

**Cairo American College
Board of Trustees
Community Representative Autobiographical Data**

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Albert Fitts</u></p> 	<p>I am the proud father of Two CAC students, Aaron (class of 2013), and Merrill (class of 2015). My family moved to Cairo in 2009 and we fell in love with CAC and the community right away --- so much that we have chosen to extend our assignment in Egypt until at least 2014.</p> <p>We have lived overseas extensively, and have been fortunate to be a part of some wonderful international schools in Thailand, Germany, and of course CAC in Egypt. A key component at each school we have been associated with has been tremendous parental support, which is why I feel the time has come for me to give back to our school community by running for the school board.</p> <p>I am a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado with a BS in Economics. After graduation I was commissioned as an officer and went on to become a pilot in the United States Air Force, serving in various leadership, operational and staff positions around the world for the last 22 years. I am also a graduate of Command and General Staff College, Air War College, and I hold an MBA from Touro University, California.</p> <p>If elected, I will do my best to represent the educational needs of the students regardless of background. I welcome the opportunity to collaborate with other members of the board to develop and maintain a long---term strategy that will help ensure CAC maintains it's world---class status in the years to come.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bobbi Villella</u></p> 	<p>My name is Bobbi Villella and I am seeking your vote in the election for Cairo American College (CAC) Board of Trustees. I would like to serve you and your family's interests in the upcoming years, as well as ensure the interests of future CAC students and families, so that CAC remains competitive and competent in the international schooling market. As Egypt continues to transform itself, CAC requires strong innovative leadership for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.</p> <p>As the Board Chair of the American Employee's Cooperative Welfare Association (AECWA) for the last three years, I understand what it means to serve the interests of an entire community. In every community, there are conflicting interests, and those must be balanced with the needs of the community as a whole. As the AECWA Board Chair and committed board member, this includes balancing the needs of the Maadi House (a full service club house) and two gyms while overseeing budgeting requirements, proposed improvements, and adherence to American and Egyptian labor laws. Along with fellow AECWA board members, I have worked to establish new policies and procedures that will allow AECWA to continue to grow, improve, and become a financially stable institution.</p>

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	<p>If elected to the role of CAC Board of Trustees, I will draw from my experiences as an AECWA Board Chair person and my prior work experience in the Law Enforcement community where critical thinking, decision-making, confidentiality, and adherence to procedures are of the utmost importance. I have also worked with several community outreach programs including D.A.R.E., National Night Out, and other community programs involving children and parents. Additionally, I have been involved in Public Schools in Colorado, Texas and Virginia.</p> <p>I believe that it is important for individuals to contribute to their community, and as a stay at home mother I have the luxury of being able to dedicate ample time to this position. I have two children enrolled in CAC, I have been able to contribute in the classrooms, as well as plan and implement school wide activities. In order to serve our CAC community, I will draw on my education, work and life experiences, as well as my drive to serve our community, which will enable me to be one of the best Board Members possible. I promise to represent your vested interest in Cairo American College.</p>
<p><u>Jeffrey Hill</u></p> 	<p>As your community representative on the School Board, I will make sure CAC stays committed to world-class excellence in educating your children and in preparing them to succeed in an increasingly competitive world.</p> <p>The world that awaits them has changed a lot since we were young. Like it or not, globalization has opened up competition for good jobs to eager students from anywhere in the world, and those good jobs increasingly require strength in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields in addition to solid English skills. My vision for CAC is to maintain its excellence in educating well-rounded, internationally-minded students, while making sure all our students gain the capabilities they need to be successful and competitive in the future. Given our limited budget, recruiting and retaining world-class teachers is more important than ever.</p> <p>My wife and I have two children at CAC: one in middle school and one in high school. Both love CAC, participate year-round in various extra-curricular sports, and have a diverse mix of international and Egyptian friends. My children previously attended the International School of Bangkok, the Berlin British School, and the Lycée Français of Singapore, so I have a broad perspective on the challenges and rewards of international schools.</p> <p>In my job as a Management Officer at the U.S. Embassy, I oversee human resources, facilities, vehicles, customs, and a variety of legal and diplomatic accreditation issues. My experience and contacts in these areas would serve the CAC Board well in the changing regulatory environment of post-revolution Egypt.</p> <p>I have a Master of Science degree from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, where I researched the use of computers in second language acquisition and speech recognition. I also have a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts in Languages. I have spent most of the past 30 years overseas and am fluent in</p>

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	<p>French, Spanish, and German, and have passable Thai and Arabic.</p> <p>I coach girls' soccer for the Cairo Youth Soccer League, play informal soccer games with CAC kids on weekends, and serve on various Embassy boards such as the Embassy Employees' Association, the Housing Board, and the Cairo Community Fund. My hobbies include watching Arabic TV and reading about the history of mathematics</p>
<p><u>Mohamed El Barkouki</u></p> 	<p>As the parent of a young man who has moved to the high school this academic year and is thriving in the positive environment created by the personnel, the Board and the active involvement of the parents, I am motivated to postulate for the Board of Trustees by a desire to contribute to the continued excellence of the school, and to offer my various competences in the service of the growth and future of the CAC.</p> <p>Having lived in seven countries (across Europe, Africa and the Middle East and covered several other countries) for more than 16 years, and working for a variety of multinational companies such as Schlumberger, Halliburton, Caterpillar, HSBC and General Electric, I have a solid grasp of the challenges, issues and benefits a multicultural environment can present. Yet the years I spent in Egypt as a General Manager of General Electric affiliate and Partner of two consulting firms involved in the management, financial and tax service sectors, have also given me an insider's view of the difficulties that arise and the solutions that can be found when "East meets West" here in Egypt.</p> <p>I am a certified Corporate Governance Independent Board Director as well as a Founder & Co-Chairman of the Egyptian Directors & Governance Association (EDGA). I also served as an Ex officio in the Financial Committee of the Board of Trustees for the school for year 2006/2007 during the negotiation and implementation of the Master Plan. As a member of the board in two companies (both national and international), and as a member of AMCHAM, BEBA and CAFÉ, tri-lingual (English, French and Arabic), I am actively involved in the international communities here in Egypt. I am well versed and comfortable in the decision making processes and responsibilities that being part of a Management team entails. My skills in management, finance, merges and acquisitions and companies' restructuring, my experience with GE in the oversight of a multi-million dollars "re-localization" project, my strong sense of responsibility as well as the working contacts within the national administration that I have acquired over the past 35 years, would be of benefit to the CAC in its Board decisions, and perhaps particularly in light of the current unprecedented circumstance Egypt is experiencing and the unique challenges associated with the "Master Plan" project process, I am confident I could offer a significant contribution to the Board of Trustees during this challenging period.</p>

Nora
Jarrah



I have devoted much of the past ten years to studying, working, and living at one of most prestigious educational environments in the world. A licensed history teacher, I have taught government courses to Harvard University students while living as a resident tutor in one of Harvard’s residence halls among undergraduates and receiving my master’s degree in Middle Eastern studies. While in residence, I guided student’s academic development and career paths, and ensured their physical and mental well-being, in addition to serving on various committees representing student interests to university administration.

In addition to teaching, I have been involved with other aspects of educational institutions. I worked at the Allston Initiative, Harvard’s campus expansion and development project. As the coordinator for the Allston Initiative’s key outreach and communications center, I was a liaison between and supervised public relations initiatives for University and city officials, faculty, students, and the public. I also researched the social and economic impact of the initiative on the local community and conducted empirical surveys and solicited feedback on the effectiveness of the communications strategy. All of these are skills that I believe will be of great benefit to the CAC school board.

Education transforms lives—it opens doors and creates opportunities. I have witnessed this firsthand, through my own experiences and those of my classmates and students. As I plan for both my children to graduate from CAC, I am deeply invested in the long term trajectory of the school and am equally devoted to all three divisions—elementary, middle, and high school.

As a graduate of an American school in the Middle East, I am quite familiar with the unique culture of and challenges faced by schools such as CAC. There exists the potential to become insular and disconnected from the greater Cairo environment. Given the incredible transformation that Egypt is going through, I believe we need to capitalize on the myriad opportunities available for our students. Ultimately, the goal that we all share as parents, in addition to ensuring that they receive a world-class education, is to prepare our children to be global citizens in an increasingly interconnected world.

I am married to Mohamad Al-Ississ, also a Harvard graduate and currently professor of Economics at the AUC, and we have two small children, Zaid (KG) and Aya.

**Roberto
Toncig**



My name is Roberto Toncig and I am the father of Tiziano, grade 10 student. We moved to Cairo in summer 2011, coming from Rome /Italy (our Country of origin) where we had been living from 2008 and Tiziano attended the American overseas School; before that we had lived in Belgrade, Serbia where Tiziano started his school career at the Intl. School of Belgrade.

I am married to Elena and our other son, Valerio, graduated last Year from AOSR and now is a student at John Cabot Univ. in Rome.

A former career officer in the Italian Army, I am now serving as a Govt. Official at the Italian Embassy in Cairo.

During my Years of service overseas, my kids had the privilege to attend international and American schools, an experience so important and rewarding that I feel a strong desire to give back to such vital institutions.

In both our previous schools I served in the Board. In Belgrade I was vice chair and then chair, in an environment full of challenges going from selecting a new Superintendent and helping him in the first Years of his tenure to defining a new strategic plan in an era full of dramatic changes and uncertainties to review and solve a series of major facilities and staff issues. Also Rome has been an interesting time, filled with other perspectives and needs.

During almost 7 Years of Board activity, I had the privilege to know many outstanding professionals, both educators and managers, who have exposed me to their knowledge and advice. This, along with my professional experiences in the field of Human Resources, Financial and Facilities management, gives me the confidence to run for this important role also here in Cairo, in such a prestigious institution as CAC.

The School's tradition and outstanding standard will need to be nurtured and given new content and dimension in this very rapidly changing reality in order to provide our current and future students and educators with the most stimulating and rewarding teaching and learning experience, while ensuring stability and fiscal responsibility to the School and providing access to the most qualifying and up-to-date educational environment.

This reflects on a variety of strategic issues: legal status, facilities programming, evaluation of programs' introduction and expansion, attractiveness to highly qualified professionals, balancing of needs and expenses to name just a few and that the Board is facing currently and will be facing also in the coming future.

I would be honored to join the team and provide my contribution to the further success of our School!