



LAU Tomorrow's Leaders Program **YEARBOOK**



THE FUTURE IS YOURS! CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2026

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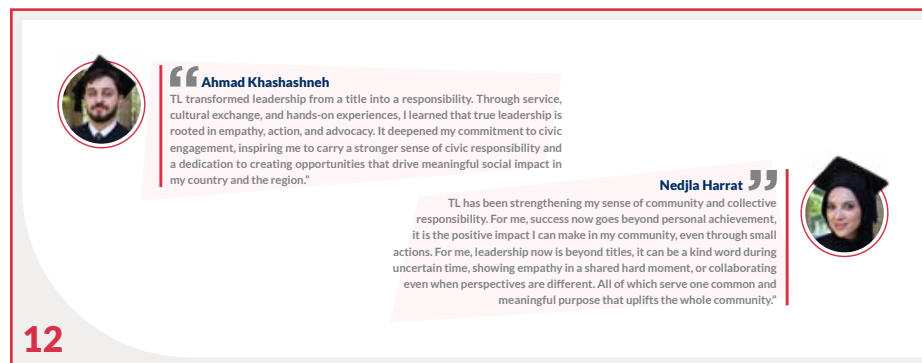
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The Ultimate Measure of a Man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but Where He Stands in Times of Challenge and Controversy.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.



FOREWORD



To the 2026 graduating class of Tomorrow's Leaders at LAU,

It is with immense pride and profound admiration that I write these words to each one of you.

When you first walked through the doors of this program, you carried with you dreams, ambitions, and a quiet but fierce determination. What unfolded over the course of your journey here was nothing short of remarkable, not simply because of the knowledge you gained or the skills you honed, but because of who you became in the process.

You have navigated your academic path during one of the most turbulent chapters in Lebanon's modern history. Economic uncertainty, political instability, social upheaval, and the weight of a nation in transition have been the backdrop of your studies. And yet, you showed up for your coursework, for your communities, and for one another. That is not a small thing. That is the very definition of resilience.

The Tomorrow's Leaders program was built on a belief: that this region's future rests in the hands of young people who lead not only with competence, but with conscience. You have embodied that belief at every turn. You have debated ideas with rigor and listened with humility. You have served your communities with generosity and lifted each other with grace. You have demonstrated that leadership is not a title; it is a choice made daily, especially when the path is difficult.

As you close this chapter, know that the world needs what you carry: your clarity of purpose, your spirit of solidarity, and your unwavering commitment to a better region and a better world. The challenges ahead are real, but so is your capacity to meet them.

This booklet celebrates your excellence, academic and human. It is a testament to what becomes possible when talented young people are given space to grow, to lead, and to dream together.

Congratulations, Tomorrow's Leaders. The title is no longer a program name. It is your identity.

With great pride and heartfelt congratulations,

Dina Abdul Rahman, EdD
TL Executive Director - LAU



TL STAFF & FACULTY

(Left to Right, Top to Bottom)

Mr. Charbel Elias, Mr. Raffi Chilingirian, Mr. Hussein Dahi

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Ms. Nazek Al Bohsali, Ms. Yusra Imad Abi Wardeh, Ms. Liliane Younes, Ms. Maria Panoyan,

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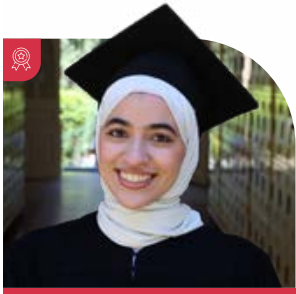
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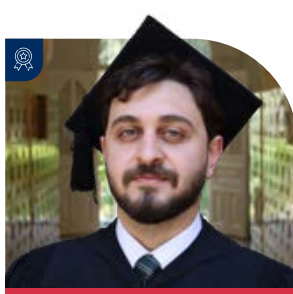
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SPRING 2026 GRADUATES



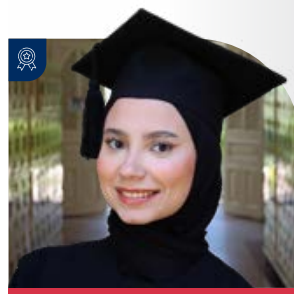
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High Distinction



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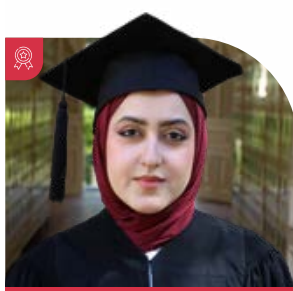
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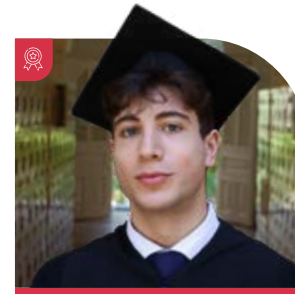
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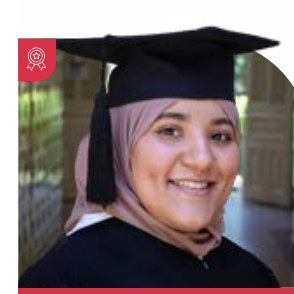
Gheed Moussawi

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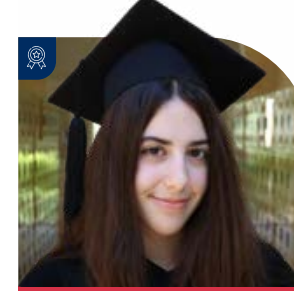
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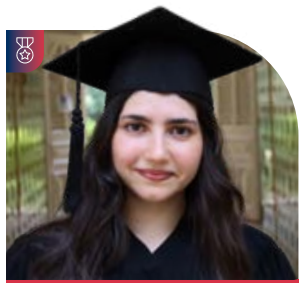
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Honors



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TOMORROW'S LEADERS UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

FALL 2025 GRADUATE



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TOMORROW'S LEADERS GRADUATE PROGRAM

SPRING 2026 GRADUATES



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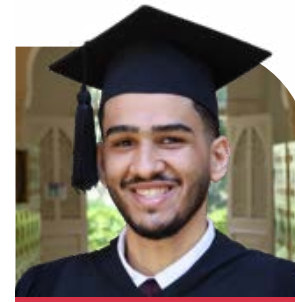
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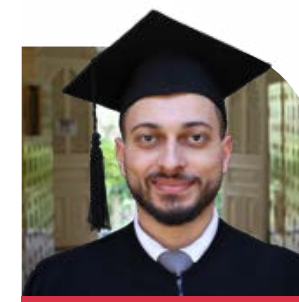
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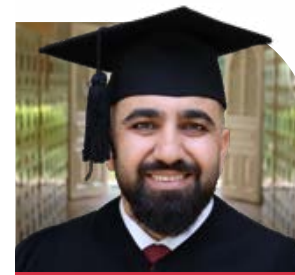
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GRADUATES' HANDWRITTEN REFLECTIONS

MEPI and LAU made me
the firm-marker i am today,
and I'll always be so grateful to

Samar Alhusaini

I believe in the person I want to become.
I believe in the freedom of the open road.
I believe in the kindness of strangers.

- Aroua Rajine Yahia Beg
from Algeria with Love

These two years were very challenging.
However, with MEPI's support, I was able
to overcome many academic difficulties and
continue moving forward.

This was truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,
and I will always be grateful for everything
it gave me; growth, resilience, experiences, and hope.

Thank You SO Much for Everything!  #Nages Sabri

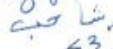
Beyond academics, TL became part of my
growth. In Lebanon uncertainty was never
easy, but every challenge shaped me into
a true Tomorrow's Leader beyond titles. Forever
grateful to the TL Team for believing in my potential
and making this journey and LAU feel like home.

I started this journey carrying more doubt than I
let anyone see. In between, a community from
across the world saw my spirit before anything
else, and I found the clearest reflection of who
I actually am. I leave knowing my worth.
Beyond grateful to MEPI and TL colleagues, you
guys are the inspiration engraved on my bones forever.

Manar Haydar 

When I joined MEPI, I came
for the opportunity to learn and grow
beyond my comfort zone. But, I'm
leaving with much more than that. I'm
leaving with a second family, endless
stories, and a community I will miss
more than I expected. I'm grateful
for every conversation, every laugh
and every person who made this
journey feel like home.

 
- Khasula Sahli-

Not everything made sense while living it, but
it all built me into someone stronger. Still figuring
out life and dreaming too big. No perfect plan,
just faith and effort.
On to whatever is next...

Affado was here.
Kunbiyikom bawf 

I truly lived one of the most unforgettable
experiences of my life with people I'll never
forget. Life passes so quickly, so cherish
every moment before it becomes a memory.
Grateful for every laugh, every person, and
every beautiful feeling this journey gave me.

- Sayet Ali

Joining MEPI has been a transformative
event in my life. From leadership
to academic development, I was
able to find my passion and
believe in myself.

Thank you for the amazing journey

 Reem Barak

As MEPI was providing us with great
opportunities, this saying passed
me to properly take advantage
of all of them.
Grateful for this undergrowth experience
and hopefully I continue facing
the future with the same spirit.

 Ahmed Alhusaini

Q&A

Describe yourself: Before TL and After TL



“ Manar Haydar

I entered this program carrying more self-doubt than I showed. Coming from a conservative religious background, I had learned to move carefully, to prove myself twice over, to hold my ground quietly. TL gave me the mindset to meet them differently. I learned my worth here. And somewhere between the hard conversations and the people who saw me before I fully saw myself, I stopped doubting and started becoming. I leave more confident, more grounded, and found, unexpectedly, among people who were complete strangers. I will carry that with me wherever I go.”

“ Sayed Ali Shubbar

Before TL, I was ambitious and determined, but I still understood growth in a very personal way. After TL, I became more aware, grounded, and resilient. Living through the war in Lebanon, far from home, while still trying to give my best, changed me deeply. It taught me that strength is not always loud; sometimes it is simply choosing to continue.”

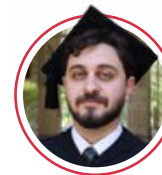


“ Gheed Moussawi

Before joining TLU, I was an ambitious girl carrying scattered dreams of change, waiting for the ‘right time’ to become the leader I hoped to be. Through the TL program, I discovered that leadership is not a distant destination, but a daily practice shaped by our choices and compassion toward others. TLU empowered me with the knowledge and experiences to begin leading today, with a deeper sense of purpose and responsibility toward my community.”



How did the program shape your sense of leadership and civic responsibility?



“ Ahmad Khashashneh

TL transformed leadership from a title into a responsibility. Through service, cultural exchange, and hands-on experiences, I learned that true leadership is rooted in empathy, action, and advocacy. It deepened my commitment to civic engagement, inspiring me to carry a stronger sense of civic responsibility and a dedication to creating opportunities that drive meaningful social impact in my country and the region.”

Nedjla Harrat ”

TL has been strengthening my sense of community and collective responsibility. For me, success now goes beyond personal achievement, it is the positive impact I can make in my community, even through small actions. For me, leadership now is beyond titles, it can be a kind word during uncertain time, showing empathy in a shared hard moment, or collaborating even when perspectives are different. All of which serve one common and meaningful purpose that uplifts the whole community.”



Nour Al Ghabban ”

Through its requirements, the MEPI TL program pushed me to contribute back to society in many ways, thus highlighting the need to notice and support underprivileged communities, and to speak up about the injustices surrounding our society. It personally led me to take more initiative whenever I can, and to speak up for those who cannot. The program's workshops and training also helped me understand that leadership is not only practiced within a group of people but can be part of my daily life through responsibility, empathy, and the choice to act when change is needed.”



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Activities



Capstone



Honors Day



On-Campus Leadership Trainings



Volunteering



Research Day



Thesis Defense



Video Shooting Day in Traditional Attire



Town Hall Meetings

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