



CFALA Names Eric Souders September Volunteer of the Month



Part of CFALA's mission is to foster personal interaction that will further the members' professional development. One way that occurs is through networking at social events and for that the society extends its thanks to Eric Souders, volunteer of the month for September.

As Co-Chair (with Michael Aussieker) of the Social Committee, Souders coordinates a variety of events that this year for the first time included a golf tournament. About 100 members played, and another 20 people joined them for dinner July 18 at the Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier. The event raised about \$1,000 for the society.

"We're planning to do it again next year and we're also considering some other types of events such as a bowling night and wine tastings – different things, things the society hasn't done in the past," Souders said. "The point is to bring members together in a fun and relaxed environment away from the office where they can network and get to know each other better."

Souders, who also has worked in the mentor program for the last two years and also volunteered during last year's career development expo, got his CFA charter in 2009. He joined CFALA in 2007 after completing Level One. He is currently an analyst in the Short Term Strategy group at Payden & Rygel, focusing on portfolio construction, risk analytics, and agency mortgage-backed securities. Prior to joining Payden, he worked in the portfolio management group at Bank of New York Mellon in Newport Beach, where he was responsible for asset allocation decisions, portfolio construction, and trading in client portfolios. Souders graduated with honors in 2006 from Cal State Fullerton with a bachelor's degree in business, concentration in finance.