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This month, we're celebrating two important milestones for the field: 970 professionals completed Daylight's Essentials of Modern DAF Advising Certificate through the DAF500 Challenge, and we welcomed 83 new Certified Impact Philanthropy Advisors.

Welcoming 83 New Certified IPAs

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Daylight's IPA program is a comprehensive, 20-week professional program designed to prepare advisors to meet the growing demand for sophisticated, values-aligned philanthropic guidance. Through readings, case study discussions, and practical application, learners develop technical knowledge and relational advising skills to serve an evolving client landscape.

This graduating cohort includes experienced professionals from wealth management, nonprofits, community foundations, philanthropy, and family offices. 39% have 16 or more years of professional experience, while the cohort's range of ages and professional backgrounds reflects the broadening field of philanthropic advising.

Please join us in congratulating this impressive group of advisors!

[Registration](#) is now open for our October and January cohorts. Join a [monthly information session](#) to learn more and receive \$250 off your enrollment.

970 Learners Helping Establish a Modern Standard for DAF Advising

Daylight's DAF500 Challenge concluded with 970 learners completing the [Essentials of Modern DAF Advising Certificate](#)! In total, 1,680 professionals enrolled, 1,272 started the coursework, and participants represented 27 countries and 47 U.S. states.

The response confirms something we've long believed: advisors want objective, unconflicted education that prepares them for today's philanthropic planning conversations. Together, these learners are helping establish a stronger standard for modern DAF advising.

Congratulations to the 970 learners who completed the certificate! Thank you to everyone who learned with us, shared the Challenge, encouraged a colleague, posted your certificate on LinkedIn, and helped turn an ambitious goal into a history-making event!

Daylight at the DAF Giving Summit

We're looking forward to joining the [DAF Giving Summit](#) in Austin, September 23-25. Daylight learners, [Christina Gorczynski, IPA](#), [Shannon Stagner, IPA](#), and [Sarah Taylor, IPA](#) will share recaps from the Summit, and summaries will be posted on [DAFopedia](#).

Tony Macklin and Dien Yuen will lead two interactive sessions:

- [Start Me Up With Complex DAF Implementation](#), a pre-conference case study exploring frameworks for navigating complex decisions on September 23.
- [Choose Your Own Adventure: Philanthropic Planning Edition](#), a learning lab on September 24, in which participants will navigate philanthropic planning decisions through a dynamic case study.

Leading the Way

Across philanthropy, wealth management, and social impact, Daylight learners are contributing new ideas, publishing research, and advancing professional practice.

- [Noel Pacarro Brown, IPA](#), a member of Daylight's Advisory Board, published "[The Post-Growth Perspective: A Client-Aware Framework for Resilient Portfolio Construction](#)," in *Investments & Wealth Review*, Vol. 41, No. 3, 2026.
- [Warren Northern, IPA](#), was named to the Association of Healthcare Philanthropy's 40 Under 40 for 2026.
- [Maris Maeve O'Tierney, IPA](#), a program officer and professional musician, signed with a record label and released a new album.

Where We'll Be This Fall

- [Wealth Management Industry Awards](#), September 10 in New York City. Daylight's [Introduction to Philanthropic Planning Certificate](#) is a finalist in the Philanthropy category, and Daylight CEO Dien Yuen is a finalist for CEO of the Year in the Professional Services Firms category.
- [Charitable Gift Planners \(CGP\) Annual Conference](#), October 14-16, New Orleans. Bleu Blakslee and Dien Yuen will present the *Fraye Family Case Study*, an interactive session exploring how culture, women's leadership, and multigenerational governance shape philanthropic planning.
- [Investment & Wealth Institute Experience](#), November 16-17, Scottsdale. Dien Yuen will present with Will Mucci of CapShift on *The Advisor's Edge: Integrating Philanthropy, Impact Investing, and Wealth Strategy*.

Thank you for learning with us and for helping strengthen the future of philanthropic advising.

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