



CFA Society South Africa

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1. How did you become involved in financial services – was this something you always wanted to do?

I grew up with a strong sense of being in control of my money, especially the little allowance I had. I liked the idea of doing something tangible with it, therefore planning and saving has always been important to me. The financial services sector was therefore an easy choice for me.

2. What obstacles did you face on your career journey?

Confidence in my abilities and therefore not speaking out when I should have. When you start to appreciate that you are your greatest obstacle, you unleash your potential to rise above the “boys club” and favouritism that is widely reported in corporate SA – because let’s be honest, these things are still there.

3. Who or what inspired you?

This may sound like a cliché, but I honestly think my parents are dope people. They are a good example of how 1) Not to take yourself too seriously – some things are beyond your control, 2) Being holistic in your approach to life – work, family and support structures are all important.

4. When were you introduced to the CFA Charterholder qualification and what made you decide to become a CFA candidate and pursue becoming a Charterholder?

I am fortunate in that, having studied in a financial field (Actuarial Science), I had the exposure and awareness of the CFA designation, and the need to attain it given the holistic and practical manner in which the material is presented and taught.

5. What advice or words of learning would you impart to younger women at the early stages in the career in the investment industry?

I guess this is a general comment that was imparted to me by my uncle when I started working and applies to anyone in any industry. That is, not to worry about a high paying job early in your career, money will come later. Work on your skill and master it. Later on, it becomes more important to justify your income (if in employment) with your output.

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