



## Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas Alumnae USA

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Dear Repatriating FAWCO Member,

Whether you have lived overseas for a short time or for many years, the experience has surely changed you, and the country and friends and family to which you return will also have changed. While the return to the US comes with many joys and conveniences, you will undoubtedly also face a sense of loss for what you have left behind and a time of transition back to the States. FAUSA provides a home where your experiences are understood and valued, and you can feel free to speak openly about your life abroad. We hope you will join us.

Upon returning to the US in 2016, after living in Saudi Arabia for over 10 years, I quickly became involved with FAUSA. I cherished my time abroad, and FAUSA has served as a wonderful bridge between my expat and re-pat lives. I am honored to guide FAUSA in our quest to provide similar support to other repatriating Americans. Through my continued involvement with the FAWCO Human Rights team and Target Project I hope to help cement the relationships among FAWCO's three sister organizations and plan to further develop FAUSA's involvement with philanthropy and global issues.

Whether you were involved with FAWCO as an expat or not, FAUSA has a place for you. Unlike with FAWCO, individuals rather than clubs join FAUSA, with dues starting at only \$25 for a year. I encourage you to visit the FAUSA website at [www.fausa.org](http://www.fausa.org) and also to contact the FAUSA 2<sup>nd</sup> VP for Membership at [2ndVP@fausa.org](mailto:2ndVP@fausa.org) to find out if an active group exists in your area. If there is not one, please consider starting one yourself.

If you have any questions or suggestions, do not hesitate to contact me at [President@fausa.org](mailto:President@fausa.org). We hope to hear from you soon.

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