



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

# Sara Terraneo, Insegnante Gruppo Ricci



## EDUCATION

- Master Degree in Foreign Languages, Creative Writing & Media Communications, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan

## WORK EXPERIENCE

- 11 years in Marketing, Public Relations and trade shows organization for Italian furniture/design companies
- I joined Arturo Salice in Italy, working in the Marketing Dept. in February 2015
- I moved to Charlotte in March 2022, to work as Marketing Coordinator for Salice America

## HOBBIES

- Arts, music and design, foreign languages, swimming and hiking, travelling and getting to know new cultures

# 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!



## 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