



Kevin Chang, CFA, Named November Volunteer of the Month



The highly regarded USC/CFALA review program has helped many aspiring candidates pass the rigorous tests required to obtain the coveted CFA charter. Kevin Chang, our volunteer of the month for November, is one of the people who make the program run smoothly.

A society member since 2006, when he got his charter, Chang has been the level two coordinator in the review program since 2009 and a mentor in the level one program before that, contributing his time on the weekends and evenings to help others.

“I chose to volunteer in the review program in part because I took the program and thought it was very effective, plus I liked that it was a joint program with USC,” Chang said. “It helped me a lot and I thought I could give back by helping other people. Volunteering is an important part of my life – it’s meaningful to me to help other candidates achieve their goals. I found a good mentor when I was in school who got me interested in investments, so I understand how important that can be to your career.” “Going forward, I would like to focus on helping candidates and students with career development, hopefully I can help them avoid some of the mistakes I made in my career.”

An analyst covering broad market and emerging markets strategies in the product group of Western Asset Management Company in Pasadena, Chang, got his bachelor’s in business economics from UC Santa Barbara and his MBA in Investments and Financial Markets from USC’s Marshall School of Business. His interest in helping others extends back to UCSB.

“I also have been volunteering for the last three years at UCSB’s Career Connections program,” he said. “The program was created by UCSB’s Economics department to bring together students with potential employers. It’s an interesting program that targets high-performing students and helps them get summer internships. I see a lot of potential in terms of connecting that program with CFALA and Western Asset Management.”

