entina, CFA named Volunteer of the Quarter!



Choosing to volunteer for an organization is a commitment to joining other like-minded individuals to strive for a common goal. For embodying this sentiment to its highest degree, CFA Society Los Angeles (CFALA) is proud to honor Mariya Entina, CFA with the *CFA Society Los Angeles Spring 2023 Volunteer of the Quarter* recognition.

Mariya decided to join CFA Society Los Angeles in 2019 when she relocated to LA from Orange County to work as a Credit Analyst at DoubleLine. Her primary motivation for joining was to connect with a diverse and well-established financial community in her new local area. She was eager to engage with other like-minded individuals and expand her knowledge of the finance industry through educational and networking opportunities provided by CFALA.

Mariya's CFALA involvement knows no bounds as she served on the Board of Governors as acting Treasurer this fiscal year, as well as the executive sponsor of the DEI roundtable series and co-chair of the Women's Advisory Council. She frequently speaks to students and prospective candidates about the value of the CFA program and active CFALA membership. In the past she has also served as an industry mentor in the Investment Research Challenge. One of her most fulfilling experiences as a CFALA volunteer was serving as a mentor in the annual mentorship program. She enjoys providing early career professionals with the opportunity to gain practical career building skills and learn about the nuances of the investment management industry.

What inspired her to get involved so deeply as a volunteer with CFALA was a desire to give back to the finance community, contribute to the growth and development of early career investment professionals, and forge relationships with like-minded peers. As a finance professional, she has always believed in the importance of continuing education and staying up-to-date with current trends and practices in the industry, but more importantly building meaningful relationships.

To young professionals who are hesitant to join CFALA, her advice would be to take the plunge and get involved. "CFALA provides an excellent platform for networking, continuing education, and professional development. As a member, you will have access to a diverse community of finance professionals, as well as numerous resources and events that can help you advance your career."

She believes that being active in CFALA can provide tremendous benefits for your professional and personal growth. "It can help you expand your network, deepen your understanding of the finance industry, and make a meaningful impact in the community."