

**UNDERGRADUATE CEREMONY
MAY 31, 2014**

PROCESSIONAL

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.**

- 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 address.

President:

**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' ulkhair.

Yus'IDuni wa yusharrIFuni

In urRAHHaba bikum

Fi munaSibatin intazartaMUha jaMI'an

li sanaWAtin tawila

innaha munaSibata takhARRuj saff 'AM alfein wa arbA'Ata 'ashar

It is my great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all of you, to the 145th celebration of commencement exercises at AUB, as the university awards degrees to 1,531 students receiving undergraduate degrees. For all of the members of the Class of 2014 at AUB, I offer my warmest congratulations, for you are the beneficiaries of a university education that is second to none in the Middle East.

The diplomas you are about to receive will do more than simply certify that you have completed a degree in the program of your choice. Behind each diploma lie the history and stature of one of the greatest international universities in the world. Behind each diploma lie the universal values that are nurtured on this campus: diversity, freedom of thought, inclusiveness, and sustainability. Behind each diploma lie historic generations of men and women who have left their significant mark in the world, and whose ranks you are about to join.

President:

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

First is Raed Riad Al Kontar, a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering from the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture.

- *President returns to seat*
- *Raed Al Kontar delivers his speech and returns to his seat.*

President:

And now it is my pleasure to introduce the second student speaker, Yasmine Walid Saker, a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, with a double major in Political Studies and Media Studies, from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

- *President returns to seat*
- *Yasmine Saker delivers her speech and returns to her seat.*
- *Student speakers leave the platform and return to student seating.*

President:

It is both an honor and a pleasure for me to introduce the keynote speaker for this commencement exercise: Rami Khouri.

Rami Khouri is a towering figure in the world of journalism and is, for many, the voice and conscience of the Middle East.

As the founding director of the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs at AUB, Rami Khouri has been instrumental in defining the vision and scope of this burgeoning policy think-tank.

Previously executive editor at the Daily Star, Rami is widely published in local and international media and is a prominent commentator on current events in the Middle East and North Africa. He is a fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School and has been a visiting scholar at many prominent American universities. As a Palestinian-Jordanian with U.S. citizenship and a long-time resident of Lebanon, Khouri has a truly international perspective.

Throughout his illustrious career, Khouri has spoken out against oppression and injustice wherever he sees it, and shows great respect and empathy for the people of this region. His nuanced reflections on current events bring clarity to the complex issues of a part of the world too often misunderstood in the western media. In 2006, he received the Pax Christi International Peace Award for his efforts to bring peace and reconciliation to the Middle East.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Rami Khouri.

- *Rami Khouri moves to the rostrum, delivers his speech, and returns to his 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 his 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 BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE. 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 WELCOME YOU TO THE FELLOWSHIP OF EDUCATED MEN AND WOMEN.

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.

THE FIRST CANDIDATE WILL BE THE RECIPIENT OF THE PENROSE AWARD FROM THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES FOR 2014:

WILL Ms. Rawan Ahmad Safa PLEASE COME TO THE STAGE.

[after Penrose awardee crosses stage, begin reading names]

[distribution of degrees]

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

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

Director of the Hariri School of Nursing:

AS DIRECTOR OF THE HARIRI SCHOOL OF NURSING, WILL THE GRADUATING STUDENTS OF THE SCHOOL PLEASE RISE. (They rise.) I SHALL NOW READ TO YOU THE TEXT OF THE NURSES' OATH KNOWN AS THE "NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE", AFTER WHICH YOU WILL BE ASKED TO ACCEPT IT BY ANSWERING "I DO". WILL THE FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE HARIRI SCHOOL OF NURSING PLEASE RISE. (They rise)

I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE MYSELF BEFORE GOD AND IN THE PRESENCE OF THIS ASSEMBLY TO PASS MY LIFE IN PURITY AND TO PRACTICE MY PROFESSION FAITHFULLY. I WILL ABSTAIN FROM WHATEVER IS DELETERIOUS AND MISCHIEVOUS, AND WILL NOT TAKE OR KNOWINGLY ADMINISTER ANY HARMFUL DRUG. I WILL DO ALL IN MY POWER TO MAINTAIN AND ELEVATE THE STANDARD OF MY PROFESSION AND WILL HOLD IN CONFIDENCE ALL PERSONAL MATTERS COMMITTED TO MY KEEPING AND ALL FAMILY AFFAIRS COMING TO MY KNOWLEDGE IN THE PRACTICE OF MY PROFESSION.

WITH LOYALTY WILL I ENDEAVOR TO AID THE PHYSICIANS IN THEIR WORK AND DEVOTE MYSELF TO THE WELFARE OF THOSE COMMITTED TO MY CARE. DO YOU SO PLEDGE?

The Graduating students answer: "I DO."

WILL THE MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY PLEASE BE SEATED. (They sit.)

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 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING.

President

BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I HEREBY CONFER UPON YOU THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING AND WELCOME YOU TO THE FELLOWSHIP OF EDUCATED MEN AND WOMEN.

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.

THE FIRST CANDIDATE WILL BE THE RECIPIENT OF THE PENROSE AWARD FROM THE HARIRI SCHOOL OF NURSING FOR 2014:

WILL Ms. Pamela Joseph Bou Zeid PLEASE COME TO THE STAGE.

[after Penrose awardee crosses stage, begin reading names]

[distribution of degrees]

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

Dean of FEA

AS DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE, WILL THE GRADUATING STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY PLEASE RISE (They rise). I SHALL NOW READ TO YOU THE TEXT OF THE ENGINEERS' AND ARCHITECTS' OATH WHICH I WILL ASK YOU TO ACCEPT BY ANSWERING "I DO". WILL THE FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE PLEASE RISE. (They rise.)

USING THE HERITAGE LEFT BY MY PROFESSIONAL FOREBEARS I DEDICATE MYSELF TO THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH IN THE EXTENSION OF THE BENEFITS OF MY PROFESSION TO HUMANITY. I WILL STRIVE ALWAYS TO DISSEMINATE WHAT PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE I ACQUIRE, AND I WILL FULLY ACCEPT MY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF YOUNGER MEMBERS OF MY PROFESSION. ZEALOUS OF THE HIGH REPUTE OF MY CALLING, I WILL STRIVE TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS AND THE GOOD NAME OF ANY MEMBER OF MY PROFESSION. TO ALL I PLEDGE INTEGRITY AND FAIR DEALING, TOLERANCE AND RESPECT, AND DEVOTION TO THE STANDARDS AND DIGNITY OF MY PROFESSION. I GLADLY ACCEPT THE OBLIGATION TO USE MY SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTNESS TO SERVE HUMANITY WITH COMPLETE SINCERITY. I WILL STRIVE FAITHFULLY TO FULFILL THE SOLEMN OBLIGATIONS OF MY PROFESSION AND TO GOVERN MY LIFE AND PRACTICE BY ITS CANON OF ETHICS. DO YOU SO PLEDGE?

- Graduating students answer: "I DO."

WILL THE MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY PLEASE BE SEATED. (They sit.)

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 BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURE, THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS IN GRAPHIC DESIGN, THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING WITH MAJORS IN CHEMICAL

ENGINEERING, CIVIL ENGINEERING, COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING, AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING; AND THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH MAJORS IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING.

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 WELCOME YOU TO THE FELLOWSHIP OF EDUCATED MEN AND WOMEN.

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.

**THE FIRST CANDIDATE WILL BE THE RECIPIENT OF THE PENROSE AWARD FROM THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE FOR 2014:
WILL Mr. Ramzi Adel Taybeh PLEASE COME TO THE STAGE.**

[after Penrose awardee crosses stage, begin reading names]

[distribution of degrees]

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

Dean of FAFS

AS DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SCIENCES, WILL THE GRADUATING STUDENTS OF THE NUTRITION AND DIETETICS PROGRAM AND NUTRITION AND DIETETIC – COORDINATED PROGRAM PLEASE RISE (They rise). I SHALL NOW READ TO YOU THE TEXT OF THE NUTRITION AND DIETETICS PROFESSION'S OATH WHICH I WILL ASK YOU TO ACCEPT BY ANSWERING "I DO". WILL THE FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SCIENCES PLEASE RISE. (They rise.)

AS A PROFESSIONAL DIETITIAN/NUTRITIONIST, I PLEDGE TO:

- **PURSUE AND PROMOTE EXCELLENCE.**
- **PRACTICE WITH INTEGRITY, EMPATHY AND ETHICAL CONDUCT.**
- **CONTRIBUTE TO THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.**

- RESPECT AND PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF MY CLIENTS WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION.
- SUPPORT THE PRINCIPLES AND PARTNERSHIPS IN THE WORKPLACE.
- COMPLY WITH ALL LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE DIETETIC PROFESSION.
- SUPPORT THE ADVANCEMENT AND DISSEMINATION OF EVIDENCE-BASED NUTRITION KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS.
- ENGAGE IN CONTINUING EDUCATION TO FURTHER MY PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS AND INCORPORATE THEM IN MY PRACTICE

DO YOU SO PLEDGE?

- Graduating students answer: "I DO."

WILL THE MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY PLEASE BE SEATED. (They sit.)

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 OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURE WITH THE DIPLOMA OF INGENIEUR AGRICOLE, THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRIBUSINESS, THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FOOD SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT, THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND ECO-MANAGEMENT WITH THE DIPLOMA OF INGENIEUR AGRICOLE, THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS, AND THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS–COORDINATED PROGRAM.

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 WELCOME YOU TO THE FELLOWSHIP OF EDUCATED MEN AND WOMEN.

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.

**THE FIRST CANDIDATE WILL BE THE RECIPIENT OF THE PENROSE AWARD FROM THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SCIENCES FOR 2014:
WILL Ms. Linda Kamal Said PLEASE COME TO THE STAGE.**

[after Penrose awardee crosses stage, begin reading names]

[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 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL LABORATORY 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 WELCOME YOU TO THE FELLOWSHIP OF EDUCATED MEN AND WOMEN.

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.

**THE FIRST CANDIDATE WILL BE THE RECIPIENT OF THE PENROSE AWARD FROM THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES FOR 2014:
WILL Mr. Kourken Hagop Kadehjian PLEASE COME TO THE STAGE.**

[after Penrose awardee crosses stage, begin reading names]

[distribution of degrees]

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

Acting Dean of Olayan School of Business

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 BACHELOR 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 DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND
WELCOME YOU TO THE FELLOWSHIP OF EDUCATED MEN AND WOMEN.**

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.**

**THE FIRST CANDIDATE WILL BE THE RECIPIENT OF THE PENROSE AWARD FROM THE
OLAYAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS FOR 2014:
WILL Ms. Claire Bechara Chalouhi PLEASE COME TO THE STAGE.**

[after Penrose awardee crosses stage, begin reading names]

[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 AND YOUR SIBLINGS--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 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE AT A CLOSE. WILL ALL STUDENT GRADUATES 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

RECESSIONAL

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