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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
<b>Total USPs at LAU</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>253*</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>9 + 1 dropped during Spring 2016</b>

\* 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 VI)

## II. Project Summary

### 1. Key Achievements:

- a. In Fall 2015, 6 scholars were on the High Distinction List (semester GPA above 3.8 and 4.00), 5 scholars were on the Distinguished List (semester GPA above 3.5 and 3.79), and 2 scholars on the Honors List (semester GPA between 3.2 and 3.49).
- b. 12 scholars have a Major GPA above 3 and all have a Major GPA above 2.
- c. 30 scholars have a Cumulative GPA above 3 and all have a Cumulative GPA above 2.
- d. There are no scholars on probation.

## III. Detailed Progress:

### A. Advising and Registration:

All the 45 USP VI 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 2.

**c. Academic coordinators**

Since USP VI 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 VI scholars are performing well and progressing normally.

During the Fall 2015 semester, 45 USP VI scholars were registered as regular full time students during the fall semester, 20 of which were intensive English students. It is important to note that out of these 45 students enrolled in regular classes, and as of the end of Fall 2015 semester, 6 scholars have a major GPA of 4.0, 6 scholars have a major GPA between 3.0 and 3.99, 5 scholars have a major GPA between 2.0 and 2.99, 28 scholars have no major GPA, 5 scholars have a cumulative GPA of 4.0, 25 scholars have a cumulative GPA between 3.0 and 3.99; 7 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.

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

- 30 USP VI scholars are performing very well and progressing normally,
- 5 USP VI scholars have an expected grade below C in 1 course,
- 5 USP VI scholars have expected grades below C in 2 courses,
- 3 USP VI scholars have expected grades below C in 3 courses,
- 2 USP VI scholars have an expected grade below C in 4 courses.

**Key achievements for this quarter**

- There are 23 scholars on the Distinguished List (cumulative GPA 3.50 or above).
- There are 3 scholars on the Honors List (cumulative GPA between 3.20 and 3.49).

**f. Enrichment Activities**

**1. Club & Leadership Activities**

Activity	Date	Description	Names of participants	Number of participants
Orientation Day 1	26-Aug-15	An orientation organized by OCE for USP students.	201505*** 201504*** 201505*** 201503*** 201505*** 201504*** 201505*** 201504*** 201504*** 201505*** 201504*** 201503*** 201505***	USP VI (27F;18M)

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Security Middle East Show: SMES 2015	8-Sep-15	A lecture organized by INEGMA & Al Liwaa' Newspaper.	201505***	USP VI (1M)
Kermes In My Village	9-Sep-15	Scouts organized and volunteered in organizing kermes games for the kids the village.	201503***	USP VI (1F)
Happiness And The Tools For Living A More Fulfilling Life	11-Sep-15	A lecture that shed light on simple ways to be happier based on scientific and psychological point of view.	201501***	USP VI (1M)
Into The Dawn Suicide Memorial Walk	13-Sep-15	The Embrace club organized an event which included walking; light up candles and pray for those who died by suicide at rawcheh.	201505***	USP VI (1F)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of participants	Number of participants
Orientation Day 2	19-Sep-15	An orientation organized by OCE for USP students.	201505*** 201504*** 201505*** 201503*** 201505*** 201504*** 201505*** 201504*** 201504*** 201505*** 201504*** 201505*** 201504*** 201503*** 201505*** 201505*** 201504*** 201504*** 201504*** 201504*** 201504*** 201504*** 201500**** 201505*** 201504*** 201503*** 201504*** 201505*** 201505*** 201505*** 201505*** 201505*** 201503*** 201505*** 201503*** 201505*** 201505*** 201505*** 201503*** 201501*** 201505*** 201504*** 201503*** 201505*** 201505*** 201505*** 201504*** 201505*** 201505***	USP VI (27F;18M)
RH Safety Meeting	20-Sep-15	An event organized by LAU to explaining the safety rules followed in the residence halls.	201505***	USP VI (1F)

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العلمانية تحت المجهر: الدين يحاور	21-Sep-15	The event was organized by the debate club at LAU.	201505***	USP VI (1F)
Breastfeeding Awareness Session	22-Sep-15	A Lamaze Certified Childbirth Educator and Breastfeeding Consultant from (LAECD) gave a presentation about breastfeeding concepts and management.	201505*** 201503***	USP VI (2F)
Metro Al-Madinah	29-Sep-15	UNDP organized a lecture about 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.	201505***	USP VI (1F)
UNDP - Social Good Summit	29-Sep-15	A leadership activity organized by the OCE unit at LAU.	201504*** 201503*** 201505*** 201504*** 201504*** 201505*** 201503*** 201504*** 201505***	USP VI (4F;5M)
A Student Theater Production	30-Sep-15	A play titled "The Weirdest Honeymoon Ever".	201505*** 201504***	USP VI (2F)
Lecture With a leading expert in the environmental field	30-Sep-15	A lecture organized by the environmental club.	201505*** 201503***	USP VI (2F)
On The Path To A Zero Waste Society	30-Sep-15	A lecture organized by LAU about the importance of the environment and how can to protect it.	201505***	USP VI (1F)
Accounting Audit Program	2-Oct-15	This lecture was organized by the accounting club about internal auditing along with their needs; rules and possibility for working as internal auditors.	201503***	USP VI (1M)
اللقاء شعر	2-Oct-15	The event was organized by the Arabic club at LAU.	201504*** 201504*** 201505*** 201503***	USP VI (4M)
Creativity In Management	3-Oct-15	Life management center organized an event about the relationship between creativity and thinking; creative director properties and organization	201505***	USP VI (1F)

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		creative properties.		
Awareness Event On Disability	3-Oct-15	USP scholar prepared for the event with his club to raise awareness about physical disabilities.	201504***	USP VI (1M)
Introduction To IEE Club And Leadership Activity.	7-Oct-15	The IEEE club organized a meeting with the new IEEE members in which they introduced the club for us showing its upcoming events and past successes. Then the students got to know each other through a funny leadership activity.	201505*** 201501***	USP VI (2M)
Survival Camp	10-Oct-15	This Camp was organized by the Survival team.	201505*** 201503***	USP VI (2F)
اليوم العالمي للعناية الملطفة	10-Oct-15	An orientation organized by ALSP-St.Benoit regarding palliative care.	201503***	USP VI (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.	201504***	USP VI (1M)
The Canonization Of The European Form Of Theater In The Arab World: The Case Of Egypt	12-Oct-15	The event was organized by AUB with the collaboration of مركز الدراسات العربية و دراسات الشرق الأوسط.	201504*** 201505***	USP VI (2F)
NGO Teach For Lebanon Fellowship Program	13-Oct-15	A lecture organized by LAU to teach students how to apply for fellowship and have the opportunity to teach students from Lebanese public schools.	201505*** 201503*** 201505*** 201505*** 201504*** 201504*** 201503*** 201505*** 201504*** 201504*** 201504*** 201504*** 201500*** 201503*** 201504*** 201505*** 201503*** 201501*** 201505*** 201505*** 201505***	USP VI (15F;7M)

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			201504*** 201505***	
Recycling Cans	13-Oct-15	A student based activity based on recycling in his hometown.	201505***	USP VI (1M)
USP Basketball Game	13-Oct-15	This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201503*** 201504*** 201504*** 201504*** 201501*** 201504*** 201505***	USP VI (4F;3M)
Referencing Training Session	15-Oct-15	A lecture organized by LAU about how to avoid plagiarism and respect others' rights of writing	201505***	USP VI (1M)
Ushering At "Bustan El Karaz" Play	15-Oct-15	A play organized by Al Madina-Hamra theater.	201504***	USP VI (1F)
Health And Fun Day	19-Oct-15	The Dean of Students Office organized a series of fun events for the LAU student body.	201505*** 201503***	USP VI (2F)
Blood Drive	20-Oct-15	DSC organized a blood drive on campus.	201505*** 201504*** 201505***	USP VI (1F;2M)
Safety Awareness First Meeting	20-Oct-15	The annual meeting organized by the safety awareness at LAU.	201504*** 201503*** 201505***	USP VI (2F;1M)
Teaching With MMKN	20-Oct-15	MMKN is a nonprofit organization that advocates education, USP scholars volunteering for this organization gives reinforcement classes in public schools, once every week.	201503***	USP VI (1F)
Your Fun And Health Day	20-Oct-15	The event was organized by the Dean of Students office at LAU.	201505***	USP VI (1F)
A Student Theatre Production "The Dictator" "الديكتاتور"	21-Oct-15	The theater describes how much people are subordinate; even if someone came and redeemed them from the person that they were dominated by.	201504***	USP VI (1M)
Department Of Computer Science And Mathematics Orientation	21-Oct-15	The orientation discussed the overview of the department and the majors and minors it offers to students; as well as getting to	201503*** 201505*** 201500*** 201503***	USP VI (6F)



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			201504***	
Breast Cancer Awareness	29-Oct-15	This event was organized by the Nursing Club.	201505*** 201504*** 201505*** 201505*** 201505*** 201505*** 201503***	USP VI (4F;3M)
Annual Gathering For Safety Awareness Club	3-Nov-15	The event was organized by the Safety Awareness Club and shed light on events that were done in these 3 years. In addition to that; the president of the club. distributed certificates for the members.	201504*** 201505*** 201503***	USP VI (3F)
Dorm Regulation	4-Nov-15	The students got familiar with LAU Dorms rules and regulations.	201504*** 201504***	USP VI (2M)
MMKN General Assembly	4-Nov-15	Teaching students from public schools.	201503*** 201503*** 201504***	USP VI (3F)
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.	201505*** 201503*** 201505*** 201504*** 201505*** 201503*** 201504*** 201504*** 201500*** 201504*** 201503*** 201505*** 201505*** 201505*** 201505***	USP VI (12F;2M)
USP Donation Campaign	6-Nov-15	This donation was organized by OCE unit at LAU.	201505***	USP VI (1M)
Lecture About Happiness	9-Nov-15	A lecture organized by LAU about how to be happy and what are its benefits.	201504***	USP VI (1M)

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Microsoft Imagine Cup Roadshow	9-Nov-15	A lecture which informed students about MSP Program supported by Microsoft. It also provided them with important information about Microsoft virtual academy in which they can enroll in certified online courses related to programming and computers. In addition, it introduced Microsoft Imagine Cup 2016 which is a global competition.	201500*** 201505*** 201505*** 201501***	USP VI (3F;1M)
E-Mail Writing Etiquette	10-Nov-15	Students learnt how to write a professional e-mail.	201505*** 201505***	USP VI (2M)
Zenzalakht Play	11-Nov-15	The event was organized by communication arts students at LAU.	201505*** 201504***	USP VI (2F)
Arduino Workshop	12-Nov-15	The workshop was to shed light on the functions of the Arduino company.	201504***	USP VI (1M)
Visit To Paradis D'enfant Activity	12-Nov-15	The Outreach and civic engagement unit at LAU organized visit to Paradis D'enfant. The event was attended by USP scholars from all cohorts.	201504*** 201504*** 201505***	USP VI (2F;1M)
آب:بيت بيوت	12-Nov-15	The play was organized by LAU communication art students on Babel stage.	201505*** 201504***	USP VI (2F)
Louizeh Evangelical School Camp	14-Nov-15	An event organized by the Red cross Club that focused on how to prepare an event, how to deal with children, how to deal with different personalities, time management, communication skills, and other topics.	201504***	USP VI (1M)
Red Cross Camp	14-Nov-15	An event organized by the Red Cross club.	201505***	USP VI (1F)
Scouts Event	14-Nov-15	An activity organized by the OCE unit at LAU.	201505*** 201504*** 201505***	USP VI (1F;2M)
تهنئة للطلاب المتفوقين في المدارس الرسمية	14-Nov-15	The event was organized by a Lebanese foundation to honor students with high academic	201505***	USP VI (1M)

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Fersen Of Lebanon	15-Nov-15	The yearly meeting of Fersen of Lebanon in the Sagesse university.	201503***	USP VI (1F)
Diabetes Day Awareness	17-Nov-15	The MSA organized activity included free tests for diabetes and a lot of tips regarding diabetes prevention.	201505*** 201504***	USP VI (2M)
It Is Never Too Early To Prevent Diabetes	17-Nov-15	Nursing and Nutrition Clubs organized the event in collaboration with dialeb, lactica, and laecd.	201505***	USP VI (1F)
"Know Who You Are" Workshop	17-Nov-15	The workshop was organized by LAU.	201505***	USP VI (1F)
Reclaim The F-Word	19-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Intersectional Feminist Club.	201505***	USP VI (1F)
Festival At The Natural Reserve Of Kfarzebian	22-Nov-15	150 cedars were planted out of a projected 3000. Students planted 2 cedar trees in the name of LAU.	201505***	USP VI (1F)
Implant Festival	22-Nov-15	The natural reserve of Kfarzebian organized a tree planting event.	201504***	USP VI (1M)
Zra3A & Les Amis Du Cedre Launching	22-Nov-15	The event was organized by the OCE unit at LAU.	201505*** 201505*** 201505*** 201503*** 201504*** 201505*** 201503*** 201503***	USP VI (6F;2M)
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.	201503*** 201504*** 201505*** 201504***	USP VI (3F;1M)
Civilization	25-Nov-15	The event was to take historical pictures.	201504***	USP VI (1F)

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Fund Raising Sweets Event	25-Nov-15	The Nursing club hosted a fund raising event.	201503*** 201505***	USP VI (2F)
Independence Day Activity	25-Nov-15	The OCE unit invited students to hand paint the Lebanese National flag.	201504*** 201503*** 201504*** 201503*** 201505*** 201504*** 201505*** 201505*** 201503*** 201503*** 201505*** 201505*** 201505*** 201505*** 201504***	USP VI (9F;5M)
My Twenty Years' Experience In Covering Women's Issues	25-Nov-15	The Institute of Women Studies in the Arab World at LAU presented a panel of discussion in Arabic with a renowned journalist entitled "My Twenty Years' Experience in Covering Women's Issues".	201504*** 201505*** 201505***	USP VI (3F)
Safety Awareness Club-Awareness Campaign On Driving And Drinking	26-Nov-15	The Safety Awareness Club gave a presentation about driving and drinking; clarifying the effects of drinking on one's ability to concentrate and on his visual range; and the consequences that might occur. The presentation also showed tips and pieces of advice about safety rules for avoiding driving while drinking dangers. The Activity also contained a video show; alcohol free drinks bar and a "Googles Game" that shows an example of how a drunk person would see his surrounding; and how hard would it be for him to maintain his balance and concentration.	201504*** 201504*** 201505*** 201503*** 201504*** 201503*** 201505*** 201504*** 201504*** 201503*** 201505***	USP VI (5F;6M)
Love And War On The Roof Documentary	26-Nov-15	The MARCH organization showcased documentary about Beb Tebani and Jabal Mouhsen.	201505*** 201503***	USP VI (1F)

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CV Writing	28-Nov-15	This workshop was organized by the Accounting Club.	201505***	USP VI (1F)
Elderly Visit	28-Nov-15	LAU's folklore team presented a little dabke show for the elderly after which they talked with them and gave them souvenirs.	201504***	USP VI (1F)
MUN Leadership	28-Nov-15	The student was part of a leadership activity during the MUN program hosted by the OCE.	201505***	USP VI (1M)
Orphan Fair	28-Nov-15	An Orphan fair organized by LAU.	201505*** 201505*** 201503***	USP VI (3F)
Bake Sale	30-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Nursing Club.	201505*** 201503***	USP VI (2F)
Lecture About Poems Of Pain And Desire	30-Nov-15	Lecture entitled: "Poems of Pain and Desire: Translating from Arabic in the Feminine"	201505*** 201505*** 201504***	USP VI (3F)
Motorbikes Day	30-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Safety Awareness Club.	201504*** 201504*** 201505*** 201505*** 201503*** 201505***	USP VI (6M)
AIDs	1-Dec-15	The event was organized by LAU's Medical services where they thought about AIDS.	201504*** 201505***	USP VI (2F)
Health Services - World Aids Day	1-Dec-15	The Health Services at LAU organized an event for students.	201503*** 201503***	USP VI (2F)
Food For Thought: Are You Man Enough?	2-Dec-15	The Institute for women's studies gave a lecture to show that feminisms isn't about hating men but rather being their equal.	201505*** 201505***	USP VI (1F;1M)
Engineers Without Borders	2-Dec-15	The Engineering club talked about the duties of engineers without borders.	201505***	USP VI (1M)
Visit To The Traffic Control Room	2-Dec-15	A visit organized by LAU to Visit the traffic control room in Karantina.	201503*** 201503*** 201504*** 201504***	USP VI (2F;2M)

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Women In Engineering: Assuming Leadership	2-Dec-15	A professional experienced telecommunication engineer introduced her educational and career experience.	201504*** 201505*** 201501***	USP VI (1F;2M)
Award Ceremony	2-Dec-15	An event organized by the student's school to distribute awards for their academic excellence.	201503***	USP VI (1F)
Secret Santa	4-Dec-15	Secret Santa Activity prepared by the Environmental Club.	201505***	USP VI (1M)
I Am A Girl	7-Dec-15	The Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World showcased a short movie about brave women in the world.	201504***	USP VI (1F)
Mental Health Day	7-Dec-15	This event was organized by the Dean of Student's office at the Lebanese American University.	201505*** 201503***	USP VI (2F)
Psychology Experiment	7-Dec-15	An event organized by Psychology students at LAU.	201504***	USP VI (1F)
Eat To Feed	8-Dec-15	Fund raising event organized by Dean of students of LAU.	201505***	USP VI (1F)
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.	201504*** 201504***	USP VI (2F)
AIDs/HIV Awareness	9-Dec-15	The event was organized by medical students at LAU Byblos to talk about AIDS and raise awareness.	201505*** 201505***	USP VI (2F)
Discussion About Td	9-Dec-15	A lecture organized by LAU about the importance of a teaching diploma.	201503***	USP VI (1F)
USP Christmas Dinner	17-Dec-15	The OCE unit at LAU organized a Christmas dinner and honored of the Secretary-General of Lebanon's National Committee for Christian-Muslim Dialogue during the event.	201504*** 201505*** 201505*** 201505***	USP VI (3F;1M)
Christmas Scouts	19-Dec-15	Visit to the elderly care on Christmas.	201503***	USP VI (1F)

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Christmas Play For ECC	22-Dec-15	A Christmas play for the kids in the early childhood center.	201505***	USP VI (1F)
He Named Me Malala	3-Jan-16	The AIESEC Club at LAU discussed the role of women in education and watched the movie: He Named Me Malala.	201505***	USP VI (1F)
First Aid Training	17-Jan-16	Students got a first aid training from 9:00 till 16:00. It was divided through sessions based on different cases (total obstruction; partial obstruction; unconsciousness; bleeding; burn; wounds...). The purpose of that training is to help the health office especially after the official working hours; and I think we are able to offer the minimal life support for patients.	201504***	USP VI (1M)
Internship Fair Week & Career Workshops	22-Jan-16	LAU organized its annual Internship Fair Week & Career Workshops for students.	201504*** 201505*** 201504***	USP VI (1F;2M)
Town Hall Meeting	23-Jan-16	This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201505*** 201504*** 201505*** 201503*** 201505*** 201504*** 201505*** 201504*** 201504*** 201505*** 201504*** 201503*** 201505*** 201505*** 201504*** 201504*** 201504*** 201504*** 201504*** 201504*** 201504*** 201500*** 201505*** 201504*** 201503*** 201504***	USP VI (27F;18M)

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Lecture On The Palestinian Employment Right	25-Jan-16	A lecture by many directors especially the UNRWA director about the rights for Palestinian people to be employed in Lebanon.	201503***	USP VI (1F)
Nursing Welcome Day	25-Jan-16	An event organized by the Nursing Club at LAU.	201505*** 201503***	USP VI (2F)
MIT Lecture	26-Jan-16	The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) gave the opportunity to middle east students to study abroad in the US. They presented how to fill the application and some information about the university.	201504***	USP VI (1M)
Sharpen Your Interview Skills	27-Jan-16	A lecture organized by the Dean of Students' offices at LAU.	201505*** 201501***	USP VI (2M)
Snowshoeing In Barouk	30-Jan-16	An Activity organized by the Dean of Students' offices at LAU.	201503*** 201505***	USP VI (2M)
TEDxHamra: Re-designing our Living Spaces	2-Feb-16	This event was organized by TedX.	201505***	USP VI (1F)

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The Feminist Club Movie	2-Feb-16	A movie showcasing by The Feminist club at LAU.	201504***	USP VI (1F)
Cloth Donation	3-Feb-16	The Social Worker's Club organized an event to provide people with cloths from student donations.	201503***	USP VI (1F)
LAU Mental Health: I Am Not	3-Feb-16	This event was organized by LAU under the topic of mental health.	201505*** 201505*** 201505***	USP VI (2F;1M)
Yeprem Jewelry	3-Feb-16	The activity hosted by Yeprem's Business success story that was founded in 1964 to become in 2015 one of the leading jewelry design companies in the world.	201505***	USP VI (1M)
ندوة عن تحديات العصر واللغة العربية	3-Feb-16	The event was organized by the Arabic club at LAU.	201504*** 201504*** 201505***	USP VI (3M)
Have a Safe Valentine	10-Feb-16	This event was organized by the Red Cross Club.	201504*** 201505*** 201505*** 201505***	USP VI (1F;3M)
A Palestinian singer In Concert	17-Feb-16	A workshop organized by LAU.	201503***	USP VI (1F)
Training Session To Sharpen Research Skills	18-Feb-16	An event organized by LAU Libraries about the available utilities.	201505*** 201503*** 201505***	USP VI (2F;1M)
A Lecture By an Armenian-American writer	19-Feb-16	The discussion was hosted by an Armenian- American writer who talked about many issues concerning the propaganda in the US.	201505*** 201505*** 201503*** 201505*** 201504*** 201504***	USP VI (6F)
Movie "Dracula"	21-Feb-16	This event was organized by the Romanian Club.	201505*** 201504***	USP VI (2F)
Souk Al Souk	22-Feb-16	The UNESCO Club organized an event on campus at LAU.	201505*** 201503*** 201505*** 201503***	USP VI (3F;1M)
First IPE Session	24-Feb-16	School of Nursing organized and event to introduce students to inter professional education (IPE) and working with other members	201503*** 201505***	USP VI (1F)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of participants	Number of participants
		of healthcare students.		
Workshop Announcement	24-Feb-16	A workshop organized by LAU for students to improve their personality and communication skills.	201503***	USP VI (1M)
From Story To Storyboard	26-Feb-16	A workshop to teach students how to do form their stories into storyboards.	201504***	USP VI (1F)
Meeting With a Lebanese actor, comedian and theatre professor	26-Feb-16	The event was organized by LAU and the guest was a Lebanese actor who talked about his career and the importance of music and theater in our lives.	201505*** 201505*** 201504*** 201504*** 201504*** 201505*** 201505*** 201505*** 201501*** 201505*** 201505***	USP VI (5F;6M)
لمسات تشكيلية	27-Feb-16	The event was organized artists presenting their work in a cultural center.	201505***	USP VI (1F)
Steer Your Career Program With Injaz Session 1	27-Feb-16	An activity organized by OCE unit at LAU.	201505*** 201503*** 201505*** 201500*** 201503*** 201505***	USP VI (6F)
Substances Use Disorder	29-Feb-16	An event organized by LAU.	201505*** 201505***	USP VI (2F)
Intersectional Feminist Meet And Greet	2-Mar-16	Meet and greet with the intersectional feminist club.	201505***	USP VI (1F)
Steer Your Career Program With Injaz Session 2	5-Mar-16	An activity organized by OCE unit at LAU.	201505*** 201503*** 201505*** 201500*** 201503*** 201505***	USP VI (6F)
From Math To Business: My Journey Into The Real World	7-Mar-16	The Mathematics club organized an event about how to be success in the current work field with a math degree.	201505*** 201503*** 201503*** 201503***	USP VI (2F;2M)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of participants	Number of participants
Arabian Day	7-Mar-16	This event was organized by the Event Organization Club.	201504***	USP VI (1M)
A Lebanese singer Workshop	14-Mar-16	A lecture organized by LAU hosting a Lebanese singer.	201504*** 201505***	USP VI (2M)
Automotive Day	16-Mar-16	The Safety Awareness Club organized an event to show case classical cars and correlated them in activities on campus.	201504*** 201504*** 201505***	USP VI (2F;1M)
Be Safe, Stay Safe!	16-Mar-16	The Safety Awareness Club organized this event to raise awareness.	201503***	USP VI (1F)
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.	201503***	USP VI (1F)
Ushering For "Limaza"	17-Mar-16	A play showcased at LAU.	201504***	USP VI (1F)
Ushering in : مسرحية لماذا	17-Mar-16	The event was organized on campus by LAU.	201505***	USP VI (1F)
Earth Hour	19-Mar-16	All the building around campus were turned off in honor of Earth Hour.	201505***	USP VI (1M)
MUN Final Conference Day 1	19-Mar-16	This MUN Final Conference was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University.	201505***	USP VI (1F)
MUN Final Conference Day 2	20-Mar-16	This MUN Final Conference was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University.	201505***	USP VI (1F)
Mother's Day Celebration	21-Mar-16	A musical organized by LAU for mother's day.	201501*** 201504***	USP VI (2M)
International Women's Day Event	22-Mar-16	Lecture about sexual harassment.	201505***	USP VI (1F)
The Limits Of Words	22-Mar-16	A lecture organized by LAU to discuss how the words limit us.	201505***	USP VI (1F)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of participants	Number of participants
Mother's Day At Ola	24-Mar-16	An event organized by OCE at LAU's Saida campus (OLA).	201505***	USP VI (1F)
Palestinian Land Day	24-Mar-16	An event organized by the Palestinian Club.	201504***	USP VI (1F)

### Orientation Day 1



***USP VI scholars attending the First USP VI Orientation organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at LAU's Beirut Campus***

### Security Middle East Show: SMES 2015



*USP VI scholar 201505\*\*\* attending a lecture organized by INEGMA & Al Liwaa' Newspaper.*

### Orientation Day 2



*USP VI scholars attending the Second USP VI Orientation organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at LAU's Byblos Campus.*

### Breastfeeding Awareness Session



**USP VI scholars 201505\*\*\* and 201503\*\*\* attending a breastfeeding awareness session.**

**UNDP - Social Good Summit**



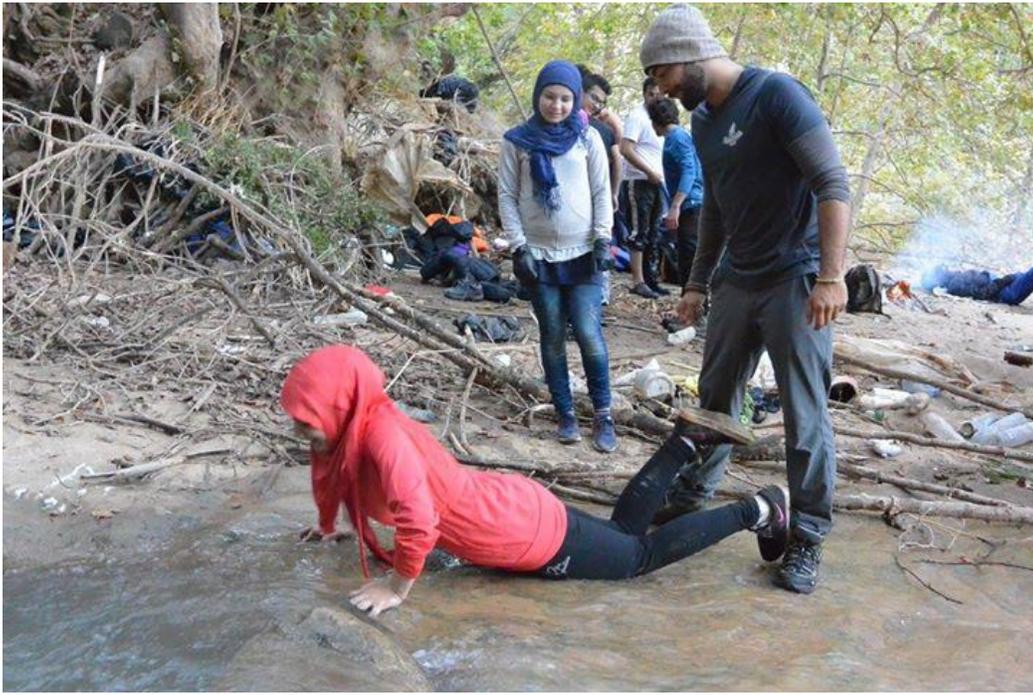
**USP VI scholars attending the UNDP Social Good Summit organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at LAU.**

**Accounting Audit Program**



***USP VI scholar 201503\*\*\* attending a lecture about internal auditing.***

**Survival Camp**



***USP VI scholar 201503\*\*\* taking part in the survival camp activity.***



*USP VI scholar 201505\*\*\* taking part in the survival camp activity.*

**NGO Teach For Lebanon Fellowship Program**



*USP VI scholar 201504\*\*\* attending the Teach For Lebanon lecture in Byblos campus.*



***USP VI scholar 201500\*\*\*\* and 201503\*\*\*\* attending the Teach For Lebanon lecture in Beirut campus.***

Recycling Cans



*USP VI scholar 201505\*\*\* participating in a recycling activity in his village.*

## USP Basketball Game



*USP VI scholars taking part in a basketball tournament against other cohorts.*

## Blood Drive



*USP VI scholar 201504\*\*\* donating blood with the DSC organization.*



***USP VI scholar 201505\*\*\* donating blood with the DSC organization.***

**Teaching with MMKN**



***USP VI scholar 201503\*\*\* volunteering to teach students from public schools as part of the MMKN organization.***

**Your Fun And Health Day**



***USP VI scholar 201505\*\*\* participating in an on campus health activity.***

## Visit To The Central Bank Of Lebanon



***USP VI join scholars from different cohorts to a visit to the Central Bank whereby BDL specialists gave a series of presentations on “the Power of Networking and Positive Contribution to Society”.***

**Celebrate The United Nations Culture**



***USP VI scholars 201503\*\*\* & 201505\*\*\* attending a United Nations Cultural Celebration ceremony.***

**Creating Your Company**



***USP VI scholar 201505\*\*\* attending a session about company management.***

**USP - Halloween Costume Party**



***USP scholars from various cohorts attending a Halloween event hosted by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at LAU.***

**Breast Cancer Awareness**



***USP VI scholars 201503\*\*\* & 201505\*\*\* taking part in a breast awareness campaign organized by the nursing club at LAU Byblos.***



***USP VI scholars 201504\*\*\* and 201505\*\*\* taking part in a breast awareness campaign organized by the nursing club at LAU Byblos.***

**MMKN General Assembly**



***USP VI scholars attending a lecture by MMKN.***

**LAU Honors The World Marathon Record - Holder**



***USP scholars attending a talk by World Marathon Record Holder.***

**Visit to Paradis D'enfant Activity**



***USP VI 201504\*\*\* attending a visit to Paradis D'Enfant organized by the OCE at LAU.***

**Red Cross Camp**



**USP VI scholar 201505\*\*\* attending a Red Cross Camp.**

**تهنئة للطلاب المتفوقين في المدارس الرسمية**



**USP VI scholar 201505\*\*\* receiving an award for his high academic excellence.**

**Fersen Of Lebanon**



***USP VI scholar 201503\*\*\* taking part in a scouts activity in her village.***

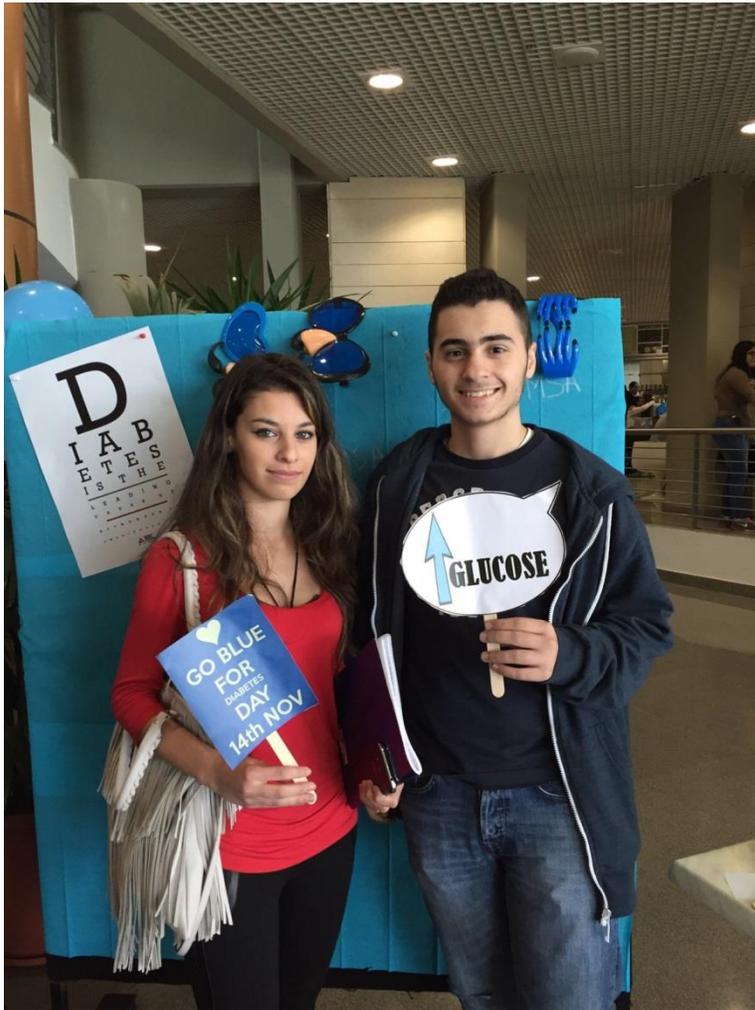
**Diabetes Day Awareness**



***USP VI scholar 201504\*\*\*taking part in a Diabetes Awareness Campaign.***



***USP VI scholar 201505\*\*\* taking part in a Diabetes Awareness Campaign.***



***USP VI scholar 201505\*\*\* taking part in a Diabetes Awareness Campaign.***

**Reclaim the F-Word**



*USP VI scholar 201505\*\*\* attending a lecture.*

**Zra3A & Les Amis Du Cedre Launching**





***USP VI scholars attending and event hosted by the Outreach & Civic Engagement Unit at LAU.***

## 16 Days Of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence



***USP VI scholars 201503\*\*\*, 201504\*\*\*, 201505\*\*\*, and 201504\*\*\* attended a discussion panel with a renowned journalist.***

## Independence Day Activity



***USP VI scholars 201504\*\*\*, 201505\*\*\*, and 201501\*\*\* taking part in an Independence Day flag hand painting activity hosted by LAU in Byblos Campus.***



***USP VI scholars 201504\*\*\* and 201504\*\*\* taking part in an Independence Day flag hand painting activity hosted by LAU in Beirut Campus.***

Love And War On The Roof Documentary



*USP VI scholar 201505\*\*\* attending a documentary by MARCH organization.*



***USP VI scholar 201503\*\*\* attending a documentary by MARCH organization.***

**Elderly Visit**



***USP VI scholar 201504\*\*\* performed with LAU's folklore team a dabke show for the elderly.***

**Orphan Fair**



***USP VI scholars taking part in the Orphan Fair 2015.***

## Bake Sale



***USP VI scholars 201503\*\*\* and 201505\*\*\* taking part in a Bake Sale hosted by the Nursing Club.***

### Motorbikes Day



*USP VI scholars taking part in an on campus motor show.*

### Health Services - World AIDs Day



*USP VI scholar 201503\*\*\* taking part in an awareness activity against AIDs.*

## Visit to the Traffic Control Room



*USP VI scholars 201503\*\*\*, 201503\*\*\*, 201504\*\*\*, and 201504\*\*\* taking part in a field visit to the traffic control room.*

**Award Ceremony**



***USP VI scholars 201503\*\*\* and 201503\*\*\* receiving an award for their academic excellence.***

## Secret Santa



***USP VI scholar 201505\*\*\* volunteering in the Secret Santa activity organized by the Environmental club at LAU.***

**Mental Health Day**



***USP VI scholars 201505\*\*\*, 201505\*\*\*, and 201503\*\*\* engaging in a mental health activity on campus.***

**Eat To Feed**



***USP VI scholar taking part in a fundraising event hosted by the School of Arts & Science.***

AIDs/HIV Awareness



*USP VI scholar 201505\*\*\* attending an awareness campaign.*

**Christmas Play For ECC**



***USP VI scholar 201505\*\*\* volunteering in the Early Childhood Center.***

**Lecture On The Palestinian Employment Right**



***USP VI scholar 201503\*\*\* attending a lecture by the director of UNRWA about Palestinian employment rights.***

**Snowshoeing In Barouk**



***USP VI scholars 201503\*\*\* and 201505\*\*\* taking part in a hike organized by the Survival clubs.***

**LAU Mental Health: I AM NOT**



***USP VI scholars 201505\*\*\* and 201505\*\*\* taking part in a mental health awareness campaign.***

## Yeprem Jewelry



*USP VI scholars attending a lecture about the success start of Yeprem Jewelry, one of the leading jewelry design companies in the world.*

**Have a Safe Valentine**



***USP VI scholars 201504\*\*\*, 201505\*\*\*, 201505\*\*\*, and 201505\*\*\* aiming to raise awareness about STDs with the Red Cross club at LAU.***

**A Lecture an Armenian-American writer**



***USP VI scholars attending a discussion hosted by an Armenian-American writer who talked about issues concerning the propaganda in the US.***

## Souk Al Souk



*USP VI scholars 201505\*\*\*, 201503\*\*\*, 201503\*\*\*, and 201505\*\*\* taking part in an activity prepared by the UNESCO club at LAU.*

## Music and Theatre



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

**لمسات تشكيلية**



**USP VI scholar 201505\*\*\* attending an Art Exhibition.**

**Steer Your Career Program With Injaz Session 1**



*USP VI scholars taking part in the second INJAZ workshop*

**Intersectional Feminist Meet And Greet**



*USP VI scholar 201505\*\*\* taking part in a meet and greet with the intersectional feminist club.*

**Steer Your Career Program With Injaz Session 2**



*USP VI scholars taking part in the second INJAZ workshop*

**From Math To Business: My Journey Into The Real World**



*USP VI scholar attending a lecture organized by the mathematics club about how to be successful in the current work field with a math degree.*

Nicolas El Osta Workshop



*USP VI scholar 201505\*\*\* attending a workshop about the influence of music in society.*

Automotive Day



*USP VI scholar 201505\*\*\* attending an Automotive event on campus.*

**MMKN Celebrates Teacher's Day**



***USP VI scholar 201503\*\*\* attending a Teacher's Day Celebration with the MMKN organization.***

**Mother's Day Celebration**



***USP VI scholars 201501\*\*\* and 201504\*\*\* attending a concert for Mother's Day.***

## **Part I: Collective Success Stories**

### **Sea Turtles Dispensary Renovation**

8 USP VI 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 VI scholars gathered at the Ramlet El Bayda beach for the Sea Turtles Dispensary Renovation***

### **Reforestation Activity**

13 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 VI 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 VI scholars in a group picture during the Beirut marathon*

### **Career Success Strategies Workshop**

The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University held a Career Success Strategies Workshop. The Workshop took place on Monday, November 16 in Beirut Campus and Tuesday November 17 in Byblos Campus. The Career Guidance Associate manager introduced to the USP scholars to the numerous possibilities and career choices they can peruse in order to find a balance between their ambitions and aspirations. This workshop presented to the scholars that success is not only a series of choices, but also a mindset. USP VI scholars attended this workshop and found it to be very eye opening and beneficial to set them off on their academic journey. Scholars were thankful for the USAID and the future prospective it will open for them.



*The Career Guidance Associate manager presenting the Career Success Strategies Workshop to USP VI scholars in Byblos Campus.*

### **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 grant 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 VI 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 VI 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 VI scholar 201503\*\*\* 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 VI scholar 201504\*\*\* continued to attend the training camp that help make the USP scholars better leaders of tomorrow.



***USP VI scholar 201504\*\*\* in a group picture after concluding the Young Arab Voices debate training camp on Saturday***

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. The scholars volunteered to help cheer the children residing in the Cancer Center by singing, dancing, playing games and giving them gifts.



***USP VI 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 Behavior 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.



***While presenting the Leadership and Project Management Workshop to USP VI scholars in Beirut Campus.***



***He presented to the Leadership and Project Management Workshop to USP VI scholars in Byblos Campus.***

## **Critical Thinking Workshop**

The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University held a Critical Thinking Workshop. The Workshop took place on Wednesday, March 9 in Beirut Campus. Throughout the workshop, an LAU associate professor of education demonstrated how critical thinking and analytical analysis of a certain obstacle helps in formulating a more sustainable outcome. She further explained to the scholars how to view a problem in a systematic approach in order to resolve any unsettlement they might face. After attending the workshop, USP VI scholars gained a new perspective as to how to perceive their daily obstacles and appreciated the new horizons of thinking the USAID is opening for them.



***While presenting the Critical Thinking Workshop to USP VI scholars in Beirut Campus.***

## **Civic Engagement Workshop**

The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University held a Civic Engagement Workshop. The Workshop took place on Wednesday March 9 in Byblos Campus and on Thursday, March 10 in Beirut Campus. AVP for OCE, introduced to the scholars the importance of civic engagement and how through being more involved in their community, they will be able to grow into future leaders and give back to the community that brought them up. Additionally, scholars were introduced to the community development project that they must execute as per the terms of the grant. USP VI scholars that attend the workshop felt a sense of responsibility as they became more aware of their role as ambassadors for their community and future pioneers, thanks to USAID.



***AVP presented the Civic Engagement Workshop to USP VI scholars in Beirut Campus.***



***AVP presented the Civic Engagement Workshop to USP VI scholars in Byblos Campus.***

## **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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 VI scholars appreciating the abstract work of art presented in the Museum.***

## **Hawat Trading Co.**

The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University organized an Outreach and Corporate Visit to Hawat Trading Co. The visit took place on Thursday 24 March 2016. Several USP VI scholars joined the visit and had the chance to tour the factory and get to know how their production line works. Thanks to the generosity of the US people, the scholars were able to broaden their horizons by getting to know various types of work and business. This helps encourage entrepreneurship to the scholars, allowing them to build a future of development in their home country, Lebanon.



*USP VI scholars Prepared to tour HAWAT Trading Co.*



*USP VI scholars got introduced to HAWAT Trading Co.'s production line.*

## **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 factory 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 VI scholar took a group picture with fellow peers while touring Pepsi Co.***

## **Part II: Individual Success Stories**

### **201505\*\*\***

201505\*\*\* is a USP VI scholar majoring in Business with an emphasis in Banking & Finance. Born and raised in Aley, 201505\*\*\* attended the Official Secondary School of Maroun Aboud Aley.

Throughout his high school studies, 201505\*\*\* showed early signs of academic excellence and had a constant determination to aim higher. Not only did he excel in his studies, but was also physically active, always taking part in sporting competitions and tournaments.

It was no shock to his family and friends when he was informed to have been accepted into the Lebanese American University as part of the University Scholarship Program (USP) as they knew he would reap the fruits of his labors.

Being the charismatic and success driven person that he is, 201505\*\*\* quickly adapted to the LAU culture and stood out from his peers with his academic achievements where he was placed on the High Distinction list from his first semester.

All of 201505\*\*\*'s efforts did not go unnoticed. His captivating personality and incredible social skills placed him on the speaker's list to give a speech in front representatives from the USAID, President of LAU, Vice-President of LAU, and Faculty and Staff member during the Annual Homecoming reception.

201505\*\*\* is a perfect embodiment of the saying "aspiring to inspire" as there is no doubt he will continue his journey on the road of success with high ambitions aiming for a better tomorrow.



#### 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
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 VI- Year 2015-2016)

## VII. Quotes from Scholars

It is hard to believe how much I have changed in this one year at LAU as a USP student. Beside the academic improvement, especially in my English language, I have grown more mature in my critical thinking and my social engagement through all the lectures, workshops, visits, events and volunteering activities I had the chance to be involved in.

201504\*\*\* - *Communication Arts*

The USP program opened for me many doors. Academically speaking, it offered me a chance to continue my studies in one of the best universities in the country. It also gave me a push towards my dream which is to be a creative person working hard for the sake of his country.

On the personal level, USP helped me develop leadership skills, making me capable of not only being a member of the society but an active one who aims to give back to his fellow members.

201505\*\*\*- *Engineering Civil*

Underestimating ourselves is a bad habit. Being a student with a scholarship gave me confidence. I learned that I can do the impossible and everything is easy when I set my mind to it. In my village, they used to say that happiness and success are only for the rich. However, I believe that I have achieved something more valuable, education. Education in my opinion is something much more than going to school or college, it is the act of growing in knowledge. To be mature is to be educated. After shifting from a public school to the Lebanese American University, I found out that education is for everyone. You just have to listen and work hard and one day others will listen to you.

201503\*\*\* - *Nursing*

VIII. Appendix 1

**Mentors List (Fall 2015)**

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### Mentors List (Spring 2016)

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