

**GRADUATE CEREMONY  
MAY 30, 2014**

**LEBANESE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Immediately after the Anthem the Chief Marshal goes to rostrum, and places Mace in holder at right side of rostrum

Chief Marshal

**EXCELLENCIES, HONORED GUESTS, ALUMNI, MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY AND STAFF, CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, FRIENDS.**

**President Peter Dorman,**

**I DECLARE THAT THIS ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIFTH COMMENCEMENT OF THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT TO BE NOW ASSEMBLED AND IN SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE DAY.**

**I ALSO PROCLAIM OPEN THE TWELFTH CEREMONY SINCE 1969 FOR THE AWARDING OF HONORARY DOCTORATES, AT THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT. BY CONFERRING DEGREES ON THESE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS, AUB REAFFIRMS THE INSTITUTIONAL VALUES THAT HAVE BEEN THE FOUNDATION OF ITS EXCELLENCE AND OF ITS RENOWN.**

- Chief Marshal goes to her seat.
- President goes to rostrum and delivers opening words (Welcoming Address):
- Student speakers move to chairs on the platform during President's remarks

President:

**Your Excellency, Deputy Ali Bazzi, representing Speaker of Parliament Nabih Berri; your excellencies, members of the AUB Board of Trustees, distinguished guests, friends, and especially the graduates of the Class of 2014 and their families:**

**MASAA' EL-KHAIR.**

**IL-YOM MUNAASIBATUN SACIIDATUN LI KULL IL-MUHAADIRIIN JAMIIC(AN):**

**IT-TULLAAB ILLATHIIN ATAMMU SINIIN DIRAASATIHIM ISSACBA;**

**WAL CAA'ILAAT ILLATI SAHARIT CALA TAQADDUMI IBNAA'IHA WA BANAATIHA,**

**WA CADAMAT-HU CABR IS-SANAWAAT;**

It is my great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all of you, to the 145<sup>th</sup> celebration of Commencement exercises at AUB, as the university awards diplomas to 546 students receiving graduate degrees. For all of the members of the Class of 2014 at AUB, I offer my warmest congratulations.

Our University is a community of extraordinary individuals and groups, all of whom are passionately devoted to the vigor and the long-lasting success of one of the great experiments in education ever undertaken in the Middle East—chartered over 150 years ago. The aspirations and values that bind us together are common to all. We believe in the pursuit of excellence; we believe in the free expression of ideas; we believe in the dignity of every human being; we believe in the value of a diverse and engaged body of citizens; we believe that each of us can make a difference.

These ideals are easier to embrace in a protected space such as a university campus; they are harder to practice in the world beyond our walls, and especially at a time when our region is beset by continuing violence. Yet as you make the transition from university life into the first years of your adult careers, you will discover that you are ambassadors—not only for AUB—but for the fundamental values that we hold dear. This is a momentous time for you and your families, and in this transition I wish you all good luck and Godspeed.

President:

**And now it is my distinct pleasure to introduce the student speakers for commencement.**

**First is the Vice President of the University Student-Faculty Committee: Jinane Boutros Abi**

**Ramia, a candidate for the degree of Master of Public Health from the Faculty of Health Sciences.**

- President returns to seat
- Jinane Abi Ramia delivers her speech and returns to her seat.

President:

**The second speaker is Christina Bergqvist, a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the Faculty of Medicine.**

- President returns to seat
- Christina Bergqvist delivers her speech and returns to her seat.
- Student speakers leave the platform and return to student seating.

President:

**As part of its educational mission, the American University of Beirut is committed to honoring the good works that people do in the world. Tonight we continue our tradition of awarding honorary degrees at Commencement, in the presence of our graduating class, their families, our faculty and trustees, and other august public figures.**

**The three honorands we celebrate today have each exerted a profound impact of their own: as a pioneer of abstract art in the Arab world; as a socially-responsible business leader and committed public servant; and as a medical researcher whose landmark discoveries are**

**changing approaches to finding a cure for cancer. In all cases, it requires courage to follow one’s deepest convictions, and it is this courage that we hope for and desire in our students— indeed all of our community members. I now have the pleasure of introducing each of the individuals being honored this evening.**

- Provost moves to left of rostrum
- President introduces Recipient Saloua Choucair

**President: I would like to invite the daughter of Saloua Choucair, Hala Schoukair, to the rostrum.**

- Hala Schoukair moves to left of rostrum (between President and Provost)

**President:**

**Saloua Raouda Choucair has lived the life of an artist, fully engaged in the creative process and producing an astounding body of work, whose historic significance is now being recognized around the world.**

**For over seven decades, primarily working out of her atelier in Ras Beirut, Choucair sculpted, painted, wove, and built. She did not create for the recognition or for the financial reward, neither of which came in any abundance. Like all true artists, she did it because it was what compelled her and because it was what she loved to do.**

**Choucair studied in the studios of Omar Onsi in Lebanon and at the Atelier de l’Art Abstrait in Paris for several years. Yet her artistic vision is truly original. She is widely cited as a pioneer of abstract art in the Arab world and, like all pioneers, she forged her own unique path and struggled against the odds, including being a female artist in dominating male context of the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century Middle East.**

Inspired by science and mathematics, as well as Islamic art and poetry, Choucair is best known for her sculptures, particularly the modular works made of interlocking pieces that can be taken apart and reordered. She worked in a multitude of media including wood, metal, glass, wire, clay, plastic, fiberglass, stone, and steel. She has also created innovative tapestries and jewelry pieces and is an accomplished painter, whose canvases exude *joie de vivre*.

Throughout her life, Choucair had a dedicated following in Paris, where she garnered several awards and exhibited annually at the Salon de Mai. But it is only in the past few years that Choucair's lifetime of accomplishment is finding the international acclaim it deserves. A 2011 retrospective at the Beirut Exhibition Center was followed in 2013 by a show at the Tate Modern in London, which showcased 160 of Choucair's works. The universal acclaim following these shows assures her rightful place as one of the most important artists to hail from this region in the modern era.

Choucair's daring progressiveness and bold ambition are a true inspiration to fledgling artists in Lebanon and around the world, as well as to women everywhere who still contend with cultural strictures.

Regrettably in failing health now, Saloua Choucair could not join us today, so her daughter Hala Schoukair will be accepting the degree on her behalf.

President:

**SALOUA RAOUDA CHOUCAIR, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I HEREBY CONFER UPON YOU THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS, WITH**

**ALL THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES PERTAINING THERETO.**

- The hood will be given to Hala Schoukair by the Provost, after which she will receive the Diploma from the President.
- Hala Schoukair goes to rostrum and delivers speech; returns to seat
- President introduces Samih Darwazah

President: I now invite Samih Darwazah to step forward.

- Samih Darwazah moves to left of rostrum (between President and Provost)

President:

Samih Darwazah is a self-made *billionaire*, but more important than where he is now is how he got there. He knows that the secret to success lies in hard work, optimism, honest dealings, and the courage to take risks. At every turn, he has translated challenges into opportunities.

Darwazah also knows that with great success comes great responsibility. He is a dedicated philanthropist, both personally and through his company, Hikma Pharmaceuticals. For his workforce, which has grown to over 7,000 employees in 11 countries, he feels an intense obligation. During the Egyptian uprising of 2011, he flew into Cairo as soon as he could in order to personally see to the safety of the workers in one of his factories.

No stranger to conflict and strife, Darwazah's family were made refugees during the Nakba and forced to leave their homeland along with almost a million other Palestinians. Darwazah began his life anew in Jordan and came to AUB in the 1950s, where he earned his bachelor of science in pharmacy and began a career path that would eventually lead him to the heights of entrepreneurial success.

After studying industrial pharmacy in the U.S. as a Fulbright Scholar, Darwazah eventually felt the urge to move back to Jordan, where he founded Hikma Pharmaceuticals. The company eventually grew into the multi-billion dollar, global enterprise that it is today.

A great believer in the transformative power of education, he founded a school for girls in South Jordan, and his family dedicated in his name a Center for Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship at AUB's Olayan School of Business. Darwazah also has a distinguished record of public service, including as Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Throughout his career, Darwazah has served as a shining example of the values we hold dear at AUB, those of openness, tolerance, innovation, critical thinking, and civic responsibility. As a successful entrepreneur, committed civic leader, and responsible corporate citizen, Darwazah shows how much can be accomplished while holding firm to these noble principles.

#### President

**SAMIH DARWAZAH, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I HEREBY CONFER UPON YOU THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS, WITH ALL THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES PERTAINING THERETO.**

- Darwazah will be hooded by Provost, after which the Candidate receives the Diploma from the President
- Darwazah goes to rostrum and delivers speech; returns to seat
- President introduces Yusuf Hannun

#### President: I now invite Dr. Yusuf Hannun to the rostrum.

- Yusuf Hannun moves to left of rostrum (between President and Provost)

President:

**The fight against cancer is happening at the molecular level, and Dr. Yusuf Hannun’s groundbreaking discoveries are helping to build the arsenal that will eventually conquer such dread diseases.**

**Hannun wears many hats: he is an award-winning molecular biologist, a clinician, and a professor of medicine. Now at the helm of Stony Brook University Cancer Center, he directs a team of physicians and researchers who are conducting innovative research and providing the most advanced patient care. His pioneering work, in revealing the important role sphingolipids in cell growth and proliferation, has made a substantial impact in the prevention and treatment of cancer, neurodegenerative diseases, and cardiac disease.**

**Like so many of our alumni, Hannun has a truly international background. Born in Saudi Arabia to Palestinian parents, he came to Beirut for his education: first to International College and then to AUB for his bachelor of science and MD with distinction, also serving his internship and residency at our medical center. Moving to Duke University in the U.S., Hannun started on a path of research and discovery that continues to this day. His findings have opened pathways for the development of patented drugs and chemicals for a variety of treatments, in cancer and many other fields.**

**Early on in his career, Hannun’s leadership qualities were recognized and he has taken on consistently greater responsibilities at cancer centers including Duke University, the Medical University of South Carolina, and now at Stony Brook. Hannun is also a supportive and**



**inspiring mentor who cares deeply about preparing the next generation of medical researchers and clinicians.**

**As a distinguished alumnus who has achieved international recognition and prominence in his field, Hannun’s significant contributions to the advancement of science and medical practice bring great honor to this university and our historic medical center. As a doctor, researcher, mentor, and leader Yusuf Hannun has made—and continues to make—a profound impact on the health and wellbeing of our global community.**

President

**YUSUF HANNUN, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I HEREBY CONFER UPON YOU THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS, WITH ALL THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES PERTAINING THERETO.**

- Hannun will be hooded by Provost, after which the Candidate receives the Diploma from the President.
- Hannun goes to rostrum and delivers keynote speech; returns to seat

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE – BY AUB CHOIR**

- Chief Marshal goes to rostrum.

Chief Marshal

**Mr. PRESIDENT: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED TODAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE BY THE VARIOUS FACULTIES AND SCHOOLS OF THE UNIVERSITY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES, THE CANDIDATES WHO HAVE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED ALL THE REQUIREMENTS AND ARE DEEMED WORTHY BY THE UNIVERSITY SENATE TO BE AWARDED DEGREES WILL NOW BE PRESENTED TO YOU BY THEIR RESPECTIVE DEANS OR DIRECTORS.**

***President Dorman, I call upon you to confer the degrees.***

- Chief Marshal returns to her seat.
- Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Sciences goes to rostrum.

Dean of FAS

**Mr. PRESIDENT: AS DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCES, AND ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THE FACULTY, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THE CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF, MASTER OF ARTS, MASTER OF SCIENCE, MASTER OF ARTS IN FINANCIAL ECONOMICS, AND MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES. WILL ALL CANDIDATES PLEASE RISE.**

President

**BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I HEREBY CONFER UPON YOU THE DEGREES FOR WHICH YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL THE REQUIREMENTS AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT YOUR LEARNING WILL LEAD YOU TO ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE IN, OR ENRICH THE PRACTICE OF, YOUR CHOSEN FIELD.**

Dean of FAS

**I NOW CALL UPON THE CANDIDATES TO COME TO THE STAGE. THE AUDIENCE IS REQUESTED TO HOLD THEIR APPLAUSE UNTIL ALL STUDENTS FROM THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES HAVE RECEIVED THEIR DEGREES.**

**[distribution of degrees & hoods for two PhDs]**

- Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences sits.
- Dean of the Faculty of Medicine goes to rostrum.

Dean of Medicine

**AS DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE, WILL THE STUDENTS AWARDED THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE PLEASE RISE. (They rise.)**

**IN OUR PROFESSION IT IS A CUSTOM, ESTABLISHED MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO, THAT ALL THOSE ADMITTED TO THE HONORS OF THE PROFESSION MUST FIRST EXPRESSLY TAKE UPON THEMSELVES ITS OBLIGATIONS. NOW, THEREFORE, IN BEHALF OF YOUR ELDERS, I CALL UPON YOU TO TAKE, AS WE HAVE TAKEN BEFORE YOU, THE OATH WHICH BEARS THE NAME OF**

**HIPPOCRATES. I SHALL READ TO YOU THE PLEDGE, AFTER WHICH YOU WILL BE ASKED TO SIGNIFY YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF IT. WILL THE FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE PLEASE RISE.**  
(They rise.)

**I DO SOLEMNLY PROMISE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD TO BE TRUE TO THIS DECLARATION. I WILL BE LOYAL TO THE IDEALS OF THE PROFESSION OF MEDICINE AND TO ITS TRADITION OF SERVICE TO ALL HUMAN BEINGS.**

**I WILL FOLLOW THAT TREATMENT WHICH ACCORDING TO MY ABILITY AND JUDGMENT I CONSIDER FOR THE BENEFIT OF MY PATIENTS, AND WILL ABSTAIN FROM WHATEVER IS DELETERIOUS AND MISCHIEVOUS.**

**I WILL GIVE NO DEADLY MEDICINE TO ANYONE IF ASKED, NOR WILL I PERFORM AN ABORTION OR ANY OPERATION FOR CRIMINAL PURPOSES.**

**IN THE PRESENCE OF EPIDEMICS OR OTHER DANGER I WILL NOT ALLOW FEAR OR PERSONAL HARM TO TURN ME FROM MY DUTY.**

**WHATEVER I SEE OR HEAR IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WHICH OUGHT NOT TO BE SPOKEN ABROAD I WILL KEEP SECRET.**

**IN WHATSOEVER HOUSE I ENTER IT SHALL BE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SICK TO THE UTMOST OF MY POWER, HOLDING MYSELF ALOOF FROM ANY ACT OF CORRUPTION.**

**IN PURITY AND UPRIGHTNESS I WILL PASS MY LIFE AND PRACTICE MY ART. WHILE I CONTINUE TO KEEP THIS OATH INVIOLEATE MAY IT BE GRANTED TO ME TO ENJOY LIFE AND THE PRACTICE OF THE ART RESPECTED BY PEOPLE IN ALL TIMES. DO YOU SO PROMISE?**

Medicine Graduates reply: "I DO."

**IN KEEPING OF THIS PLEDGE MAY EACH ONE OF YOU BE GRANTED A LONG LIFE OF SERVICE AND THE PRIVILEGE OF HONORING THE PROFESSION WHICH TODAY HONORS YOU. WILL MY COLLEAGUES OF THE FACULTY PLEASE BE SEATED.** (They sit.)

**Mr. PRESIDENT: AS DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE, AND ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THE FACULTY, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THE CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE AND MASTER OF SCIENCE.**

President

**BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I HEREBY CONFER UPON YOU THE DEGREES FOR WHICH YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL THE REQUIREMENTS AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT YOUR LEARNING WILL LEAD YOU TO ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE IN, OR ENRICH THE PRACTICE OF, YOUR CHOSEN FIELD.**

Dean of FM

**I NOW CALL UPON THE CANDIDATES TO COME TO THE STAGE. THE AUDIENCE IS REQUESTED TO HOLD THEIR APPLAUSE UNTIL ALL STUDENTS FROM THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE HAVE RECEIVED THEIR DEGREES.**

**THE FIRST CANDIDATE WILL BE THE RECIPIENT OF THE PENROSE AWARD FROM THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE FOR 2014:**

**WILL Ms. Nour Fayez Al Jalbout PLEASE COME TO THE STAGE.**

**[after Penrose awardee crosses stage, begin reading names]**

**[distribution of degrees]**

Dean of FM:

**Mr. PRESIDENT: MAY I ASK THE DIRECTOR OF THE HARIRI SCHOOL OF NURSING TO PRESENT CANDIDATES OF THE SCHOOL.**

- Dean of the Faculty of Medicine returns to his seat.
- Director of the Hariri School of Nursing goes to rostrum.

Director of the Hariri School of Nursing:

**Mr. PRESIDENT: AS DIRECTOR OF THE HARIRI SCHOOL OF NURSING, AND ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES, THE MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY OF THE SCHOOL, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THE CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING. WILL ALL CANDIDATES PLEASE RISE.**

President

**BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I HEREBY CONFER UPON YOU THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT YOUR LEARNING WILL LEAD YOU TO ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE IN, OR ENRICH THE PRACTICE OF, YOUR CHOSEN FIELD.**

Director of the Hariri School of Nursing

**I NOW CALL UPON THE CANDIDATES TO COME TO THE STAGE. THE AUDIENCE IS REQUESTED TO HOLD THEIR APPLAUSE UNTIL ALL STUDENTS FROM THE HARIRI SCHOOL OF NURSING HAVE RECEIVED THEIR DEGREES.**

**[distribution of degrees]**

- Director of the Hariri School of Nursing sits.
- Dean of the Faculty of Engineering & Architecture goes to rostrum

Dean of FEA

**Mr. PRESIDENT: AS DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE, AND ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THE FACULTY, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THE CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING, DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ENGINEERING WITH MAJORS IN APPLIED ENERGY, CIVIL ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER RESOURCES ENGINEERING AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT, MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, MASTER OF URBAN DESIGN, AND MASTER OF URBAN PLANNING AND POLICY. WILL ALL CANDIDATES PLEASE RISE.**

President

**BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I HEREBY CONFER UPON YOU THE DEGREES FOR WHICH YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL THE REQUIREMENTS AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT YOUR LEARNING WILL LEAD YOU TO ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE IN, OR ENRICH THE PRACTICE OF, YOUR CHOSEN FIELD.**

Dean of FEA

**I NOW CALL UPON THE CANDIDATES TO COME TO THE STAGE. THE AUDIENCE IS REQUESTED TO HOLD THEIR APPLAUSE UNTIL ALL STUDENTS FROM THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE HAVE RECEIVED THEIR DEGREES.**

**[distribution of degrees & hoods for seven PhDs]**

- Dean of the Faculty of Engineering & Architecture sits.
- Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural & Food Sciences goes to rostrum.

Dean of FAFS

**Mr. PRESIDENT: AS DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SCIENCES, AND ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THE FACULTY, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THE CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE MASTER OF SCIENCE, AND MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES- MAJOR ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT. WILL ALL CANDIDATES PLEASE RISE.**

President

BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I HEREBY CONFER UPON YOU THE DEGREES FOR WHICH YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL THE REQUIREMENTS AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT YOUR LEARNING WILL LEAD YOU TO ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE IN, OR ENRICH THE PRACTICE OF, YOUR CHOSEN FIELD.

Dean of FAFS

I NOW CALL UPON THE CANDIDATES TO COME TO THE STAGE. THE AUDIENCE IS REQUESTED TO HOLD THEIR APPLAUSE UNTIL ALL STUDENTS FROM THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SCIENCES HAVE RECEIVED THEIR DEGREES.

[distribution of degrees]

- Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural & Food Sciences sits.
- Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences goes to rostrum.

Dean of FHS

Mr. PRESIDENT: AS DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, AND ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THE FACULTY, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THE CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EPIDEMIOLOGY, MASTER OF SCIENCE IN POPULATION HEALTH, AND MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES-MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH. WILL ALL CANDIDATES PLEASE RISE.

President

BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I HEREBY CONFER UPON YOU THE DEGREES FOR WHICH YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL THE REQUIREMENTS AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT YOUR LEARNING WILL LEAD YOU TO ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE IN, OR ENRICH THE PRACTICE OF, YOUR CHOSEN FIELD.

Dean of FHS

I NOW CALL UPON THE CANDIDATES TO COME TO THE STAGE. THE AUDIENCE IS REQUESTED TO HOLD THEIR APPLAUSE UNTIL ALL STUDENTS FROM THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES HAVE RECEIVED THEIR DEGREES.

[distribution of degrees]

- Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences sits.
- Dean of the Olayan School of Business goes to rostrum.

Acting Dean of OSB

**Mr. PRESIDENT: AS ACTING DEAN OF THE SULIMAN S. OLAYAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, AND ON BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES, THE MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY OF THE SCHOOL, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU THE CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, MASTER OF FINANCE, MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, AND EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. WILL ALL CANDIDATES PLEASE RISE.**

President

**BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I HEREBY CONFER UPON YOU THE DEGREES FOR WHICH YOU HAVE COMPLETED ALL THE REQUIREMENTS AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT YOUR LEARNING WILL LEAD YOU TO ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE IN, OR ENRICH THE PRACTICE OF, YOUR CHOSEN FIELD.**

Acting Dean of OSB

**I NOW CALL UPON THE CANDIDATES TO COME TO THE STAGE. THE AUDIENCE IS REQUESTED TO HOLD THEIR APPLAUSE UNTIL ALL STUDENTS FROM THE SULIMAN S. OLAYAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS HAVE RECEIVED THEIR DEGREES.**

[distribution of degrees]

- Acting Dean of the Olayan School of Business sits.
- President goes to rostrum.

President

**I NOW HAVE THE DISTINCT PLEASURE OF GREETING ALL OF YOU, FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND IN THE SHADOW OF COLLEGE HALL, AS ALUMNI OF THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT. THE ROAD YOU HAVE TRAVELED DURING YOUR YEARS AT AUB HAS BEEN A DEMANDING ONE, AND YOU ARE TO BE**

**CONGRATULATED FOR HAVING SUCCESSFULLY MET THE ACADEMIC CHALLENGES OF THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITY IN LEBANON AND IN THE REGION. SOME OF YOU WILL BE GOING ON TO CAREERS IN LEBANON OR OVERSEAS, OTHERS WILL BE CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION IN HIGHER DEGREE PROGRAMS. WHEREVER YOUR TRAVELS TAKE YOU, I WISH YOU SUCCESS IN YOUR CAREERS, PERSONAL JOY IN YOUR LIVES, AND PEACE AND FULFILLMENT IN YOUR COMMUNITIES.**

**AT THIS POINT I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE KEY ROLE THAT HAS BEEN PLAYED BY YOUR FAMILIES--YOUR PARENTS, YOUR HUSBANDS AND WIVES, EVEN YOUR CHILDREN--WHO HAVE WALKED THIS ROAD WITH YOU, WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED THEIR FINANCIAL MEANS, AND WHO HAVE GIVEN YOU THEIR LOVE AND MORAL SUPPORT. YOUR SUCCESS IS THEIRS AS WELL, AND THEY ARE HERE TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU. SO I WOULD INVITE YOU NOW TO STAND AGAIN, TURN AROUND, AND EXPRESS YOUR APPRECIATION FOR THEIR CONSTANCY AND DEVOTION.**

President

**WILL THE AUDIENCE NOW PLEASE RISE FOR THE "ALMA MATER".**

- "ALMA MATER" is played (*one verse and chorus*)
- Immediately after the Alma Mater is ended the Chief Marshal goes to the rostrum.

Chief Marshal

**I NOW DECLARE THIS AWARDING OF HONORARY DOCTORATES AND COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE AT A CLOSE. WILL THE DEGREE RECIPIENTS AND THE AUDIENCE PLEASE REMAIN IN THEIR PLACES UNTIL THE PRESIDENT AND PARTY HAVE CLEARED THE AREA. Mr. PRESIDENT, WILL YOU AND YOUR PARTY PLEASE FOLLOW ME.**

- Chief Marshal removes the Mace from its holder, and leads the President and Party to the strains of the

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