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I. Impact Summary

| Cohort | Total number of scholarships disbursed to-date (T = E+G+D) | Total number of scholars enrolled at the beginning of the reporting period (=E) | Total cumulative number of scholars who graduated by the end of this reporting period (=G) | Total cumulative number of scholars who dropped during the reporting period (=D) |
|--------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| USP (1) | 52+9=61 | 16* | 48 | 2 + 1 dropped during Spring 2016 |
| USP (2) | 53+12=65 | 40 | 33 | 2 |
| USP (3) | 85+8+2=95 | 91 | 0 | 4 |
| USP (5) | 56+3+2=61 | 61 | 0 | 1 |
| USP (6) | 42+3=45 | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| Total USPs at LAU | 327 | 253* | 81 | 9 + 1 dropped during Spring 2016 |

* Includes the student who was registered at the beginning of Spring 2016 and later dropped out

(Further information are available on a separately attached document, refer to PMP of USP V)

II. Project Summary

1. Key Achievements:

- a. In Fall 2015, 9 scholars were on the Distinguished List (semester GPA above 3.5), and 8 scholars on the Honors List (semester GPA between 3.2 and 3.5).
- b. 18 scholars have a Major GPA above 3 and all have a Major GPA above 2.
- c. 17 scholars have a Cumulative GPA above 3 and all have a Cumulative GPA above 2.
- d. 2 scholars graduated from Freshman to Sophomore and 20 scholars from Sophomore to Junior. Current totals are:
 - i. Sophomore: 5 scholars
 - ii. Junior: 22 scholars
- e. There are no scholars on probation.

III. Detailed Progress:

A. Advising and Registration:

All the 58 USP V and the 2 new USPIII scholars are registered for spring 2016 with full time loads. The scholars have been in regular contact with their academic coordinators and have been receiving proper advice and direction.

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 1.

c. Academic coordinators

Since USP V scholars do not have a designated academic advisors, these students have been followed up closely by the USP academic coordinators. For reporting and tracking students' performance, direct contact with each of these students' classroom professors has been established.

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 December 2015, fall semester came to an end and by then the instructors had sent three progress reports for fall 2015. The reports were studied and, when needed, proper advisory action was taken. The reports demonstrated that the USP V scholars are performing well and progressing normally.

Out of the 61 scholars, one student from the old cohort was dropped out in fall 2015 (see below special cases section), and 60 were registered as regular full time students for spring 2016. It is important to note that out of these 60 students enrolled in regular classes.

During the January–March period, academic coordinators sent one progress report for spring 2016 semester. The reports were studied and, when needed, proper advisory action was taken. The reports demonstrated that:

- 28 USP V scholars are performing very well and progressing normally,
- 24 USP V scholars have an expected grade below C in 1 course,
- 7 USP V scholars have expected grades below C in 2 courses,
- 1 USP V scholar has an expected grade below C in 4 courses.

Special Cases

- **201406*****

Academic information:

Major: Communication Arts/ Journalism

GPA: CGPA: 1.92 MGPA: 1.75

Academic standing: On Probation

Credits completed: 61 credits

Initially planned graduation semester: Spring 2017

Towards the end of the Spring 2015, the scholar showed signs of not performing well and was absenting herself from classes. With due follow-up of the USP management, the scholar was advised to see the LAU counselor. The counselor informed us that 201406*** was going through a depression. Arrangements were made for her to see a professional counselor. In his report the counselor stated that the scholar has post-traumatic stress disorder due to major traumas experienced during her childhood which leads to her suffering from a generalized anxiety disorder. The doctor suggested to decrease her academic load. The scholar was given permission to drop three courses. In two courses she was given Incompletes by the instructors. At the end of Summer 1 term she was given a third Incomplete.

In view of the third Incomplete and after consultation with the counselor, the scholar and her mother were seen and were told that 201406*** should see a psychiatrist. Initially they agreed, but at the start of the Fall semester the scholar changed her mind about seeing a psychiatrist. Also in some of her Fall semester courses she absented herself from classes more often than allowed and missed a few tests. The scholar was seen again and was given a warning that she might end up losing the scholarship and the firm recommendation of the USP department is to see a psychiatrist. The scholar saw two psychiatrists and informed us that she began taking the medicine recommended by one of the psychiatrists.

The scholar completed the Fall semester with one F, one D, one D+ and one Incomplete which, after the makeup exam became a B-. Her CGPA dropped to 1.92, while her MGPA dropped to 1.75. Having a CGPA of 1.92 meant that the student was now on probation. A student who is on probation at the end of Fall is not allowed to take more than 13 credits in Spring. Not being able to take more than 13 credits meant that the scholar would not be able to follow a regular plan and to graduate on time even if an extra summer term is to be approved. As a result, the scholar had to discontinue from the scholarship program. The scholar was informed about the decision. The special case has been redacted. 201406*** signed the Acknowledgment and Release form and returned her laptop.

- **201404*****

Summary of academic information:

Major: Social Work

GPA's: CGPA: 2.75 MGPA: 2.6

Academic standing: Good standing

Credits completed: 73 credits

Initially planned graduation semester: Spring 2017

During the Spring 2016 semester the scholar started accumulating absences from classes and contacted the USP department with an e-mail asking for attention. She was immediately invited to meet and discuss the problem. The following became apparent: the scholar is seeing a psychologist but is unhappy about the experience and the scholar has moderate to severe psychological problems. She is currently having meetings with the counselor and is coordinating to see a psychiatrist. The case is thoroughly documented and is under close supervision.

f. Enrichment Activities

1. Club & Leadership Activities

| Activity | Date | Description | Names of participants | Number of participants |
|---|-----------|--|--|------------------------|
| AIIESEC Step UP Conference | 2-Oct-15 | This event was organized by AIIESEC. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Creativity in Management | 3-Oct-15 | A consultant and management specialist gave a presentation about how the concepts of management and creativity can be combined to give a productive output. The presentation was held in the room of commerce in Tripoli. | 201405*** 201405*** 201406*** | USP V (1F;2M) |
| Aley Red Cross Training Camp | 4-Oct-15 | This Camp was organized by USP V scholar 201404*** and the Red Cross club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| AUB Field Day | 4-Oct-15 | Field Day is a perennial favorite enjoyed by the United States Department of State's English Access Micro scholarship Program (Access) students. The program provides deserving 14-18 year olds from public schools in underserved communities the chance to learn English and to understand American culture, with AMIDEAST running the program since 2003. The AUB Field day mimics the traditional American event; a day filled with sports, and brings the Access students to Beirut for the experience. | 201405*** 201404*** 201405*** 201406*** 201405*** 201405*** | USP V (2F; 4M) |
| Protests and Prospects | 6-Oct-15 | A panel discussion on the social movements in Lebanon recently. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Lifelong Learning as a Bridge Between Higher Education and Industry | 7-Oct-15 | A presentation of was held to introduce students to the concept of higher education and what it takes to get there. | 201503*** | USP V (1F) |
| Work and Challenges of the Lebanese Parliament | 7-Oct-15 | This was organized by the Department of Social Sciences. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Khota Al Chabab Meeting | 10-Oct-15 | This meeting was organized by Khota al Chabab NGO. | 201403*** | USP V (1F) |
| Survival camp | 10-Oct-15 | This Camp was organized by the Survival team. | 201405*** | USP V (1M) |
| GC LAU MUN: Secretariat Training Camp | 11-Oct-15 | This training camp was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |

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| | | Unit at the Lebanese American University. | | |
| امسية شعرية | 11-Oct-15 | "امسية شعرية" was a poetry event that was organized by Aynjarfa club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Chocolate Day | 12-Oct-15 | The event was organized by the Dean of students' office, to help the Student Council candidates declare their plans for elections. | 201405*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (1F;2M) |
| Nonviolent Communication Training | 13-Oct-15 | The workshop gave attendees an insight on how to engage in compassionate communication with others and ourselves. | 201403*** | USP V (1F) |
| Teach for Lebanon Presentation (Byblos) | 13-Oct-15 | A representative of the NGO Teach For Lebanon gave a presentation to the USP scholars about the fellowship program with their NGO. The program offers a teaching fellowship at the end of which there will be an opportunity to receive a full scholarship for a Master degree. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| USP Basketball | 13-Oct-15 | This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit. | 201404*** | USP V (1M) |
| Faya Younan's Concert | 15-Oct-15 | This concert was organized in collaboration with MMKN NGO. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| AIESEC Information Session for Global Citizen | 19-Oct-15 | Students who are interested in pursuing an academic internship abroad were informed of the process and what it needs. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Health and Fun day | 19-Oct-15 | The Dean of Students Office organized a series of fun events for the LAU student body. | 201405*** | USP V (1M) |
| Info Session for Global Citizen | 19-Oct-15 | This event was organized by AIESEC in collaboration with the Lebanese American University. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Teach for Lebanon Presentation (Beirut) | 19-Oct-15 | A representative of the NGO Teach For Lebanon gave a presentation to the USP scholars about the fellowship program with their NGO. The program offers a teaching fellowship at the end of which there will be an opportunity to receive a full scholarship for a Master degree. | 201404*** 201406*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201403*** | USP V (5F;2M) |

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| كاتب متميز إنساناً ومفكراً | 19-Oct-15 | A presentation about a distinguished author's philosophy of peace, unification of religion, and his cultural heritage. | 201403*** | USP V (1M) |
| Social Media for Business | 20-Oct-15 | Discussion over the importance of social media for growing businesses, the impact it has over sales, real-life examples of companies using it, and actual examples of the different forms of social media used by multinational companies. | 201403*** 201405*** | USP V (2F) |
| Teaching Session with MMKN | 20-Oct-15- Ongoing | MMKN is a nonprofit organization that advocates education, USP scholars volunteering for this organization gives reinforcement classes in public schools, once every week. | 201406*** 201406*** 201404*** 201403*** 201404*** 201503*** 201404*** 201406*** 201404*** | USP V (6F;3M) |
| Cold & Flu | 21-Oct-15 | This event was organized by the Health Services at the American Lebanese University. | 201404*** | USP V (1M) |
| CV Writing Workshop - Byblos | 21-Oct-15 | This workshop was organized by the Dean of Student's Office. | 201404*** | USP V (1M) |
| Industrial Field Trip | 21-Oct-15 | This was organized by an LAU staff. | 201406*** | USP V (1F) |
| Theatre Production: The Dictator | 21-Oct-15 | The USP V scholar was the light operator of the play | 201406*** | USP V (1M) |
| Visit to the Central Bank of Lebanon | 21-Oct-15 | The Outreach and Civic Engagement unit (OCE) at LAU is organizing a visit to the Central Bank whereby BDL specialists will be giving a series of presentations on "the Power of Networking and Positive Contribution to Society". | 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** 201506*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (7F;2M) |
| CSR Conference | 26-Oct-15 | This event was organized by CSR Lebanon team. | 201406*** | USP V (1F) |
| Lebanese Labor Market Challenge | 26-Oct-15 | This event was held at the Lebanese American University. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |

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| International Day of Peace, The International Day of Non Violence and the United Nations Day | 27-Oct-15 | This was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University. | 201405*** 201404*** 201406*** | USP V (1F;2M) |
| Creating your Company...Dream or Reality? | 28-Oct-15 | This event was organized by the Adnan Kassar School of Business. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Meeting with NGO Cedars For Care Three Main Representatives | 28-Oct-15 | This event was organized by AIESEC and Cedars for Care NGO. | 201405*** | USP V (1F) |
| Breastfeeding Lecture | 28-Oct-15 | USP V scholars 201406***, 201403*** and 201404*** took the initiative to educate young girls in the Aley region about the advantages of breast feeding. | 201404*** 201403*** 201406*** | USP V (3F) |
| Visit to "Al Omr Al Madeed" | 28-Oct-15 | This event as organized by the Social Work Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| USP Halloween Party | 28-Oct-15 | The Outreach and civic engagement unit at LAU organized a halloween event in the Beirut Campus whereby USP scholars volunteered ideas as well as help. The event was attended by USP scholars from all cohorts. | 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** 201404*** 201406*** 201404*** 201403*** 201404*** | USP V (10F;1M) |
| Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign | 29-Oct-15 | This event was organized by the Nursing Club. | 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (2F) |
| Hospitality Club's Fundraising Event | 29-Oct-15 | This event was organized by the Hospitality Club. | 201406*** | USP V (1F) |
| Unesco Club Elections | 30-Oct-15 | This event was organized by the UNESCO club. | 201406*** | USP V (1F) |
| Calligraphy Workshop | 31-Oct-15 | This event was given by the Department of Design. | 201406*** | USP V (1F) |
| Foodblessed Bake Sale at Beirut By Bike | 1-Nov-15 | This event was organized by Food Blessed NGO. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Meeting with NGO Al Midan Representative | 2-Nov-15 | This event was organized by AIESEC. | 201405*** | USP V (1F) |
| Coat Caring Campaign | 3-Nov-15 - 6-Nov-15 | This event was organized by The Palestinian Cultural Club in collaboration with the Social Work | 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (3F) |

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| | | Club. | | |
| Safety Awareness Club Annual Reception | 3-Nov-15 | This reception was organized by the Safety Awareness Club. | 201406*** 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** 201403*** 201404*** | USP V (4F;2M) |
| Special Tribunal For Lebanon Inter-University courses | 4-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Special Tribune for Lebanon's (STL) | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Meeting with NGO Animal Encounter Representative | 5-Nov-15 | This event was organized by AIESEC and Animal Encounter NGO in the American University of Beirut. | 201405*** | USP V (1F) |
| TISP | 5-Nov-15 | The TISP was organized by IEEE Club | 201405*** | USP V (1M) |
| AMIDEAST Halloween Party | 6-Nov-15 | This event was organized by AMIDEAST. | 201405*** | USP V (1M) |
| LAU Honors the World Marathon Record-Holder | 6-Nov-15 | LAU Honors the World Marathon Record-Holder who has been internationally acclaimed as the Six-time World Champion, Seven-Time Big City Marathon Winner, and World Record-Holder. She talked about what it means to run for a cause; several USP scholars attended this event. | 201406*** 201405*** 201404*** 201404*** 201403*** 201406*** 201406*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** 201404*** 201506*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (13F;2M) |
| Dubai Airshow 2015 | 7-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Dubai World Trade Center and LAU. | 201405*** | USP V (1F) |
| CV and Body Language Workshop | 8-Nov-15 | This workshop was organized by the Accounting Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Movie Screening "I am Nojoom" | 9-Nov-15 | This screening was organized by KAFA organization. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Social Work Club Fundraising Event | 9-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Social Work Club. | 201404*** 201403*** | USP V (1F;1M) |

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|---|----------------------|---|--|------------------------|
| Weekly board meeting Environmental club | 9-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Environmental Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1M) |
| Internship Fair week | 9-Nov-15 - 13-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Dean of Students Office at the Lebanese American University. | 201405*** 201404*** | USP V (1F;1M) |
| Movie Screening "Frida" | 10-Nov-15 | This screening was organized by the Intersectional Feminist Club at the Lebanese American University. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| فيلم انا نجوم | 10-Nov-15 | This screening was organized by KAFA organization. | 201406*** | USP V (1M) |
| Self-Management and Development Session | 11-Nov-15 | This event was organized by LOYAC. | 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (3F) |
| Faya Youan's Concert | 12-Nov-15 | This event was organized by MMKN NGO. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Exploring the Secrets of the Mind | 14-Nov-15 | This presentation was organized by LOYAC. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Red Cross Training Camp | 14-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Red Cross Club. | 201405*** 201404*** | USP V (1F;1M) |
| Career Guidance | 16-Nov-15 | This presentation was given by the Career Guidance Office. | 201506*** | USP V (1F) |
| Visiting Ain w Zein Hospital | 16-Nov-15 | This event was organized by an ophthalmologist. | 201403*** | USP V (1F) |
| LOYAC Presentation | 17-Nov-15 | This presentation was organized by LOYAC. | 201403*** | USP V (1F) |
| الحراك في تقاطعيته: قمع الدولة و عنف الشرطة | 17-Nov-15 | This event was held at the American University of Beirut. | 201403*** 201404*** | USP V (2F) |
| Blood Drive at LAU Beirut | 18-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Red Cross Club. | 201404*** 201403*** 201405*** 201405*** | USP V (2F;2M) |
| LOYAC Presentation | 18-Nov-15 | This presentation was organized by LOYAC. | 201503*** | USP V (1F) |
| UN Grand Merci | 18-Nov-15 | This event was organized by I in Ethics Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Internship Testimonials | 19-Nov-15 | This was organized by the American Society of Civil Engineers Club. | 201403*** | USP V (1M) |
| Re-claim the F-Word | 19-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Intersectional Feminist Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |

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| UNESCO Club's Annual Reception | 19-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the UNESCO club. | 201403*** 201403*** 201404*** 201406*** | USP V (4F) |
| Advanced Presentation Skills | 20-Nov-15 | This presentation was organized by LOYAC. | 201403*** | USP V (1F) |
| Independence Day with the Lebanese Army | 20-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Dean of Students Office at the Lebanese American University. | 201403*** 201406*** 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** 201404*** 201406*** | USP V (7F;4M) |
| Stargazing event | 20-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Astronomy Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| GC LAU MUN Training Session 1 | 21-Nov-15 | This training session was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University. | 201404*** | USP V (1M) |
| MAL Training Session 1 | 21-Nov-15 | This session was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Department at the Lebanese American University. | 201404*** | USP V (1M) |
| Tree-Planting Festival | 22-Nov-15 | This event was organized Zra3a NGO in collaboration with the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University. | 201405*** | USP V (1F) |
| Recycle Bins Installation | 24-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Environmental Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1M) |
| لماذا رفض سرحان سرحان ما قاله الزعيمز | 24-Nov-15 | This play took place in the LAU Gulbanekian Theatre and was directed by LAU theatre instructor. | 201406*** | USP V (1M) |
| Arabic Literature Club Meeting | 25-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Arabic Literature Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |

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| IWSAW Program for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence | 25-Nov-15 | A discussion panel with a renowned journalist entitled " my twenty years' experience in covering women's issues ". Several USP scholars attended the lecture. | 201506*** 201404*** 201404*** 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (8F) |
| OCE's Independence Day Event | 25-Nov-15 | The Outreach and civic engagement unit at LAU organized a Halloween event in the Beirut Campus whereby USP scholars volunteered ideas as well as help. The event was attended by USP scholars from all cohorts. | 201404*** 201403*** 201404*** 201403*** 201503*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (6F;1M) |
| So You Think You Know Palestine!! | 25-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Palestinian Club and held in LAU Beirut. | 201404*** 201406*** | USP V (1F;1M) |
| حضارتنا بين نهب الاحتلال والارهاب | 25-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Civic Welfare Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1M) |
| CPA lecture | 26-Nov-15 | This lecture was organized by the Accounting Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Drinking and Driving Awareness Campaign | 26-Nov-15 | This Campaign was organized by the Safety Awareness Club. | 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201403*** 201404*** | USP V (7F;1M) |
| Muslims in America before Columbus | 26-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the chairman of the board. | 201503*** | USP V (1F) |
| Sneak Peek | 26-Nov-15 | This event was organized by LOYAC. | 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (3F) |
| CV and Body Language Workshop | 28-Nov-15 | This workshop was organized by the Accounting Club. | 201503*** | USP V (1F) |
| Environmental Day | 28-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Red Cross Club. | 201405*** | USP V (1M) |

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| LAU Orphan Fair 2015 | 28-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Dean of Student's office at the Lebanese American University. | 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (2F;2M) |
| MJO Conference | 28-Nov-15 | This conference was organized by MGO. | 201404*** | USP V (1M) |
| Red Cross Event | 28-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Red Cross Club. | 201503*** | USP V (1F) |
| Elderly Visit "العمر المديد" | 29-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Social Work Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Bake Sale | 30-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Nursing Club. | 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (2F) |
| Motorbikes Day | 30-Nov-15 | This event was organized by the Safety Awareness Club. | 201403*** 201406*** 201404*** 201406*** | USP V (3F;1M) |
| Christmas Concert | 2-Dec-15 | This event was organized by an LAU music instructor. | 201405*** 201405*** 201404*** | USP V (1F;2M) |
| Food for Thought: Are You Man Enough? - Beirut | 2-Dec-15 | This was organized by the Institute for Women's Studies in Arab World. | 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (6F;2M) |
| Health Day Fundraising Event | 2-Dec-15 | This event was organized by the Nutrition Club. | 201406*** | USP V (1F) |
| HIV Awareness Day | 2-Dec-15 | Students majoring in Pre-med and Biology organized a campaign in LAU Byblos to raise awareness about aids. Several NGOs participated to support the campaign. | 201406*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (3F) |
| No Lift No Gift | 2-Dec-15 | This event was organized by the Nutrition Club. | 201404*** 201403*** 201406*** | USP V (3F) |
| Secret Santa Delivery Service | 2-Dec-15 | A fundraising event held by the environmental club through providing a secret santa delivery service. | 201404*** | USP V (1M) |

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| Vadis Quo | 2-Dec-15 | This was organized the Communication Arts Department at the LAU. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Visit to the Traffic Control Room | 2-Dec-15 | This event was organized by the Safety Awareness Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| How to be a Man | 3-Dec-15 | This presentation was organized by the Institute for Women in the Arab World. | 201404*** | USP V (1M) |
| The 100's Anniversary of General Relativity - Byblos | 3-Dec-15 | This event was organized by the Lebanese Book Club. | 201403*** | USP V (1M) |
| The 100's Anniversary of General Relativity - Beirut | 4-Dec-15 | This event was organized by the Lebanon Book Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1M) |
| World Aids Day | 6-Dec-15 | This event was organized by the LAU Medical Students Association (MSA) club and the LEMSIC club | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Mental Health Day | 7-Dec-15 | This event was organized by the Dean of Student's office at the Lebanese American University. | 201403*** | USP V (1F) |
| Photography Club Fundraising Event | 7-Dec-15 | This event was organized by USP V scholar 201404***. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| PWC Presentation | 7-Dec-15 | This event was organized by the Accounting Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Sugar rush | 7-Dec-15 | This event was organized by the Event Organization Club. | 201403*** 201404*** | USP V (2F) |
| The Students' Oriental Orchestra | 8-Dec-15 | The students' oriental orchestra of the Lebanese National Higher Conservatory of Music presented a musical show at LAU. | 201403*** | USP V (1M) |
| Secret Santa Delivery Service | 9-Dec-15 | A fundraising event held by the environmental club through providing a secret santa delivery service. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Quire | 20-Dec-15 | This event was organized by the choir director. | 201404*** | USP V (1M) |
| Araa Foundation Workshop | 22-Dec-15 | This was organized by the Araa Foundation | 201405*** 201405*** 201405*** | USP V (2F;1M) |
| Food Distributing | 22-Dec-15 | This was organized by USP V scholar 201404***. | 201404*** | USP V (1M) |
| GC LAU MUN Training Session 2 | 26-Dec-15 | This training session was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University. | 201404*** | USP V (1M) |

| Activity | Date | Description | Names of participants | Number of participants |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--|---|------------------------|
| Tripoli Visit | 27-Dec-15 | This event was organized by Nadi Athar Tarablous. | 201405*** | USP V (1F) |
| Joined the NST BD team of AIESEC | 7-Jan-16 | This was organized by AIESEC. | 201405*** | USP V (1F) |
| Festival طلع البدر علينا | 8-Jan-16 | This was organized by طلع البدر علينا NGO. | 201405*** | USP V (1M) |
| First Aid Training | 17-Jan-16 | This training Camp was organized by the Red Cross Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| LOYAC Presentation | 18-Jan-16 | This presentation was organized by LOYAC. | 201403*** | USP V (1F) |
| MIT | 20-Jan-16 | This presentation was held at the Lebanese American University. | 201405*** | USP V (1M) |
| Red Cross Recruitment Campaign | 21-Jan-15 | This was organized by the Lebanese Red Cross. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Confidence and Resilience Workshop | 23-Jan-16 | This event was organized by LOYAC. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| TEDxLAU 2016 First Meeting | 23-Jan-16 | This was organized by TedX in collaboration with the Lebanese American University. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Town Hall Meeting | 23-Jan-16 | This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit. | 201405*** 201404*** 201403*** 201403*** 201406*** 201405*** 201404*** 201404*** 201405*** 201406*** 201405*** 201403*** 201405*** 201404*** 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201403*** 201405*** 201406*** 201404*** 201406*** | USP V (29F;23M) |

| Activity | Date | Description | Names of participants | Number of participants |
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| | | | 201406*** 201404*** 201404*** 201405*** 201403*** 201405*** 201404*** 201403*** 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201405*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** 201404*** 201404*** 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** | |
| Study abroad | 25-Jan-16 | This event was organized by an MIT Mechanical Engineering. | 201404*** | USP V (1M) |
| The Palestinian Employment Rights | 25-Jan-16 | This event was organized by the Human Rights Club. | 201506*** | USP V (1F) |
| Makassed Hospital Cancer Ward activity Preparation | 28-Jan-16 | This event was organized by LOYAC. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| يوم الحقوق السياسية و اليات الرصد و الشفافية | 28-Jan-16 | This event was organized by اتحاد المعوقين اللبنانيين | 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (3F) |
| Himlin's Nursing Home Visit | 29-Jan-16 | USP V scholar 201404*** took the initiative to visit and volunteer at the Himlin's Nursing home. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Armenian Club | 29-Jan-16 | This event was organized by the | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |

| Activity | Date | Description | Names of participants | Number of participants |
|--|-------------|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Fundraising Event | | Armenian Club. | | |
| IEEE Grand Tech | 30-Jan-16 | This event was organized by the IEEE Club in AUB. | 201405*** | USP V (1M) |
| National Leadership Summit | 30-Jan-16 | This event was organized by AIESEC. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| First Aid Training | 31-Jan-16 | This training camp was organized by the Red Cross Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Re-designing our Living Spaces | 2-Feb-16 | This event was organized by TedX. | 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (2F) |
| Arabic Literature Club Meeting | 3-Feb-16 | This event was organized by the Arabic Literature Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Let Us Stand for Animal Rights ! | 3-Feb-16 | This event was organized by the Animal Care Club. | 201404*** 201403*** 201406*** | USP V (3F) |
| Microsoft Windows 10 Presentation | 3-Feb-16 | This event was organized by Microsoft and the Lebanese American University. | 201404*** | USP V (1M) |
| Sneak Peek | 3-Feb-16 | This event was organized by LOYAC. | 201503*** | USP V (1F) |
| Gestalt Art Counseling Workshop | 4-Feb-16 | This workshop was organized by the Social Work Club. | 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (5F) |
| Food 4 thought: Do You Trust the Police? | 5-Feb-16 | This was organized by the Institute for Women's Studies in Arab World. | 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (2F) |
| IEEE Annual Gala Dinner | 5-Feb-16 | This event was organized by the IEEE Club. | 201405*** | USP V (1M) |
| Study in France Fair | 5-Feb-16 | This event was organized by the French Embassy. | 201405*** | USP V (1M) |
| ADYAN Annual Launching | 7-Feb-16 | This event was organized by ADYAN. | 201403*** | USP V (1F) |
| CV Writing and Interviews Workshop | 9-Feb-16 | The workshop was organized by LOYAC. | 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (2F) |
| Arabic Literature Club Meeting | 10-Feb-16 | This event was organized by the Arabic Literature Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Have a Safe Valentine | 10-Feb-16 | This event was organized by the Red Cross Club. | 201403*** 201404*** 201503*** 201404*** | USP V (4F) |
| Internal Audit Program | 10-Feb-16 | This workshop was organized by the | 201404*** | USP V (2F) |

| Activity | Date | Description | Names of participants | Number of participants |
|---|-----------|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Workshop | | Accounting Club. | 201506*** | |
| Pink Washing in Aparth201403*** States | 10-Feb-16 | This event was organized by the Intersectional Feminist Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Speed Dates | 10-Feb-16 | This event was organized by the Red Cross Club. | 201406*** | USP V (1F) |
| STD Awareness Event | 10-Feb-16 | This event was organized by the Red Cross Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1M) |
| قرآت شعرية | 10-Feb-16 | This event was organized by the Arabic Literature Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Certificate Distribution | 11-Feb-16 | This event was organized by the Event Organization Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| The Never-ending American Presidential Election: How it works, what's at stake, and what do Americans think about it all? | 12-Feb-16 | This event was organized by the Political Science & International Affairs, and the Department of Social Sciences. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Aiding the Syrian Refugees | 14-Feb-16 | This event was organized by منتدى الشباب لاجل الغازية. | 201406*** | USP V (1M) |
| Group Assessment | 14-Feb-16 | This was organized by AIESEC. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| PWC Presentation | 15-Feb-16 | This event was organized by the Accounting Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Anxiety Disorders Awareness Session | 16-Feb-16 | This event was organized by LOYAC. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| First Aid Training | 20-Feb-16 | This training camp was organized by the Red Cross Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| TISP IEEE | 20-Feb-16 | This event was organized by the IEEE Club | 201405*** | USP V (1M) |
| First Aid Training | 21-Feb-16 | This training Camp was organized by the Red Cross Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Introduction to Inter-professional Collaboration | 24-Feb-16 | This was given by a fashion designer at the Lebanese American University. | 201405*** 201404*** | USP V (2F) |
| Easter Egg Hunt | 25-Feb-16 | This event was organized by the Red Cross Club. | 201503*** | USP V (1F) |
| Reach Out and Dazzle Program | 25-Feb-16 | This is event is organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| LOYAC's Clothes Donation | 26-Feb-16 | This donation was organized by LOYAC. | 201403*** | USP V (1F) |
| Music and Theatre | 26-Feb-16 | This event was organized by an LAU music instructor. | 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** | USP V (2F;2M) |

| Activity | Date | Description | Names of participants | Number of participants |
|--|-----------|---|--|------------------------|
| | | | 201404*** | |
| Playroom activity for Hospitalized Pediatric Patients | 26-Feb-16 | This event was organized by Nursing Students at the Lebanese American University. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Town Hall Meeting - Make up | 26-Feb-16 | This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit. | 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (2F;1M) |
| Red Cross Training Camp | 27-Feb-16 | This event was organized by the Red Cross Club. | 201403*** | USP V (1F) |
| Mental Health Fair | 29-Feb-16 | This event was organized by the Dean of Student's office at the Lebanese American University. | 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (2F) |
| Winter Clothes Campaign | 2-Mar-16 | This Campaign was organized by the Social Work Club. | 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (2F) |
| اللغة العربية وتحديات العصر | 2-Mar-16 | This event was organized by the Arabic Literature Club. | 201406*** 201404*** | USP V (1F;1M) |
| Green Lecture | 4-Mar-16 | This lecture was organized by the Environmental Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1M) |
| Raising Awareness about Diabetic Foot Care and Other Health Issues | 4-Mar-16 | This event was organized by the Nursing Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| On the Run | 5-Mar-16 | This event was organized by the Red Cross Club. | 201503*** | USP V (1F) |
| Arabian Day | 7-Mar-16 | This event was organized by the Event Organization Club. | 201403*** 201406*** | USP V (2F) |
| From Math to Business | 7-Mar-16 | This Even was Organized by the Math Club. | 201406*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (2F;2M) |
| Panel Discussion: Migrant Domestic Workers in Lebanon | 7-Mar-16 | This Discussion was organized by the Intersectional Feminist Club. | 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (3F) |
| International Women's Day | 8-Mar-16 | This was organized by the Institute for Women's Studies in Arab World. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Spears Recruitment at LIU | 9-Mar-16 | This event was organized by the Red Cross Club. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Toast Masters | 9-Mar-16 | This event was organized by Toast Masters and was held in Zouk | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |

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| Panel Discussion | 10-Mar-16 | This discussion was organized by the Sagesse University. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Red Cross Disability Awareness Campaign | 10-Mar-16 | This event was organized by the Red Cross Club. | 201403*** 201404*** 201503*** 201404*** 201403*** | USP V (3F;2M) |
| Epithelial Tissues Seminar | 11-Mar-16 | This seminar was given by LAU Natural Science faculty member. | 201403*** | USP V (1M) |
| Ouyoun Al Siman Hike | 13-Mar-15 | This hike was organized by the Hiking and Camping Club. | 201404*** 201404*** | USP V (1F;1M) |
| Pi Day | 14-Mar-16 | This event was organized by the Mathe Club. | 201404*** 201406*** 201406*** | USP V (2F;1M) |
| Social Work Day | 15-Mar-16 | This event was organized by the Social Work Club. | 201404*** 201404*** 201405*** | USP V (2F;1M) |
| Anxiety Disorders Awareness Session | 16-Mar-16 | This event was organized by LOYAC. | 201404*** | USP V (1F) |
| Memorial of Jawdat Haidar | 16-Mar-16 | This event was held at the Lebanese American University. | 201403*** 201406*** | USP V (2F) |
| MMKN Celebrates Teachers' day | 16-Mar-16 | This event was organized by MMKN NGO and the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University. | 201403*** 201404*** | USP V (2F) |
| Olive oil evaluation, Classification and Tasting | 29-Mar-16 | This event was organized by the nutrition department. | 201406*** 201404*** 201403*** | USP V (3F) |
| Planitarium | 30-Mar-16 | This event was organized by the Astronomy club. | 201404*** 201406*** 201403*** | USP V (3F) |
| Building Self-Confidence and Resilience Workshop | 30-Mar-16 | This workshop was held at the Lebanese American University. | 201404*** 201406*** | USP V (2M) |
| The implications of food safety commitment in the food service industry | 31-Mar-16 | This was organized by the Nutrition department in collaboration with Roadster. | 201403*** 201404*** 201406*** | USP V (3F) |

Aley Red Cross Training Camp



USP V scholar 201404 giving anti-bullying tips to the teenage members of the Aley center.***

Khota Al Chabab Meeting



USP V scholar 201403 engaged during a Khota Al Chabab Meeting.***

Faya Younan Concert



USP V scholar 201404 attended the Faya Younan Concert to support MMKN NGO.***

Social Media for Business



USP V scholars 201403 and 201405*** engaged in the Social Media for Business Workshop***

Breastfeeding Lecture



*USP V scholars are 201406***, 201403*** ana 201404*** presented the advantages of breastfeeding.*

Visit to "Al Omr Al Madeed"



USP V scholar 201404 visited "Al Omr Al Madeed" with the Social Work club.***

Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign



USP V scholar 201404 helped organize the Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign.***

Safety Awareness Club Annual Reception



USP V scholar 201403 received an award for being the most active club member in 2014-2015.***



USP V scholars 201405, 201404***, 201404***, 201404*** and 201404*** attentively listening at the Annual reception of the Safety Awareness Club.***



USP V scholars 201406, 201404*** and 201406*** attended the Annual reception of the Safety Awareness Club.***

Visiting Ain w Zein hospital



USP V scholar 201403 helping the elderly at the Ain and Zein hospital***

Blood Drive at LAU Beirut



USP V scholar 201405 participated in the Blood Donation Campaign.***

Re-claim the F-Word



USP V scholar 201404 attending the introductory lecture***

UNESCO Club's Annual Gathering



USP V scholar 201404 at the UNESCO Annual Gathering***

MJO Conference



USP V scholar 201404 attended the MJO conference held in Broumana.***

Motor Bikes day



USP V scholar 201406 participating in Motor Bikes Day***



USP V scholar 201403 engaged in the Motor Bike Day event***

Visit to the Traffic Control Room



USP V scholar 201404 is in a group picture with fellow USP scholars.***

Christmas Concert



USP V scholars 201404, 201405*** and 201405*** at the Christmas Concert***

Food for Thought: Are You Man Enough? – Beirut



USP V scholars 201404, 201404***, 201404***, 201403*** and 201404*** engaged in the presentation.***

World Aids Day



USP V scholar 201404 engaged in the World Aids day event***



*USP V scholar 201404*** taking part in the World Aids day*

Araa Foundation Workshop



*USP V scholar 201405*** engaged in the Araa Foundation Workshop*



USP V scholars 201405 and 201405*** attended the Araa Foundation workshop.***

Food Distribution



USP V scholar 201404 during the Food Distribution event***

Red Cross Recruitment Campaign



USP V scholar 201404* took part and helped organize the Red Cross Recruiting Campaign**

يوم الحقوق السياسية و اليات الرصد و الشفافية



USP V scholars 201404*, 201404***, and 201404*** attended the "يوم الحقوق السياسية و اليات الرصد و الشفافية" Conference**

Himlin's Nursing Home Visit



USP V scholar 201404 volunteered at the Himlin Nursing Home.***

ADYAN Annual Launching



USP V scholar 201403 attended the Adyan Youth Network Launching***

Music and Theatre



*USP V scholars 201404***, 201404*** and 201406*** attended the Music and Theatre event whereby a Director, Producer, Comedian and Actor was invited to speak.*

Playroom activity for Hospitalized Pediatric Patients



*USP V scholar 201404*** entertained the hospitalized children in the Notre Dame de Secours Hospital. They educated the children about their five senses.*

Red Cross Training Camp



USIII scholar 201404 and USP V scholar 201403*** took part in the Red Cross Camp.***

Arabian Day



USP V scholar 201403 attended the Arabian Day event.***

Red Cross Disability Awareness Campaign



*USP V scholar 201403*** and other scholars from different cohorts actively engaged in raising awareness about disabilities*

Ouyoun Al Siman Hike



*USP V scholars 201404*** and 201404*** went with the hiking and camping club to Ouyoun Al Siman on a hike*

PI Day



USP V scholar 201406 took a group picture to celebrate π Day; organized by the Math club.***

MMKN Celebrates Teachers' day



USP V scholar 201403 received an award from the president of MMKN NGO for her volunteering spirit in the Volunteer Teachers Program.***

Olive oil evaluation, Classification and Tasting



USP V scholar 201406 engaged in the lecture.
Planitarium***



USP V scholar 201403 engaged in the Planetarium event***

The implications of food safety commitment in the food service industry



*USP V scholar 201406*** present during the Implication of food safety commitment lecture*

2. Leadership Activities

2.1 Global Classrooms LAU Model United Nations

The Lebanese American University is holding, this year, the 11th 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 coaches of more than 2750 high school and middle school students coming from more than 174 schools from all over Lebanon.

USP Scholars are involved in this program including the following USP V scholar:

| USP Scholar Name | GC LAU MUN Position |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 201404*** | Logistics & Operations |

2.2 LAU Model Arab League

Since 1983, the Model Arab League programs worldwide have offered high school and university students an extraordinary opportunity to learn, practice, and develop leadership skills. In the process, the participants deepen their knowledge and understanding of Arab social, economic, cultural, and political issues.

The Lebanese American University, in partnership with the "Hariri Foundation for Sustainable Human Development" (HFSHD) is implementing its second Model Arab League Conference in the region.

A team of LAU students will be training high-school students from all over Lebanon about practical leadership skills directly related to the social, economic, cultural and political issues Arab leaders and community have been facing.

Students gain invaluable first hand leadership experience and hands-on training through The Model Arab League's interactive learning process. They get familiarized with the application of time management skills, the use of parliamentary procedure, the dynamics of debating, writing and editing draft resolutions.

The program aims at the empowerment of Arab Youth, in the hope of them becoming the decision makers of tomorrow.

Throughout the year, students sit for 5 training sessions at LAU Beirut campus and the Outreach and Leadership center in Saida. By the end of the training, the now MAL delegates are prepared to take part in a two-day Conference, where committees of the Arab League are simulated.

This year the program included 1000 high school and middle school students from 73 schools across Lebanon. The students were trained by 107 trainers from the Lebanese American University including the following USP scholar:

| USP Scholar Name | LAU-MAL Position |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 201404*** | Trainer |

2.3 Success Stories

Part I: Collective Success Stories

Sea Turtles Dispensary Renovation

14 USP scholars, from various cohorts, went with an OCE administrative assistant to Ramlet El Bayda beach in order to renovate the domicile of the sea turtles. The volunteers were very interested in helping preserve Lebanon's biodiversity especially since they could do very little to help with the current threat of waste pollution. However, for them to gain the insight needed for the cave's renovation, an expert from Operations Big Blue introduced the work of their NGO in addition to a small lecture on the interesting maritime life in Lebanon in general, and some facts about sea turtles in specific. They were extremely proud after finding out that the space they renovated will be used as a dispensary for injured turtles found on various beaches in Lebanon.



USP V scholars gathered at the Ramlet El Bayda beach for the Sea Turtles Dispensary Renovation

Reforestation Activity

35 USP scholars from various cohorts participated with the Outreach and Civic Engagement unit's reforestation activity in partnership with the Lebanese Reforestation Initiative (LRI). Students came from Byblos and Beirut campuses to Bkassine, Jezzine where they were welcomed by a representative from the municipality of Bkassine and a representative from LRI. He gave an introduction about the LRI and their reforestation initiative all over Lebanon then the representative of the municipality explained about the importance of Bkassine forest as being the biggest from its kind in the Middle East. The Pine trees in the forest date back to 350 years from the time of Prince Fakhreddine II and it covers almost 500 hectares of land.

The reforestation in Bkassine is very important as it helps re-generate the forest especially after the fire that took place last year and destroyed a lot of old pine trees and plants. The students

were excited to help the community reserve their forest and the cultural and touristic heritage it provides. The scholars accompanied by members of the OCE, hiked in the forest of Bkassine for half an hour in order to reach the designated area reforestation area. Together they managed to plant 340 pine trees.



USP V scholars hiking to the reforestation site through the forest of Bkassine



USP scholars from various cohorts gathered at Bkassine for the OCE's reforestation initiative

Beirut Marathon 2015

Several USP I, II, III, V and VI scholars participated in the Beirut marathon either by running for G in support of the Go Green cause or by volunteering at the LAU water station to encourage runners and help by recycling empty water bottles. G is a non-profit organization, a corporate social responsibility (CSR), and Green living NGO committed primarily to provide effective solutions for businesses and organizations to promote a healthier environment, a cleaner earth, and a more sustainable future. During this year's marathon The USP scholars took part in the largest water and cheering station on the 42 km and 10 km races, they helped distribute 27,000 bottles of water, 700 bottles of Gatorade and all the available sponges. The USP scholars also successfully operated a recycling station under the leadership of a student leader for the first time whereby they collected 6,900 bottles of water for recycling out of 50,320 bottles collected overall by G in 8 stations.



USP V scholars in a group picture during the Beirut marathon

USP VI Homecoming Reception

LAU's University Scholarship Program (USP), a USAID-funded initiative that covers scholars' full tuition and related expenses, has recently received substantial funding toward its seventh cohort of students for what will be known as USP VII. To celebrate the USP VII grand and welcome the newly admitted USP VI cohort, the Outreach and Civic Engagement unit at LAU organized a welcoming reception. The U.S. Chargé d'Affaires ad interim Ambassador attended the reception along with LAU's President, Vice-President of Student Development and Enrollment Management and the Assistant Vice president for outreach and Civic engagement. USP scholars from all cohorts were there to celebrate this event with some of them sharing how their experience as a USP scholar changed their life.



USP V scholars in a group photograph at the conclusion of the USP VI Homecoming Reception

Visit to Bonheur du Ciel

The Outreach and Civic Engagement unit at LAU organized a visit to Bonheur du Ciel rehabilitation center in Maaysra as a part of the Outreach and Corporate Visits. The visit took place on Wednesday 17 February, 2016. A total of nineteen USP scholars (USP II, III, V, and VI) participated in this visit (7 scholars commuted from Beirut and 12 from Byblos). The students watched an informative video about the NGO and another one about the severe consequences of using drugs. They also heard the testimony of two young patients and asked them questions about their experiences. The scholars found the visit highly enriching and interesting as it helped educate them about the tragedies in life and what to avoid. Thus the USAID is not only helping the scholars achieve their dream careers but also raising their awareness about social issues.



USP V scholars of various cohorts visited Bonheur Du Ciel rehabilitation center in Maaysra.

Reach Out and Dazzle (ROAD) program

The Outreach and Civic Engagement unit at LAU asked volunteers to be part of the “Reach out and Dazzle” (ROAD) program that is taking place at the Outreach and Leadership Academy “OLA” in Saida. Students interested in reading in their spare time to various target audiences and spreading the culture of knowledge around them registered.



USP V scholar 201404 at the Reach Out and Dazzle program***

Young Arab Voices

The Young Arab Voices debate is a competition in which university students from across Lebanon are able to participate. The young Arab Voices program in collaboration with LAU trains the students to debate in the British parliamentary format. The debate topics revolve around youth related issues, the first training sessions took place on 10, 11 and 13 February, 2016. Several USP scholars attended the introductory sessions and USP III scholar 201304*** and USP V scholar 201404*** continued to attend the training camp that help make the USP scholars better leaders of tomorrow.



USP V scholar 201404 in a group picture after concluding the Young Arab Voices debate training camp on Saturday***



USP V scholar 201404 in a group picture during the introductory session of the Young Arab Voices debate***

'Alone you can do so little; together we can do so much' Workshop

USP III scholar 201304*** and USP V scholar 201406*** gave a workshop whereby they trained high school students about the advantages and disadvantages of social media. This initiative was inspired by the series of workshops recommended by the USP grant.



USP V scholar 201406 training high school students about the advantages and disadvantages of social media in a workshop entitled "Alone you can do so little; together we can do so much".***

“Early Marriage of Women”

USP V scholars 201404*** and 201404*** delivered a session about “Early Marriage of Women” with KAFA organization at Amal Kabbra Public School. The session took place on Wednesday, 3 February 2016. The two scholars discussed the causes and effects of early marriage on women’s emancipation. Their target audience consisted of girls between the ages of 16 – 18 years old. They were inspired to take this initiative by the organization KAFA, as they started volunteering after they discovered the fruits of philanthropy through the countless activities they have done under the USP grant.



USP V scholars 201404 and 201404*** volunteering with KAFA in Amal Kabbra Public School***

“Volunteer of the Year 2015”

USP V scholar 201403*** served many community service hours to help give back to the unprivileged and vulnerable community. 201403*** has a wide experience doing volunteer work, which has helped her develop useful organizational and leadership skills. She played a major role with LOYAC during the execution of the Christmas Donation Campaign last year, and a full-day activity targeting unprivileged kids, and other community service projects throughout the years. Recently 201403*** was voted as the volunteer of the year by LOYAC for all her philanthropic actions.

Visit to the Geitawi Hospital – Children Cancer Center

USP II scholar 201204*** approached the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University to help her initiate a visit to the Geitawi Hospital – Children Cancer Center. Her initiative was incorporated into the Outreach and Corporate Visits that the unit is organizing. Her enthusiasm to help the community she lives in as a USP scholar spread to several other USP II, III, V and VI scholars. The visit took place on Wednesday March 2nd, 2016.

The scholars volunteered to help cheer the children residing in the Cancer Center by singing, dancing, playing games and giving them gifts.



USP V scholars in a group picture at the Geitawi Hospital – Children Cancer Center

Leadership and Project Management Workshop

The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University held a Leadership and Project Management Workshop. The Workshop took place on Wednesday, February 24 in the Beirut Campus and Thursday February 25 in the Byblos Campus. A human Behaviour Specialist presented the challenges that most projects face by allowing the students to view their life as their most important project. This workshop taught the scholars how to be the leaders of their lives and how best to plan and adapt for it. USP III New, USP V and USP VI scholars attended this workshop and found it to be enlightening and were thankful for the USAID as they would not have had the chance to attend such workshops were it not for their scholarship.



He presented the Leadership and Project Management Workshop to USP V scholars.

Sursock Museum

To encourage USP scholars to participate in Civic engagement activities, the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University organized an Outreach and Corporate Visit to Sursock Museum. The visit took place on Wednesday March 23rd, 2016. USP scholars from various cohorts and both campuses took part in the visit. The scholars had the chance to tour the museum and the library. They were also allowed to examine the various galleries including the Assadour's Landscape in Motion, Genadry's The Fall, and the permanent museum's galleries (Abstract and Portrait paintings). As part of their USP grant, the scholars are encouraged to expand their culture knowledge and know their history, which they were able to do during this visit.



USP scholars from various cohorts appreciating the abstract work of art presented in the Museum.

Pepsi Co. Visit

The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University organized an Outreach corporate visit to Pepsi Co. on April 2, 2016. Several USP scholars from various cohorts joined the visit as part of their civic engagement activities as per their grants. They toured the Pepsi factory and gained insight on how the business runs; the computer science students were interested in the machinery while the business students were interested in the production line. They were also given the opportunity to visit Pepsi's quality control laboratories to learn about the food safety measures of the factor which truly benefited the nutrition students. Overall the tour was successfully implemented and the scholars were enriched with a general knowledge that they can use to benefit their country when they enter the workforce.



USP V scholar took a group picture with fellow peers while touring Pepsi Co.

Part II: Individual Success Stories

201404***

Born and raised in Tyr, 201404*** attended the Official High School of Tyr in which he excelled academically and was one of the top achieving students of his class.

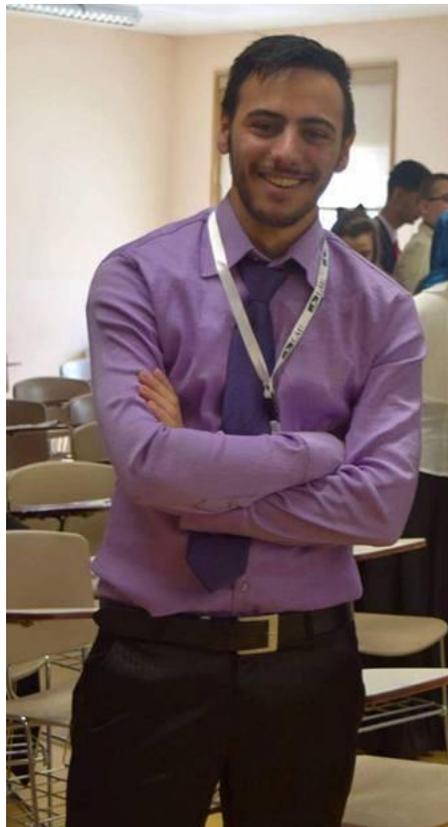
201404***'s parents encouraged him to read and discover ever since he was a child, his father also owned a small books library in their house which nourished his longing for knowledge and education throughout the years. The effect of his parents' encouragement was surely apparent

from his exemplary academic accomplishments and his triumphs in science fairs and competitions.

Graduating from high school with honors, 201404*** got into the USP V majoring in Math and minoring in Arabic literature – fed by his love for Arabic books and his inspiration by his uncle who’s a successful poet. He’s into two different aspects of what education has to offer, and he excels and works on nourishing both passions.

201404***’s achievements keep on extending throughout his journey at the Lebanese American University given the fact that he’s involved in the *Global Classrooms@ LAU* Model United Nations and Model Arab League programs as a trainer/logistics coordinator. He’s also a volunteer teacher with the NGO MMKN, founder and president of Arabic Literature club and an active member of numerous other clubs. 201404***’s substantial involvement in leadership programs and clubs however hasn’t prevented him from maintaining a good academic standing and a good reputation amongst the faculty of his department.

201404*** finds inspiration in late president Kennedy’s saying: “We choose to go to the moon and do other things not because they are easy but because they are hard. Because that challenge is one that we are willing to take, one we are unwilling to postpone.”



201403***

201403*** is a USP V Political Science & International Affairs student. She was born and raised in Nabatiye where she attended the Official High School of Hassan Kamel Sabbah.

Throughout high school, 201403*** was one of the most distinguished students amongst her fellow classmates and her teachers, due to her academic performance and multiple achievements.

Graduating from high school with honors, her good reputation followed her to the Lebanese American University where she still maintains a good academic standing as well as having a record full of civic engagement achievements. She's socially active and heavily involved in as many clubs and volunteering activities as her time allows her.

This passion of hers to maintain a good social life and taking part in NGOs and leadership activities awarded her with numerous certificates of recognition from different organizations. She was also chosen to represent Lebanon for 10 days in the Regional Volunteering Program in Jordan.

Her record full of accomplishments eventually landed her the Volunteer of the Year award from LOYAC – an NGO that runs several programs for the youth to develop their professional skills, enhance their personal growth and to help them find their sense of purpose by extending themselves to others.

201403*** is the perfect example on how to balance between a good academic standing and a rich civic volunteering record.



2.3 Community Projects

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| “ Breast Milk Ready Made With Love” | | | | |
| Location: Official Public School of Al Ain | | | | |
| Date: Sunday, March 13, 2016 | | | | |
| Purpose of Project | | | | |
| Scholar Name | Cohort | Public School | Residency | Major |
| 201403*** | USP V | Official Public School of Al Ain | Baalbak, Al Ain | Nutrition |
| <p>The purpose behind a breast feeding campaign is to educate and inform potential mothers and pregnant woman about the importance of this issue on their lives and their children. Potential mothers were informed that if children are breast fed from the time they are born up till two years many lives will be saved. They became aware that the nutrients and hormones in breastmilk protect their babies from illness and lower their risk of several health problems such as ovarian cancer and certain types of breast cancer. A nutrition course that 201403*** took at LAU which emphasized on the importance of breast feeding influenced her to spread awareness on this topic among her community members so she decided to group with “LACTICA NGO” to support her in delivering her project.</p> <p>Pregnant and potential mothers from Al Ain were invited to attend the importance of breast milk campaign. They were introduced to a healthy life style diet that includes all the essential nutritional facts that a mother should eat during and after pregnancy. Pumps were distributed to all mothers and a demonstration was done on how and when to use them. All of this was done to enlighten the mothers on how essential breast feeding is as a part of mother hood.</p> | | | | |



USP V scholar 201403 emphasized on the importance of breast feeding.***



USP V scholar distributed pumps to new mothers.

IV. Challenges

There were no challenges faced in this quarter. OCE Continues to develop and strengthen internal processes to meet the requirements of the USP grant.

V. Planned Activities

| USP Civic Engagement Coordination | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|---|---|--------------------------|---|
| Date: Use only the following: MM/DD/YY YY | Start time (9:00am) | End time (11:00am) | Event Title | Event Location (Campus, Building, Room number or exact address if outside university) | Event Objective & Synopsis (what, who, how) | Event Type (drop down menu only) | If other, Specify | Restrictions & Other Notes: Is the event restricted only for the same university students? Any required pre-requisites? How many outside students can the event accommodate? Any particular preference to majors or faculties? |
| 2-Apr-16 | 11:00am | 01:00pm | OCV Visit to MTV | MTV, Naccache | Outreach and Corporate visits: The visit will give them the chance to explore one of the most watched and successful TV stations in Lebanon and the Middle East. They will also have the chance to inquire about the management, production, behind the scenes operation rooms in charge of the airing and the camera management. | Other | Field trips | USP I, II, III, V & VI |
| 6-Apr-16 | 09:00am | 04:00pm | Career Fair-Byblos | Byblos Campus | The chance to meet different organizations for future job and internship opportunities | Other | Career Fair | USP I, II, III, V & VI |
| 6-Apr-16 | 09:00am | 12:00pm | International Heritage day | Beirut Campus-Upper gate | The chance to know more about the Lebanese heritage | Other | UNESCO Club activities | USP I, II, III, V & VI |
| 16-Apr-16 | 11:00am | 01:00pm | OCV visit to Fanar Psychiatric Hospital | Al Fanar Psychiatric Hospital | Outreach and Corporate visits: The visit will give them the chance to meet the patients and listen to their thoughts | Other | Field trips | USP I, II, III, V & VI |
| 13-Apr-16 | 01:30pm | 03:00pm | USP Awards Distribution Ceremony | Beirut Campus-Irwin Auditorium | Honor the USP Student leaders | Other | Honoring Ceremony | USP I, II, III, V & VI |
| 18-Apr-16 | 12:00pm | 01:00pm | CV Writing Workshop | Beirut Campus, AKSOB 903 | Explore the steps to write a CV | Focus Group | | USP V |
| 18-Apr-16 | 11:00am | 01:00pm | OCV visit to Four Seasons Hotel | Beirut-Zaitouna | Outreach and Corporate visits: The visit will give them the chance to explore the different departments of the hotel | Other | Field trips | USP I, II, III, V & VI |

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| 19-Apr-16 | 10:00am | 11:30am | OCV visit to An-Nahar Newspaper | Beirut-Down Town | Outreach and Corporate visits: The visit will give them the chance to explore the different departments of the newspaper | Other | Field trips | USP I, II, III, V & VI |
| 20-Apr-16 | 12:00pm | 01:00pm | CV Writing Workshop | Byblos Campus, Science 608 | Explore the steps to write a CV | Focus Group | | USP V |
| TBA | | | USP Graduates' dinner with parents | LAU Beirut | USP Graduates gathering | Focus Group | | USP I, II, III, V & VI |
| 7-Jun-16 | 06:00pm | 10:00pm | Commencement Exercises | Byblos Campus | Graduation ceremony | Focus Group | | USP I, II, III, V & VI |
| 10-Jun-16 | 06:00pm | 10:00pm | Commencement Exercises | Beirut Campus | Graduation ceremony | Focus Group | | USP I, II, III, V & VI |
| 11-Jun-16 | 06:00pm | 10:00pm | Commencement Exercises | Beirut Campus | Graduation ceremony | Focus Group | | USP I, II, III, V & VI |
| TBA | | | Basic Studio Skills Workshop | Beirut and Byblos Campus | Enhance their basic studio skills | Focus Group | | USP III new and V |
| TBA | | | Entrepreneurial Training | Beirut and Byblos Campus | To develop necessary knowledge and skills, basic managerial knowledge and understanding and to help in selecting the right type of projects and products | Focus Group | | USP V & VI |
| TBA | | | Conflict Resolution and Negotiation skills workshop | Beirut and Byblos Campus | Understanding conflicts that affect the team process, Ability to handle team conflicts, knowledge of negotiation and improve their communication skills | Focus Group | | USP V & VI |
| TBA | | | Group Work and team building activities | Outdoors activities | Team building activities | Fun Events (outdoors ...) | | USP I, II, III, V & VI |
| TBA | | | Reforestation activities | Outdoors activities | Team building activities | Fun Events (outdoors ...) | | USP I, II, III, V & VI |

VI. Work Plan

(Available on a separately attached document, refer to the Work plan for USP V- Year 2015-2016)

VII. Quotes from Scholars

“USP is the key that opened the door to my dreams to come true.”

201406*** – *Nutrition*

“The ultimate treasure of all is knowledge and it is only to the ambitious, the curious, and the responsible individual that this treasure is granted- That's what USP did and that's why USPers stand out.”

201405*** – *Electrical Engineering*

“USP made me look for a better future, and it made me realize the meaning of every step I am taking, because it was the right decision for me to make from the first place. It didn't only make me believe in myself, but it also helped my parents believe in chances.”

201404*** – *Nursing*

VIII. Appendix 1

Mentors List (Fall 2015)

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