



## **CFALA Names Debika Seth, CFA November Volunteer of the Month**



Debika Seth, CFA, who began volunteering shortly after receiving her charter and joining CFALA, has already made several valuable contributions to the society.

“Volunteering has been a great learning experience for me,” she said. “I’ve developed organizational skills that I can apply to life and to my professional career.”

Previously an assistant portfolio manager working in the municipal bond area, Seth learned about CFALA when her supervisor at the time suggested that she sign up for the fixed income series. Seth took those classes, and over the next few years completed the CFA exams, earning her CFA designation in 2010. Promptly thereafter, she signed up to mentor level one candidates. Recently she was also co-coordinator for the CFALA series on alternative investments, and plans to get involved with the review program.

Seth received her bachelor’s degree from UCLA in Economics and currently is in the process of applying to local business schools with the goal of attending part time to earn an MBA. She is currently an investment manager with Wells Fargo in Long Beach. Here she works in the affluent segment of the bank, investing portfolios diversified in the four asset classes of equities, fixed income, real assets, and complementary assets.

“CFALA offers great opportunities to network with professionals in the investment field and I’ve already made a number of valuable career connections. In addition I’ve been able to learn about unique investment vehicles through both educational series and various other CFALA events,” Seth said. The society appreciates your energy and enthusiasm – and congratulations on being Volunteer of the Month for November!