

FEI-LA NEWS

Where Engaged Finance Leaders Thrive



Cheers to an Amazing Year!

As we finish our FEI year, I would like to thank you for making this a fun and memorable year at FEI-LA!

Our membership is energized and our events have been electric! This is going to be a hard year to top... but we are up for the challenge!

Our Board will be meeting over the summer to strategize on ways to take our chapter to the next level and we look forward to delighting you when we kick off our new year on September 18th with the former CEO of the NFL Hall of Fame!

Thank you for a special year! I hope you have an amazing summer!

Thank you

Jason Shapiro
Chapter President

WOW...what a year

As FEI Los Angeles celebrated its 89th year this year, we look back on a dynamic program season filled with connection, learning, and momentum.

We kicked things off in magical fashion—literally—with a special luncheon at the iconic Magic Castle. Also we returned to the City Club LA, where sweeping sunset views provided a stunning backdrop for our evening gatherings.

We celebrated our members recognized by the *Los Angeles Business Journal* for excellence in their profession, gained perspective from an insightful economic forecast, and gave back by assembling holiday gift bags for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

We were entertained and inspired by the candid stories shared during our CFO panel discussions, enjoyed monthly lunches throughout the city, thrilled to hear from trailblazers breaking ceilings, and watched our community of members and partners grow stronger with each gathering.

Thank you to everyone who made this year so memorable. Here's to stepping confidently into our 90th!



In Case You Missed It

Harnessing Storytelling to Build Influence

If you've ever wondered how to make your message land—and stay—this workshop was for you. In a fun and interactive session, leadership coach **Jenna Dillon** walked us through the power of storytelling to connect, inspire, and lead.

Through hands-on exercises and real-time feedback, we learned how to shape stories that not only hold attention but also move people to act. Jenna broke it down simply: what makes a story work, how to make it personal, and how to adapt it to different audiences.

Member **Rey del Valle** summed it up best:

"Thank you, FEI, for another mind-blowing professional development workshop—this one will stay with me for a long time."

Some takeaways:

- Storytelling isn't just for TED Talks—it's a leadership tool.
- Your own experiences are more powerful than you think.
- Structure and emotional connection matter.
- Practice builds confidence.

Big thanks to Jenna for helping us rethink how we communicate.



FEI Leadership Summit: Spotlight on Vision and Impact



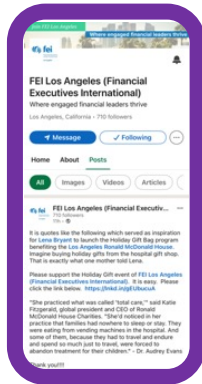
The 2025 Financial Executives International Leadership Summit brought together finance leaders from across the country for a powerful program centered on strategy, growth, and leadership evolution. Attendees were energized by keynote speaker **Molly Bloom**, whose remarkable story behind the feature film *"Molly's Game"* of resilience and reinvention offered timely inspiration for today's financial executive.

The morning spotlight was especially meaningful for FEI Los Angeles, as our own **Nicholas Koutouras** (FEI LA) moderated a fireside chat with **Alyssa Gelbard** (FEI NY), a nationally recognized expert on CFO board readiness. Their conversation explored what it takes for senior finance leaders to successfully transition to corporate board service—covering personal brand development, boardroom expectations, and the evolving role of the CFO in governance.

The Summit reinforced the unique value FEI brings to senior finance leaders, combining national reach with local strength. We're proud to see Los Angeles thought leadership featured on the stage and look forward to continuing the momentum in the months ahead

See you in San Antonio for the 2026 Summit

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Please spread the word about FEI Los Angeles among your friends and colleagues. The power of our network lies in its diversity and the collective wisdom we bring to the table. By inviting others to join us, you are expanding your own network and also enriching the experiences of those around you.

Let's continue to elevate the standing of financial executives in Los Angeles together. We are on **all social platforms**.

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