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I'm deeply honored to have this opportunity to be here today with all of you. Dear President Dorman, members of the Board of Trustees, Deans, faculty members, parents and distinguished guests, thank you all for celebrating with us in this momentous event the 146th Commencement ceremony.

Dear colleagues, congratulations for all of us. We survived this era of our lives. Months and years at university were special, because they helped us to become the individuals we are today. Personally, without this special and precious experience at AUB, I'm sure my life would be something completely different. I would not have such features of character as determination, self-confidence, purposefulness, commitment and passion. Thank you AUB for giving me the opportunity to have this experience.

To be honest, this experience was difficult enough to make me feel frustrated on many occasions. Because I, and I'm sure many of my colleagues, went through every hard moment you can imagine: sleepless nights, fatigue and even disappointment about the way we have chosen. But all of those were transient emotions evoked by lack of rest and hard studying.

My colleagues, it is true that we worked a lot, but our efforts gave something more than graduation. They gave us skills, knowledge, satisfaction and invaluable experience. We gave our families and loved ones the joy that they were hoping to experience through our successful achievements, and we became the scientific wealth of our countries and invaluable resources for our communities. Special thanks to our professors, who were enlightening the track for us, to our supporters and sponsors who helped make our college experience possible.

Dear colleagues, from now on, we have a responsibility to our communities, to our world, no matter our majors, views, or approaches to accomplish these responsibilities. About myself, I have been taught, trained, prepared and well equipped at the Hariri School of Nursing to take part in developing my own as well as other communities. This responsibility that I share with every one of you is all about introducing advancements and innovative ideas that can help us to overcome the challenges of our lives. The experience that we gain from AUB should be directed to serve this purpose. My colleagues, by commitment, passion, determination and of course knowledge and skills we can achieve a lot.

I would like to take this opportunity to say to the AUB community please be proud of your graduates, and be sure that we will do our best to demonstrate that in the world outside of the AUB walls. Dear colleagues, let us show the world who we are!
Honestly, I can't describe my happiness and enjoyment to be part of this memorable event. And I would like to thank you again for sharing these moments with us.