

## **February 2018 Spotlight**

### **Member Spotlight: Sharan Kalra**

**Company:** Avalon Healthcare Solutions

**Title:** Director, Accounting & Analysis

**Length of FEI membership:** New Member

#### **Why did you join FEI Tampa Bay and what do you hope to gain from your membership?**

I attended an FEI meeting in 2015 as a guest with my previous boss and really enjoyed it. I'm excited to now be a member since it's a great way to network with and learn from other finance professionals. Additionally, I enjoy the presentations from the guest speakers, as they are very interesting and informative about relevant finance topics.



#### **Tell us a little bit about your career, educational/professional background and how you got to where you are today.**

I graduated from University of South Florida and started my professional career in public accounting at a regional CPA firm focusing on auditing community banks and insurance companies. Later, I switched companies to Ernst & Young and continued to serve as a Senior Financial Auditor. After exiting public accounting, I took a position with Health Insurance Innovations Inc. to manage the Financial Reporting department, which involved drafting and filing the 10Q's and 10K's. My most recent position is with my current employer, Avalon Healthcare Solutions, which is a portfolio company of Private Equity firms, involved in the insurance/clinical laboratory space. My role involves overseeing all accounting and financial functions and providing valuable analysis to management and the board.

#### **What is your best networking tip?**

Just throw yourself out there! At times attending networking events may result in no benefit at all, but it just takes one valuable connection to make a big difference in your career or life.

#### **What is your best tip for how to stand out in the finance field?**

Always go above and beyond what is required and present yourself and your work product to the highest potential.

**What are some of your personal hobbies outside of finance?**

I enjoy doing outdoor activities such as running or playing sports, cooking healthy meals and travelling.