NexGen Corner Alexandria Cole

What is NexGen? – It's a community within the Financial Planning Association designed to support and be a space to help next generation planners from the age of 36 and younger or the career changers new to the industry. Your local leaders have been pushing to begin this community within FPA of Northern California by organizing mixers, events, and volunteering opportunities.

I recently attended the FPA NexGen Gathering held in Dallas which is a conference for NexGen planners around the country. They come together for a 3 day conference and host several topics that are troubling NexGen like: Finding a career path, starting a new firm, or looking into different options for business succession with a senior planner. The conference was amazing and very inspirational and you leave feeling like you were in the best career/profession. To all NexGen and young planners, I highly suggest you attend this conference to see what other young planners are doing across the country. During my time at the NexGen Gathering, I was awarded a "NexGen Gathering Scholarship Award" which was an honor to be recognized among my peers. They offer the scholarship every year to a NexGen individual which helps in getting them to the conference.

Another exciting event that is coming to the Financial Planning Association of Northern California is the NexGen Kick Off Summit being held on October 20th. *Save the Date*! If you are a NexGen member or someone who is interested in contributing to that community, please email or call me to learn how you can get involved with the summit or potentially be a speaker. This summit is being held here in Sacramento to bring awareness to our chapter and show the growth of the profession by helping young professionals succeed in this career.

Call to Action: If you know sponsors, speakers, vendors, or you just want to volunteer and be a part of this new exciting event, please contact Alexandria via email at nexgen@fpanc.org or by phone (916) 947-6328