



## **CFALA Names Anthony Diaz, CFA January Volunteer of the Month**



Giving is what motivates Anthony Diaz, who does a lot of it both in his career and in his volunteer work with CFALA. His generosity – and hard work – have made him January’s Volunteer of the Month.

A member for over 10 years and a CFA charter holder since 2007, Diaz has been a Level One coordinator for the USC/CFALA CFA Review Program for almost five years. He’s also a Level 1 mentor, a member of the Board of Governors, and has twice served as a panelist at the annual Career Expo.

“Volunteering gives me the opportunity to interact with other members of the society and the opportunity to give back,” Diaz said.

“There have been a lot of people who helped me, coached me, mentored me over the years. Volunteering is a way of paying it forward. I think CFALA is great organization and I feel privileged to be a part of it. If I can make a contribution, I find that very rewarding.”

Diaz spent nine years in Air Force after high school, then worked in marketing research before deciding to go back to college. He got his MBA from the UCLA Anderson School of Management and entered the investment business upon graduating, first as an analyst and then as a vice president and portfolio manager for Vellum Financial in Los Angeles. He is now an assistant portfolio officer at BNY Mellon in Century City.

“I like helping people, and I realized that a lot of problems are either caused by money or can be solved with money,” Diaz said. “If I can help people have a more fulfilling life by having their financial affairs well-managed, then I find purpose in what I do.”