



FROM THE

PRESIDENT



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The Dallas Chapter of FEI got off to a fast start in September with numerous events, including our first Monthly Chapter Meeting of the year. Participation was great at both the in-person event and for our virtual offerings. We had 135 attendees at the first dinner program of the year, plus another 95 viewing the presentation online. With high hopes that we're coming out of the latest wave of the pandemic, we look forward to in-person participation increasing.

Thanks to our Professional Development Committee and Program Committee for starting the year off with great content. Chapter sponsor Moss Adams educated us more on the new acronym "ESG" that has found its way into many of our organizations. If you're unfamiliar with this topic here's a warning, masks are not effective at preventing its spread. And our dinner program from Matt Mathison of Treehouse Communities gave us interesting insights into trends in the housing industry. The committees have been working diligently on great presentations for the next meeting on October 11th and the remainder of the year.

It's not too early to promote the chapter's Financial Executives Experience program, and share some exciting news. This scholar program is planned by our Diversity & Inclusion Committee and once again sponsored by Frost Bank for 2021-22. Participating students are recruited from the University of Dallas, University of North Texas, The University of Texas at Dallas, and Paul Quinn College. And we are excited to announce that Texas Woman's University has joined the ranks of academic institutions participating in this program. FEI Dallas members who have been an executive mentor to a student in the past, please share your great experience with other chapter members and encourage them to participate in the coming year.

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 October event!

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