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I. Project Summary

1. Key Achievements for this quarter:

- There are 24 scholars on the Distinguished List (cumulative GPA 3.50 or above).
- There are 24 scholars on the Honors List (cumulative GPA between 3.20 and 3.49).

II. Detailed Progress:

A. Advising and Registration:

All 91 USPIII scholars are registered for fall 2015 with full time loads. The scholars have been in regular contact with their academic coordinators and have been receiving proper advice and direction. The two scholars who were recruited met the eligibility and criteria for selection into the program.

B. Monitoring of Scholars:

A plan has been devised for the monitoring of scholars in order to ensure that they will maintain good academic standing and graduate on time. This plan is made up of multiple stakeholders who are working with the scholars in order to ensure their well being:

a. OCE:

The Outreach and Civic Engagement at the Lebanese American University, headed by the Assistant Vice President oversees the execution of the program and ensures successful implementation, supervises orientation, enrichment activities, and media coverage, and works closely with academic coordinators on USP curricular progress.

b. Student mentors:

Each scholar has been assigned a student mentor whose main job is to make sure that the scholar is doing well scholastically and that he/she is not facing any problem. The student mentor is a junior or senior student of the same major who has demonstrated leadership skills. He/she helps the scholar in issues related to his/her every day life: dorms and adjustment on campus. Refer to Appendix I.

c. Academic Coordinators:

All scholars have an academic coordinator whose role is to advise scholars on what courses to register. The academic coordinator is mainly responsible for:

- Advising students before registration on the course load to carry each semester;
- Advising students in their courses and class work;
- Monitoring the academic progress of students;
- Helping the students to cope with academic challenges.

d. Student support/tutoring:

Whenever deemed necessary, USP scholars receive support and tutoring from LAU student support centers such as the Cooperative Learning Center, the Writing Center, and the Academic Computer Center in addition to the counselors and professional career and academic advising coordinators in the Deans of Students' Offices in both Byblos and Beirut.

e. Academic Progress:

In August 2015, summer II semester came to an end and by then the academic coordinators had sent three progress reports for Summer II 2015. The reports were studied and, when needed, proper advisory action was taken. The reports demonstrated that the USP III scholars are performing well and progressing normally.

Out of the 93 scholars, 2 students from USP III from the old cohort were dropped out in spring 2014, 1 student was dropped out in fall 2014, 1 student was dropped out in spring 2015, and 89 were registered as regular full time students. It is important to note that out of these 89 students enrolled in regular classes, and as of the end of Summer II 2015 semester, 4 scholars have a major GPA of 4.0, 59 scholars have a major GPA between 3.0 and 3.99, 26 scholars have a major GPA between 2.0 and 2.99, 59 scholars have a cumulative GPA between 3.0 and 3.99; 30 scholars have a cumulative GPA between 2.0 and 2.99; Moreover, it is important to note that no one has a cumulative GPA or major GPA below 2.0.

GPA Range	Number of Students	Percentage	MGPA Range	Number of Students	Percentage
0.0-1.99	0	0.0%	0.0-1.99	0	0.0%
2.0-2.49	5	5.6%	2.0-2.49	9	10.1%
2.5-2.99	25	28.1%	2.5-2.99	17	19.1%
3.0-3.19	11	12.4%	3.0-3.19	14	15.7%
3.2-3.49	24	27.0%	3.2-3.49	17	19.1%
3.5-3.99	24	27.0%	3.5-3.99	28	31.5%
4.0	0	0.0%	4.0	4	4.5%
	89	100%		89	100%

Special case: Case of USP III scholar 201305* (major: Chemistry)**

Drop-out case due to academic difficulties (documented).

f. Enrichment Activities

1. Club & Leadership Activities

Activity	Date	Description	Names of Participants	Number of Participants
Work Success Boot Camp	7-Mar to 18-Apr-15	<p>The Work Success Boot Camp was organized by AMIDEAST and the Bank of Beirut. It was a five Saturdays, starting 9:00 am and ending 6:00 pm. The intensive workshop was about how to differentiate and distinguish themselves from other job applicants. The workshop helps them acquire various tools and skills that are deemed important in today's market. Such skills are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal Branding Experience - Networking Skills - Communication skills - Presentation skills - Teamwork skills - Resume and Cover Letter Writing - Interviewing skills 	201305***	USP III: (1F)
Tutoring English And Math	1-Apr-15	<p>USP III scholar 201304*** volunteered in an academic institution on the 1st of April, 2015. His aim was to help students expand their knowledge in subjects they are struggling with thus helping them achieve better grades. His main area of expertise is math and English which is why he decided to tutor students who are especially struggling in those two subjects.</p>	201304***	USP III: (1M)
Email Etiquette	1-Apr-15	<p>A presentation was given regarding email etiquette.</p>	201304***	USP III: (1F)
Your Health Day	1-Apr-15	<p>The LAU Health Services Center organized an event at LAU Byblos campus titled 'Your Health Day'. The event included many activities such as volleyball, catch and even massages.</p>	201304*** 201303*** 201304*** 201304*** 201303***	USP III: (1F; 4M)
Reforestation Initiative	1-Apr-15	<p>USP III scholar 201304*** volunteered with Access 9 on a project to reforest his home town. He invested the time spent that day to make his home town greener and more picturesque but also he seized the opportunity to inform his fellow</p>	201304***	USP III: (1M)

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		peers about how USAID has benefited him thus introducing them to the program.		
Dar Al Ajaza	4-Apr-15	The Lebanese Red Cross organized a visit to the Dar Al Ajaza, whereby LAU students had the chance to visit the elderly.	201305***	USP III: (1M)
Visiting a children's orphanage	4-Apr-15	USP III scholars 201304***, 201304*** and 201304*** visited an orphanage in Iklm El- kharoub whereby they were met with the beautiful smiles of nine children who became their companions throughout Saturday 4th of April. These children suffered through many hardships and were under a lot of psychological pressure however they showed a high level of responsiveness and thoroughly enjoyed the day they spent with the three USP scholars.	201304*** 201304*** 201304***	USP III: (3F)
Easter Day	5-Apr-15	Easter Day was Organized by Dean of Students office.	201305***	USP III: (1F)
Heritage Day	8-Apr-15	Heritage Day is an event organized by the UNESCO Club, through which all students are invited to represent, in any form of art, some of the many cultures present in Lebanon.	201403*** 201304*** 201304*** 201305*** 201404*** 201304*** 201406*** 201304*** 201304*** 201404*** 201304*** 201304*** 201305*** 201305*** 201303*** 201303*** 201303*** 201303*** 201303***	USP III: (19F; 3M)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of Participants	Number of Participants
			201304*** 201404*** 201303***	
Leadership Workshop	10-Apr-15	A workshop was presented about leadership and what leaders are like.	201304***	USP III: (1M)
AIIESEC Conference: Accelerate 2015	13 to 15-Mar-15	AIIESEC organized a national conference under the name "Accelerate 2015" with the help of USP II scholars 201305*** and 201203***. 201305*** took on the role of Organizing Committee Vice President for logistics, and 201203*** gave a speech on how to be active, make a change and take it to the next level in order to support the newly joined members.	201404*** 201404*** 201304***	USP III: (1F; 1M)
Career Fair	15-Apr-15	The Career Guidance Office at LAU organized the Career Fair. During this event students were able to meet with prospective employers and give them their CVs.	201304*** 201404*** 201303*** 201305*** 201406*** 201304*** 201305*** 201303*** 201304*** 201305***	USP III: (6F; 4M)
MCAT 2015 Strategy Session	15-Apr-15	The Princeton Review gave a session about the MCAT 2015 Strategy for student to learn.	201304***	USP III: (1F)
LAU Motor Show 2015	15-Apr-15	The Dean of Students Office organized an on campus event titled "LAU Motor Show 2015" whereby cars were put up for show and students were informed about each one of them.	201301*** 201303***	USP III: (1F; 1M)
Spring Fundraising Event	15-Apr-15	The Hospitality Club organized a Fundraising event in the LAU Beirut Campus.	201304*** 201305*** 201304***	USP III: (2F; 1M)
Symposium- Power Of Words Lecture	15-Apr-15	The Department Of English at LAU organized a symposium titled the 'Power of Words'.	201304*** 201304*** 201305***	USP III: (3F)
Computer Science & Ethical Hacking	16-Apr-15	The Rotaract & IT Club organized a Computer Science & Ethical Hacking Workshop.	201304*** 201304*** 201304***	USP III: (4F; 1M)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of Participants	Number of Participants
			201304*** 201305***	
Event Organization Club Gathering	16-Apr-15	The Event Organization Club organized a club gathering.	201303***	USP III: (1F)
Basic Studio Skills Workshop- Beirut	16-Apr-15	The Outreach and Civic Engagement Units organized a “Basic Studio Skills” workshop for the USP scholars. The workshop was presented by USP I scholar 201304***.	201304*** 201304*** 201305*** 201303*** 201304*** 201304*** 201305*** 201301*** 201304*** 201304*** 201305*** 201305*** 201303*** 201303*** 201305*** 201303*** 201304*** 201304*** 201404*** 201304*** 201305*** 201303*** 201305***	USP III: (17F; 5M)
Basic Studio Skills Workshop-Byblos	17-Apr-15	The Outreach and Civic Engagement Units organized a “Basic Studio Skills” workshop for the USP scholars. The workshop was presented by USP I scholar 201304***.	201304*** 201304*** 201203*** 201304*** 201305*** 201304*** 201303*** 201303*** 201303*** 201304*** 201304*** 201303*** 201304*** 201304*** 201303*** 201304*** 201303*** 201304*** 201304***	USP III: (15F; 15M)

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			201305*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201303*** 201305*** 201303*** 201304*** 201303*** 201304*** 201303*** 201304***	
Child Festival	18-Apr-15	The Lebanese Red Cross organized an event for children called 'Child Festival'.	201305***	USP III: (1M)
Meet And Greet	18-Apr-15	Amideast and Fullbright organized a meet and great at LAU.	201304***	USP III: (1F)
The Magic Wand Of Emotional Intelligence	18-Apr-15	LOYAC organized an event called 'The magic wand of emotional intelligence'.	201305***	USP III: (1F)
MCAT Practice Exam	19-Apr-15	The Princeton Review organized an MCAT practice exam for students.	201304***	USP III: (1F)
Armenian Genocide 100th Commemoration	20-Apr-15	The Armenian Club organized an event to commemorate the armenian genocide.	201305*** 201304*** 201305*** 201304***	USP III: (1F; 3M)
Be Sun Smart	20-Apr-15	The LAU Health Services organized an event called 'Be Sun Smart' to educate students about the dangers of UV rays.	201304***	USP III: (1F)
Cedars Day	20-Apr-15	Cedar's Day event was organized by the Cedar Club in LAU.	201305*** 201303*** 201303*** 201304*** 201304***	USP III: (2F; 3M)
Civic Engagement And Entrepreneurship Workshop - Beirut	20-Apr-15	The OCE Department organized the Civic Engagement and Entrepreneurial Training in the Beirut Campus. The presentation was given by a trainer from KAFALAT who is an expert in entrepreneurial activities. The Main Purpose of this session was for the	201304*** 201304*** 201305*** 201303*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304***	USP III: (25F; 6M)

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		scholars to be able to identify the characteristics of a successful entrepreneur and how to develop entrepreneurial skills.	201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201301*** 201305*** 201304*** 201304*** 201305*** 201304*** 201303*** 201303*** 201303*** 201303*** 201305*** 201303*** 201303*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201305*** 201303*** 201305*** 201304***	
Computer And Social Media Skills Make Up Workshop	20-Apr-15	The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at LAU organized a Computer and Social media skills make up workshop for the USP III scholars that could not attend the previous workshop held.	201304*** 201305*** 201304*** 201301*** 201304*** 201303*** 201304*** 201304*** 201303***	USP III: (7F; 2M)
CV Writing Workshop	20-Apr-15	The CV writing workshop was organized by the LAU writing center Team.	201305*** 201303*** 201305***	USP III: (1F; 1M)
Guy Manokian Concert	20-Apr-15	The Lebanese American University hosted Guy Manokian and invited the student body to attend.	201303*** 201303***	USP III: (2F)
Living With The Shadows Of The Past	20-Apr-15	"Living with thw Shadows of the past' was organized by the Communication Arts Department.	201305***	USP III: (1M)
Spring Beats	20-Apr-15	The Event Organization Club organised an event to welcome the spring semester with music and Joy.	201304*** 201304*** 201303***	USP III: (12F; 2M)

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		The event was titled 'Spring Beats'.	201406*** 201304*** 201404*** 201304*** 201303*** 201303*** 201303*** 201303*** 201303*** 201404*** 201305***	
Ace Your Interview	21-Apr-15	Bloom Bank hosted a workshop at LAU titled 'Ace Your Interview'. The aim of the Workshop was to help students prepare for any career interview that they will have to attend after they graduate.	201305***	USP III: (1F)
LAU Got Talent	21-Apr-15	The Accounting Club at LAU Byblos organized the LAU Got Talents event on Tuesday April 21, 2015 where LAU students who were accepted in the auditions have their final performances in front of the juries. Many USP scholars were candidates and many other attended the event for supporting their colleagues.	201304*** 201304*** 201303*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201303*** 201303*** 201305*** 201404***	USP III: (8F; 2M)
Cannes Et Coeurs Non-Governmental Organization Visit	21-Apr-15	The NGO helps the elderly who can not provide for themselves or leave the comfort of their homes to enjoy everyday activities. The USP III scholar volunteered to cook lunch and visit the elderly in their homes thus not only would she provide them with their nourishment but also with company and some fun activities such as card games.	201305***	USP III: (1F)
Building Safety And Fire Prevention Maneuver	22-Apr-15	The Safety Awareness Club in Byblos organized the Building Safety and Fire Prevention event in collaboration with the Lebanese Civil	201304***	USP III: (1M)

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		Defense, whereby they demonstrated what to do in case of an emergency, thus spreading awareness.		
General Reception	22-Apr-15	The Computer Science and Mathematics department held a general reception for students.	201303***	USP III: (1F)
Civic Engagement And Entrepreneurship Workshop - Byblos	23-Apr-15	The OCE Department organized the Civic Engagement and Entrepreneurial Training in the Beirut Campus. The presentation was given by a trainer from KAFALAT, who is an expert in entrepreneurial activities. The Main Purpose of this session was for the scholars to be able to identify the characteristics of a successful entrepreneur and how to develop entrepreneurial skills.	201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201203*** 201304*** 201305*** 201304*** 201303*** 201303*** 201303*** 201304*** 201304*** 201303*** 201304*** 201304*** 201303*** 201304*** 201304*** 201303*** 201304*** 201304*** 201305*** 201305*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201305*** 201303*** 201304*** 201304*** 201303*** 201305*** 201303*** 201304***	USP III: (22F; 17M)

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			201303*** 201303*** 201304***	
Emotional Intelligence Workshop	23-Apr-15	The Emotional Intelligence Workshop was given by a human rights lawyer with the United Nations, at the Four Points Sheraton.	201305*** 201303***	USP III: (2F)
Spring Into Health	23-Apr-15	The LAU Health Services organized an event called 'Spring into Health' to encourage students to become healthier.	201304*** 201304*** 201305***	USP III: (2F; 1M)
Student Theater Production "Cut"	23-Apr-15	The student theatre organized a play called 'Cut' for all students to attend.	201404***	USP III: (1F)
Maktoob: The Entrepreneurial Guide To Essential Business Apps. (In Beirut & Byblos)	23-Apr-15	The Institute of Family and Entrepreneurial Business at the Lebanese American University organized a presentation titled, "The entrepreneur's guide to essential business apps".	201303***	USP III: (1F)
	24-Apr-15		201305*** 201303***	USP III: (1F; 1M)
Environment Day	25-Apr-15	The Red Cross Club at LAU Beirut organized a workshop that tackled environmental topics for children aged from 10 to 12 years old. USP III Scholar, 201305*** was a trainer of the workshop.	201305***	USP III: (1M)
AIESEC Interviews	25-Apr-15	AIESEC is the world's largest youth-run organization; it provides a global platform for youth leadership development, and offers young people the opportunity to get the experience in order to become global citizens and affect changes in the world.	201404*** 201404*** 201304*** 201303***	USP III: (2F; 2M)
Writing CV Workshop	25-Apr-15	LOYAC organized a CV writing workshop to aid students prepare professional CVs.	201303***	USP III: (1M)
Barbeque Day	27-Apr-15	The Social Club organized an event called Barbeque day for LAU students to get together.	201305***	USP III: (1M)
Engineering Project Day	27-Apr-15	The school of engineering organized the 'Engineering Project Day' whereby engineering students	201305***	USP III: (1M)

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		showcased their projects to the rest of the student body.		
Indian Vibes	27-Apr-15	The Photography Club organized the Indian Vibes event whereby students were invited to wear Indian costumes and take pictures in the Indian designed photo booth.	201305*** 201305*** 201305***	USP III: (3F)
Minifootball Tournament	27-Apr-15	The Mini-football Tournament is an annual event organized by the UNESCO Club in collaboration with the Dean of Students Office.	201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304***	USP III: (2F; 2M)
Blood Donation DSC-Byblos	28-Apr-15	Donner Sang Compter organized the blood blood donation event at LAU Byblos.	201304***	USP III: (1M)
Exhibition In "Support Of The Lebanese Army"	29-Apr-15	The International Affairs Club organized an exhibition in support of the Lebanese Army on Wednesday April 29, 2015 in the presence of the wife of a martyr.	201304*** 201406***	USP III: (2F)
Expressive Psychosocial Workshop	29-Apr-15	LOYAC organized a workshop for students titled Expressive Psychosocial workshop.	201303***	USP III: (1M)
Ocean 2015	29-Apr-15	The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the LAU organizes the "Outreach and Cultural Exchange Across Nations"- OCEAN day at LAU Byblos. This is an International Day in which the OCE invites embassies of top study abroad destinations to LAU campus to present to the LAU community the opportunities available in their countries in study abroad and civic engagement.	201304*** 201305*** 201303*** 201303*** 201303*** 201303*** 201304*** 201304*** 201305*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201303*** 201303***	USP III: (10F; 4M)
	30-Apr-15	An event organized by The Institute for Diplomacy and Conflict	201303***	USP III: (1F)

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			201304*** 201303*** 201305*** 201304*** 201303*** 201304***	
LAU-USP One Day Public School Initiative	2-May-15	The USAID in collaboration with LAU organized the 'One Day Public School Initiative.	201303***	USP III: (1F)
Model United Nations - Global Village	2-May-15	The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit Organized the Model United Nations - Global Village, whereby high school students get to represent countries from around the globe and experience their culture.	201305***	USP III: (1M)
MUN Award Ceremony	2-May-15	The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit Organized the Model United Nations Award ceremony, whereby all the scholars who excelled in the final conference get awarded.	201304***	USP III: (1F)
On The Run	2-May-15	The Red Cross Club Club Organized an event titled 'On The Run'.	201304***	USP III: (1F)
I Ran A Dream	3-May-15	USP III scholar 201305*** attended an event named 'I ran a dream'. It was organized by the Guide du Liban – Melkart.	201305***	USP III: (1M)
2015 Clubs Awards Ceremony	4-May-15	By LAU.	201301*** 201304*** 201304***	USP III: (2F; 1M)
Fundraising - Red Cross	4-May-15	The Red Cross Club at LAU organized the Red Cross Fundraising Campaign, whereby they encouraged LAU students to donate money for good causes.	201304***	USP III: (1F)
Recruiting Event	4-May-15	The recruiting event was organized by the School Of Nursing.	201404***	USP III: (1F)
You@LAU	4-May-15	The Lebanese American University organizes an event titled 'You@LAU', whereby High school students come to discover LAU and all the majors it	201304***	USP III: (1F)

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		offers.		
Save A Life And Give Blood - Beirut	5-May-15	Donner Sang Compter organized the blood donation event at LAU Beirut.	201303**** 201303***	USP III: (2F)
6th LAU NGO Fair	6-May-15	The OCE Department at LAU organized the 6th NGO Fair. The theme of the NGO Fair is "Together for a better society: Public-Private Partnership" and it was held under the patronage and the presence of His Excellency the Minister of Health.	201304*** 201304*** 201305*** 201404*** 201303*** 201304*** 201406*** 201304*** 201304*** 201303*** 201303*** 201304*** 201303*** 201303*** 201305*** 201304*** 201304*** 201404***	USP III: (16F, 2M)
Library Open House	6-May-15	The Library at LAU organized an Open House event that was held in the Business Building. The event encouraged students to exchange books and held a variety of games through which winners were awarded prizes.	201305*** 201303*** 201303*** 201304*** 201404*** 201304***	USP III: (6F)
Residence Hall Dinner	7-May-15	The DOS office organized the Annual Residence Hall Dinner.	201304*** 201406*** 201303*** 201305*** 201404***	USP III: (4F; 1M)
Certificate Distribution Event With MMKN	7-May-15	MMKN NGO organized the certificate distribution event at AUB to thank the volunteer teachers for their hard work throughout the academic year 2014-2015. Many USP scholars volunteered with MMKN to give reinforcement sessions at the Public schools during fall 2014 and spring 2015	201303*** 201303***	USP III: (2F)
Workshop: Fact Checking	7-May-15	The Communication Arts Department organized a workshop	201304*** 201303***	USP III: (2F)

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Investigation By Nils Hanson		titled 'Workshop: Fact Checking Investigation by Nils Hanson'.		
Clarinet: Octavian Gheorghiu	8-May-15	The Lebanese Philharmonic orchestra organized an event whereby Octavian Gheorghiu played the clarinet.	201304***	USP III: (1F)
Nanomaterial Symposium	8-May-15	The Chemistry Department held a Nanomaterial symposium.	201303***	USP III: (1F)
Poetry Symposium	8-May-15	The Arabic Department and USP V scholar, 201404*** held a poetry symposium at LAU Beirut. USP scholars from different cohorts attended to support him.	201304*** 201404*** 201303*** 201305***	USP III: (3F; 1M)
LAU One Day Initiative (Usp Committee Project)	9-May-15	LAU one Day initiative is a community project organized by USP V scholars.	201404***	USP III: (1F)
LAU Spring Fiesta	9-May-15	The UNESCO Club and the Dean of Students' Office collaborated to organize the Spring Fiesta at LAU Beirut Campus. They welcomed spring with an outdoor party, attracting over 5,000 visitors of all ages and interests for games, food stands, live music concerts and bungee jumping.	201304*** 201305*** 201303*** 201304*** 201303*** 201303*** 201303*** 201305***	USP III: (6F; 2M)
Personal Leadership Workshop	12-May-15	LOYAC organized a workshop that aims to enrich scholars' knowledge about leadership. The title of the workshop was 'Personal Leadership'.	201305***	USP III: (1F)
Psychosocial Volunteering For The Refugees	18-May-15	The International Organization of Migration organized a visit whereby scholars volunteered to help the refugees in Lebanon.	201303***	USP III: (1M)
Honor Ceremony	27-Mar-15	Social Science Department honored students with the highest GPA's; among them was USP III scholar 201304***.	201304***	USP III: (1F)
Great Mass In C Minor Concert	30-May-15	AUB organized the Great Mass in C Minor Concert.	201305***	USP III: (1F)
"مشوار مع مغوار" Let's Walk	31-May-15	Let's Walk' event is a collaboration between Jabalna and the Shouf Cedar Reserve with the Rangers Regiment to organize a hiking event for militaries and civilians from all	201303*** 201303***	USP III: (2F)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of Participants	Number of Participants
		over Lebanon.		
Joint Simulation	1-Jun-15	The Search for Common Ground Club organized an event titled 'Joint Simulation'.	201304***	USP III: (1M)
بقاعية منارات " تكريم"	5-Jun-15	The بقاعية منارات " تكريم" event was organized by the UNESCO Club.	201303***	USP III: (1F)
Green Festival	5-Jun-15	The G Organization organized the Green Festival	201305***	USP III: (1M)
منارات بقاعية	5-Jun-15	The 'بقاعية منارات' was organized by the UNESCO Club.	201304*** 201304*** 201305***	USP III: (2F; 1M)
Reforestation Campaign	6-Jun-15	The AFDC organized a Reforestation Campaign and invited students to take part.	201303***	USP III: (1F)
Beirut Marathon Women's Race	7-Jun-15	The Lebanese American University participates every year with the Beirut Marathon Association in the Women's Race. This year LAU decided to run for MySchoolPulse, a non-profit organization bringing school to hospitals in Lebanon for children undergoing treatment for a life-threatening illness. Unlike past years, the Women's Race Marathon was held for the first time in the picturesque city of Byblos.	201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201303*** 201305*** 201305*** 201303***	USP III: (6F; 1M)
17th LAU International University Theatre Festival	10-Jun-15	The Department Of Communication Arts organized the 17th LAU international university theatre festival.	201404*** 201406*** 201404***	USP III: (3F)
Sorry Wrong Number	11-Jun-15	'Sorry Wrong Number' was organized by the Communication Arts Department at LAU.	201305***	USP III: (1F)
Star Gazing Trip To Kfardebian	20-Jun-15	LAU Astronomy Club organized a star gazing trip in the town of Kfardebian.	201304***	USP III: (1F)
Ushering In The Commencement Exercises	23-Jun-15	The Commencement exercises were held by the Dean of Students office, whereby students were allowed to help with logistical matters such as ushering.	201304***	USP III: (1M)
Rope Course Training Program	28-Jun-15	The Rope Course Training Program was organized by AFDC; the course consisted of training people on how to monitor activities such as skywalk	201303***	USP III: (1F)

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		and rapel at the AFDC ramlieh center. The training was the theoretical part about the ropes and equipment needed in addition to the safety rules needed in order to keep people safe while doing those activities.		
Ramadaniyat Beirutia	2-Jul-15	Ramadaniyat Beirutia is an event that was organized by Makhoumi Foundation and was held in Beil. The students volunteered to inform people about the Lebanese American University.	201406***	USP III: (1F)
Communication Skills Workshop	7-Jul-15	The Communication Skills workshop was organized by the outreach and civic engagement unit at LAU to help students become more comfortable at preparing/presenting improvised speeches.	201303*** 201304***	USP III: (1F; 1M)
Volunteer In The Graduate's Iftar	10-Jul-15	The OCE unit organized a celebratory Iftar for all USP I & USP II graduates. Several USP scholars volunteered to ensure the Iftar's success.	201304*** 201301*** 201304***	USP III: (2F; 1M)
Scouts Training Camp	11-Jul-15	The camp was organized by Dhour Chouier Scouts; students involved received survival training for two days.	201304***	USP III: (1M)
Kermis	18-Jul-15	The Kermis was organized by Nadi El Salam; its aim was to raise money for children who are not able to afford school.	201404***	USP III: (1F)
Environmental Activity	20-Jul-15 & 21-Jul-15	USP scholars volunteered to aid the LAU community by cleaning its surroundings. The activity was organized by a representative from LAU's Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit, and was held on two consecutive days, the 20th and the 21st of July, 2015.	201304*** 201304*** 201304***	USP III: (1F; 2M)
Junior Chamber International Meeting	24-Jul-15	Junior Chamber International (JCI) is a non profit organization found in over 100 countries around the globe, Lebanon hosts three JCI chapters. USP III scholar 201303*** took part	201303***	USP III: (1F)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of Participants	Number of Participants
		<p>in an introductory JCI (Sidon Chapter) meeting on the 24th of July, 2015. The meeting's aim was to introduce new comers to JCI's history and principles. Since JCI's mission is to 'Provide development opportunities for young people to create a positive change.' They discussed an upcoming blood donation event for the Lebanese army that is to be held on the 29th of August.</p> <p>201303*** will be helping out by promoting the event, through the distribution of fliers and raising awareness on social media.</p>		
USP VI Career Counseling Workshop	27-Jul-15	USP VI scholars were invited to attend the Career Counselling Workshop as a final step of their selection process. Several USP scholars helped make the event successful by taking care of the events logistical aspects.	201406*** 201304*** 201301***	USP III: (2F; 1M)
Basketball Court Renovation	4-Aug-15	USP III scholar 201304*** volunteered to help the 'Home of Hope' orphanage. She helped renovate their basketball court ensuring that the children had a proper court to advance their physical activities.	201304***	USP III: (1F)
Entertaining Tourists in Sighisoara	8-Aug-15	USP III scholar 201303*** wanted to help entertain tourists in the city of Sighisoara, so she volunteered to dress up as a game of thrones character. This experience helped her make use of her communication and public speaking skills, as it turned out that most tourists were fans of the series.	201303***	USP III: (1F)
Haida Lobnan Project	15-Aug-15	Haida Lobnan is a project that was implemented by Khota Al Shabab NGO in collaboration with a German NGO named GIZ in Aley. USP III scholar 201304*** was trained by GIZ; he attended both workshops that the German NGO gave.	201304***	USP III: (1M)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of Participants	Number of Participants
		201304*** also practiced what he was taught by attending two training sessions that were held by Khota Al Shabab.		
Scouts Summer Camp	19-Aug-15	Scouts of shweir all gather in a yearly summer camp that includes around 120 people, all receiving training for leadership, civic engagement, and survival while still enjoying their time with physical activities to boost their physical health.	201304***	USP III: (1M)
Town Hall Meeting	21-Aug-15	The Town Hall meetings were held so that scholars are able to get a clear overall picture of your rights and obligations; to get to meet face to face the USP team and for the scholars to have all their questions and concerns answered.	59 Scholars	USP III (40F;19M)
معرض الصور القديمة	24-Aug-15	An exhibition was organized in an attempt to reconnect the people of Kfarmatta with their ancestors. The exhibition took place on Aug 24 - Aug 27 at 6 pm - 10 pm. A total of 200, 50+ year old, pictures were collected.	201304***	USP III: (1F)
Peace Festival	28-Aug-15	The Red Cross organized the Peace Festival, an annual event that consists of III days. During the course of the event flyers and posters were distributed flyers; professional painters showcased their environmental peace themed art to the public in the streets of Hamra.	201304***	USP III: (1F)
Graduation Ceremony At Baysour Official Secondary School	29-Aug-15	201304*** helped organize the graduation ceremony by preparing the seating arrangements, decorations and brochures.	201304***	USP III: (1F)
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards	29-Aug-15	Rotary Youth Leadership Award was a 2 day workshop that consisted of lectures that raise awareness about environmental issues such as the now-occurring waste crisis in Lebanon. The workshops also discussed topics about how to be a successful person	201303***	USP III: (1F)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of Participants	Number of Participants
		in addition to time management skills and communication skills for leaders.		
كون مغوار لنهار	30-Aug-15	"كون مغوار لنهار" is a hiking event organized by the lebanese army. The hike was 20 km in length through harsh terrain and took place in the mountains of Saghbeen.	201304***	USP III: (1M)
Value Of Volunteerism	1-Sep-15	A lecturer introduced attendees to the value of volunteering and its positive impact on the person as well as their community level. This event was organized by LOYAC.	201303*** 201303***	USP III: (2F)
Focus Group Evaluation	3-Sep-15	Evaluating and giving feedbacks on the progress of the two year project with the ISF.	201304***	USP III: (1M)
LinkedIn Social Media Workshop	12-Sep-15	The workshop mainly informed attendees on how to use LinkedIn. The workshop concluded by providing certificates to the attendees.	201304***	USP III: (1M)
National Camp	12-Sep-15	Red Cross youth centers came together for a 2 day camp, whereby they participated in necessary first aid activities.	201305***	USP III: (1M)
UNDP- Social Good Summit	29-Sep-15	The Social Good Summit SGS is a yearly event organized UNDP HQ in New York. Over 100 UNDP country offices from around the world participate in this summit. It is the place where global leaders, NGO representatives, journalists, bloggers, activists, academia and a large number of youngsters, meet to discuss big ideas and find solutions for our greatest challenges.	201304*** 201303*** 201304*** 201303***	USP III: (2F; 2M)
Gender: What? Why? And Who Cares? Presentation- Beirut	29-Sep-15	The Director of IWSAW gave a presentation to LAU students about gender issues and how to achieve equality.	201304*** 201404*** 201406*** 201305*** 201505*** 201305*** 201404***	USP III: (6F; 1M)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of Participants	Number of Participants
Gender: What? Why? And Who Cares? Presentation- Byblos	30-Sep-15		201303*** 201304*** 201303***	USP III: (1F; 2M)
MMKN General Assembly	30-Sep-15	MMKN's president held an information session for all students wishing to participate in the MMKN program, explaining what is expected of them and what they should expect, as well as answering any questions they have.	201303*** 201305*** 201404***	USP III : (1F; 2M)

Work Success Boot Camp



A collage created by USP III scholar 201305 regarding the Work Success Boot Camp***



USP III scholar 201305 receiving a certificate after successfully completing the Work Success Boot Camp***

Reforestation Event



USP III scholar 201303 celebrating Women's International Day by planting trees***

First Aid Awareness



USP III scholar 201305 explaining the importance of First Aid Awareness***

Lecture On Civil Marriage



USP III scholar 201303 introducing the lecture about Civil Marriage***



*USP III scholar 201304*** attending the lecture*

AIESEC Conference: Accelerate 2015



*USP III scholar 201304*** taking a group photograph at the end of the Conference.*



*USP III scholar 201304*** engaged in the presentations given*



*USP III scholar 201304*** at the AIESEC conference*



USP III scholars 201404, 201404***, 201304***, in a group picture at the end of the conference***

Teachers' Day With MMKN



USP III scholar 201404 celebrating Teachers' Day***



USP III scholar 201303 sharing her experience as a Volunteer teacher with MMKN***



USP III scholars 201305 and 201303*** taking a group picture at the end of the ceremony***

Beit Chabab Hospital



USP III scholar 201304 in a group picture with peers at the end of her camping trip***

Search For Common Ground



USP III scholars 201304, 201303*** and 201303*** in a group picture at the end of the workshop***

Motorcycle Day



USP III scholar 201301 the event organizer being interviewed***



USP III scholar 201304 enjoying the Motorcycle Day event***



USP III scholar 201304 taking a picture during Motorcycle Day***

AUH Mother's Day



USP III scholars 201406, 201404*** visiting AUBMC on Mothers' Day***



USP III scholars distributing flowers

Children's Day



USP III scholar 201304 painting a child's face during the Child's Day Festival***



Children attending Children Day's event organized by USP III scholar 201304***

Time Management Session



USP III scholar 201304 presenting her view regarding time management***



The 8th grade students that attended USP III scholar 201304's presentation about time management***

Mothers' Day Drawing Competition



*USP III scholar 201305*** viewing a drawing made by a second grader*



*USP III scholar 201305*** taking a group photograph with the second graders who participated in the drawing competition*

Mothers' Day



*USP III scholar 201304*** playing the piano during the mother's day mass*



Mother's Day Celebration during 201304's event***

Love Your Body Day



USP III scholar 201304 enjoying the Love Your Body Day event***

Palestinian Day



USP III scholars amongst peers during the Palestinian Day Event

Tutoring English and Math



USP III scholar 201304 tutoring student struggling with English***



USP III scholar tutoring student struggling with math

Reforestation Initiative



*USP III scholar 201304*** volunteering with Access 9 on a project to reforest his home town*

Visiting a Children's Orphanage



USP III scholars entertaining orphans during a visit to Dar Al Aytam Al Islamiya

Heritage Day



USP III scholars 201304, 201305*** and 201304*** at the heritage day***



USP III scholars 201304, 201404***, 201305***, Monalissa Halblab and 201304*** in a group picture as a Zaffeh in the heritage day***

Career Fair



USP III scholar 201304 attending the Career Fair***



*USP III scholar 201305*** at the career fair*

LAU Motor Show 2015



Luxurious cars brought to campus during Automotive Day

Basic Studio Skills Workshop-Beirut



USP III scholars, 201305, 201305***, 201304***, 201303***, 201304***, 201304***, 201303***, 201404*** and 201303*** attending the Workshop***



USP III scholars 201304, 201303***, 201304***, 201303***, 201301*** and 201305*** listening to the lecture***

Basic Studio Skills Workshop- Byblos



USP III scholars 201304, 201304***, 201203*** and 201304*** during the Basic Studio Skills Workshop***



USP III scholars 201305, 201304*** and 201304*** attentively listening***



USP III scholar 201305 engaged in the Basic Studio skills Workshop***



USP III scholar 201303 explaining a concept to the class***

Civic Engagement and Entrepreneurial Training-Beirut



USP III scholars 201303, 201304***, 201303***, and 201304*** attending the workshop***



USP III scholar 201305, 201303***, 201305***, 201304***, 201304***, 201305***, 201304*** and 201304*** listening to the workshop***



USP III scholars 201304, 201303***, 201304*** and 201303*** at the workshop***

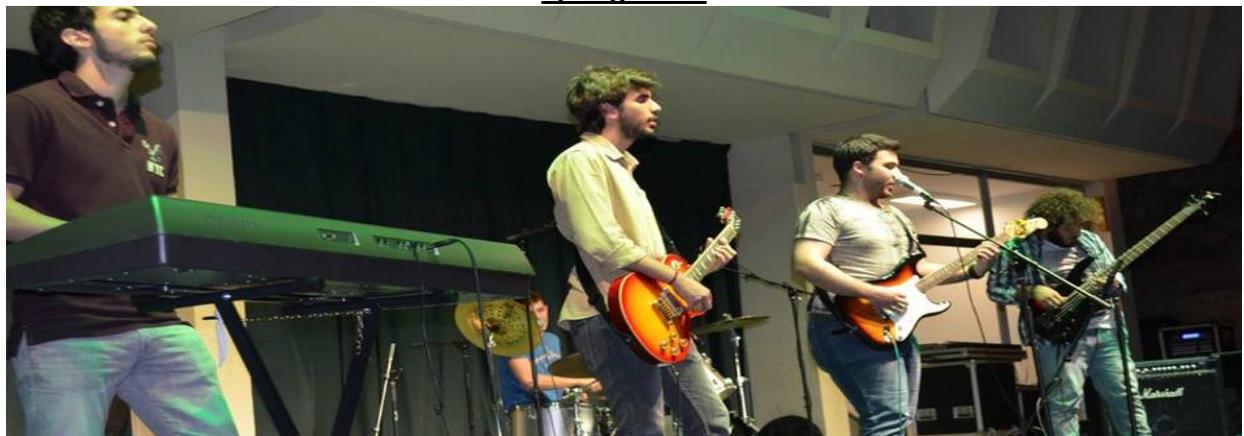


USP III scholars 201304, 201304*** and 201303*** attending the workshop***



USP III scholars attending listening attentively to the trainer

Spring Beats



USP III scholar 201404 performing with the Music Club at the Spring Beats***



*USP III scholars 201304***, 201303***, 201303*** and 201303*** enjoying the Spring Beats*



*USP III scholar 201305*** and 201303*** at the Spring Beats*

Cannes et Coeurs Non-Governmental Organization Visit



*USP III scholar 201305*** at the Cannes et Coeurs Non-Governmental Organization Visit*



USP III scholar 201305 with the Eldery of the Cannes et Coeurs NGO***

Civic Engagement and Entrepreneurial Workshop–Byblos



*USP III scholars 201303***, 201304*** and 201304 attentively listening to the lecturer*



*USP III scholars 201304***, 201304*** and 201304*** amongst other USP scholars during the Civic Engagement and Entrepreneurial Training Workshop*



*USP III scholars 201304***, 201304*** and 201303*** engaged in the Workshop*

Emotional Intelligence Workshop



*USP III scholars 201303*** and 201305*** listening to the workshop*

Environmental Day



*USP III scholar 201305*** giving the workshop for the children*



USP III scholar 201305 engaged in team building activities with the children***

AIESEC Interviews



USP III scholars 201304, 201303***, 201404*** and 201404******

Indian Vibes



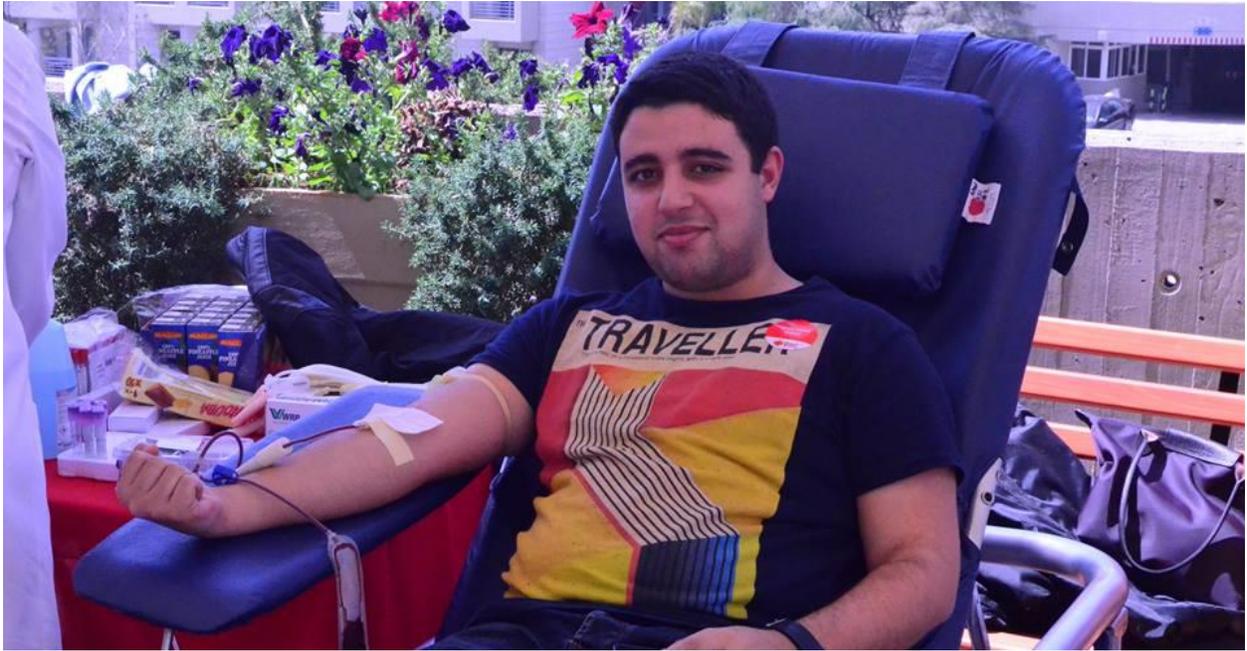
*USP III scholars 201305***, 201305*** and 201305*** in the Indian Costumes*

MiniFootball Tournament



*USP III scholar 201304*** was the goal keeper at the MiniFootball Tournament*

Blood Donation DSC-Byblos



USP III scholar 201304 donating blood***

Exhibition In "Support Of The Lebanese Army"



USP III scholar 201406 at the exhibition***

OCEAN 2015



USP III scholar 201304 with the representative of the Chile embassy during the OCEAN Day Event***



USP III scholar 201304 at the OCEAN's event***

Project Management Workshop-Byblos



USP III scholars 201303, 201304*** and 201304*** during the Project Management Workshop***



USP III scholars 201304, 201303***, 201303*** engaged with the Dean of Students***



USP III scholars 201304, 201304*** and 201304*** attending the Project Management Workshop***



USP III scholars 201304 and 201304*** attending the game***

2015 Clubs Awards Ceremony



USP III scholars 201301, 201304*** and 201304*** taking a group picture wearing their medals***

Fundraising-Red Cross



USP III scholar 201304 volunteering with the LAU Red Cross Club***

Save A Life And Give Blood-Beirut



USP III scholar 201303 donating blood***

6th NGO Fair 2015



USP III scholars 201304 and 201303*** attending the NGO Fair***



USP III scholar 201404 at the 6th NGO Fair***



USP III scholar 201404 enjoying the NGO Fair***



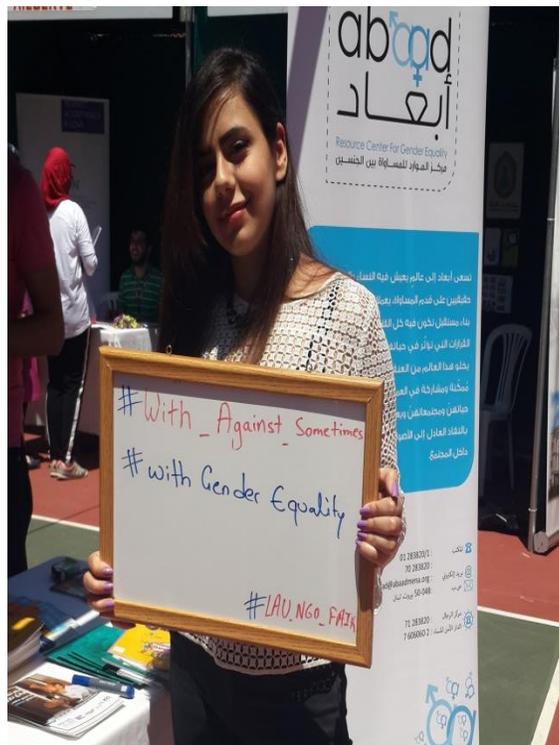
USP III scholar 201304 taking a picture at the NGO Fair***



USP III scholar 201404 attending the NGO Fair***



USP III scholars 201305*, 201303***, 201304***, 201406*** getting involved in the NGO Fair**



USP III scholar 201303* at the NGO Fair**



*USP III scholar 201304*** discovering the NGO Fair*



*USP III scholar 201305*** at the Opening ceremony of the NGO Fair*

Library Open House



USP III scholar 201404 at the Library Open House***



USP III scholar 201303 at the Library Open House***

Residence Hall Dinner



*USP III scholars 201303***, 201404*** and 201406*** in a group picture at the Annual dinner*

Poetry Symposium



*USP III scholar 201304*** supporting her USP V colleague 201404****



USP III scholars 201305 and 201303*** in a group picture***

LAU Spring Fiesta



USP III scholars enjoying the Spring Fiesta with their LAU colleagues



*USP III scholar 201303*** enjoying the Spring Fiesta*



*USP III scholar 201305*** at the Spring Fiesta*



USP III scholar 201304 in group photo at the Spring Fiesta***

Let's Walk **مشوار مع مغوار**



USP III scholars 201303 and 201303*** in a group picture with the Military Army***

Beirut Marathon Women's Race



USP III scholars among other volunteers taking a group photo during the Women's Race Marathon



USP III scholars 201305 and 201303*** passing water to runners***



USP III scholars enjoying the Women's Race Marathon

Environmental Activity



*USP III scholars 201304***, 201304*** and 201304*** taking part in the environmental activity*



USP III scholars 201304, 201304*** and 201304*** cleaning LAU's neighboring hilltop***

Junior Chamber International meeting



USP III scholar 201303 during the JCI Sidon meeting held on the 24th of July.***

Basketball Court Renovation



*USP III scholar 201304*** renovating the 'Home of Hope' Basketball court*

Entertaining Tourists in Sighisoara



*USP III scholar 201303*** dressed up as a Game of Thrones character to attract tourists*



USP III scholar taking a picture with a tourist

Haida Lobnan Project



*USP III scholar 201304*** acting as a facilitator while implementing the Haida Lobnan Project*

LinkedIn Social Media Workshop



USP III scholar 201304 in a group picture after receiving certificate for the LinkedIn Workshop***

UNDP- Social Good Summit



USP III scholars 201304 and 201304*** socializing at the UNDP –Social Good Summit***

Gender: What? Why? And Who Cares? Presentation- Beirut



USP III scholars 201304, 201404***, 201406***, 201305***, 201505***, 201305***, and 201404*** attentively listening to the presentation***

MMKN General Assembly



USP III scholars 201303, 201305*** and 201404*** listening attentively to the lecturer***

2. Leadership Activities

2.1 Global Classrooms LAU Model United Nations

The Lebanese American University is holding, this year, the 10th Global Classrooms LAU Model United Nations conference in partnership with the “United Nations Association” of the United States of America.

“Global Classrooms” LAU Model United Nations is a program that consists in providing knowledge and skill based training for students over 5 Saturdays at the LAU premises in the following areas:

- a. Conflict resolution skills including the art of coalition building, communications, negotiations, open debate and resolution writing as well as simulation exercises;
- b. Diplomatic skills with extensive knowledge about UN procedures and rules of diplomatic and protocol representation;
- c. Knowledge-based training in country demographic, economic, political and social profiles;
- d. Advocacy training in civic engagement and social service in order to better serve the civic society and the philanthropic causes in Lebanon.

The ultimate aim of the program is to make Lebanese and a selected number of Arab students, coming from diverse socio-economic and sectarian backgrounds, acknowledge each other’s differences, think methodically and objectively about UN problems, accept diversity, and gain communications, negotiations and leadership skills as well as cognition about the global challenges facing the United Nations.

Grade 7 , 8 , 10 and 11 school students will act as ambassadors for different countries and tackle the problems of sustainable development, global terrorism, menacing epidemics, global poverty, the spread of weapons of mass destruction, and environmental and ecological threats. The power of argumentation will prevail over the argument of power and the culture of democracy, unleashing the creative energies of the students, will triumph over the traditional teaching methods implemented in most of the schools of Lebanon.

The launching of the project takes place every year in November, and it exceeds expectations in terms of enthusiastic receptivity of the stakeholders, principals, advisors, and trainers of more than 2,602 students coming from more than 1600 schools from all over Lebanon.

Many USP Scholars are involved in this program including the following USP III scholars

USP Scholar Name	GC LAU MUN Position
201304***	School Relations Coordinator
201304***	Trainer & School Relations Coordinator
201304***	Chair, Trainer & School Relations Coordinator
201303***	School Relations Coordinator
201305***	Logistics Coordinator



USP III scholar 201303 partaking in a group photograph to commemorate the occasion***



USP III scholar 201304 joining fellow school relations coordinators in a group photograph***



A group photograph taken to conclude the inauguration ceremony with USP scholars

2.2 Success Stories

Honor Society (May 7, 2015)

Honor Society ceremony is held so that Parents, friends, instructors, and university administrators can gather to recognize the academic efforts of outstanding LAU students. Students who have completed more than 24 credit hours with a GPA above 3.5 automatically become part of the honor society. During the Ceremony those students receive certificates of recognition. Many USP I, II and III scholars took part in the Honor Society Ceremony whereby they received certificates for their outstanding GPA.



*USP III scholar 201304*** receiving his certificate from the Dean of the School of Engineering*



USP III scholar 201304 receiving her certificate from the Dean of the School of Business***



USP III scholars from the school of Nursing taking part of the Honor Society Ceremony

Volunteering in USP VI Orientation (August 26, 2015)

A warm welcome was given to 49 high-school graduates from towns across Lebanon on their first official day at LAU. They are the university's fifth cohort of students to receive a full scholarship under the USAID funded University Scholarship Program (USP). Several USP I, II, III and V scholars participated in the event ensuring its success. They guided the newly admitted scholars through the process of registration and shared their stories helping the new 45 USP VI and two new USP III and two new USP V recruits feel at home. The USAID program helped the

formerly admitted scholars grow their spirit of volunteerism whereby their example will pave the way into the newly admitted 45 USP VI scholars, two new USP III and two new USP V.



USP III scholars 201403, 201304***, 201304***, 201404***, 201304***, 201404***, 201304***, 201406***, 201303***, 201304***, 201303***, 201304***, 201304***, 201404***, 201304***, 201304***, 201304***, 201304***, 201404***, 201304***, 201303***, 201304***, 201304***, 201303***, 201305***, 201303***, 201304***, 201304***, 201303***, 201304***, 201303***, 201404*** & 201304*** in a group picture with the newly admitted USP VI scholars***

Beach Cleaning Campaign (September 12, 2015)

LAU's Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit organized a beach cleaning campaign in collaboration with Operations Big Blue. Several USP scholars from the various cohorts banded together to clean the Ramla Bayda beach. In order to promote this environmental initiative the scholars dressed in the same green shirts, and attended a lecture by a big blue representative about the diverse marine life that is present in Lebanon and how they can preserve it. Awareness about this issue is not very popular amongst the current Lebanese population however with the help of campaigns such as this one, there is hope for change.



USP III scholars 201304, 201304***, 201304***, 201505***, 201304***, 201303***, 201305***, 201303*** and 201303*** in a group picture with representatives from LAU's Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit during the beach cleaning campaign***

USP Mentorship Program Workshop (Beirut: September 21, 2015/Byblos: September 22, 2015)

Mentors for USP scholars are chosen carefully based on the following set of criteria: good academic standing, shows traits of responsibility, highly spirit of volunteerism, has a relevant major to their mentees, good tutoring skills and good time management skills. The applicants pass through a round of interviews after which they are given a workshop on how to be an effective mentor. Many LAU students applied for the opportunity to be a mentor and 47.6% of the accepted mentors are USP scholars. The program has enabled USP scholars to be highly successful individuals in throughout their university years thus preparing them well for their future.



USP III scholars during the mentors' program

Time Management and Study Skills Workshop (Beirut: September 28, 2015/ Byblos: September 29, 2015)

The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at LAU organized a time management workshop. USP scholars lead busy lives; they need to balance their course-work load, leadership activities, family and social lives, volunteer hours, internship and of course, they need to have a break to relax. To experience academic success in this stage of their lives and career success in the future, it's essential that they put effective time management skills, habits, and strategies into place. USP III new and USP V scholars learned various ways in which they can organize their lives and better their standard of living in order to achieve their maximum potential.



USP III New scholars engaged in the Time Management & Study Skills Workshop

2.3 Community Development Project:

“LAU One Day Public School Initiative”				
Location: Official 2nd Intermediate School of Baalback-Al Jadeda				
Date: May 2, 2015				
Scholars’ Information				
Scholar Name	Cohort	Public School	Residency	Major
201305***	USP III	Official School of Douris	Baalback	Biology
201305***	USP III	Official School of Douris	Baalback	Business
Purpose of Project				
The purpose of the project is for 201305*** and 201305*** to give back to their community in terms of education benefit by preparing Grade 9 students for high results of success in their exams. They are using the expertise they have acquired in teaching and giving reinforcement programs so that the students of their hometown can aspire to a better future. They will be teaching the subjects of biology, chemistry and physics.				
Project Phases				
Phase I		Phase II		
In the Official 2nd Intermediate School of Baalbeck- Al Jadeda, 201305***and 201305*** alternated between two classrooms and between different subjects of teaching from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., intercepted with a lunch break and mingling with the students. The students received support booklets which they can keep with them for further practicing.		In the afternoon, the students with their trainers headed to Official Intermediate School of Baalbeck in order to attend the closing ceremony of the project which included distribution of certificates and testimonies from scholars.		



USP III scholars 201305 and 201305*** in a group photo at the end of their community project***

“LAU One Day Public School Initiative”				
Location: Official Intermediate School of Baalback				
Date: May 2, 2015				
Scholars’ Information				
Scholar Name	Cohort	Public School	Residency	Major
201404***	USP III	Official School of Douris	Baalback	Nutrition
Purpose of Project				
The purpose of the project is for 201404***, 201404*** and 201305*** to give back to their community in terms of education benefit by preparing Grade 9 students for high results of success in their exams. They are using the expertise they have acquired in teaching and giving reinforcement programs so that the students of their hometown can aspire to a better future. They will be teaching the subjects of biology, chemistry and physics.				
Project Phases				
Phase I		Phase II		
In Official Intermediate School of Baalbeck, the three scholars 201404***, 201404*** and 201305*** alternated together in the teaching of the subjects of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The students received support booklets and the program of the day included lunch break and mingling with the students.		In the afternoon, the students with their trainers headed to the playground of the school in order to attend the closing ceremony of the project which included distribution of certificates and testimonies from scholars.		



USP III scholar 201404 in a group picture at the end of her community project***

“LAU One Day Public School Initiative”				
Location: Official Intermediate School of Barouk				
Date: May 9, 2015				
Scholars’ Information				
Scholar Name	Cohort	Public School	Residency	Major
201303***	USP III	Official School of Deir El Qamar	Barouk	Economics
201404***	USP III	Official School of Baakline	Al- Simkaneye	Business
Purpose of Project				
<p>The purpose of this project is for the scholar’s to give back to their hometown in terms of educational benefits. 201404*** and 201303*** have been part of LAU’s public reinforcement program which aims at helping students in Beirut from different public schools in succeeding in Grade 9. They are eager to transfer the skills they acquired and to channel them into helping students of their community. Due to the lack of preparedness, a high percentage of students drop out from grade 9 so 201404*** and 201303*** want to prepare the Grade 9 students to achieve high results in their exams by tutoring them in the subjects of: biology, chemistry and physics. They will also be informing the students of the importance of succeeding and the importance of knowledge and education.</p>				
Project Phases				
Phase I	Phase II			
<p>The event targeted two public schools: the Official School of Barouk and the Official School of Batloun. The event took place at the Official School of Barouk whereby 201404*** and 201303*** provided support teaching in the major subjects in two different languages: English and French, each to its respective audience.</p>	<p>In the afternoon, the students along with their parents and key figures of the community attended the closing ceremony of the scholars’ project. The ceremony included testimonies from the scholars and distribution of certificates.</p>			



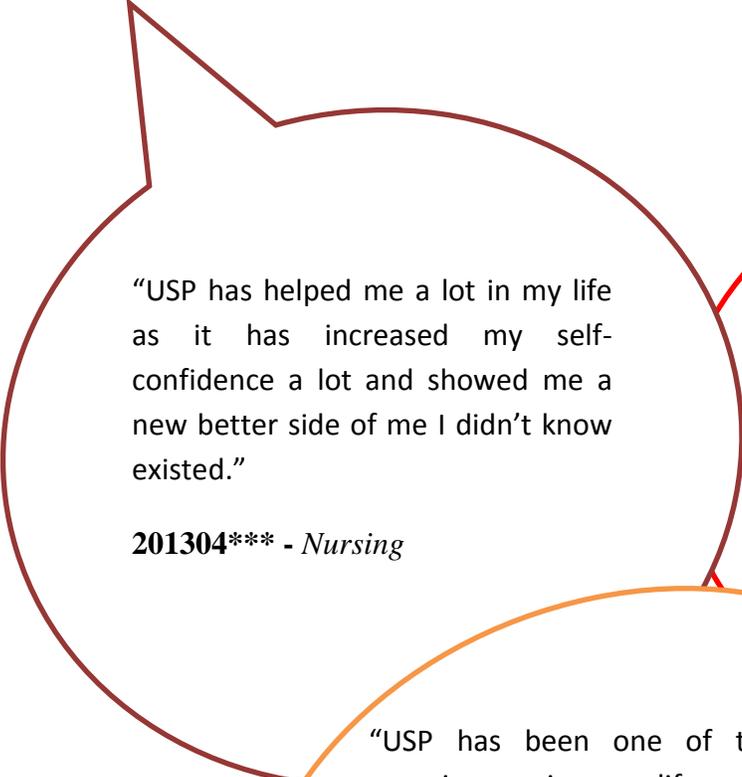
USP III scholars 201303* and 201404*** in a group picture at the end of their community project**

"We Care"				
Location: Sidon Orphan Welfare Society and Outreach & Leadership Academy (OLA)				
Date: May 29th, 2015				
Scholars' Information				
Scholar's Name	Cohort	Public School	Residency	Major
201304***	USP III	Official School of Hasan Kamel Sabbah	Nabatyieh, Dweir	Biology
201304***	USP III	Official School of Hasan Kamel Sabbah	Nabatyieh, Haboush	Biology
201304***	USP III	Official School of Dr. Nazih Bizri	Saida	Biology
201305***	USP III	Official School of Hasan Kamel Sabbah	Nabatiyeh	Comp. Sc.
201304***	USP III	Official School of Saida For Girls II	Saida	Psychology
201303***	USP III	Official School of Dr. Nazih Bizri	Saida	Chemistry
201304***	USP III	Official School of Ghazieh	Nabatiyeh, Droub Al-Fawka	Nutrition
201403***	USP III	Official School of Hasan Kamel Sabbah	Nabatiyeh, Kfar Roman	Comp. Sc.
Purpose of Project				
<p>USP III and V scholars implemented their community development project under the theme "We Care". Aiming at drawing a smile on the faces of the orphans, the scholars spent an educational day on May 29, 2015 at the Sidon Orphan Welfare Society (in Saida-South). The scholars provided educational support in the subjects of Biology, Math and Chemistry during their morning session to students from Grade 6, 7 and 8. Simultaneously, another group of students engaged with grade 3, 4 and 5 students around teamwork and communication skills. In the afternoon, the students provided educational and interactive learning activities. A closing ceremony, on which the distribution of certificates took place, was held at LAU's newly inaugurated center in Saida "OLA" which is in partnership with Hariri Foundation for Sustainable Human Development.</p>				



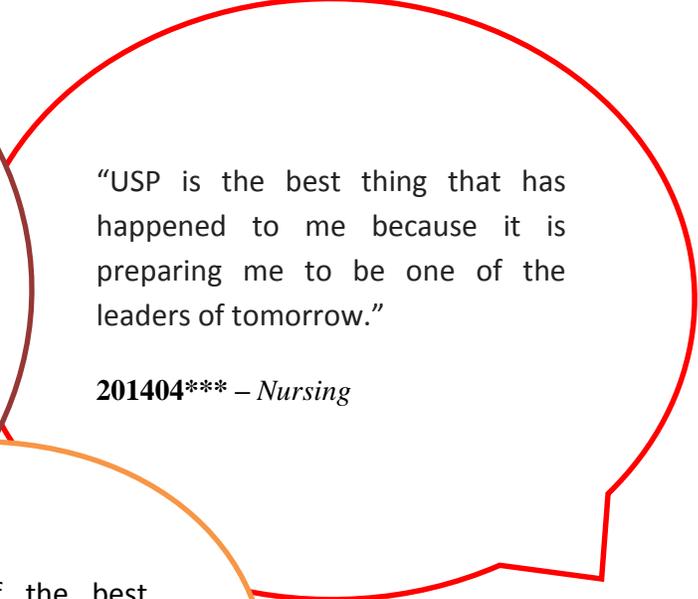
USP III scholars 201304, 201304***, 201304***, 201305***, 201304***, 201303***, 201304*** and 201403*** in a group photo at the end of their community project***

III. Quotes form Scholars



“USP has helped me a lot in my life as it has increased my self-confidence a lot and showed me a new better side of me I didn’t know existed.”

201304*** - *Nursing*



“USP is the best thing that has happened to me because it is preparing me to be one of the leaders of tomorrow.”

201404*** – *Nursing*



“USP has been one of the best experiences in my life as it has introduced me to a whole new amazing world.”

201303*** - *Nursing*

IV. Appendix I

Mentors List

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