As a public high school student, I used to be the most interested in Mathematics and most inspired by the theories of Mechanics. During my entire educational period, I used to schedule my life according to my passion in Engineering. I also had a dream of attending a great university. However, this passion and this dream could have never been realized without earning the USAID University Scholarship at the American University of Beirut.

As I joined AUB, I enjoyed the different cultural entities interacting together: students and professors from different nationalities and backgrounds coordinate together to reach their ultimate goal. What also makes it special is the joyful spirit dominating the social interaction at the campus.

Being a Civil Engineering student during the past 4 years, I was always fascinated by all the fields I was introduced to as each one of them represents a possible path to be followed to reach my goal. Ambition has never left me alone during my journey due to the excessive motivation of my professors and colleagues. Thus, I succeeded to constantly have a distinctive score at the academic level.

As a USAID student, I was so lucky for being a member in this great family. The volunteering activities which I completed every semester gave me a chance to assist certain communities in their needs and difficulties. I had also a chance to work on the implementation of a community-based project that aims to provide an educational public space for students in a rural Lebanese village. Not only this, but also, I had the opportunity to attend valuable workshops about leadership skills, time and budget management, as well as team building. These workshops have really made us a strong family under the USAID USP program. As part of this family, USP coordinators and directors were always supportive and motivated as they were the lovely assistants and monitors during our college years.

And now, as I am graduating, I am so proud of being a USP student at AUB for the influence it had on my entire life. The USAID USP program has really prepared me to easily merge into the
work field, and shine in managing new and different problems. Finally, the USAID team will always be my big family in the future: I will be remembering and thanking God for being a USAID scholar upon every new achievement.