



Faculty of Arts and Sciences
Department of Education

Education Pledge Ceremony

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

THE PLEDGE

I pledge to lead the life of an educator,
to promote moral and academic excellence

I pledge to advance a learning environment,
to encourage students to venture, seek and persevere

I pledge to be an instrument of inspiration
to transmit integrity, respect and trust

I pledge to dedicate myself to the welfare of my profession,
to nurture the aspirations of future generations

Graduating Students

BA STUDENTS

Tala Abboud
Israa Abdel Halim
Hajar Al Dirani
Amina Al Khalid
Inaam Awad
Elsy Ayoub*
Linah Bantan
Rima El Amine
Hajar El Khatib
Zeinab Faour
Dana Masri
Sara Shaaban
Marwa Shoukair
Zeinab Sleiman
Amira Taki
Razanne Wahidi
**Graduating with Distinction*

TEACHING DIPLOMA STUDENTS

Elementary Education

Najat Chehab
Maya Hamieh

Teaching of Mathematics

Aya Abou Housse
Aya Itani
Rawan Mikdash

Ceremony Program

Lebanese National Anthem

AUB Alma Mater

Master of Ceremony Ms. Lana Kabakibi

Chair of Department of Education Dr. Anies Al Hroub

Dean of Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dr. Nadia El Cheikh

Guest Speaker Dr. Marwan Muasher

Representative of Graduating Students Ms. Leila Fakhri Nashabe

Pledge Affirmation, led by Dr. Amal BouZeineddine

Announcement of Educators' Award Recipients

Certificate Distribution

DIPLOMA STUDENTS

Special education

Tala Abboud
Sara Abdallah
Elsy Ayoub
Rima El Amine
Andrea Fahd
Leila Fakhri Nashabe
Reem Hammoud
Dana Masri
Diana Najjiya
Sara Shaaban
Razanne Wahidi

Management and Leadership

Alexandra Al Hajj
Amina Al Khalid
Shaden Jaffal
Petra Rahbani

Dr. Marwan Muasher

Guest Speaker

Dr. Marwan Muasher is Vice President for Studies at Carnegie, where he oversees research in Washington and Beirut on the Middle East. Muasher served as foreign minister (2002–04) and deputy prime minister (2004–05) of Jordan, and his career has spanned the areas of diplomacy, development, civil society, and communications. Muasher began his career as a journalist for the Jordan Times. He then served at the Ministry of Planning, at the prime minister's office as press adviser and as director of the Jordan Information Bureau in Washington.

In 1996, Muasher became minister of information and the government spokesperson. From 1997 to 2002, he served as ambassador in the United States. He then returned to Jordan to serve as foreign minister, where he played a central role in developing the Arab Peace Initiative. In 2004, he became deputy prime minister responsible for reform and government performance and led the effort to produce a ten-year plan for political, economic, and social reform. From 2007 to 2010, he was senior vice president of external affairs at the World Bank. Muasher was recognized as Diplomat of the Year by the Los Angeles World Affairs Council in 2000 and received an honorary doctorate from Purdue University in 1999 for his role in promoting peace in the Middle East. He is the author of *The Arab Center: The Promise of Moderation* (Yale University Press, 2008) and *The Second Arab Awakening and the Battle for Pluralism* (Yale University Press, 2014). Dr. Muasher has been a trustee at the American University of Beirut since 2007, and was a former AUB student (1972–75).



The Story of the Education Pledge

Graduation being less than a step away, Rania Kassab and I, Jessy Tadros, were discussing our future plans. Although we both knew that our careers would be in teaching and that we were confident of the choice we had made, we still looked upon the matter with a certain hesitation.

The hesitation we confess was due to fear, fear of responsibility, fear of being role models, fear of decision making that could affect the future of others, fear of simply being a TEACHER. We believe that teachers play an important role in nourishing the intellect as well as the souls of students, the future, who we hope should become honest citizens and professionals who are guarded with ethics, devotion, values and commitment.

This is when Rania and I thought of giving our graduation a ceremony in which we would take an oath in acknowledgement of our commitment to this great profession. Rania and I discussed the pledge idea with our classmates in the Education Department in 1999. We all agreed that the Education pledge would give us the opportunity to affirm our obligations to the teaching profession in front of a much trusted audience, our Education Department faculty, family, friends, and AUB Administration.

Jessy Tadros

Elementary Education, Class of 1999

**That they may have life
and have it more abundantly**