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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 2020

As we look back on the academic year 2019-2020 at Haigazian University, we are reminded of a year unlike any other. It was a year that tested our resilience, adaptability, and spirit in ways we could not have anticipated. The challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic and other difficulties reshaped our daily lives, forcing us to confront new realities. Despite these challenges, we have stood strong, united by the unwavering support of the Haigazian family.



Throughout these months, we witnessed incredible acts of perseverance, creativity, and compassion. From adapting to online learning to finding new ways to stay connected, the Haigazian community demonstrated an inspiring determination to continue thriving, no matter the obstacles. These difficult times brought out the best in us, reminding us that even in moments of uncertainty, we can rise above with hope and solidarity.

As we close this chapter and look ahead to the future, we carry with us the lessons learned and the strength gained from this extraordinary year. We hold onto the hope for brighter days, when we can once again gather together on campus, unburdened by the constraints of the past year.

To the graduating Class of 2020, we commend your courage and dedication. You have completed your journey under the most challenging circumstances, and for that, you should be immensely proud. As you step into the next stage of your lives, we wish you success, fulfillment, and better times ahead.

With heartfelt gratitude, I extend my thanks to everyone who contributed to making this yearbook possible. May it serve as a lasting testament to our shared experiences, resilience, and the hope that carried us through.

Wishing you all brighter and better days to come.

Chukri Charbetji



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MESSAGE FROM

President Haidostian

The year 2020 was unlike any other—a season of disruption and adaptation that tested our endurance and revealed our resilience. Faced with a global pandemic, sudden shifts to online learning, and physical distance from one another, the Haigazian spirit continued to shine through patience, creativity, and care.

This album gathers moments of learning and connection, of reflection and perseverance, shaped by our shared commitment to service, solidarity, and community. Though separated at times by screens and circumstances, we remained united in mission and values.

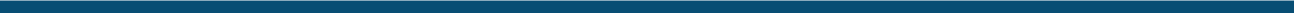


The story told in these pages is not only of what we managed to do, but of who we continued to be—rooted in Truth, Freedom, and Service. May this record of 2020 stand as a testimony to the strength of a community that held fast, stayed focused, and found light in one another.

President Paul Haidostian

Paul Haidostian







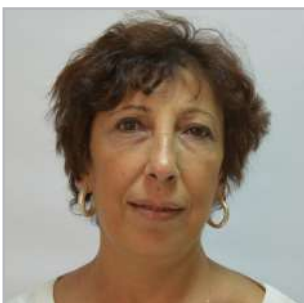
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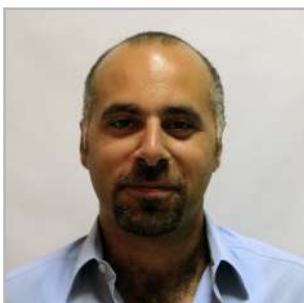
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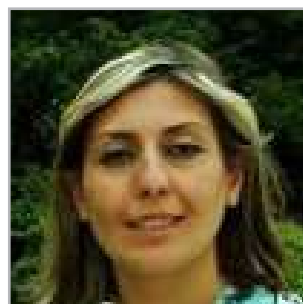
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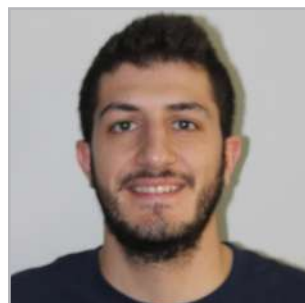
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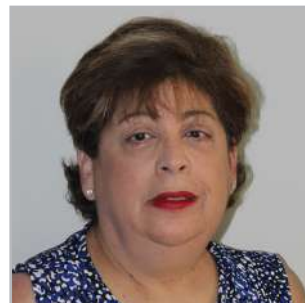
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Economics-B.A.

Hospitality Management-B.A.

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Accounting

Advertising & Communication

Finance

Hospitality Management

Human Resources Management

Legal Studies

Management Information Systems

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Accounting - M.B.A.

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Human Resources Management - M.B.A.

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Marketing - M.B.A.



MESSAGE FROM

Dean Asrawi

Dear Graduates

Your graduation in June 2020 witnessed a major transformation due to the COVID 19 pandemic. It is usually the time when you celebrate your graduation with your friends, family, faculty and loved ones. Instead it was replaced with a photo shoot accompanied with a positive spirit of achievement.



It was invigorating to witness our mission of ensuring a positive transformation of our graduates applied in the attitude of all our graduates. This will definitely lead to positively impacting our world

Our Faculty of Business Administration and Economics continues to remain faithful to Haigazian University's values. Our aim, day to day and year to year, is to help our students grasp their potential, fortify the skill-sets, needed by the business world today, discover their passion and expand the confidence necessary to be positive agents of change in an increasingly changing and complex world. As we are convinced that technology and innovation will continue to lead future changes, we have ensured that our graduates leave our programs with an insightful understanding of how both can be used to improve our work delivery as well as our private lives.

Even after 65 years, we have remained responsive to market needs and consider our Faculty an incessant work in progress. We are continually determined to improve each emphasis in terms of content, of pedagogical methods, of significance to employer, and meeting today's professional demands.

We have equipped you with the right skill-set to succeed and adapt to the exceptional challenges the future will present you.

We look forward to staying in touch and wish you all the best in your future journey.

Sincerely,

Fadi Asrawi, Ph.D.

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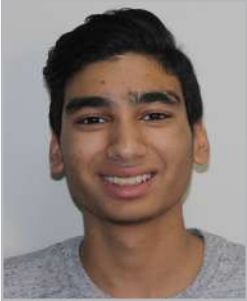
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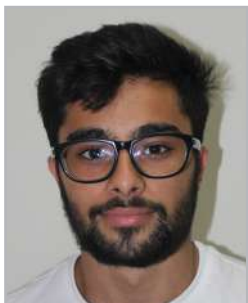
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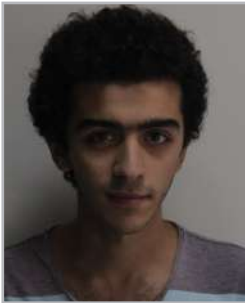
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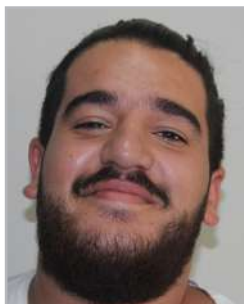
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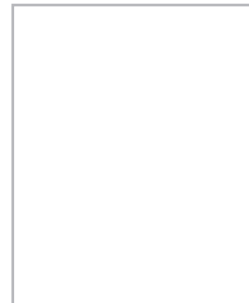
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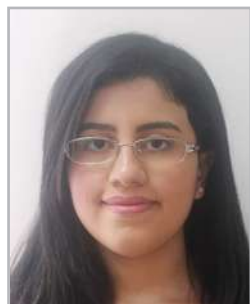
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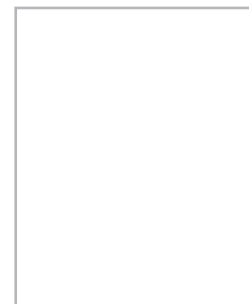
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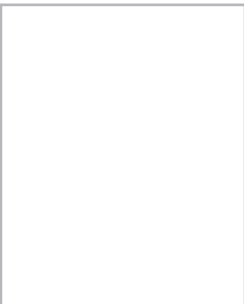
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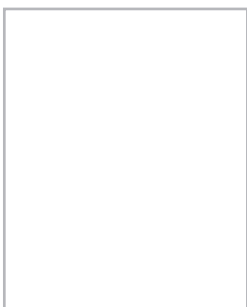
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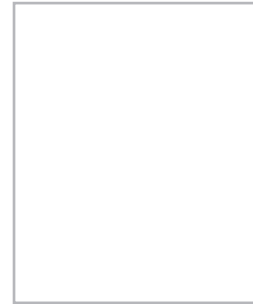
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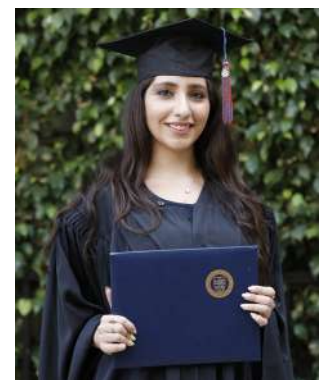
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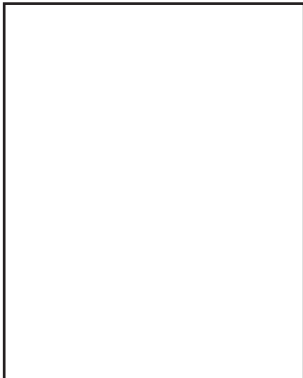
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- Computer Science
- Mathematics
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MESSAGE FROM

Dean Ekmekji

Dear Class of 2020,

When you joined the university some four years ago, you dreamed of your graduation and commencement day. You were meant to be the Class of Haigazian University's 65th anniversary and this in itself was a great honor and recognition.

Alas, 2020 turned out to be totally a different year. Covid-19, confinements, online exams totally changed the profile of what a university life was meant to be. And yet, you succeeded, you really surmounted all these obstacles and graduated, true not in a grandiose commencement, but nevertheless in caps and gowns and physically receiving your diplomas. You came to Haigazian University as precious metals, that just needed carving, polishing and a bit of pressure to enhance your beauty. 2020 provided you with this challenge, with the perseverance, the dangers and the difficulties which made you emerge stronger and more confident than before. In addition, you now hold in your hands this precious FOCUS, which will encapsulate all your memories and precious friendships of these past years.

Therefore, go and face life with courage and temerity, for you are well equipped with the values of your Alma Mater, and surprise the world with excellence, integrity and professionalism.

Congratulations again and God Bless You all.



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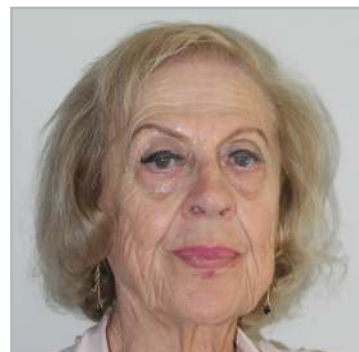
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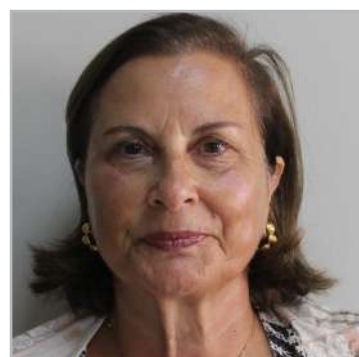
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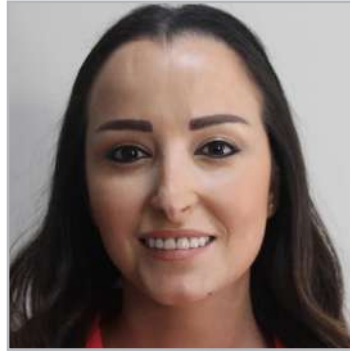
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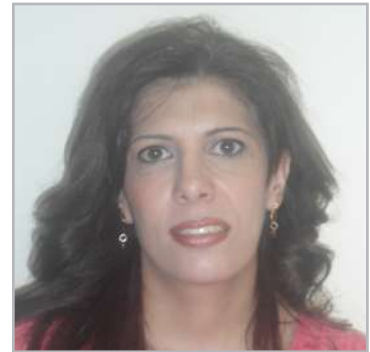
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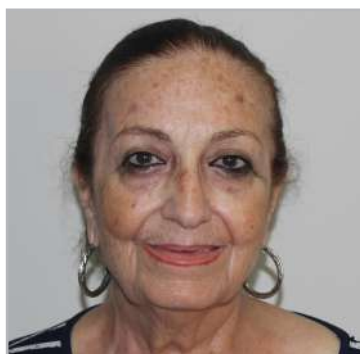
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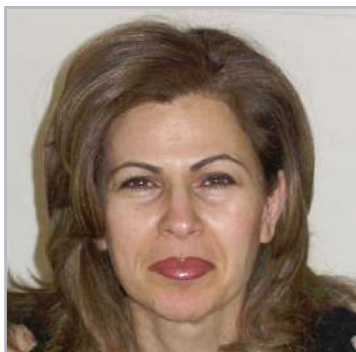
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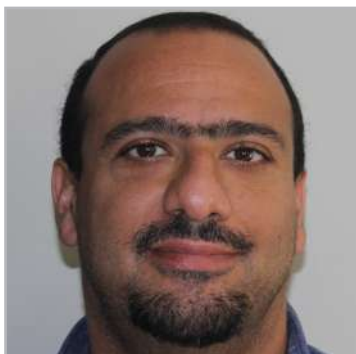
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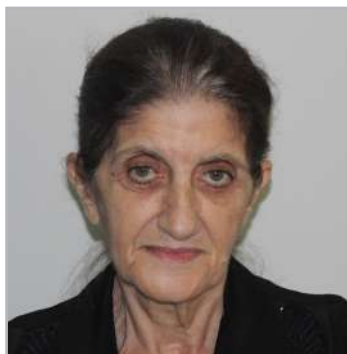
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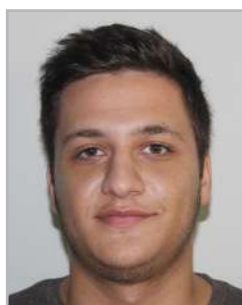
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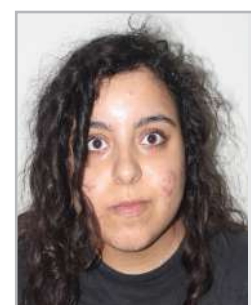
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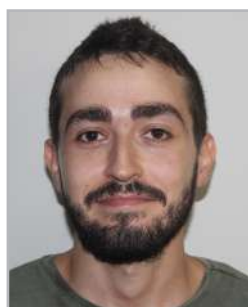
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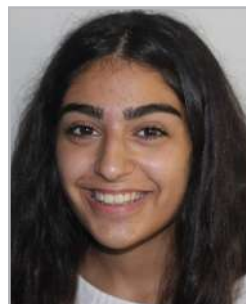
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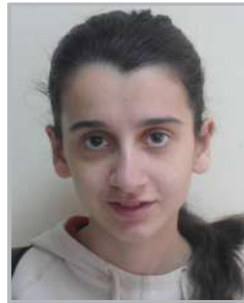
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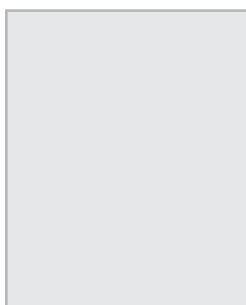
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Class of 2020 Bids Farewell to an Exceptional Year!

Haidostian: Turn your degree into a testament of trust!

The class of 2020 bid farewell to an exceptional academic year by receiving their undergraduate and graduates degrees from President Paul Haidostian and their respective deans, during a very concise ceremony which took place over two consecutive days (September 9th and 10th), due to the pressing health conditions pertained to the Covid-19 virus.

It was marked as the Class of the 65th Anniversary, the class of patience and persistence that witnessed numerous disruptions and continuous distress!

"Turn your degree into a testament of trust", said President Haidostian in his address, stressing on the importance of re-establishing the trust which was lost in people, communities and the nation.

"As a holder of a Haigazian degree and experience, ask how can I help others trust me! That is where change starts," concluded Haidostian



VALEDICTORY ADDRESSES



President, professors, administration, family and friends, honored guests, and fellow graduates of the class of 2020.

During the summer of 2019, I made a simple and honest wish. I wished that my final year at Haigazian would be unforgettable. Today, after burnt tires and demonstrations during Fall and lockdowns and online learning in Spring, I can confidently say that this wish has been fulfilled, not only to me, but to all graduates. I am certain we will never forget this past academic year.

My journey at Haigazian has given me an incredible wealth of lifelong lessons, but the gem which I shine light on is this: be kind first. First of all, because kindness is what the world desperately needs. American author Hellen Keller once said: "Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow". There is a lot of shadow for us to look at. The economy, the political situation, our prospects, all of this can certainly appear quite dim, specially after the devastating explosion in Beirut and its aftermath. For this reason, we turn instead to the sun rays. We turn to kindness. Kindness is also the key to belonging. Like some others at this university I was not born in this country, but I can confidently say that I belong to Haigazian. People showed me this kindness and I simply reciprocated. And lastly, kindness is the looking glass into our skills. Before remembering that we are teachers, doctors,

psychologists, social workers, nutritionists, or IT technicians, those who cross our paths will first of all remember if we are kind. Good professionals are kind professionals.

We can clearly see this here at Haigazian. Our president personally greets each student and on occasions has even sat with us for a cup of coffee. Our professors might give horrendous exams, but most of them try to welcome us with warm smiles into their offices. We students kindly guide each other with campus, university life, and, more recently, with links to Zoom meetings. Some of our guards are willing to learn our languages or to help us learn theirs. We see this kindness in the administration, in the staff, in the Student Life Office, and without doubt in the Writing Center.

Fellow graduates, standing here today, I feel beyond honored, I feel blessed. And I imagine so should you. Many of us here rode roller coasters of uncertainties about whether we could complete courses, pay our tuitions, or have Wi-fi connections good enough to cope with our online activities. The truth is that without certain people in our lives, we would still be in that coaster car, yet today we have reached the finish line.

I believe I speak for all when I thank our parents and family members, our friends who endured our highs and lows, our Financial Aid office, and the Almighty, Kind God who made this achievement of ours possible and on whom this university still lays its foundations.

Fellow graduates, my hope is that we can be kind in truth, freedom, and service. May these values become our heritage from Haigazian university, and may they color not the letters and stamps of our degrees, but the essence of our lives.

Thank you. And Congratulations!

Timoteo Pereira Neves



Mr. President, board of trustees, faculty, honorable guests, family and friends, and of course, my fellow graduates.

It is an honor to be here today.

I want to start off with a small lesson that I heard at a sermon and that directly reminded of that same lesson that my dear Haigazian University has passed on to us. It's called "The 2 Buckets". In life, one must have 2 buckets, the first one under the title of "things in my control" and the second one is under the title of "things out of my control". Do you know what the primary source of frustration is? It is not the storms of life, it is not the disasters, it is not the failures, and it is not the troubles. It is the misplacement of the items in those 2 buckets, meaning that, when we place things that are not in our control under the things in our control, we will be frustrated, and vice versa.

This year has been one of the most challenging years that we have encountered. However, the faculty has never left our side. They fought with us, assured us, made us comfortable and helped us to let go of what we cannot change and hold on to what is in our control. In one way or another, they taught us how to place the right items in the right bucket.

And because of that, we are here today in our caps and gowns celebrating the success of this milestone

And I can say on the behalf of all my fellow graduates, we will not take this for granted, and we are all truly thankful and grateful for all the soldiers of Haigazian University as well as our families for their cooperation. We don't know what's yet to come, but we are certain that because of you, we are well equipped and ready to face anything we have to, to reach our goals no matter what.

As Samuel Johnson once said: "Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance".

Jana El Haddad



STUDENT LIFE & EVENTS

On August 7, 2019, two HU students, Nayiri Hagopian and Kevork Yacoubian, participated in the International Youth Day seminar held in ESCWA



On August 23, 2019, students and faculty members at Haigazian University during the Orientation Day welcoming and guiding the new students



On August 25, 2019, our students, Narod Kechebachian, Christ Proudian, Sako Yacoubian and Bedig Kasparian, raising the flag of Haigazian University on the top of Mount Ararat



On August 26, 2019, the X-treme team planning their yearly schedule for the academic year 2019-2020



During September, the clubs started their annual meetings as well as the Futsal team started their annual training sessions



On September 5, 2019, the Student Life Office organized the annual Clubs' Sign-up Days. Many enthusiastic students joined our clubs



On September 13, 2019, the Social Activities Club organized their first event "Meet & Greet" to Celebrate World Positive Thinking Day. The campus was filled with games, good food and positive vibes



On September 14, 2019, the annual HU spiritual life field trip took place. The purpose of these trips was to enjoy Lebanon's natural beauty and explore its spiritual heritage. They visited the Tannourine Cedar Reserve and the ancient castle and church of Smar Jbeil



On September 20, 2019, the X-treme team visited Sesobel to give them the donations collected during their "Hiking for Change" campaign



On September 22, 2019, the X-treme team organized their first hike for the Academic year 2019 - 2020 in Madfoun Valley



On September 24, 2019, a group of Art Club members had the chance to visit and observe Beirut Art Fair - BIEL. Beirut Art Fair is a yearly modern art fair with a global reach and a particular affinity for the Middle Eastern and North African scenes



On September 27, 2019, On the occasion of the International Tourism Day, his excellency Mr. Avedis Guidanian gave a lecture and interacted with the audience during the Q&A session



During October, the kickboxing and Road runners' teams started their training sessions



On October 10, 2019, the X-treme Team tested the limits of the new recruits in their annual survival camp



On October 17, 2019, the X-treme Team welcomed their new members



On November 18, 2019, the Haigazian Red Cross Club organized a blood drive



On December 5, 2019, the Art Club preparations for the annual Art Exhibition that will take place in the Spring 2020 Semester



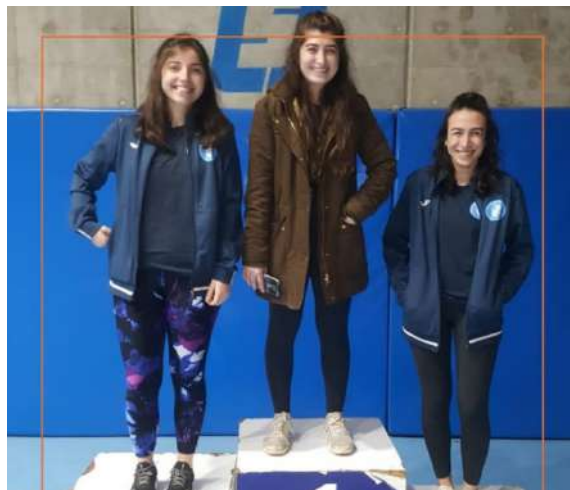
On January 10, 2020, In response to the invitation of the Student Life Office, a group of students from various campus clubs had the chance to have “A Cup of Coffee with the President”, an informal and valuable time with Dr. Haidostian



On January 10, 2020, students welcomed Spring Semester with warm wishes



On February 4, 2020, Haigazian University badminton team had an amazing weekend. In the 4th round of the USC league, our men's team secured the 3rd place having a great run securing the first bronze medal for the year. Meanwhile, the women's team had a remarkable improvement in results by securing the 4th place among the 8 participating universities! We want to congratulate the team members and the coach



On February 5, 2020, OR Program welcoming new students at Haigazian University



On February 12, 2020, De-stress and Express event organized by Social Activities Club



On February 24, 2020, Armo's and Co event organized by the Heritage club



On February 29, 2020, Annual Haigazian University Spiritual Life retreat



During the Covid-19 pandemic, Haigazian's staff and faculty demonstrated unwavering support and encouragement for their students. Despite the abrupt shift to online learning and the countless challenges that came with it, the semester concluded successfully and positively. The Student Life Office prioritized student health and mental well-being by implementing various support initiatives, creating engaging social media content, and closely monitoring individual situations to ensure no one was left behind.



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