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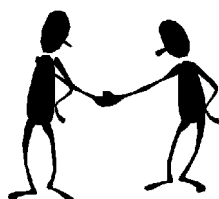
“Let us make our future now, and let us make our dreams tomorrow’s reality.”

Malala Yousafzai [A Pakistani activist for female education (1997-)]

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HAIGAZIAN UNIVERSITY OR Dialog Letter

Editorials

Passing the Torch

Since I am in the orientation team program, it is my duty to orient you dear ones as incoming students to Haigazian University. You have come here seeking education and diplomas that would allow you to be better elements of society; I would like to seize your yearning as an opportunity to address you and share with you the path of light that I have trodden that HU, and life through HU, have provided me. You are here to discover yourselves, uncover and unfold the many layers of the self, and as Socrates would say, “Know thyself”. However, to know one’s self is the most challenging task, for this kind of knowledge – if ever possible- requires a lifelong journey; this lifelong journey has started ever since you were in your mother’s womb, and it continues until the end of time. “Once I am, always I am,” Mikhail Naimy explains.

We as a university and as an orientation team aim at guiding you towards the path of light, which is that of education and knowledge, but what are education and knowledge? Education and knowledge are far more than an open book, far more than a test and a grade. Education and knowledge are knowing all the skills combined of integrating reading, writing, listening, and speaking to personal quest of the self and reflecting positive outcome to the community to which we belong and in which we grow.

Knowledge and education are accepting others that are different and embracing this difference with contentment, love and tolerance. Education and knowledge are to-teach to stand strong to one’s belief, one’s stance. The Leviathan of Thomas Hobbes is about one state comprised of many organs, where each organ is responsible for its defined task, all working harmoniously with each other for the purpose of one body, for the Leviathan. Similarly, each student is equivalent to one of the Leviathan organs that fulfill their jobs to the fullest for the one community, with education and knowledge that help in awakening in the minds of the people the light of truth and of being.

So all of you constitute one body, and each organ and each cell of this body is one of you. Each one as a cell and as an organ, must make use of all the cells that are available at Haigazian University. These cells at HU are the libraries, the labs, the Writing Center, the different activities, the clubs, the interaction with the students, the interaction with your instructors, the bridges of friendships and many more.

Education and knowledge do not lie in being equipped with the most updated technology but in bonding with God, finding refuge in Him and referring to him in all that we are... So education and knowledge are a concatenation of facts, learning, yearning, seeking, believing, and accomplishing. Education and knowledge started in the very early phases of your formation, all the way to your years at HU, and will expand long after you graduate. This is the path of light I have lived; I pass the torch on to you.

SAHAR HAMZEH, *Lecturer of English Communication Skills*

CONGRATULATIONS REV. DR. WILBERT VAN SAANE

NEWS

On June 11, 2018, Rev. Wilbert van Saane, HU Campus Minister and Orientation Lecturer, defended his Ph.D. thesis during a ceremony at Utrecht University, the Netherlands. The thesis, which is entitled *Protestant Mission Partnerships*, discusses the relations between Dutch and Indonesian Protestants throughout the twentieth century.



The OR Program in the Words of New Students

When I was enrolled at Haigazian University, I expected, as anybody else would, that students will be guided to start their higher academic experience. And indeed, HU did have a day dedicated to this mission, and this day was called "Orientation Day".

First, new students gathered in the campus and waited for the first session to start. We had six different sessions, each of which tackled a different subject about university and student life. We had a general introduction that included the regulations of the university. We were guided in detail about our rights and responsibilities at HU. It is very laudable how Haigazian university emphasizes the significance of truth and freedom, which constitute a part of their motto "truth, freedom, service".

In other sessions, students were introduced to the facilities of the university, including the library and the computer lab. It was very noticeable how organized and professional the instructors were in expressing their ideas. Also, the content of the sessions was sufficient, as it included every detail that is of an interest to the students.

My favorite part was socializing with students during breaks. Although I am not a sociable person in nature, I actually enjoyed talking to new students, as well as junior students who volunteered to be our guides. My communication with others made me feel comfortable, and hopeful about a promising university life.

However, the part that I deem most important about attending the orientation day is something I don't think I would find in other universities: the spirit. It didn't take me much time to realize that Haigazian is, in its most prominent aspects, unique. In Haigazian, a student is not a "client", but a human being of value. We've been told on that day that Haigazian has a cozy family atmosphere where people are friendly and loving. Today, I can feel this atmosphere. I can easily relate to what we were told.

My experience on the orientation day is one that I admire. I admire it for having learnt on it that each student at Haigazian university matters, and that this university will serve its students at its best. HU does not only have excellent academic standards, but it also nurtures the spirit of each of its students.

The founder of this university would be very proud to realize what achievement he did. He would be very happy to know that within the bricks and walls of these academic buildings lies a soul with endless love and care. "It's impossible to teach humanity without love", said Armenag Haigazian, and today HU proves this saying to be true.

Ali Jaafar, ACC

"The orientation course was necessary, as it provided me with the essential skills in order to succeed. Some of the skills such as how to study in the ideal way, how to use the APA format, and how to get the best research results using the online data bases found on the university website as well as the library system. The information I found beneficial ranges from how the grading system works and how to use the website, to facts about the university. Throughout the semester that preceded orientation, I increasingly found myself referring to the knowledge I gathered upon attending this course. On another note, the instructors were very welcoming and succeeded in reflecting the university in a positive, and professional manner. Academics aside, this assembly of new students was not only comforting to me, as an individual entering an entirely new, and different world than I had been accustomed to. It was also a practical method for meeting new people. This course was remarkably productive in its many aims and aspects."

Annette Jinnawi, PSC

"As a new student at Haigazian University, I felt very confused and overwhelmed. However, the orientation program provided me with all the information I needed in order to have a joyful stay at Haigazian University. The orientation program offered me valuable knowledge regarding all the services provided by the university. It also introduced me to all the new resources which made me feel integrated into the campus community. The program was well-organized. All the sections were well-combined and cohesive; this allowed the smooth transfer of information. The orientation program was very beneficial and valuable. It is a positive experience that paves the way for a peaceful learning experience."

Ghousoun Al Jied, PSY

Comments about the Spiritual Life Presentation

"Great"; "Excellent"; "Inspiring"; "Comforting"

"The session was well-explained and extremely important because it gave me some motivation and confidence."

OR NEW STUDENTS

Comments about the Student Life Presentation

"Very Good"; "Informative"; "Impeccable"

"The session was really helpful and encouraging for students to try different clubs".

OR NEW STUDENTS

Comments about the OR Program as a Whole

"Good"; "Organized"; "Informative"; "Useful"; "Beneficial"; "Well-Organized"

"The orientation was really helpful. I really did enjoy getting to know more about Haigazian and making new friends."

OR NEW STUDENTS





A Senior OR Assistant's Valedictory Speech

Distinguished Guests, Mr. President, Deans, faculty and staff members, dear family and friends, and fellow graduates, good evening.

It gives me great pleasure and honor to stand before you to speak on behalf of the Graduating Class of 2018.

My fellow graduates, I understand how eager we all are at this point to throw our caps in the air, but before we finally do so, let us dwell a bit on how far we have come and how much we have achieved, so that we understand what it means to be here today.

It seems like not too long ago when we first entered the gates of Haigazian, excited, nervous, unsure of what would lie ahead. Over the years, we studied hard day and night, endured the stress of finals, and sacrificed hours of our free time. On many days, I know we forced ourselves to attend lectures, I know we procrastinated, and I know we always drew motivation from one another. The road has not been an easy one. But this very evening, we are seated here, ready to earn what we have invested dearly in. We are here because through our dedication and perseverance, we have outdone ourselves. The diploma that we have received is an attestation of our resolve to obtain quality education.

Rest assured that Haigazian University has equipped us with excellent knowledge and skills needed for us to prosper wherever we may land. Through its liberal arts mission, we have had the privilege of gaining a widened perspective of not only our own fields, but of various arts and sciences. Through its guiding values of Truth, Freedom, and Service, we have indeed become well-rounded people.

However, let us acknowledge that Haigazian has also shaped us into exemplars ready to give to others. My fellow colleagues, understand that as graduates of this institution, we have touched the lives of those around us again and again. For starters, we have made our family very proud this evening. We have forged good relationships with our professors and have inspired them to continue educating generations. In our internships, we have impressed others through our integrity and diligence. Through philanthropy and community service, we have launched charity campaigns, renovated homes, and given hope to those who have needed it the most. Through the Orientation Program, which I am proud to have been a part of, we have collaborated together to guide many new students at our university, students who will one day sit where we are seated today, and will look back as I do. Through great teamwork and sportsmanship, we have managed to secure sweet victories in various games, both in Lebanon and abroad. In short, we have epitomized the model character of a Haigazian University learner. Therefore, let us not only celebrate our academic milestone, but also, the idea that we are beacons of hope and catalysts of change in society.

Fellow graduates, when we venture out after this evening, let us take all that we have been taught and bravely embark on a journey in which we seek out success and bring positive change. There is no doubt that the future holds a great many uncertainties, and the path will be riddled with obstacles, with adversity a likely companion. But were there not obstacles throughout our years at Haigazian? And are we not here this grand evening, having received the recognition for all our hard work? One advice I have for all of us is to never stop. In the words of Winston Churchill, "never give in—never, never, never, in nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense." Colleagues, we must let good sense, which is enshrined in Truth and in Freedom and in Service, lead us to rise to new heights and to raise others with us.

On behalf of the Class of 2018, I want to extend my gratitude to our families, whose enduring love and support kept us determined all the way. I also want to thank all our professors for their commitment in imparting valuable education, and I want to thank our university for giving us an opportunity of a lifetime.

Class of 2018, congratulations!

And, congratulations, all you wonderful people.

Thank you.

HAGOP KARAMIAN, ENG (CLASS OF 2018)

Haigazian University Orientation Office

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OR099 Sessions Survey Results

General Info

14 Total Number of Students

0	Humanities	8	Social & Behavioral Sciences	2	Sciences	3	Business & Economics	1	N/S				
0	ENG	0	ARM	1	ECE	0	EDU	1	PSC	5	PSY	0	SOW
0	BIO	0	CSC	0	MAT	1	MLS	1	NSD	1	SPEDU	1	N/S
1	ACC	0	ADC	2	BAD	0	ECO						
0	FIN	0	HOM	0	HRM	0	MIS						

(1) Strongly Agree | (2) Agree | (3) Neutral | (4) Disagree | (5) Strongly Disagree

1. Publications and Campus Tour		[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
1 The Group Leaders were helpful.		84.6	15.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
2. The sessions						
2a Studying		[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
2a1 The session content was valuable and worth learning.		57.1	28.6	0.0	14.3	0.0
2a2 The instructor explained the importance and significance of the session.		50.0	35.7	14.3	0.0	0.0
2a3 The concepts were explained clearly.		42.9	42.9	14.3	0.0	0.0
2a4 I enjoyed attending this session.		35.7	28.6	14.3	14.3	7.1
2b Research & Writing		[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
2b1 The session content was valuable and worth learning.		64.3	21.4	7.1	7.1	0.0
2b2 The instructor explained the importance and significance of the session.		50.0	35.7	14.3	0.0	0.0
2b3 The concepts were explained clearly.		50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2b4 I enjoyed attending this session.		28.6	42.9	14.3	14.3	0.0
2c Advising		[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
2c1 The session content was valuable and worth learning.		35.7	50.0	14.3	0.0	0.0
2c2 The instructor explained the importance and significance of the session.		64.3	35.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
2c3 The concepts were explained clearly.		57.1	35.7	7.1	0.0	0.0
2c4 I enjoyed attending this session.		28.6	28.6	35.7	0.0	7.1
2d IT		[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
2d1 The session content was valuable and worth learning.		84.6	15.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
2d2 The instructor explained the importance and significance of the session.		76.9	23.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
2d3 The concepts were explained clearly.		69.2	30.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
2d4 I enjoyed attending this session.		53.8	30.8	7.7	0.0	7.7
2e HU Culture		[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
2e1 The session content was valuable and worth learning.		64.3	21.4	0.0	14.3	0.0
2e2 The instructor explained the importance and significance of the session.		71.4	21.4	0.0	7.1	0.0
2e3 The concepts were explained clearly.		71.4	21.4	0.0	7.1	0.0
2e4 I enjoyed attending this session.		57.1	21.4	7.1	0.0	14.3
2f Self Awareness		[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]
2f1 The session content was valuable and worth learning.		64.3	14.3	14.3	0.0	7.1
2f2 The instructor explained the importance and significance of the session.		35.7	35.7	21.4	0.0	7.1
2f3 The concepts were explained clearly.		42.9	42.9	14.3	0.0	0.0
2f4 I enjoyed attending this session.		35.7	42.9	7.1	0.0	14.3

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