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*1871-1921*

in whose name the university was founded



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# HAIGAZIAN UNIVERSITY

## Alma Mater



Alma Mater Haigazian,

Thou, the cradle of our dreams,

By the shade of cedar trees,

From the Araradian fields,

We salute thee, Alma Mater,

Our beloved Haigazian.

You gave us truth, you set us free,

Showed the way to eternity.

You taught us all true leadership

Is service of God Almighty.

Faithfully with us you bore

Sorrow, pain and scars of war.

Like the phoenix, you will soar,

Stronger, fairer than before.

We hail thee, O Alma Mater,

Our beloved Haigazian.

You gave us truth, you set us free,

Showed the way to eternity.

You taught us all true leadership

Is service of God Almighty.

Here we stand, and pledge to thee

Our true love and loyalty;

And to all humanity,

Service with integrity.

We thank thee, O Alma Mater,

Our beloved Haigazian.





# FOCUS 2018

## A Note from the Editor

Another successful academic year has come to a close at Haigazian University, marked by achievements and progress.

It has been a year full of positive moments, a great variety of events, and much positive energy.

These have been the result of the support that the Haigazian family shows one another.

Being supportive of others is one of the most important values this university has.

It is unmistakable; one who enters the campus and becomes part of Haigazian feels this quality all around.

We congratulate the graduating students of the Class of 2018 and invite them to continue to share the caring and energy that they enjoyed at Haigazian University in the next stage of their lives.

I wish to thank the entire Haigazian family for their cooperation in preparing "Focus 2018".



***Razmig Kaprielian***

A handwritten signature of Razmig Kaprielian in black ink.



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# MESSAGE FROM

## President Haidostian

Haigazian University has completed 64 years of academic life in a most central sector of Beirut, serving a very diverse student platform from Lebanon and abroad with all it takes to be young and promising people of knowledge, skill and humanity.



We have learnt by practice and conviction that higher education is all about the future, while it is based on the wealth of knowledge and experience that flow from the past. Indeed, the future is not dictated by the limitations and the shortcomings that are imposed on us. The future of the educated generation is determined by how we break new ground, and faithfully fill the gaps of our surroundings with things that are healthy, helpful, and sustainable.

Without self-discipline, ethical education, seriousness of purpose, and honesty, the new generations are doomed to repeat the unfortunate subcultures of carelessness and selfishness they may have inherited from the past. Without a critical approach and a culture of conscientiousness the differences between the educated and the non-educated become dismal and insignificant, and education loses its main purpose.

Higher education should create in us a society of learning with each other. A university is not a kiosk of degrees to be received, nor a road to a life of prestige. A university is not a compulsory army, but rather an association of volunteer openness for higher learning. A university is a society of humility and sharing. Humility so that we may accept our limitations and learn. Sharing so that we may teach each other and learn from each other for the good of all.

May these lessons elevate us to the heights of good education, in the service of the future.

Rev. Paul Haidostian, Ph.D.  
President

***President Paul Haidostian***

*Paul Haidostian*





# MESSAGE FROM

## The Registrar

Dear Class of 2018,

Congratulations!

I have witnessed your academic journey in the university from day one until graduation, sharing your moments of joy and sorrow.

My office door was always open whenever you needed my advice.

I am proud of each and every one of you for overcoming all the obstacles.

We are always proud of our graduates and their achievements. May your professional and personal lives be filled with success, and may you stay true to your alma mater wherever life may take you.

To our continuing students,

Continue with perseverance and passion, and I am sure you will graduate and reach new heights.

Sincerely,

Anahid Fermanian

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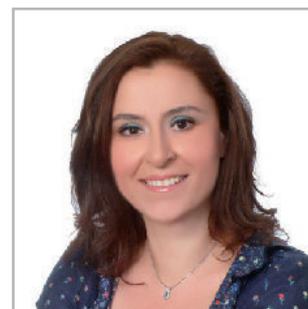
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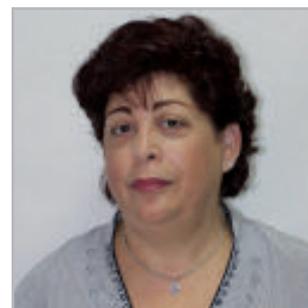
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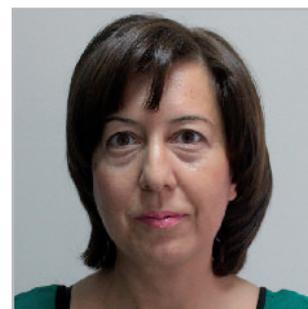
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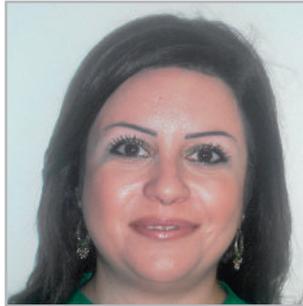
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# **SCHOOL OF**

*Business Administration & Economics*



# HAIGAZIAN UNIVERSITY

## Undergraduate Programs

### Majors:

Business Administration-B.B.A.

Economics-B.A.

Hospitality Management-B.A.

### Emphases: with B.B.A. in Business Administration:

Accounting

Advertising & Communication

Finance

Hospitality Management

Human Resources Management

Legal Studies

Management Information Systems

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## Graduate Programs

Accounting - M.B.A.

Finance - M.B.A.

General Business Administration - M.B.A.

Human Resources Management - M.B.A.

Management - M.B.A.

Marketing - M.B.A.



# MESSAGE FROM

Dean Asrawi

On behalf of all our faculty and staff in the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics at Haigazian University I would like to extend our congratulations to each graduate of our Class of 2018. I now encourage you to be audacious, and with your new business knowledge and learning experiences, go forth and build the world you dream of. Take chances and learn from your mistakes, this is the best way to survive and to thrive.



While at HU, you have made many new friends, and no matter where you go, you are always connected to your alma mater. I urge all HU alumni to support each other. If a fellow alumnus reaches out to you be generous in offering your support.

As Dean of the Faculty of Business I am extremely proud of the rich tradition of providing the best theoretical and practical, experience-based business education that our Faculty has upheld since its founding 50 year ago. Our business programs prepare our students to become leaders with the ethical profundity and intellectual strength necessary to meet the challenges of a time of critical transition in society. I hope that you will remain interested in your University and feel pride in its present and future accomplishments, and that we will see you again in the future.

I would like to cordially invite all of you to stay in touch with your Faculty. We will continue to help you in expanding your knowledge and enriching your careers.

I wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Dr. Fadi Asrawi

Dean, faculty of Business Administration and Economics

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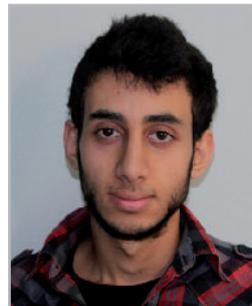
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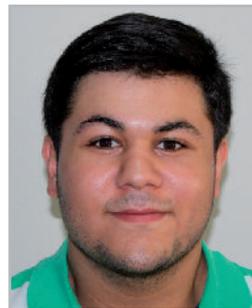
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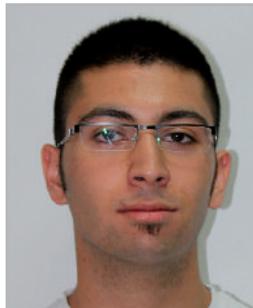
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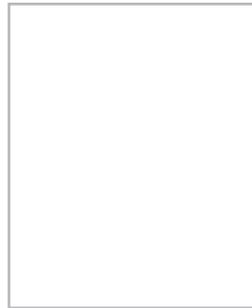
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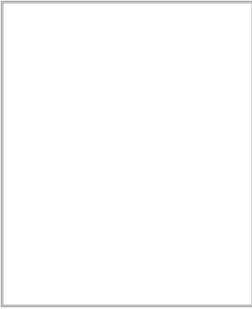
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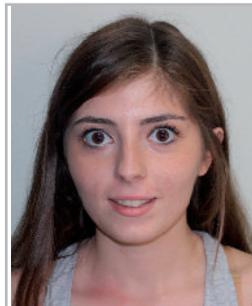
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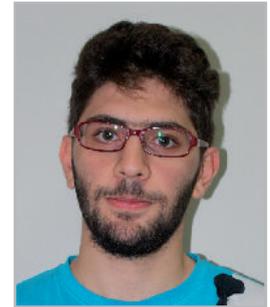
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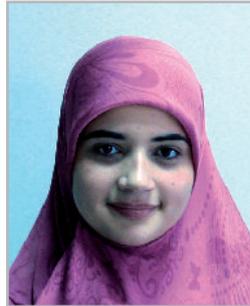
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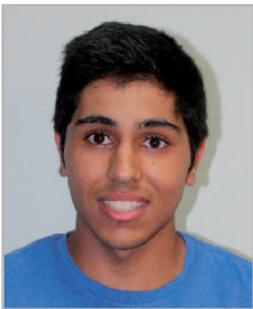
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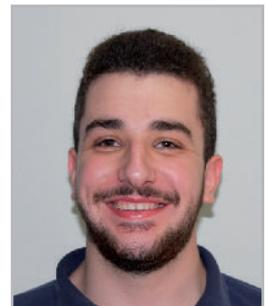
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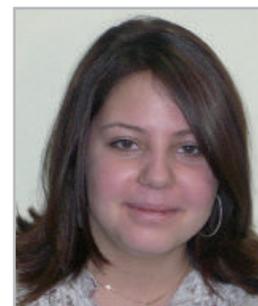
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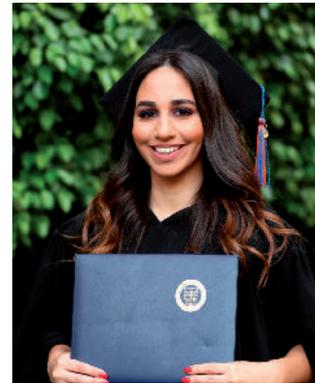
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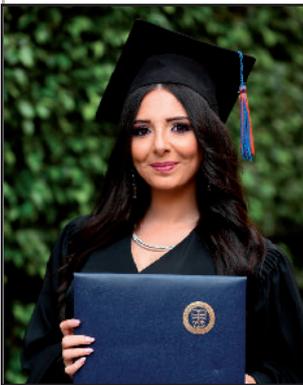
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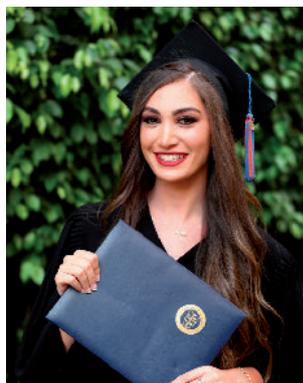
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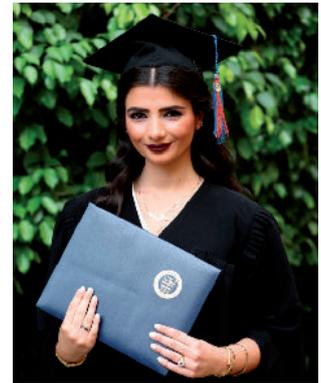
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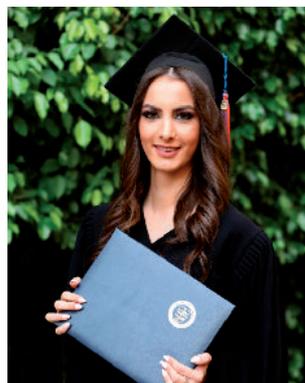
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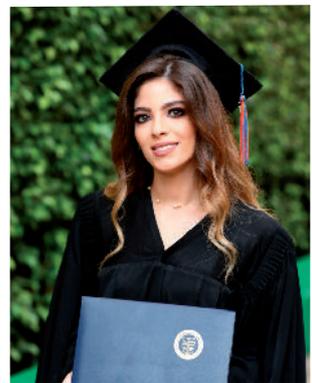
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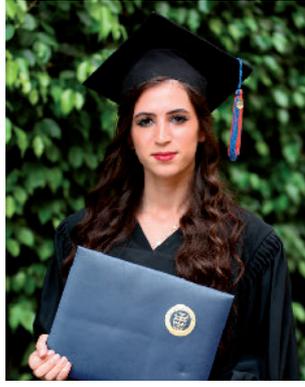
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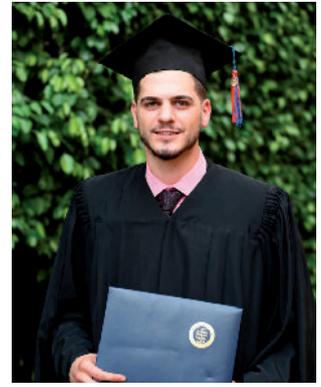
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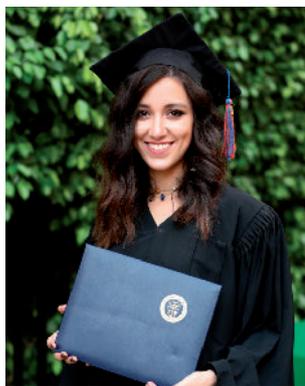
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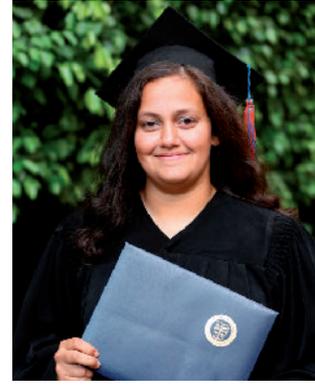
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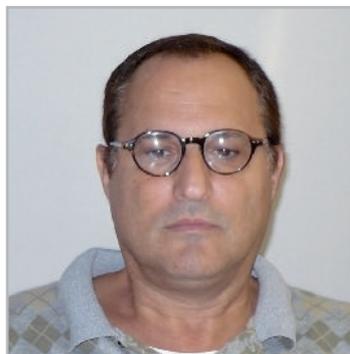
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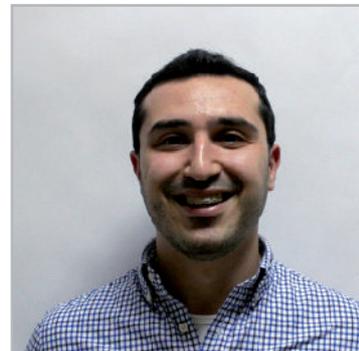
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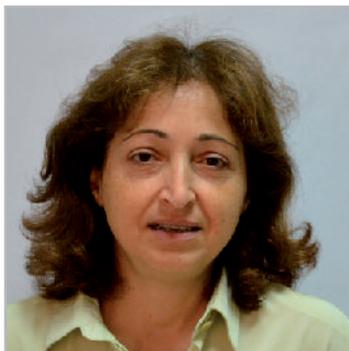
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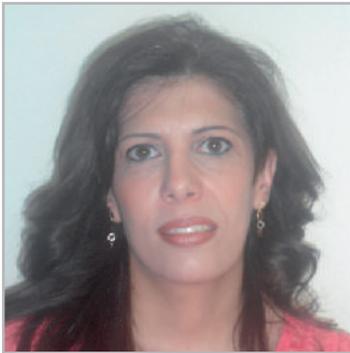
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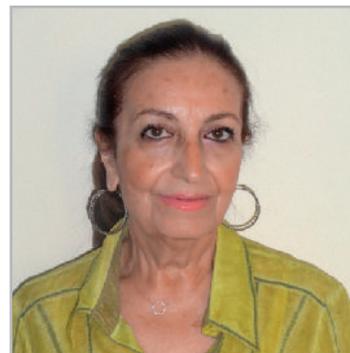
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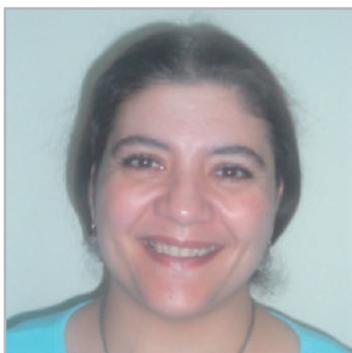
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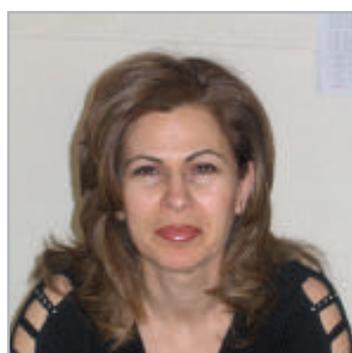
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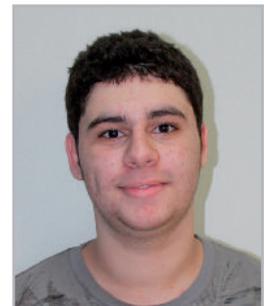
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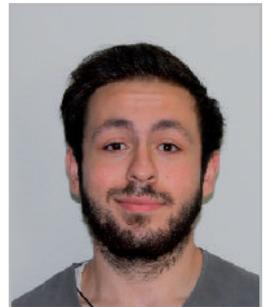
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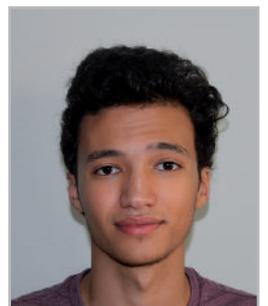
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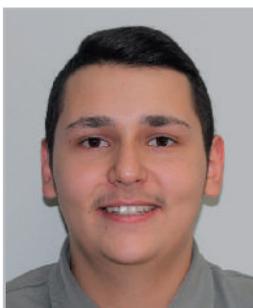
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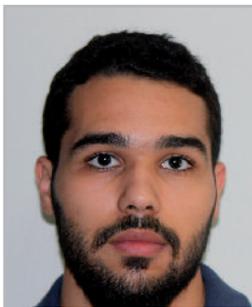
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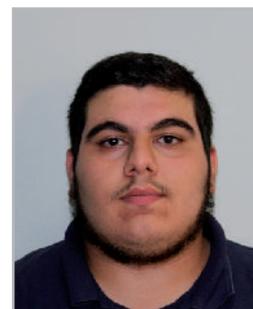
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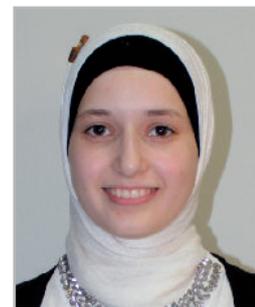
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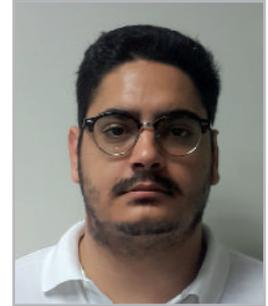
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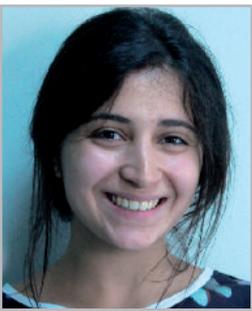
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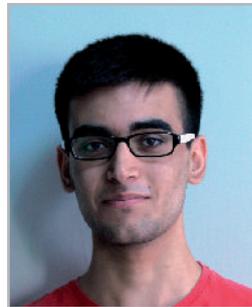
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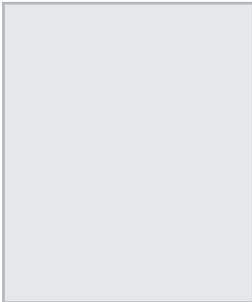
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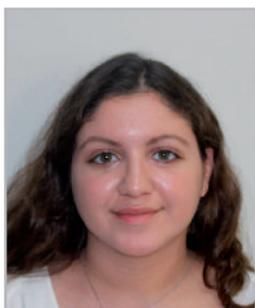
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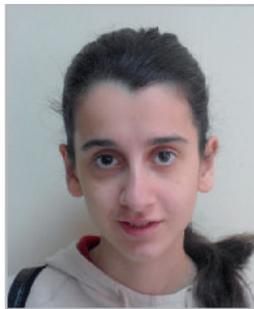
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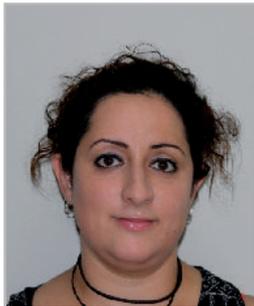
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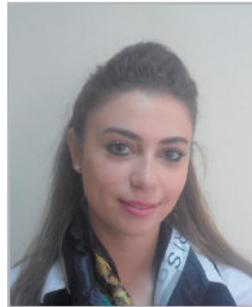
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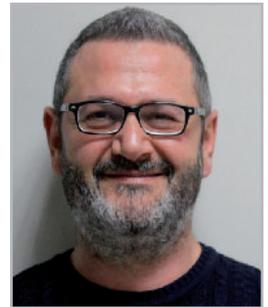
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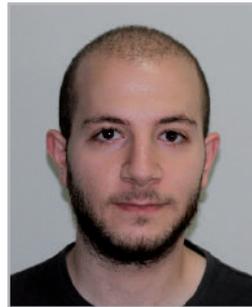
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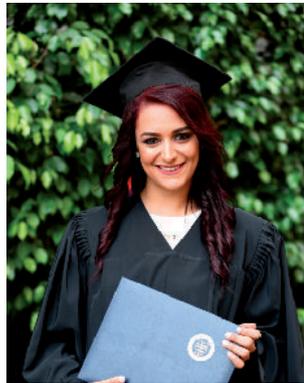
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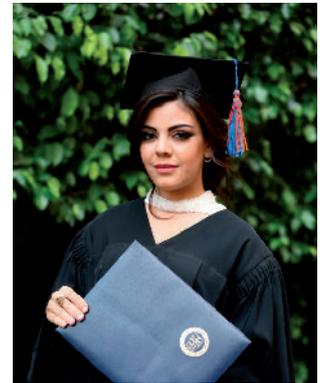
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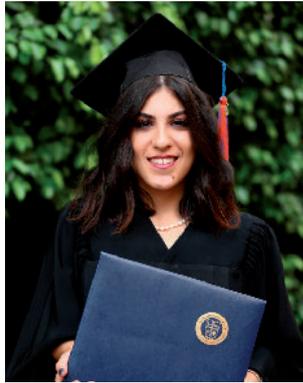
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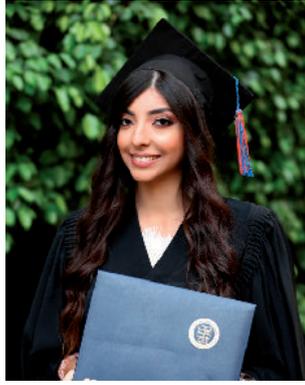
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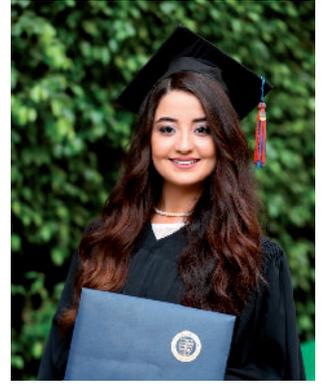
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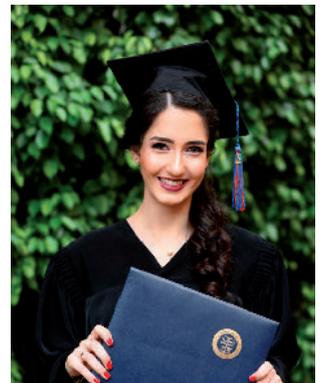
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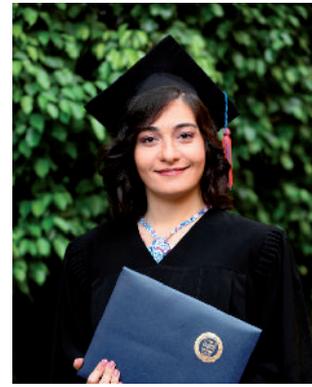
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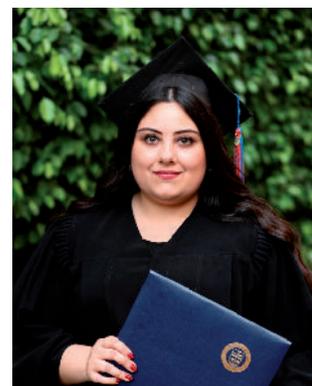
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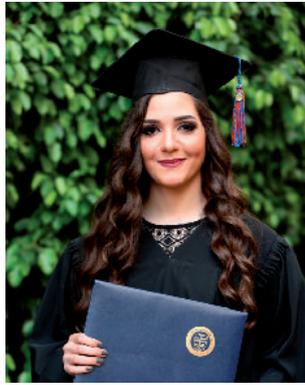
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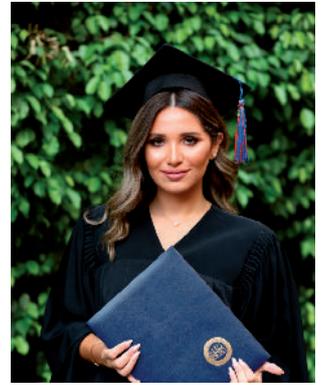
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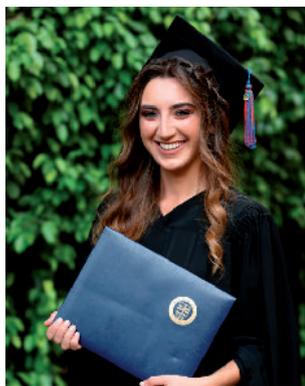
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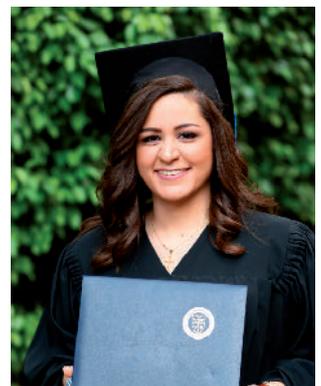
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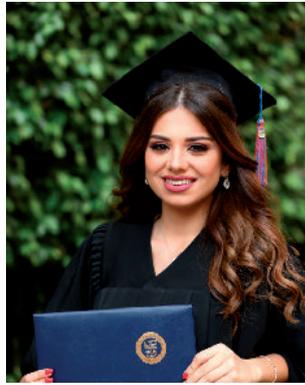
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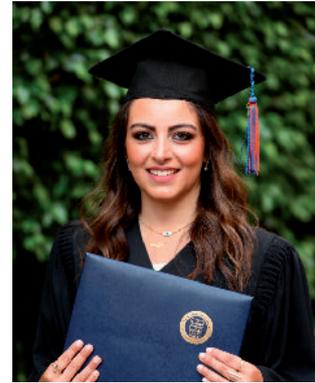
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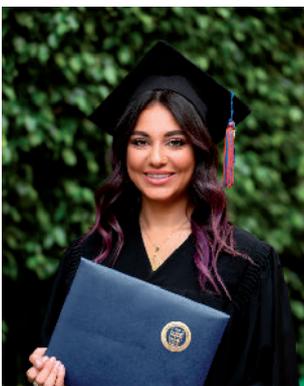
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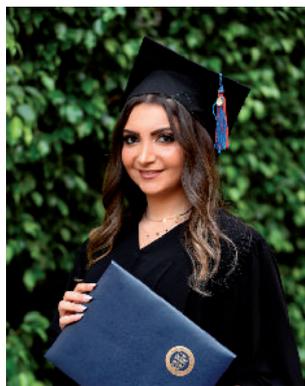
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# GRADUATION EVENTS



# BACCALAUREATE SERVICE



"We are living in a time of great dangers and great opportunities for man and the world; a time which is also of great responsibility for us all," said Mgr. Ivan Santus, Deputy Head of Mission of the Apostolic Nunciature in Lebanon, to the graduating class of 2018.

Mgr. Santus was the guest speaker at the Baccalaureate Service of Haigazian University, which took place on Sunday, the 20th of May 2018, in the First Armenian Evangelical Church, next to University campus, in the presence of a capacity audience of graduates, along with their families and friends.

In his keynote address entitled "M'Illumino d'Immenso" i.e. I am enlightened with Immense, Mgr. Santus used this metaphor as an allegory of "the awareness of the existence of the Eternal that surrounds and overwhelms us".

He focused on the concept of "love" saying, "it must be seen in our capacity to forgive. It must be seen in our sensitivity to the needs of others. It must be seen in our willingness to share.

It must be seen in our commitment to our neighbors."

Santus concluded his address, quoting Pope Benedict XVI, "God takes from you nothing that is beautiful and great, but brings everything to perfection for His glory and for the happiness of men and women, and for the salvation of the world."

President of Haigazian University, Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian addressed the graduates, putting particular emphasis on the notion of "gratitude", namely for all the gifts and opportunities God has bestowed in life.

In this respect, Haidostian underlined the importance of three expressions, often used in very common ways, but not taken in depth most of the times; "knowledge", "willingness" and "thankfulness". Tackling those concepts, Haidostian concluded his message saying, "I pray that your thankfulness will mean a life-giving inner feeling that will pave for your future success, a life in which your I Know should translate

to knowledgeable action, and your I Will should translate to unwavering commitment to the values of life, faith and work."

Many graduating students brought their participation in this solemn ceremony of dedication and thanksgiving; Rasha Saad, Nadine Al Manasfi, Daniella Daou and Isabelle Baghikian read passages from the Old and New Testament. Shant Akoushian and Nora Kalanjian reflected on their University years. Spiritual Life students Nathalie Boukheir, Palig Berejiklian and Georgio Lteif graciously sang "God Will Make a Way". Talented musicians, Vahan Saghdejian and Nare Achkarian played instrumental music by Yanni, while Hrag Bardizbanian performed a piece by Francisco Tarrega.

Students May Breik and Kevork Pontigian led the graduates to read their pledge which states: "We, the class of 2018 of Haigazian University, in receiving this light, pledge to hold high the light of truth, to defend the light of freedom, and to spread the light of service to our communities, our country and our world. With truth, freedom and service illuminating our hearts, we will challenge each other, and our world, to uphold the worth of each human being, and we will strive for the betterment of society, knowing that this is pleasing to God."

Several pastors brought their share in this thanksgiving service. Pastor of the Armenian Evangelical First Church, Rev. Hrayr Cholakian offered the call to worship, Haigazian University Campus Minister, Rev. Wilbert Van Saane offered the prayer of dedication, while Rev. Paul Haidostian concluded the service by offering his benediction.

Finally, the graduating class of 2018 marched out of the sanctuary, each carrying the light of truth, freedom and service to the world.

The event concluded over a decent reception.,



# 58<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

On Saturday, May 26th, 2018, Haigazian University conferred 121 undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University's 58th commencement exercises, amidst an atmosphere of joyfulness, pride and ovation, sometimes mixed with moments of high emotion.

Minister of Tourism Avedis Guidanian represented both the President of the Republic Gen. Michel Aoun and the President of the Council of Ministers Saad Hariri, Member of Parliament Hagop Pakradounian represented the Speaker of the Parliament Nabih Berry. Among the attendees were MPs Rev. Edgar Traboulsi, MP Gen. Jean Talouzian representing the Lebanese Forces Political Party, the Armenian Ambassador to Lebanon Samvel Mkrdchyan, the representative of the Commander of the Lebanese Army, the President of the Supreme Council of the Evangelical Community of Syria and Lebanon, Rev. Salim Sahyouni, Prelate of the Armenians in Lebanon, Bishop Shahe Panosian, Prelate of the Armenian Catholic Patriarchy, Bishop George Assadourian, President of the Armenian Evangelical Community in Syria, Rev. Haroutioun Selimian, the Head of the Lebanese Press Union Elias Aoun and the Mayor of Bourj Hammoud Mardig Boghossian. The capacity audience also included the Chair of the Haigazian University Board of Trustees, Dr. Hasmig Baran coming from the USA, members of the Board, representatives of Armenian and Lebanese political parties, community leaders, representatives of educational institutions, parents, relatives and friends.

The auspicious ceremony started with the celebratory processional march by faculty and graduates on the notes of the traditional Pomp and Circumstance, followed by the Lebanese National Anthem and the prayer of invocation offered by Campus Minister, Rev. Wilbert Van Saane.

Expressing his pride in the graduating class, University President Paul Haidostian acknowledged the unwavering efforts and dedication of the parents, asking the audience to give them a hearty applause.

In his address, Haidostian tackled the notion of "virtue" in shaping characters and identities. He focused his talk on the virtue of "respect" as a needed virtue and a key for success that transcends all times and eras. "No matter in what era we live, remember that respect is what I need from myself for myself, what those around me need from me without discrimination", Haidostian noted. In a society where, unfortunately, respect is displayed mainly to the strong, Haidostian emphasized on the importance to always "remember your Creator, remember His creatures, remember your families, and communities and country, remember that those stronger than you are in need of your respect equally with those who are weaker than yourselves."



In his inspiring keynote speech, Director of the Armenian Studies Program at the California State University, Haigazian University Trustee and an Alumnus of 1973, Prof. Vahram Shemmassian, addressed the graduating class by asking general questions for them to consider and introduced creative and constructive ideas to ponder upon. "Can you be a game changer? Can you criticize yourself in the strictest manner? Can you surround yourself with capable and powerful people without the fear of losing your status?...", were a sample of the questions raised.

Shemmassian suggested to the graduates to always keep a positive balance in life, namely in finding the adequate balance in the use of technology and globalization matters. "The sooner you regain your independence from excessive use of technology, the quicker the freedom to imagine and create again will revisit you", he noted.

He also invited the students to be change makers, unique, and mostly grateful. In this respect he said, "Life can never be miserable if you discipline yourselves to see the brighter side of things and the advantages

that you have.... Be the latest design that suits and beautifies all shapes of humanity tasteful, colorful, radiant, attractive, original, imaginative, ingenious..."



Shemmassian concluded his word with a very precious advice, saying, "if you have accumulated a number of credits just to obtain a degree, then you have not learned much. But if you consider those units as stored seeds with which to feed the hungry, assist the less fortunate, give hope to the dislocated and the homeless, elevate peoples' self-esteem, and or ennoble mankind in general, then you and true education have embraced each other inextricably."



The graduates then were called to collect their diplomas from the University President, helped by the deans Fadi Asrawi and Arda Ekmekji.

With a sense of accomplishment and gratitude, valedictory Hagop Karamian and Suzanna Saadeddine thanked all the parents, University faculty and staff, giving them the credit for shaping and equipping them with all the necessary education and skills to embark on their new phase of life.

Speaking to their peers, Karamian assured his fellow graduates that “they have epitomized the model character of a Haigazian University learner”, inviting them to “celebrate our academic milestone, but also, the idea that we are beacons of hope and catalysts of change in society.” For her part, Saadeddine pointed out on the importance of being grateful and serving the community and ultimately “our dear country Lebanon, as it is the most in need of our knowledge, ethics and expertise.

Finally, after singing the Alma Mater, and upon the benediction offered by the President of the Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East, Rev. Mgrdich Karageozian, with loud cheers graduates threw their caps high into the air, thus joyfully marking the end of a four-year journey and confidently anticipating the commencement of a new beginning.



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 will receive 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 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!

Thank you.

**Hagop Jack Karamian**



# VALEDICTORY ADDRESSES



الخريجين والخريجات لأنهم بذلو الغالي والنفيس لوصولنا إلى هذه المرحلة. وأخيراً زميلاتي وزملائي الخريجون، ها نحن اليوم نبدأ حياةً جديدةً وكلنا أملٌ أن نبني ونعمر، أن نصلح ونفكر لنسج إلى البناء والعمل، ولا تنسوا نصيب هذا الوطن وأهله من جهدكم. فهم بأمس الحاجة إلى الأيدي المتعلمة العاملة، والمثقفة والخيرة.

سوزانا سعدالدين

أيها الحفل الكريم... أهلاً وسهلاً بكم

مسيرتنا قاربت على الإنتهاء، فيسّرنا نحن خريجي وخريجات هذا العام أن نقف بين أيديكم الليلة، ونحن على أبواب التخرج وحصاد ثمار أربع سنوات مضت من الجِد والإجتهد، محمّلةً بذكرياتٍ ستبقى عالقةً في قلوب الجميع.

كُنّا ولا زلنا أسرةً واحدةً نستظلّ بظلال العلم، نفترش الأخوة بساطاً، نكافح من أجل رفعة هذا الصرح العلمي الشامخ صرح جامعة هايغازيان. تعلمنا منها المحبة والتعاون، والعمل الجماعي، والإلفة والموّدة، والنظام والتنظيم، وتحمل المسؤولية والصدق في أداء واجباتنا على أكمل وجه.

وفي هذا المقام لا يسعنا إلا أن نرفع القبعات لأولئك الذين منحونا العلم والثقة والبناء. فمهما تقدّمنا وفُتحت أماننا الطرق ووصلنا لكل ما نحلّم به، علينا أن نتذكّر من كانوا سبب نجاحنا، ومن ساندنا وأمسك بيدينا للإستمرار ووجودهم حَقَرنا وشجّعنا.

فلكم منّا أستاذتُنّا كلُّ الحب والشكر والإمتنان لما بذلتموه مَعنا من جهدٍ طيلة هذه السنوات، ولما زرعتموه فينا من علمٍ وأدبٍ ورغبةٍ صادقةٍ في البحث والعمل.

الشكر والتقدير لعمادة شؤون الطلبة على قيامها بدورها الكبير واهتمامها المتواصل بالطالب واعتباره محور العملية التعليمية والتربوية، ورعايتها المتكاملة وتقديمها كل ما يحتاجه من خدمات.

ولن ننسى أن نقدّم الشكر الكبير إلى أهالي



## CENTER FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

On Saturday the 13th of September, 2017, the Center of Continuing Education (CCE) at Haigazian University celebrated the harvest of seventy four graduates who successfully completed the fields of Special Education and School Coordinators and Division Heads in the Teacher Training program, in addition to the fields of Human Resources, and Project Management provided in the Adult Education program. Minister of Tourism Avedis Guidanian was the guest speaker of this special occasion.



The ceremony started with a processional march of the proud graduates, followed by the national anthem, after which the capacity audience listened to the welcoming word of the CCE Director Sebouh Gurunlian.

"Everything is changing so fast, and we cannot deny that with technology and information age, so much is changing in so little time," said Gurunlian, highlighting on the unique characteristics of the Center in promoting on-going learning, through providing students with accessible opportunities to update themselves, gain new knowledge, develop personally and enhance their careers.

In his congratulatory remarks, guest speaker, Minister Avedis Guidanian expressed his admiration and appreciation for Haigazian University in playing a major role in the education field of the country and the region by fulfilling its mission through its various departments and the Center for Continuing Education. Guidanian also emphasized on the uniqueness of the Lebanese individual describing him as a trained and prepared individual adaptable to various changes and always eager to learn and develop.

With a sense of accomplishment and gratitude, Human Resources Diploma Graduate Mona Ramadan invited all her fellow graduates to always hold on continuous and ongoing learning. "Life always teaches us a new lesson every day, but we should be prepared for that too through our hard work and train our brains for any sudden new updates", Ramadan concluded.

In his message, University President, Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian considered that education "has to continue, so that life continues to be a story of development". In this respect he defined "certificates" as "proof of good development", along with

the skills, knowledge, updated information and new technologies acquired with it. Haidostian concluded by reiterating the fact that "Haigazian University's mission is to remind people, that what makes documents, symbols, and certificates really worth the trust is the person who holds it... the spirit of the one who holds it, the inner certificate, the ethics, the behavior, the value system.

The program ended with conferring the degrees and a decent reception.





## PUBLIC EVENTS

On Wednesday the 30th of August, Haigazian University welcomed its new undergraduate students for the academic year 2017-2018, to take part in a thorough two-day orientation program, designed to introduce students to and facilitate their transition into all aspects of university life—academic, social, and spiritual.



Haigazian University officially kicked off its academic year 2017-2018, with the commemorative celebration of its Founders' Day, which took place on Monday the 16th of October 2017, having as keynote speaker, former Minister of Finance and currently the Chair of the Tripoli Special Economic Zone, H.E. Mrs. Raya Haffar Al-Hassan.



On Thursday, the 26th of October 2017, Haigazian University screened renowned Film Director, Bared Maronian's long-awaited, highly acclaimed documentary movie, "Women of 1915".



On the 31st of October 2017, a panel discussion titled "Bullying in the Workplace" Organized by the Psychology Department at Haigazian University, took place in the University auditorium.



During the week of November 13 -17, Haigazian University hosted a large number of high school students (grade 11 and 12), from numerous Lebanese schools at an open week program, especially designed to introduce, expose and guide them in their choice of major and career.



On December 1st, 2017, Nutrition and Dietetics Sciences Department at Haigazian University, under the leadership of the Program Coordinator Dr. Sima Hamadeh, with the collaboration of Ms. Stephanie Andraos, a Phd student at the University of Auckland – New Zealand, organized a poster competition under the theme of “Nutrition Trends Should Not Be So Trendy”, which took place in the University’s Auditorium.



On Thursday, December 7, 2017, Haigazian University launched the Christmas celebrations season, by lighting its Christmas Tree in the Mugar Garden, an annual event co-hosted by the University President and the Women's Auxiliary in Lebanon.



On Wednesday 17 January, 2018 the signing of the MOU - led by the Haigazian University President, Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian and the Baptist Institutions of Jordan Board of Trustees' Chairperson, Mr. Emad Gammoh - took place in the premises of the Amman Baptist School in Amman - Jordan, under the patronage of Jordan's Minister of Education.



On Tuesday the 23rd of January, 2018, under the high patronage of the Lebanese Minister of Education and Higher Education, H.E. Dr. Marwan Hamade, the Education Department at Haigazian University organized a seminar entitled, "Special Education in Lebanon: The Status of Inclusive Education" which took place in the University Auditorium.



On Tuesday, the 30th of January 2018, five Haigazian University students from the Faculty of Business Administration and Economics presented their campaign entitled "Rise Lebanon" to combat religious hatred and extremism at the finals of the "Peer to Peer: Facebook Global Digital Challenge". Held at the National Union Building in Washington, D.C.



On Friday, the 2nd of February, 2018, under the high patronage of the Lebanese Minister of State for Administrative Reform, H.E. Dr. Inaya Ezzeddine, the Political Science Department at Haigazian University organized a panel discussion entitled, "The Challenges of Reforming Lebanon's Public Administration", which took place in the University Auditorium.



On Tuesday the 13th of February, 2018, the Nutrition Department at Haigazian University organized a lecture entitled, "the Dangers of Dieting and Eating Disorders", which was delivered by Ms. Huguette Abou Khalil, the Awareness Campaign Director at the Middle East Eating Disorders Association (MEEDA).



On Friday the 23rd of February 2018, The Faculty of Business Administration & Economics at Haigazian University organized a round table conference titled "the Macroeconomic Aspects of the Lebanese Economy", which took place in the University's auditorium.



On the 2nd of March, 2018, the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Haigazian University organized a conference entitled "The Symbolism of Water in Religion", which took place in the University Auditorium.



On Tuesday the 13th of March 2018, Armenian Prime Minister, Karen Karapetyan, heading a high ranking ministerial and economic delegation, visited Haigazian University, where he had the chance to address its students, faculty and staff members.



On Friday the 23rd of March 2018, the Faculty of Business Administration & Economics at Haigazian University organized a round table conference titled "The Retail Industry Trends: Opportunities and Challenges", which took place in the University's auditorium.



On Saturday March 24, 2018, the Mathematical and Computer Sciences Division at Haigazian University organized its Third Annual Computer Programming Cup for High School Students, with the participation of 38 secondary students from 16 different Lebanese schools across Lebanon.



On the 30th of March, 2018, the Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS) students' committee, in collaboration with the Lebanese Down Syndrome Association and the Orphan Welfare Society (Saida), organized an event to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day.



On Sunday, the 22nd of April, 2018, Haigazian University, under the patronage of the Ministry of Education & Higher Education and the Ministry of Social Affairs, in collaboration with the "Smart Kids with Individual Learning Differences Center" (SKILD), and the British Council - Lebanon, celebrated the 5th Annual National Day for Students with Learning Differences, in its campus at Kantari - Beirut



Under the patronage of the Centenary Committee of the 1ST Independence of the Republic of Armenia, presided by the Head of the National Commission for Lebanese Women, Mrs. Claudine Aoun Roukoz, the Armenian Handicraft Committee of the Armenian Relief Cross in Lebanon, in cooperation with Haigazian University, organized a unique exhibition of Armenian handicraft.



On Wednesday 9 May, 2018 a signing of the agreement - led by the Haigazian University President, Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian and the General Manager of the Hotels, Mrs. Dagmar Symes- took place in the premises of the Phoenicia InterContinental Hotel, in the presence of representatives from both parties.



Vahram Aghazaryan Art Expo.



Anatoly Avetyan Art Expo.

On Tuesday, 19th of June, 2018, under the high patronage of the President of the Council of Ministers Saad Hariri, represented by MP Bahia Hariri, Haigazian University cooperated with the Forum for Development Culture and Dialogue (FDCD), Al Amal Iraqi Association, and the DANMISSION, in hosting the opening ceremony of the conference entitled "Interfaith Dialogue and Living Together".



On Wednesday, 27th June, 2018, The "Professional Development Program for Teachers of Armenian Schools in Lebanon", organized by Haigazian University with the collaboration of the Armenian Communities department of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation was concluded with an official ceremony at Haigazian University's "Heritage" Garden.

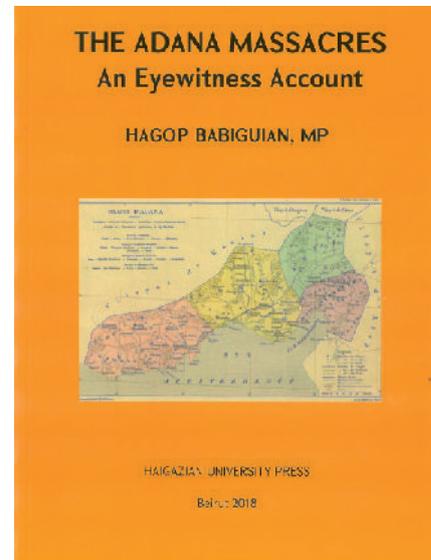




**The Haigazian University Press published three books between October 2017 and October 2018**

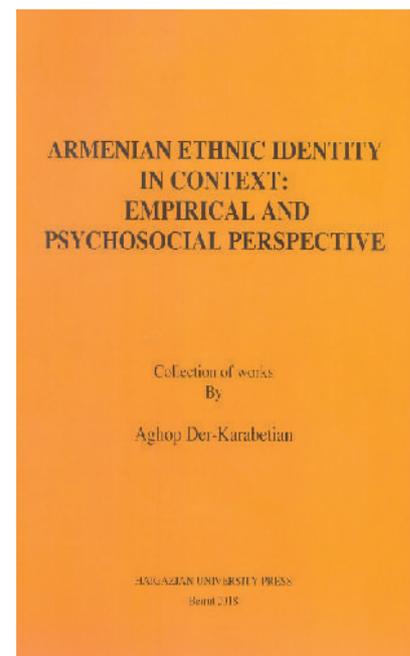
**Hagop Babiguan, *The Adana Massacres: An Eyewitness Account*, Translated and annotated by Dr.A.B. Gureghian foreword (and Overview) by Dr.A.B. Gureghian**

Alongside this first-ever complete translation the book includes a broad introduction and a number of appendixes concerning Babiguan's telegrams to his PM, interviews he had on the ship while returning from his mission. The Appendixes include as well a number of discussions on the Adana Court Martial trials and verdicts, the echoes of the Western Press, surveys and data of victims and financial and the European 301 loss, Turkish Penal Code Human Rights Court resolutions on Turkey's Human In a separate section .11 -2010 Rights record in Dr. A. B. Gureghian discusses and proves the involvement of the state in the Adana Massacres



**Aghop Der-Karabetian, *Armenian Ethnic Identity in context: Empirical and Psychosocial Perspective*:**

The book is a compilation of several research articles and presentations of Dr. Aghop Der-Karabetian, a forerunner researcher, who with a handful of enthusiasts like him both in Lebanon and the California-Los Angeles area initiated unique and original field studies and research on sociocultural issues related to compound societies and on the relationship between multi-communal .polities, dominant groups, subgroups and the self. The surveys and the respective papers study the formation, reshaping and changes of identity, acculturation, integration, assimilation, survival, genocide trauma, rigidifying ethnic boundaries and ethnic rejection, language learning, culture preservation and heritage awareness, biculturalism and bicultural identity, stereotyping, disengagement from .the ingroup, correlations of livelihood dependencies



which have become core issues of current academic challenges of Diaspora studies as well as the preoccupation of migrant groups

## The Launching of the 37th Volume of the Haigazian Armenological Review

On Thursday, October 5, 2017, the 37th volume of the Haigazian Armenological Review was launched in Lebanon in the Haigazian University Auditorium in the presence of Rev. Megerditch Karagoezian, Armenian intellectuals, scholars, Armenian Studies students and a host of guests.

Fr. Antranig Granian, the editor-in-chief of the Review had passed away a few days earlier. Father Granian had joined the Haigazian University faculty in 1969. In 1991 he was appointed chief editor of the Review. During the past two and a half decades the Review had gained in experience, further enriched its content, strengthened its quality, and broadened its geographic space.



After an homage to the late editor, Fr. Granian and his involvement in the Review through a power point, the ceremony started with the opening words of the chair of the Armenian Department, Dr. Nanor Karageozian, who had joined the editorial board the previous year. Dr. Karageozian noted that "working together with scholars and experts of diverse fields and disciplines and editing the volume from multiple approaches are necessary tools particularly for the enhancement of Armenian Studies, which further grows through multidisciplinary efforts, perspectives and communications. Dr. Karageozian presented the content of the 724-page volume.

The cultural attaché of the embassy of the Republic of Armenia, Dr. Vladimir Boghossian, took to the podium and drew a panoramic picture of the Armenian studies efforts conducted in different corners of the world. Dr. Boghossian underlined that "as a scientific discipline and a constituent element of state policy, Armenian Studies becomes pivotal in the context of state formation of both the republics of Armenia and Artsakh."

The President of Haigazian University, Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian, commemorated Father Granian and noted that his presence had "an ennobling, supporting impact on all of us. His presence encouraged us and made us more Armenian, urged us to work harder." Dr. Haidostian noted that the sphere of Armenian Studies is a part of the mission of Haigazian University, because "Armenian Studies is a science and generally speaking, science contributes to the growth of the Armenians. He stressed that universities and contemporary civilizations cannot generate thinking and curriculum as well as knowledge which is in line with current issues without research and research centers. Dr. Haidostian concluded that the Review has become the main address in attracting scholars who publish research papers in Western Armenian.

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## International Conference on “Armenians of Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia”

Unlike the previous conferences, this conference was held in two stages: Cairo (April 12 & 13), in collaboration with the Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church of Egypt and Haigazian University (May 29 & 30). During the ten sessions panelists from Egypt, Lebanon, the United States, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Germany, France and the Republic of Armenia, presented a total of 38 papers.



Organized by the Armenian Diaspora Research Center at Haigazian University, this conference was the fifth of a series of annual conferences. All but the first conferences were supported by the Armenian Communities Department of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.

On Tuesday, May 29, the official opening took place in the presence of the prelate of Lebanon, Rev. Nishan Bakalian, community leaders from Egypt and Lebanon, Armenian intellectuals, historians, and academicians. The ceremony began with the opening words of Dr. Antranik Dakessian, Director of the ADRC. Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian's words were followed by the introduction of the guest speaker, Dr. Ruben Adalian (Director of the Armenian National Institute, Washington DC). Dr. Adalian's lecture was titled “By the Nile and the sea, the currents and tides of modernity and the role of the Armenian Diaspora of Northeast Africa”. The seven sessions of the conference were consecutively moderated by Drs. Arda Ekmekji, Nanor Karageozian, Archalouyse Topalian, Armen Urneshlian, Antranik Dakessian, and Shaghig Khudaverdian and Yeghia Tashjian.

An evening lecture was held on Tuesday. Vartkes Nalbandian, a veteran of the Ethiopian Armenian community lectured on “The Ethiopian Armenian community: Its past and present”.

The Haigazian University Armenian Diaspora Research Center has scheduled its next conference on “Armenians of Greece and Cyprus” for May 2019.





Haigazian University hosted the Lebanese Academic Library Consortium (LALC) members and EBSCO personnel on September 12, 2017.

"Birth, Mission and Vision" was the title of the celebratory event dedicated to PTIT Children's Armenian periodical, website and application. This joint venture between the Derian Armenological Library and PTIT editors, Mrs. Vergine and Mr. Garo Aprahamian took place in the auditorium on February 23, 2018.



On Thursday April 12, 2018, Miss Sislian and Mrs. Avedikian headed to the residence of the Australian Ambassador HE Mr. Glenn Miles to attend the launching of a book of photographs "A Long Way from Home: Australian Forces in Lebanon 1941-1942."



On Saturday April 21, 2018, Shamaa celebrated its 10th anniversary in Gefnor Rotana Hotel, Beirut. Miss Sislian and Mrs. Avedikian were there to share their joy. Haigazian University Libraries have been in collaboration with Shamaa since 2013; all HU education-related theses abstracts and details are posted on the Shamaa webpage.



During 2017-2018, students from several Lebanese academic institutions visited the libraries to get acquainted with the library and its operational system.

On April 26, 2018, 5 MA students of Genocide Studies and 2 students of Journalism from Yerevan State University, visited HU, accompanied by Dr. Mher Hovhannisian, head of the Department of Virtual Armenology and Information at the Institute for Armenian Studies.



As an affiliate member of the American International Consortium of Academic Libraries (AMICAL), Haigazian University was represented by University Librarian Ms. Sonia Sislian in the 15th annual AMICAL conference, "International liberal arts in a digital era: reimagining a shared vision for libraries, technology and learning." This year's conference was held in the American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan from May 4 to 7, 2018.





# SPIRITUAL LIFE

The Spiritual Life group at Haigazian University is a community of students who look for growth in faith and fellowship. Spiritual Life is closely related to the Student Life, although it is not a club in the strict sense of the word. Students are welcome to join spiritual life activities whenever they wish.

In the academic year 2017-18 around twenty-five students were involved in the spiritual life group on a regular basis. The group was led by the campus minister, Rev. Wilbert van Saane.

Weekly chapels formed the heart of Spiritual Life. The chapels took place on Wednesdays, between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. Songs, prayer, Bible reading, reflections and creative moments were the regular ingredients of these gatherings. A highlight of the year was the Christmas chapel, during which Rev. Jonas Weiß-Lange, pastor of the German Evangelical Church, spoke. This service was enlivened by the choir of the seminary of the Armenian Apostolic Church and a drama performed by Haigazian students. Other special chapels included: carols on campus; a chapel service in the style of Taizé; an exhibit of some prints of famous Reformation art; a chapel on the message of the Peanuts comics.



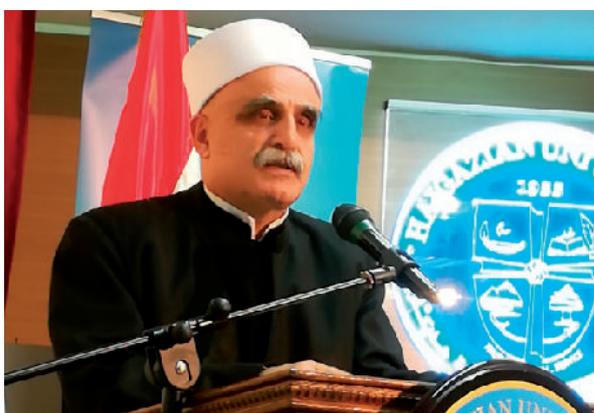
Guest speakers in other chapels were Mr. Lukas Rügger, producer and text writer, who showed some of his videos and led a discussion on the rationality of the Christian faith; Drs. Paul and Virginia Friesen (USA), couple and family counselors, who led a chapel on finding your soul mate; Mr. Matthew Francis (Life Agape), who spoke about Christian witness; Ms. Janice Choo from Singapore, who addressed the theme of following Jesus; and Mr. Fadi Halabi, who pre-recorded a video interview about faith and disability. One chapel featured a panel on social work and religious inspiration, with as panelists two social workers and the head of the syndicate of social workers in Lebanon as panelists.



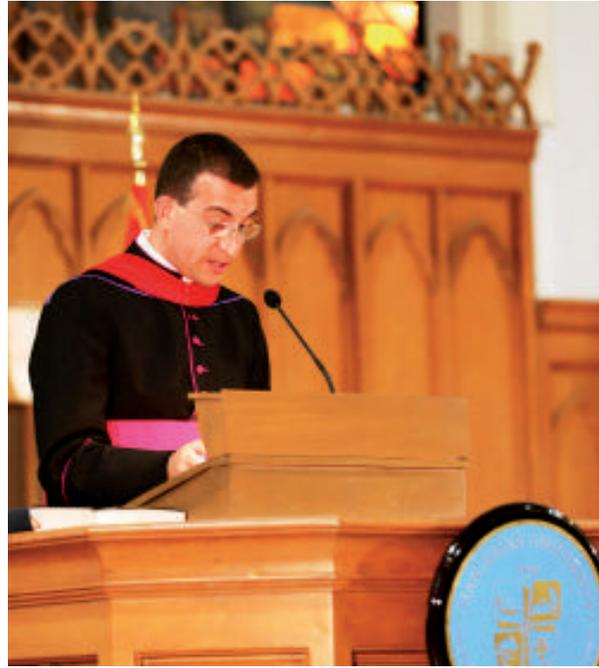
In September 2017, the spiritual life retreat took place. The venue was the J.L. Schneller School in the West Bekaa. The theme of the retreat, 'transforming grace,' was inspired by John Newton's famous hymn 'Amazing Grace'. John Sagherian, regional director of Youth for Christ, was the guest speaker. The retreat also included a walk in the cedar forest; arts; games and sports;



In March 2018, a conference was organized on the theme of 'water and religion'. Speakers from various backgrounds addressed an audience of about eighty. Dr. Reine Youssef, part-time lecturer in environmental science at HU, gave a general introduction to the state of water in Lebanon. Dr. Hosn Abboud lectured on water in the Holy Quran. Sheikh Dr. Sami Abilmona spoke about water from a monotheistic perspective. Caleb Hutcherson (ABTS) and Wilbert van Saane addressed water as a sign of reconciliation in Christian faith. Chris Naylor, director of A Rocha International, gave a presentation on the work of this NGO in Lebanon. These presentations were followed by a panel discussion, moderated by Dr. Arda Ekmekji. Various experts contributed to this panel: Dr. Desirée El Azzi (USEK), Dr. Nadim Farajalla (AUB, Issam Fares Institute) and Mr. Björn Zimprich (GIZ). An over-all conclusion of the conference was that religious institutions have an important spiritual message of hope to deliver when it comes to environmental protection in general and water in particular.



The annual baccalaureate service took place on May 20, 2018. It was a festive, musical event attended by around ninety students and their families. The speaker was Mgr. Ivan Santus, Deputy Head of the Apostolic Nunciature in Lebanon. In his speech entitled 'M'illumino d'Immenso,' Mgr. Santus encouraged the graduating students to keep seeking God and to build a better world. Two students shared reflections on their time at Haigazian: Nora Kalandjian and Shant Akoushian. University President Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian also addressed the graduating students and, in the traditional candle ceremony, symbolically passed on the light of truth, freedom and service to the graduating students.





On August 16, Student Life Office held its annual evaluation and planning workshop with the participation of 16 students representing the different clubs and sports teams at the university.



On September 12, the Student Life Office organized its annual clubs' sign up day.



On September 17, the X-treme Team organized a hiking event to Jabal Mousa reserve. Around 50 participants attended and where they enjoyed the nature and the spectacular views.



On September 22nd, the Social Activities club organized the "Good Bye Summer" event where students played games, enjoyed fresh drinks and enjoyed their time.



On September 25, the Desert Streams Club organized a fundraising event for their upcoming renovation project.



On October 5, the university had a lecture about the Involvement of Women in Computer Science by Dr. Diana Jounblat – Founder and Director of LelaboDigital.



On October 9, the Desert Streams Club organized another fundraising event where the proceeds went to help a needy family.



On October 14, the X-treme Team organized their annual survival camp where members interested to join the team undergo several physical and mental activities.



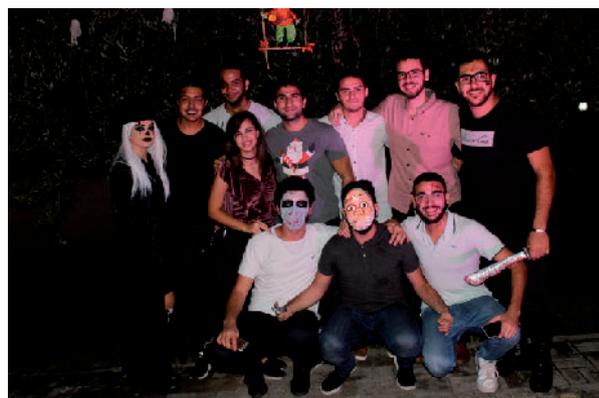
On October 23, the UNESCO Club members organized Nigerian Cultural Day on campus with Nigerian food and music.



On October 24, the Desert Streams Club in collaboration with Donner Sang Compter organized a blood donation event to save lives..



On October 27, the Social Activities Club organized a Halloween party that included a costume competition, games and music. The students enjoyed their time and explored their disguising talents.



On November 4 the Sports Department of Haigazian Univeristy organized a friendly basketball tournament in Homenetmen Ainjar court and raised 2,000,000 LBP for CAHL – Armenian Elderly Home .



On November 5, the Environmental Club participated in a plantation event under the patronage of the first lady Mrs. Nadia Aoun organized by Bcharre Municipality in the cedars area.



On November 6 Armenian Music, Dance and food were present during the Armo's and Co. event organized by the Heritage Club.



On November 24, the X-treme team organized a round trip night biking ride from Beirut to Byblos.



On November 29, the Desert Streams Club visited a needy family and donated the needed medication along with some daily necessary merchandise.



On December 4, the campus was decorated with smiles, excitement and Christmas decorations.



During December, the Desert Streams Club organized a clothing drive to collect winter cloth. The collected clothes were donated to CAHL an Armenian elderly home, Home of Hope orphanage and Beit Al-Yateem.



The Herald magazine for Fall 2017-18 was out during December 2017.



On December 29, the X-treme team had a workshop with the new members of their team.



On January 13, the X-treme Team organized a red cross training session for its members to learn the basics of first aid.



On February 16 an exciting debate about "Dating in the Modern World" with Ms. Anita Moutchoyan - organized by the Women's Movement Club.



On February 17, the X-treme Team organized a snow hike in Falougha region. Around 40 participants enjoyed the hike while it was snowing.



On March 1 the Women's Movement Cub invited Mrs. Dima Sadek – Lebanese News Anchor and Political Host – to lecture about the "Role of Women in Media".



On March 22, the Seven Stars – 7 Haigazian students, presented out a hilarious comedy show that included some standup comedy, imitation and some songs.



On March 24, the Student Life Office organized an outdoor event entitled Springscape. The event included a school basketball tournament, an art exhibition and a talent show along with other games and a memorable program.



On March 25 three Haigazian University sports teams (Women's Basketball ,Women's Futsal and Table-Tennis ) traveled to Athens - Greece on Sunday, March 25 . The delegation stayed there for a period of 6 days and participated in the ACG 2018 INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FESTIVAL organized by the American College of Greece.



On April 5 and 6, the Desert Streams Club members along with volunteers renovated a house for a needy family in Aitat area. The participants enjoyed their time in serving others and getting in touch with their humanitarian side.



On April 11, the UNESCO Club organized Brazilian Cultural Day in the University Auditorium and it included Brazilian dance,music and food.



On April 14 three members from the Heritage Club (Sako Yacoubian, Chris Proudian and Khajag Barsoumian) participated in a general knowledge competition organized by Zavarian Student Association and won the 2nd place among 9 Universities.



On April 14, the Music Club held another successful performance under the title of Spring Harmony conducted by Reverend Nishan Bakalian. The performance included several solo and band performances.



On April 20 HU Women's Table tennis team got the 2nd place in the USC League 2018 tournament.

We are proud of Anna Markarian and Mireille Boyadjian!!



Also, on April 20 the Heritage Club invited Mr. Elie Ferzli (Former Deputy - Speaker of the Parliament of Lebanon) to lecture about the Armenian Genocide .



On April 26 the Art Club members had their 14th annual Art Exhibition at Matossian Gallery.



On April 27 the Haigazian Men's FUTSAL Team were crowned the CHAMPIONS of EUROMILANO 2018 !!!

After playing seven games (six wins and a draw) against universities from Paris, Libya, Czech, Belgium and Spain,

Our team grabbed a 4-0 win against Industriales Madrid University in the final game.



On April 30, the Student Life Office organized its yearly awards day where active students in clubs and sports teams during the academic year are honored and offered a certificate.



May 15 through 23, the X-treme Team members travelled to Nepal to start their Kayaking challenge aiming to encourage the children with cancer of the Children Cancer Center of Lebanon to continue their fight against cancer. The team succeeded in kayaking for four consecutive days with minimal equipment. The campaign entitled "Kayaking for Cancer" was able to collect around 13,500,000



On June 4, the President's Office invited a selected group of students from the class of 2018, along with their families to a reception in appreciation of their outstanding efforts which made a difference to the life of the university community. The students are Joanna Derbedrossian, Nadine Al Manasfi, Nora Kalandjian and Dina Majzoub.

