



FROM THE
PRESIDENT



NOVEMBER 2021

The Dallas Chapter of FEI has had a great start to the year with excellent dinner programs, professional development sessions, and SIG events. Thank you to all who have attended in person and virtual. While some events have been virtual-only due to various constraints, we have been able to hold in-person monthly chapter meetings at Northwood Club. It's great to see people gathering again. And so far nothing has been derailed by supply chain issues. Food and drink have been plentiful. The first two meetings of the year have had around 150 people attend in person, and we look for that number to continue to grow.

Upcoming fall calendar events include the November 8th Chapter Meeting and the December Technology Breakfast. The November meeting is open for registration under EVENTS at www.feidallas.org through today, November 1. Registration notification for the Technology Breakfast will hit your inbox soon. Remember there is no monthly chapter meeting in December.

Another event on the calendar is the kickoff of the Financial Executive Experience, our chapter's student scholarship program. Thirty students from five local colleges and universities will participate in this scholar program by pairing up with a financial executive. Those students who complete the program are awarded a \$500 scholarship. The kickoff is November 10th at the Frost Bank location in Addison for students and their mentors. Dinesh Parbhoo, Chair of the Diversity & Inclusion Committee, leads this program and welcomes any chapter members wanting to participate as mentors. Please reach out to Dinesh or Jackie Dunn if you would like to participate.

Members and sponsors of the Dallas Chapter of FEI know the great value our events bring to your networking efforts. And hopefully attendance at events is enjoyable. There's one way to get even more out of your participation: *Get involved in a committee*. The chapter is organized around 11 committees and an admin group. This combined team creates, schedules, organizes, and presents the events you attend. They create the programs you participate in, and they engage the sponsors that so generously support our activities. And touch everything else you see that involves FEI Dallas. And there's room for you. It's an old adage, but it's true: If you really want to connect and benefit from this organization, get more involved. *Join a committee*. If you haven't been asked to consider it already, please step up and let someone know. Mention it to any board member, officer or me. We'll find a role you'll enjoy.

Thanks again to our great sponsors and committees for providing our numerous events and networking opportunities. I look forward to seeing you all at an upcoming November event!

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