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Deborah Cortigiani is an English Communication Coach specialized in advancing the communication skills for Italian professionals working in the American workplace. For over 25 years Deborah has worked with clients at various English proficiency levels in businesses and institutions such as Rutgers University, Montclair State University, and Raritan Valley Community College. Deborah holds a Master's Degree in Business Education from Boston University, a Master's Degree in Language Education from Rutgers University, and is certified by TEFL org. in Teaching Business English. She speaks Italian fluently and has experience in the business world having worked as a pricing manager for the Hertz Corporation. She founded "English Language Solutions for Career Advancement," with her Florentine husband Marco. Deborah creates tailor made programs for Italian professionals, coaching them on the communication skills they need to become confident, effective communicators so they can advance in their careers. She offers an "English Elevation Program" based on a proven 3 pillar methodology, as well as a "Pronunciation and Accent Reduction Program".



Johnpaul Crocenzi has over 20 years of experience in the tax accounting industry. His expertise includes tax planning and tax-saving strategies for high-net-worth individuals and their businesses. He advises clients on complex tax matters, estate planning, business succession planning, and transaction structuring. He advises his clients on a wide range of compliance issues and help them implement tax strategies into their existing financial and business plans. He is fluent in both Italian and French. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants and He is currently a member of the NYSCCPA Taxation of Individuals Committee.

Francesca Deane is a Health & Mindset Coach, specialized in high-performance coaching. She is the founder of Healthy Busy Life, a wellness and personal growth platform where she leads, through 1-on-1 coaching, group coaching and online courses, hundreds of women in their journey towards a more balanced, purposeful, productive and fulfilling life. Before becoming a coach Francesca worked for a decade in consulting and corporate finance for top-tier multinational companies throughout Europe, and she now applies a multidisciplinary approach to her courses and programs, where she brings together elements and tools of positive psychology, neuroscience, nutrition, productivity, mindset and more. Francesca helps her clients find clarity and purpose and create a sustainable and actionable strategy to improve their energy, habits and mindset, so they can maintain a better work/life balance, live more productive lives and make consistent progress towards achieving their personal and professional goals.

Michele Giovinazzo is a native Italian and Spanish High School teacher. For over 15 years Michele is working with students at various proficiency levels in the public system as well as in the private system. He holds a Master's Degree in Language Education from Rutgers University. He has worked as an Italian instructor at Raritan Valley Community College, and also, as an Italian and Spanish tutor at Farleigh Dickinson University. Michele speaks English and Spanish



fluently and has experience in the translation business world having worked as a translator for the Counterpoint Language Consultants in Bridgewater, New Jersey. While living in Italy, Michele was a computer programmer for over ten years.

Saverio Lo Monaco, is a graduate of the University of Palermo ('12) and he holds a Master of Laws (LL.M.) in US Legal Studies from St. John's University School of Law ('17). Mr. Lo Monaco is admitted to practice in the state of New York and in the federal courts of the Southern and Eastern District of New York. He is an associate attorney at Musa-Obregon Law, PC, and specializes in immigration law, particularly in removal defense. Attorney Lo Monaco handles large numbers of cases in various immigrant and non-immigrant visa categories including: employment-based visas, family petitions, US naturalizations, special visas for juveniles and victims of crimes, visas for individuals with extraordinary abilities, and business visas. He also represents clients at asylum and cancellation of removal hearings in immigration courts and before the Board of Immigration Appeals.

Ivana Lo Stimolo Originally from Milan, Ivana has been working in real estate for more than 12 years choosing Brown Harris Stevens, the most reputable real estate company in NYC employing only accomplished brokers with impeccable track records to build her successful career. Ivana is a personable high-energy professional who has earned the accolades, referrals and repeat business that have carved her success. With her comprehensive knowledge of the New York City real estate market along with her accurate pricing and proven, highly effective negotiating skills, she is more than a skilled broker, she is a facilitator who will help you during your real estate transaction and protect your interest throughout the process. Before real estate, Ivana was a successful account director for the DDB Needham advertising agency in Milan where she was responsible for managing many international accounts. She brings extensive advertising, social media and marketing knowledge and expertise to her highly satisfied buyers and sellers. Ivana is the founder



of Newyorktalianwomen, an association whose goal is to foster relationships between women, more than 2,300 to be precise and to provide networking opportunities. She currently lives with her husband and three children on the Upper East Side and is a member of the Real Estate Board of New York.

Carlo Mantica is a financial professional. He is currently fully licensed as both a financial advisor and as an insurance agent. Mr. Mantica obtained the Retirement Income Certified Professional RICP® degree from the American College of Financial Services in 2021. Carlo Mantica is a Registered Representative offering securities products and services through NYLIFE Securities LLC, Member FINRA/SIPC. Mr. Mantica is an Agent licensed to sell insurance through New York Life Insurance Company, United HealthCare/ Oxford, Anthem / Blue Cross Blue Shield, and other Insurance firms. CA Insurance License #4091406. Mr. Mantica founded Mantica Ventures in 2007 where he provided strategic turnaround and management consulting services. Mr. Mantica previously worked for Booz Allen, a leading management consulting and turnaround firm and lead the strategy practice for an Omnicom marketing agency. Mr. Mantica moved to New York in 1999 to obtain his Master in Business Administration with concentration in Finance from the Stern School of Business at New York University. Prior to obtaining his MBA, Mr. Mantica worked in brand management at Barilla and Heineken and lived in Milan, Paris, Buenos Aires and Sidney. Carlo Mantica is also a graduate of Bocconi University of Milan. Mr. Mantica speaks English, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and German.

Leide Porcu PhD LP is a psychotherapist and psychoanalyst based in New York, where she has been practicing for more than fifteen years. She is also a trained anthropologist. Her manuscript Handbook of Proven Tools for Thriving in Transition between Cultures and Countries is in the process of finding a publishing house. For the Comites, Leide created the Wellness Project. The Wellness Project, led by a team of volunteer professionals and health



enthusiasts, will bring awareness and tools about mental and physical health to the immigrant population in the Tri-State area and beyond.

Tiziana Rinaldi is an engagement journalist specialized in immigrant integration and filling information gaps that obstruct the full socio-professional development of new Americans. In 2019 she founded The JobUp, a work-readiness accelerator for internationally educated Italians in the US who experience roadblocks to occupational relaunch. Built to address critical information needs, the project launched at the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism at CUNY. An award-winning journalist, she has served as a national immigration correspondent for Global Nation at PRX The World, a feature journalist for Courier-Life-Publications at News Corporation, and held staff positions at ABC News, Lightworks Producing Group, RAI Radio Televisione Italiana, and the US Bureau of Il Messaggero. Tiziana earned a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the Università degli Studi di Perugia in Italy, and a Master's Degree in Engagement Journalism from the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism at CUNY. She runs a Woman-Owned Business in New York City. About the program: The JobUp is a work-readiness accelerator for internationally educated and/or trained Italian immigrants in the USA who want to learn how to navigate the job market and achieve their professional goals. Structured as an educational program of eight interactive classes, it is offered online. Participants learn the steps and the strategies to build confidence, gain job-seeking competence, and hone their language skills through a specialized curriculum delivered in a safe and supportive environment.

