

## **PRESIDENT FADLO R. KHURI'S INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT STUDENT SPEAKERS**

### **GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY – June 9, 2022**

#### **Introduction of Graduate Student Speaker – Amani Bayrakdar**

IT IS NOW MY DISTINCT PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE GRADUATE SPEAKER FOR THIS COMMENCEMENT, MS. AMANI BAYRAKDAR, A CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR IN NURSING FROM THE HARIRI SCHOOL OF NURSING

Amani is currently graduating with a PhD in Nursing. Prior to her PhD, she held several clinical, managerial, and academic positions in the nursing field.

At the Hariri School of Nursing, Amani was a consistently outstanding student who has demonstrated enthusiasm and a passion for nursing and research. Her diligence and meticulous hard work have resulted in high impact research that can improve the health of people living with diabetes.

She was assigned teaching duties to undergraduate students and was praised for her teaching skills by both faculty and students. She also acted as the student representative at the Hariri School of Nursing research committee.

Amani is a strong advocate of the nursing profession and aspires to demonstrate its contribution to the healthcare system and the society. She was described by faculty who nominated her as an exemplary, responsible, and dedicated PhD student and a highly eloquent person who always carries a smile. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Amani Bayrakdar.

## **UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY – June 10, 2022**

### **Introduction of Student Speaker – Julia Zaydan**

MS. Julia Zaydan, A CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS OF THE HEALTH COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM AT THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES.

Julia is currently working at the Center for Public Health Practice at the Faculty of Health Sciences where she completed her Bachelor of Arts in health communication and a minor in media and communications. At AUB, she has been a student representative in the student council, an active member of the women's rugby team, the vice president of political identity of the Change Starts Here club, and a data collector for the Amenah Project on educating Syrian refugee girls, and a volunteer for SAID NGO and the Ministry of Public Health. She has been commended for her volunteer work during the pandemic and been described as mature, dependable, motivated, and always willing to assist.

On the honor list for all semesters, Julia was awarded the Penrose Award and the Kiram Sanioura Memorial Prize in Spring of this year for her scholarship, leadership, and contribution to university life. It is my pleasure to welcome Ms. Julia Zaydan.

## **UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY – June 11, 2022**

### **Introduction of Student Speaker – Elie El Khawand**

IT IS NOW MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE OUR STUDENT SPEAKER FOR THIS EVENING MR. Elie El Khawand, A CANDIDATE FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR'S IN ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING FROM THE MAROUN SEMAAN FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURE.

Elie is graduating with high distinction despite juggling between engineering and his minor in business administration. He received a full time offer from Bain & Company as a consultant in their Middle East practice a year ahead of graduation and is now helping over 200 AUB students gain internships and full-time positions in this field through the AUB Consulting Club. At AUB, Elie has distinguished himself academically and was awarded the Joseph J. Jacobs scholarship from AUB and \$30,000 from BLOM Bank for developing the go to market strategy across Lebanon of a safe cancer treatment breakthrough via tumor treating fields (TTF). Elie is active in social engagement and saving lives, he is a rescuer at the Lebanese Red Cross, providing extraordinary prehospital care. Elie is committed to saving lives and has been described in his nominations as a remarkable student, top student in his class, and representing the ideal well-rounded , soft spoken student who has acquired sharp technical , business, and humanitarian skills. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Elie El Khawand.