



Our Team

# Valentina Cecchi, CCI-NC President of the Board and Honorary Consul of Italy



## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, Drexel University, Philadelphia PA 2010

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor and Graduate Program Director  
Electrical & Computer Engineering Department  
UNC Charlotte

## HOBBIES & SERVICE

3 children (8, 6, 4 yo), travelling and music/dancing  
Founder and Director of CCI-NC's "Percorso di Lingua e Cultura Italiana per Bambini"

# Sara Faddade, Insegnante Gruppo Scoiattoli



## EDUCATION

Master Degree in Languages & Foreign Cultures, University of Studies of Perugia

Degree at Teachers college, Columbia University

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Italian Lectures at Columbia University, Teachers College

Retail Sales Manager

Brand field Manager for Lancome

Office Manager

## HOBBIES

Baking & cooking, pottery classes, gardening & botanicals, travelling, learning new languages, fine eating at restaurants, event planning and entertaining

# Annarita Patrizi, Insegnante Gruppo Ricci



## EDUCATION

Associate in Arts, Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte NC

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Prep & sales Associate, Mano Bella Artisan Foods
- Italian Language Teacher
- Tax preparer, American United Tax Services

## HOBBIES

Aunt of two puppies, cooking, baking, brisk walking, travelling.

# Monica Marchesa Rossi, Insegnante Gruppo Ricci



## EDUCATION

Master Degree in Economic Business

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- 5 years as administrative manager in Deloitte International Tax in Milan
- 15 years as financial controller in Lehman Brothers International Europe in Milan

## HOBBIES

I have one daughter (age 17).

I love reading, running, travelling and cooking for my family.

# Laura Bertolin, Insegnante Gruppo Panda 1



## EDUCATION

- Bachelor's Degree in Translation and Interpretation | Applied Interlinguistic Communication, University of Trieste, Italy
- Scholarship | Translation and Interpretation, University of Geneva, Switzerland

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Italian teacher for groups, private students and corporate classes
- Freelance translator and interpreter
- Linguistic data specialist
- Currently collaborating with a software developer to build an app for foreign language learning

## HOBBIES

- Swimming, Italian food, handmade jewelry and learning new languages!

# Roberta Brunetti, Insegnante Gruppo Panda 1



## EDUCATION

Associate of Arts, Miami Dade College, Miami FL

Currently studying for “Education” bachelor degree at Miami-Dade College

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Italian Language Teacher, Odli Inc. Miami 2019-2021
- Italian tutoring, Miami 2017-2021
- CCI-NC Percorso di Lingua e Cultura Italiana per Bambini, Charlotte, NC
- Sub.Teacher Public School Charter Magnet program

## HOBBIES

Enjoy the time with my family and friends, hiking at the mountains, cooking foods, travel



## EDUCATION

Master's Degree in Education of Italian Language and Culture for foreigners the University Ca' Foscari in Venice, Italy (2017)

Graduated from the faculty of arts (2012) and got a scholarship to study her last year at la Sapienza University of Rome

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- Italian teacher since 2013
- She taught Italian language in public schools in Egypt for all grades and at the Don Bosco Institute
- She has also been teaching online since 2016

## HOBBIES

- She has a passion for teaching children and she is herself a mom to a 20 month old boy