

IMPACT REPORT 2020-2022



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Together on the road to excellence

September 2020 - June 2022

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The heads of all USJ and HDF entities for their help and collaboration in the collection of data, numbers and projects.

Data referred to in this Report has been audited by Ernst & Young P.C.C. and issued their unmodified opinion on January 31, 2023.





A Well-Rounded FOUNDATION...

Dear Friends, Alumni, and local and international partners, we present you the third edition (2020-2022) of the *Fondation USJ* Impact Report! We owe it to you to inform you, for the sake of ethics and transparency, of everything that we were able to achieve thanks to your donations. We would also like to express our deep gratitude and appreciation for your generosity. You have made it possible for us to carry on our mission.

However, this third edition would not have been possible without the dedication and passion of the dynamic team led by Cynthia-Maria Ghobril Andrea and chaired by the Rector of USJ, Prof. Salim Daccache s.j. We are also sincerely grateful to all the USJ and HDF entities for their contribution to this project!

Although the country is going through dire times, we, as men and women of faith, are determined to pursue our mission. We are strongly committed to maintaining the academic excellence of our reputable University which will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2025. We are also intent on the growth of our century-old hospital, *Hôtel-Dieu de France*, the only French-speaking University Medical Center in the Middle East, and on standing by its patients.

Dear Friends, let us all give our University and its hospital a new impetus!

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MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR AND PRESIDENT OF *FONDATION USJ*, PROF. SALIM DACCACHE S.J.



Our Foundation Report!

Our 2020-2022 report showcases how *Fondation USJ* responded to the challenging consequences of the dire economic crisis that has led to the deterioration of the value of our financial resources by 90%. This report also sheds light on the solutions developed by the *Fondation USJ* teams, such as "Donate to Educate, Build and Heal."

What are the actions taken on behalf of the public interest? What needs do its programs meet? Who does it work with and how? Most importantly, how does it impact the future of our youth? How many of our beneficiaries have completed their studies thanks to our donors?

Here are some of the questions covered in the 2020-2022 Impact Report – which is the fruit of internal collaboration and aims to:

INFORM YOU

Based on many key figures, this report covers the main activities during the two academic years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022. These two years were marked by both, the pandemic and the economic and social crisis that has affected so many families. *Fondation USJ* has risen to the challenge and has raised over \$10 million USD through donations, in cash, and in kind. Unfortunately, we are still very far from reaching the value of our deposits, which have lost tens of millions of dollars of their active value.

INSPIRE YOU

The faces behind our statistics are our students, our faculty and staff, our doctors, our caregivers, and our families who saw their lives and their homes destroyed before their eyes because of the Beirut Port explosion on August 4, 2020. They are people with a life project, actors of change, and bearers of an ongoing mission. Supporting them to stay rooted in their country is a moral duty that is instrumental to the freedom of Lebanon!

INVITE YOU TO TAKE PART IN THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR UNIVERSITY

One-time donations are crucial to counter the effects of the crisis, but we are striving to always go higher and higher. Our goal is to ensure the financial stability of our University in the long run, so it can build a sustainable academic and social project no matter the challenges! In 2025, USJ will turn 150. Is collecting \$150 million USD to celebrate 150 years too much to ask?

We truly hope that the entire community of Alumni, Friends, Parents of students, and other Partners would join efforts to help us achieve this goal!

We are counting on you for a bright future!


Salim Daccache s.j.

INTERVIEW WITH

Mrs. CYNTHIA-MARIA GHOBIL ANDREA,

Director of *Fondation USJ*



Adapting to crisis philanthropy, implementing good governance to all donations, and operating in full transparency

THE IMPACT REPORT OF *FONDATION USJ* IS AN ANNUAL REPORT. WHY DOES THIS EDITION COVER 2 ACADEMIC YEARS?

2020 and 2021 were marked by the Covid-19 pandemic, the economic, social, and financial crises, and the Beirut Port explosion of August 4, 2020. This had a serious impact on *Fondation USJ* which had to quickly adapt, grow, and provide support to its hospital, Hôtel-Dieu de France (HDF). During this unprecedented crisis, *Fondation USJ* launched, the day after the tragedy, the "USJ-HDF Emergency and Solidarity Fund", to cover 4 ongoing fundraising campaigns: "Donate to Educate", "Donate to Rebuild", "*USJ en mission*", and "Donate to Heal".

The great impact of our donors' generosity, our activities, and the figures and graphs of the ongoing campaigns are reflected in this report.

YOU TOOK OVER *FONDATION USJ* IN JULY 2020 AMID AN UNPRECEDENTED CRISIS AND CHALLENGES. TELL US MORE ABOUT YOUR CAREER AT *USJ*.

After heading the University's Publications and Communication Office (SPCOM) for 25 years, I was appointed "Director of *Fondation USJ*" with the mission to develop a fundraising strategy to support *USJ* and its university hospital to maintain their excellence and their pioneering role and to promote the culture of philanthropy within its community.

Since the beginning of the 2020 academic year, *Fondation USJ* has had to rethink its activities and communication strategy, especially after the lockdown and amid a lack of direct contact with our donors and friends, by launching several digital communication tools, in particular: a new website for *Fondation USJ*, videos, impact reports, the "Fond'actions" Newsletter, a donation page and online fundraising campaigns shared on the *USJ* website and social networks, etc.

WHAT IS THE OUTCOME OF THE ONGOING CAMPAIGNS AND WHAT ABOUT THE DONORS?

Without our donors, patrons, and *USJ*-HDF Alumni and friends, we would not have been able to pursue our mission! I would like to sincerely thank each person and local or international institution that has allowed us, not only to support 50% of our students, or to rebuild our 5 Beirut campuses and our hospital, HDF (the only French-speaking university hospital in the Middle East), but also to rebuild our heritage buildings (the Oriental Library, the Monnot Theater, the Museum of Lebanese Prehistory, etc.), and to support our severely devastated community, through our humanitarian campaign "*USJ en mission*".

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT NEEDS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND HDF?

USJ has countered the harsh crisis affecting families in Lebanon with sensible solidarity by providing financial aid to 49.8% of its students in 2020-2021 and then, to 50.8% in 2021-2022 by offering scholarships based on social and academic criteria. We expect that financial aid will increase to reach 53% of students in 2022-2023. The budget allocated to scholarships was

\$2.9 million USD in 2021-2022. An estimated \$11 million USD will be necessary for 2022-2023.

The crisis did not spare HDF, its staff, and patients who were affected by the shortage of drugs, materials, and equipment, as well as by the departure of over 50 of the most experienced nurses (out of 482), and a dozen of highly skilled doctors (out of 251).

HOW DO YOU INVOLVE *USJ*-HDF ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ABROAD IN YOUR ACTIVITIES?

We remain committed to working closely with our privileged partners, the *USJ* Federation of Alumni Associations, and the *USJ* Alumni Office. As soon as the sanitary situation allowed it, we stepped up our efforts to guarantee the rights to education and health for all. We are increasing our activities abroad, with the collaboration of our Rector, the President of the *USJ* Federation of Alumni Associations, Dr. Christian Makary, in particular, the Director General of Hôtel-Dieu de France, Nassib Nasr, and other members of our two institutions, to boost our fundraising efforts, collect funds for our projects and pressing needs, meet our Alumni around the world to stay in touch with them, and to forge new partnerships.

WHAT ARE THE NEW CHALLENGES OF *FONDATION USJ*?

The greatest challenge for *Fondation USJ* remains for us to stay the course and ensure the sustainability of *USJ* and HDF, within a very complicated global economic and social context, particularly in Lebanon. It is our duty to be even more creative and proactive in our fundraising activities for the sake of our 2 century-old institutions, to maintain the mobilization strategy, to engage all our *USJ* Alumni and friends in our mission, and to be able to increase our fundraising target. *USJ*, which will be celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2025, together with Hôtel-Dieu de France, which has just celebrated 100 years of medical excellence, must meet this challenge for the good of its community, its students, and its patients.

Since its establishment in 2015, *Fondation USJ* has always adapted to the needs of its institutions

FONDATION USJ GO THE EXTRA MILE TO UPHOLD THE EXCELLENCE OF OUR INSTITUTIONS

Fondation USJ is the main body within Saint Joseph University of Beirut that is attentive to the needs of its students, its community, and its hospital, Hôtel-Dieu de France (HDF). 7 years after its establishment, *Fondation USJ* is now playing a pioneering and strategic role, strengthening relationships between local and international donors, Friends, and Alumni of the University and HDF.

Our mission: diversification for a better adaptation

Fondation USJ aims to:

- Raising funds to support students, teaching excellence, and research.
- Building partnerships with donors and businesses.
- Capitalizing on USJ's international network of alumni, friends, and partners.

Fondation USJ had to diversify its mission by launching 4 different campaigns following the August 4 explosion as part of the "USJ-HDF Emergency and Solidarity Fund" which are still ongoing due to the current situation.

Solidarity, transparency, and compassion are our values

Fondation USJ values equality, solidarity, compassion, commitment, trust, and transparency, which are reflected in its actions, projects, and fundraising campaigns, whose objectives are:

- To provide scholarships to students in financial difficulty.
- To establish prizes to value and encourage entrepreneurship, creativity, and innovation among outstanding students.
- To meet Schools' needs, and to ensure infrastructure and equipment modernization of the University and Hospital.
- To support research projects and funds, as well as the establishment of Chairs for specific topics.
- To raise awareness and develop a philanthropic culture within the USJ-HDF Community.

Fondation USJ is supported by a "Governance Council" that helps it in the implementation of its strategies and by a "Fundraising Steering Committee" that supervises all fundraising activities.

FONDATION USJ

A TRANSPARENT, PARTICIPATORY, AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE

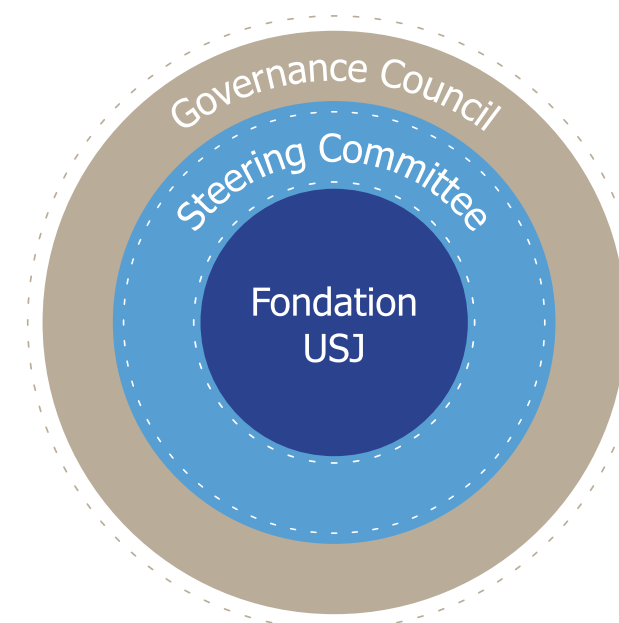
According to the Rector and President of *Fondation USJ*, "while our task is to allocate the funds we receive, it is also our duty, in the name of transparency and philanthropy, to inform our generous donors of the fate of their donations."

To ensure good management and transparency, *Fondation USJ* operates alongside:

- A "Governance Council" made up of personalities from the social and economic world who help *Fondation USJ* develop its strategy and monitor the soundness of its activities according to ethics.
- A "Fundraising Steering Committee" made up of an operational committee of internal actors and stakeholders of the University.

Their commitment to *Fondation USJ* allows the follow-up of fundraising actions, the development of initiated projects, and the implementation of new programs and fundraising campaigns to guarantee transparency in terms of management and use of donations.

Good Governance:
The ethical and moral compass
of all our philanthropic
actions!



MEMBERS OF THE *FONDATION USJ* GOVERNANCE COUNCIL



____ **SALIM DACCACHE S.J.** ____

Rector and President of Fondation USJ

Member of the Society of Jesus since 1975, ordained priest on April 13, 1983, and President of the Universities Association of Lebanon since November 2, 2020, Prof. Salim Daccache is a holder of a master in theology and philosophy and two Ph.D.s in education and literature. In addition to being Rector, Prof. Daccache has held many other positions since August 2012. Daccache was awarded the insignia of *Officier* of the *Ordre des Palmes Académiques*, the insignia of the *Ordre national du Mérite* of the French Republic, and the President Elias Hraoui Award.



____ **CYNTHIA-MARIA GHOBRIIL ANDREA** ____

Director of Fondation USJ

As of July 1, 2020, Cynthia-Maria Ghobril Andrea has been appointed Director of *Fondation USJ*. Member in the French Association of Fundraisers (AFF) and CASE Institute since February 2020, she is an expert in corporate and event communications, public relations, and brand management. Cynthia Ghobril holds a joint MBA in Business Management from IAE Paris and Paris Dauphine, a Professional Diploma in Communication from CELSA (Paris IV-Sorbonne), a master in sociology from the Faculty of Humanities, and a diploma in mediation from the USJ Professional Mediation Center. She founded the USJ Publications and Communication Office in 1995 and remained at its head until 2020. The French Republic awarded her the insignia of *Chevalier* of the *Ordre des Palmes Académiques* in 2011.



____ **YOUSSEF DIB** ____

*CEO and Chairman of Swiss Financial House
Vice-President of the Governance Council of Fondation USJ*

Youssef Dib, a graduate of HEC Paris, is an experienced and hardworking professional with more than 35 years of experience in the fields of asset management, private banking, financial engineering, and mergers and acquisitions. He is currently the Chairman & CEO of Swiss Financial House (SFH), an independent wealth management company based in Geneva, accredited by FINMA, the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority. He is the Founding President of *Vivre Ensemble* Foundation, a member of the Board of Directors of Happy Childhood Foundation, a member of the Lebanon Committee of Human Rights Watch, the President of HEC Alumni Lebanon, and an active member and former President of LIFE Lebanon. Youssef Dib was also the Director of Synergos and a member of the Global Philanthropists Network for several years.



____ **DANY BAZ** ____

*Director of Bankdata
Secretary-General of the Governance Council of Fondation USJ*

Dany Baz is currently the Director of Bankdata Financial Services, a publishing and consulting company specializing in the Lebanese banking sector since the 1980s. She held several positions at Bank Audi S.A.L: Director of Marketing and Communication and Director of Retail Banking in Lebanon and Egypt before getting back to her position at Bankdata in 2010. Her previous experience was in the press as Managing Director of the Arabic edition of Readers' Digest (Al-Mukhtar) and as Marketing Director at *Europe Francophone* at the Middle East Economic Digest (MEED). Dany Baz holds a degree in marketing from the School of Marketing and Advertising (EMP - Paris) and a master in management and finance from the Higher Institute of Economic and Commercial Sciences (ISSEC - Paris).



____ **DAVID ATALLAH** ____

Head of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department, Hôtel-Dieu de France Hospital

Head of the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department at Hôtel-Dieu de France Hospital, Dr. Atallah is also a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the USJ Faculty of Medicine. Elected President of the Lebanese Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology, he is also Editor-in-Chief of the Lebanese Medical Journal. He is an elected member of the Board of IGCS (International Gynecologic Cancer Society), representing the Middle East and Africa, Secretary General of MEMAGO (Middle East Mediterranean Association of Gynecologic Oncologists), and member of the Executive Board of PARSGO (The Pan-Arabian Research Society of Gynecologic Oncology).



____ **NAJI BOULOS** ____

Marketing and Communication Consultant

Naji Boulos is a graduate of the USJ Faculty of Business Administration and Management and the SKEMA Business School (Nice Sophia Antipolis - France).

He has over 35 years of experience in the advertising industry. Managing and Creative Director of the advertising agency Inter Régies from 1993 to 2002 and Managing Director of Mamac Ogilvy & Mather from 2003 to 2018. In 2019, he founded Jicébé, an innovation and creativity consulting firm. Former President of the IAA (International Advertising Association) Lebanon Chapter (2011-2013) and IAA Global Vice President of MENA Government Relations (2013-2016), Boulos is now the marketing and communication consultant at USJ and HDF.



____ **MAROUN N. CHAMMAS** ____

President-General Manager at Berytech

Maroun N. Chammas, a graduate of Boston University with a B.S. in Engineering in 1984 and an MBA in 1986, is a successful Lebanese entrepreneur with activities ranging from oil and gas to telecom, F&B, and technology and innovation. His entrepreneurial drive led him and his brother in 1995 to become pioneers in Lebanon's digital frontier, by establishing the first internet access company: Data Management, now known as IDM, and in 2018 by acquiring and reinvesting in Cablevision the largest content and TV broadcasting company. Today, he is the Vice Chairman and General Manager of MEDCO Holdings - the number one national oil and gas downstream company. Through his role as Chairman and CEO of Berytech since 2003, Maroun Chammas plays an active and key role in shaping the ecosystem of Lebanon nurturing and supporting Lebanese innovation, venture capital, and entrepreneurship.



YVES CHOUEIFATY

President and Founder of TOBAM

Mathematician, President and Founder of TOBAM, and Former CEO of Credit Lyonnais Asset Management, Yves Choueifaty is also a committed entrepreneur on human rights and climate change challenges. He has several external commitments: he is the president of the advisory board of WeNow, a Climate Neutral Now champion endorsed by the United Nations. He is a member of the Governance Council of *Fondation USJ*, a board member of MIDEL (International Confederation of Lebanese Businesspeople), and a member of the Finance Committee and the Paris Committee of the Human Rights Watch since 2019. Choueifaty has been named "Chief Investment Officer of the Year" in 2015 (Funds Europe) and "Asset Management Leader of the Year" in France in 2016 (AGEFI).



CARLA EDDÉ

Vice-Rector for International Relations at USJ

Carla Eddé is a historian, Professor, and Vice-Rector for International Relations at USJ. She is a visiting professor at several international universities, as well as the author of numerous scientific publications. She also works as an expert with local and international NGOs.



JOSEPH EL FADL

Former Senior Partner at Deloitte

Joseph El Fadl obtained a BBA in 1979 and an MBA in Banking and Finance in 1981 from USJ. He is a retired senior partner of Deloitte ME with over 40 years of experience as an expert and leader in the field. Joseph El Fadl has been a member of the Lebanese Association of Certified Public Accountants and of the AICPA since 1991.



FADI GEARA

Vice-Rector for Administration at USJ

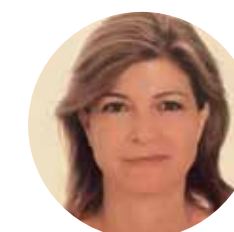
Vice-Rector for Administration at USJ and Honorary Dean of the Faculty of Engineering (ESIB-ESIAM and INCI), Fadi Geara is also a member of the HDF Board of Directors, and several national and international associations. He holds a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from USJ and ECP and is a professor at ESIB. He has published over 100 scientific articles in local and international journals and was the supervisor of several theses.



NABIL GEMAYEL

Chairman and CEO of Gemayel Frères S.A.L.

Born in Beirut in 1960, Nabil Gemayel has an engineering background but is a professional industrialist at heart. In 1981, he obtained a BS in Mechanical Engineering from TEXAS A&M University and returned to Lebanon in 1982 to join the family industrial company GEMAYEL FRERES S.A.L. as Chairman and CEO. He is a member of the Delegated Board of Directors of the Lebanese Cardboard Company, (SOLICAR) S.A.L. He is also a partner and the Managing Director of GemDoubs, and a partner at Norpaper, 2 industrial companies for the production of Recycled Paper, established in France. He was elected President of the Lebanese Packaging Center, LIBANPACK, in February 2017. He joined the Governance Council of *Fondation USJ* in 2020. He has also been a member of the Advisory Board of the Faculty of Science since 2017. He has been a member of the RDCL (Lebanese Business Leaders Association) since 1995 and of ANMI (Association of North Metn Industrialists) since 1994. He has also been on the Executive Board of IRALEB since 1997 (formerly known as the LIRA program, IRALEB is a private non-governmental organization that mainly partners with universities in Lebanon, and aims to empower Lebanese researchers to develop innovations, modernize production processes, and develop products).



ROULA GHOSTINE

Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Economics at USJ

Associate Professor and Vice-Dean, Roula Moujaes Ghostine has been teaching at the Faculty of Economics since 1982 upon obtaining her master's degree. She is the co-founder of the Gilbert and Roula Ghostine Fund.



VICTOR JEBARA

Member of the HDF Board of Directors / Vice-President of Heartbeat

Professor and Head of the Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery Department at the Faculty of Medicine of USJ, Cofounder and Vice-President of Heartbeat, Dr. Victor Jebara is also the author of 250 scientific articles in international journals and 23 specialized chapters. He is also an active member of the following scientific societies: American Association for Thoracic Surgery, European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, and the *Société française de chirurgie thoracique et cardio-vasculaire*.



CHRISTIAN MAKARY

President of the Federation of USJ Alumni Associations

Doctor of Dental Surgery (USJ Class of 1993), Christian Makary also holds a Ph.D. in Oral Biology from USJ and is a specialist in oral surgery. The former head of the department and Associate Professor, he is currently Director of the Master in Oral Surgery at USJ. Christian Makary graduated from *Collège Notre Dame de Jamhour* in 1987. He is very loyal to USJ, and that's why in 2019 he became President of the Federation of USJ Alumni Associations.



_____**ROGER NASNAS**_____

CEO - AXA Middle East

CEO of AXA-Middle East S.A.L., Chairman of Globemed Lebanon, member of the Board of Directors of GlobeMed Ltd, former Chairman of the Economic and Social Council of Lebanon, of several Arab economic and social councils, and the RDCL, Roger Nasnas is also President of the Greek-Melkite Catholic Diocese Charity Association of Beirut and Suburbs, the founding association of *Oasis de Vie* (Continuum of Healthcare Center). Moreover, he is a member of the Governance Council of *Fondation USJ* and of the Board of Trustees of Antonine University. He is the author of "Le Liban de demain - vers un développement économique et social" and "Le Liban de demain - vers une vision économique et sociale".



_____**NASSIB NASR**_____

Director General of the Hôtel-Dieu de France

Nassib Nasr is a civil engineer, who graduated from the School of Engineering of Beirut at USJ. He holds a Specialized Graduate Studies Diploma from the University of Paris VI (1993) and a master in civil engineering CHEBAP from CHEC (*Centre des Hautes Études de la Construction* - Paris). Nassib Nasr spent most of his career with Apave and became Regional Manager of the Middle East and Gulf Area. For 26 years, he managed the Construction Technical Inspection and Certification departments of Apave subsidiaries. He has been the General Director of Hôtel-Dieu de France since July 2021.



_____**LINA OUEIDAT**_____

Advisor to the Prime Minister on ICT and Cyber Security Focal Point

Since 2020, Dr. Lina Oueidat has been the National Coordinator of the Advance Counter-Terrorism for Lebanon Security, a project funded by the EU. She has also been Advisor to the Prime Minister on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) since 2017. She is currently pursuing a master in philosophy. In 1984, she obtained a joint Ph.D. in Electronics - Telecommunications and Biomedical Engineering from *Ecole supérieure d'électricité* (known as Supélec) and Paris XI. In 1981, she obtained her engineering degree from ESIB, which explains her strong sense of belonging to the Alumni and her beloved University. She taught at AUB and ESIB-USJ from 1986 to 1988 and is pursuing her mission as a Professor at the Faculty of Engineering of the Lebanese University since 1986.



_____**CHUCRI SADER**_____

Former and Honorary President of the Federation of USJ Alumni Associations

Judge Chucris Sader was the President of the State Council from 2009 to 2017 and has a long experience in the judiciary: Attorney General of Mount Lebanon (1996-1999), member of the Supreme Judicial Council, and President of the Committee of Legislation and Consultations at the Ministry of Justice (1999-2008). He holds a degree in law from USJ, a Diploma of Specialized Studies in law, a diploma in comparative law, and a diploma from the Institute of Judicial Studies. Former President of the Federation of USJ Alumni Associations, he is an active member of the Governance Council of *Fondation USJ*. In 2015, the French Ambassador to Lebanon, H.E. Patrice Paoli, awarded him the insignia of *Officier de la Légion d'honneur*.



_____**CARMEL GHAFARI WAKIM**_____

Social Worker

Carmel Ghafari Wakim, who retired in September 2020, is President of the Alumni Association of the Lebanese School of Social Work, a member of the Administrative Committee of "Include", and a member of the Governance Council of *Fondation USJ*. In 2015, she co-founded *Fondation USJ* with the Rector and was its Secretary-General for 5 years. She was the financial aid officer at USJ, as she co-founded the Financial Aid Office, an office she helped expand for 31 years alongside former Rectors R.F. Jean Ducruet s.j. and R.F. René Chamussy s.j. She holds a bachelor and a master degree in social work from the USJ Lebanese School of Social Work (ELFS) and an MBAIP from the USJ Faculty of Business Administration and Management, Sorbonne and Paris- Dauphine.



_____**ANTOINE WAKIM**_____

Member of the HDF Board of Directors / Secretary-General of the Maronite League

Antoine Wakim graduated from HEC Lausanne in 1967 and was elected to join the Swiss Association of Actuaries in 1969. From 1987 to 2009, he was the CEO of SNA group, which later became Allianz. Wakim works in Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Egypt. He was also a member of the AUB School of Business Advisory Board between 2008 and 2011. He retired in 2009 and still has various social and professional engagements.



_____**FOUAD ZMOKHOL**_____

Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration and Management, and President of MDEL

Dr. Fouad Zmokhol is the President of the International Confederation of Lebanese Businesspeople (MDEL), Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration and Management of USJ, President of the Economic and Social Council of *Association universitaire francophone* (AUF), and member of independent boards of directors certified by the International Finance Corporation (IFC), within multiple private institutions and international organizations. Zmokhol holds a Ph.D. in Business Administration and Management from Newport University (USA) and is the author of various economic articles and publications.

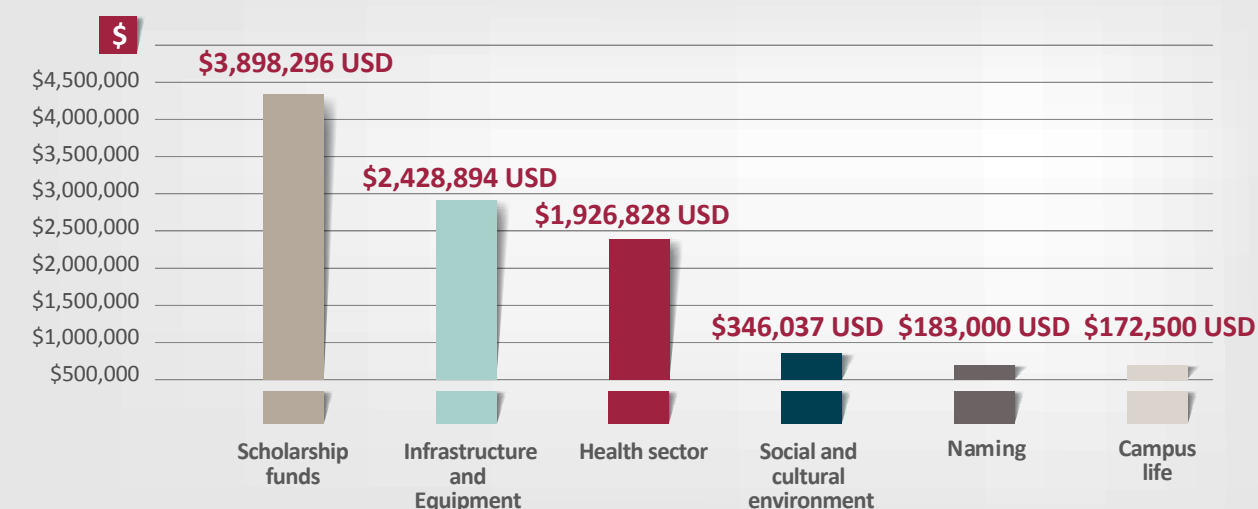
KEY FIGURES 2020-2022

2020-2022 An unprecedented pandemic, the Beirut Port explosion, and a never-ending, multifaceted crisis.

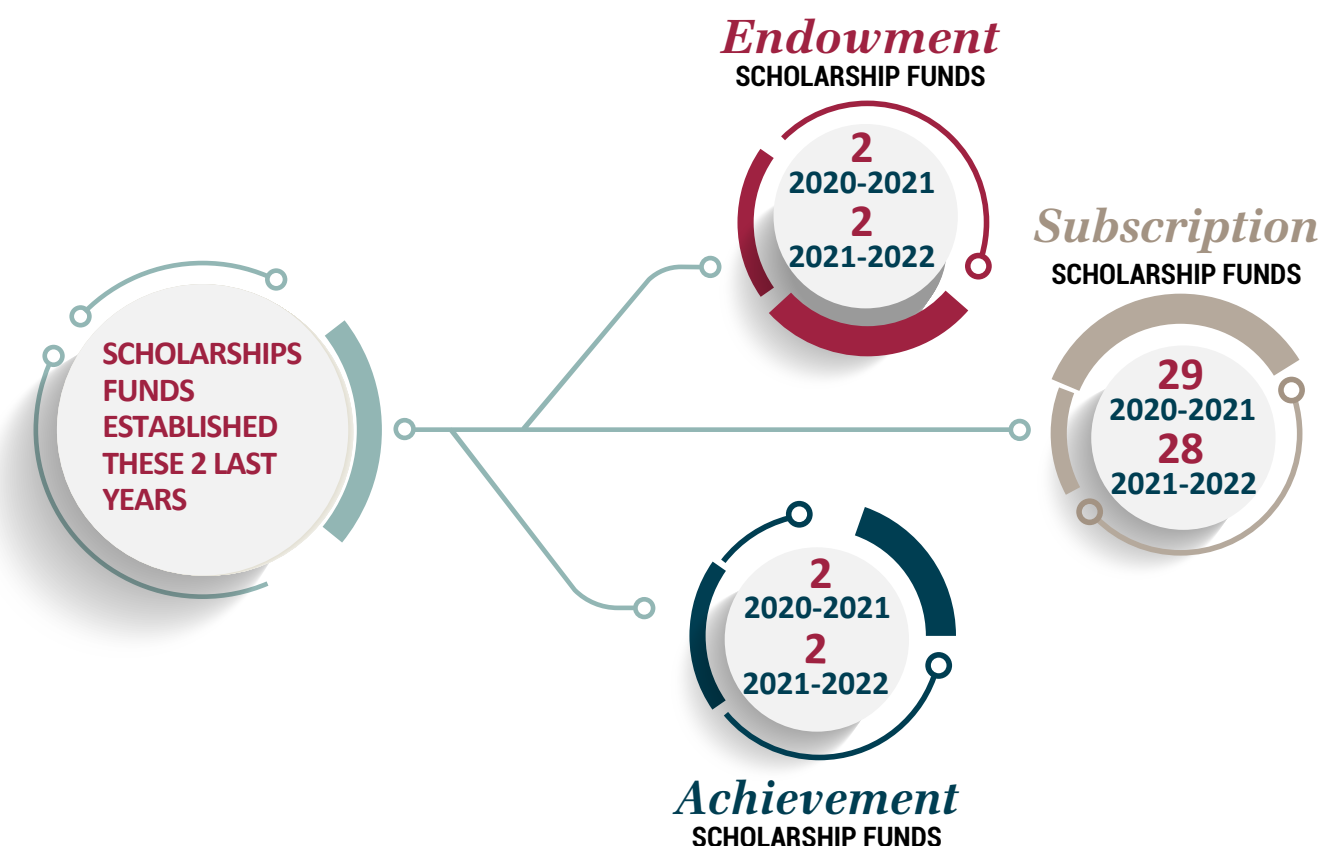
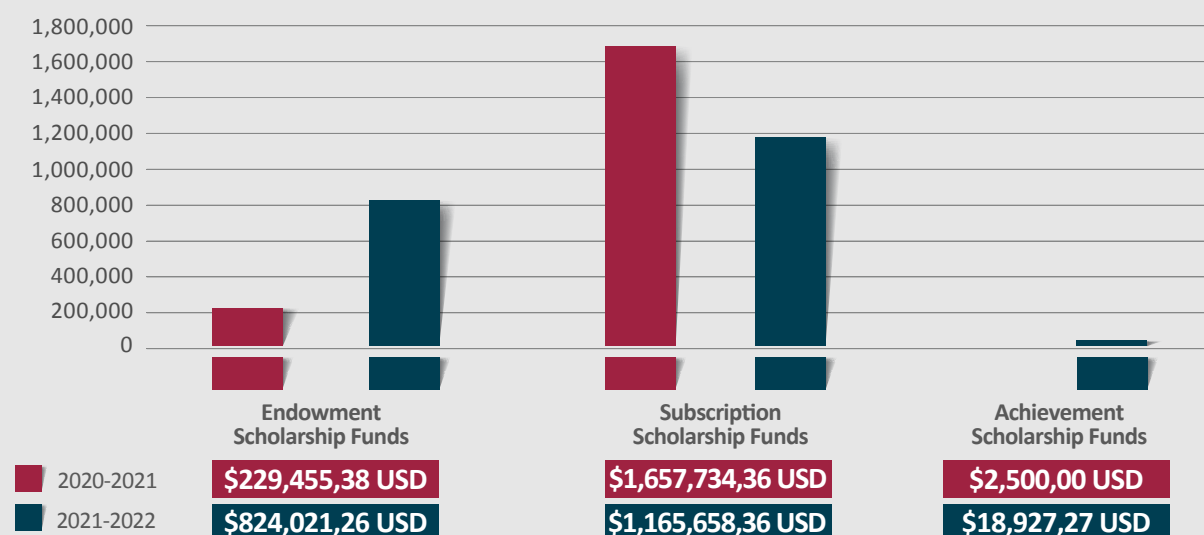
Fondation USJ, deeply affected by these unprecedented situations, has taken action with emergency funds and several fundraising campaigns.

HERE IS A QUANTITATIVE SUMMARY

DONATIONS COLLECTED BY PROGRAM during 2020-2022

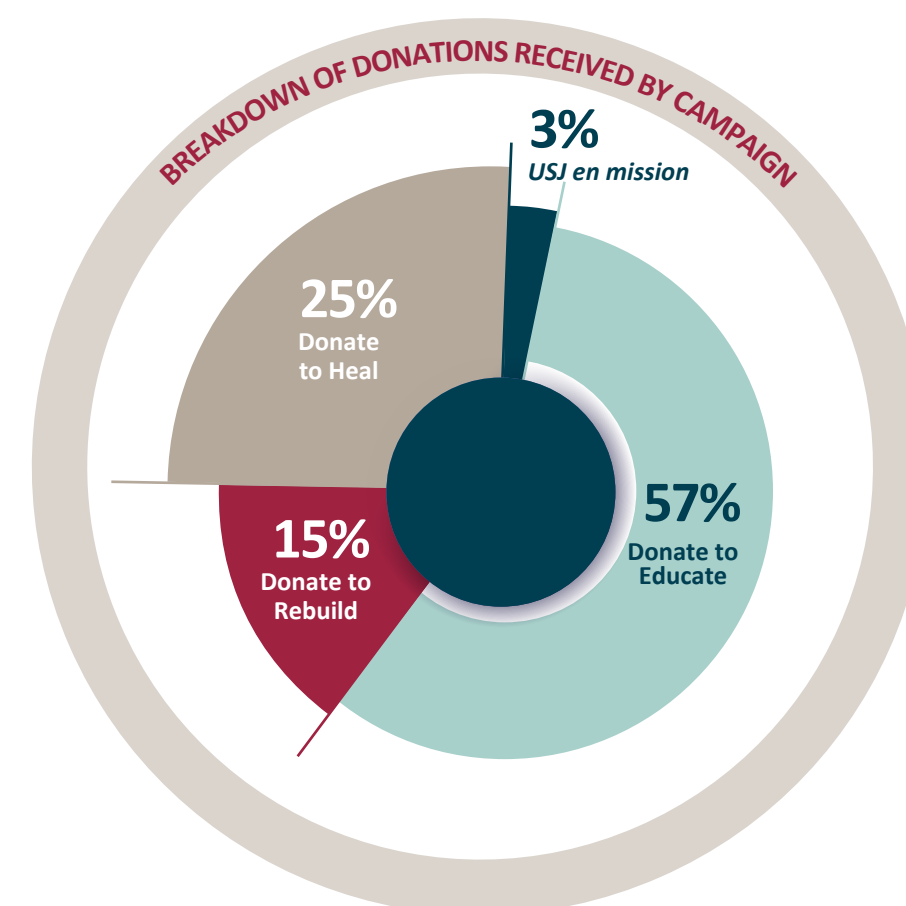


STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIPS FUNDS STATUS IN 2020-2021 AND 2021-2022



Through emergency funds, campaigns, and programs, *Fondation USJ* raised a total amount of:

\$9,448,242 USD



DONATIONS AND FINANCES

BALANCE SHEET

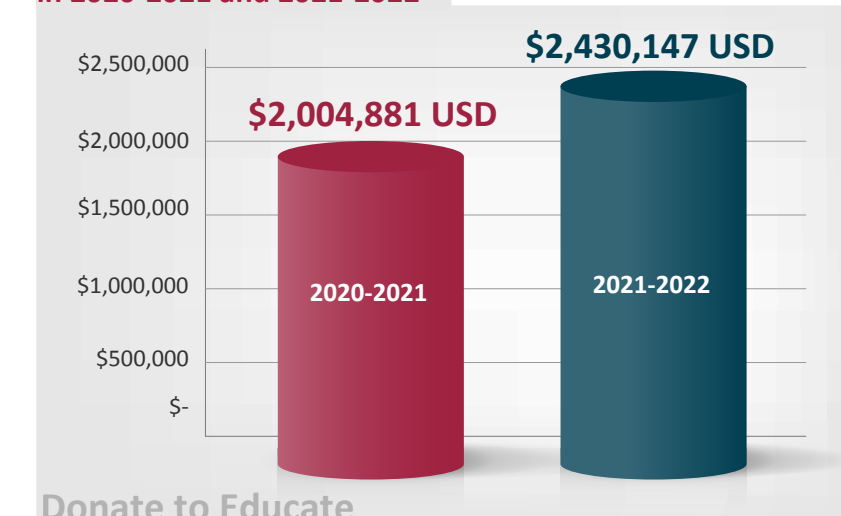
Together, we have met all of our commitments and overcome financial and social challenges!
We cannot thank you enough!

Donate to Educate



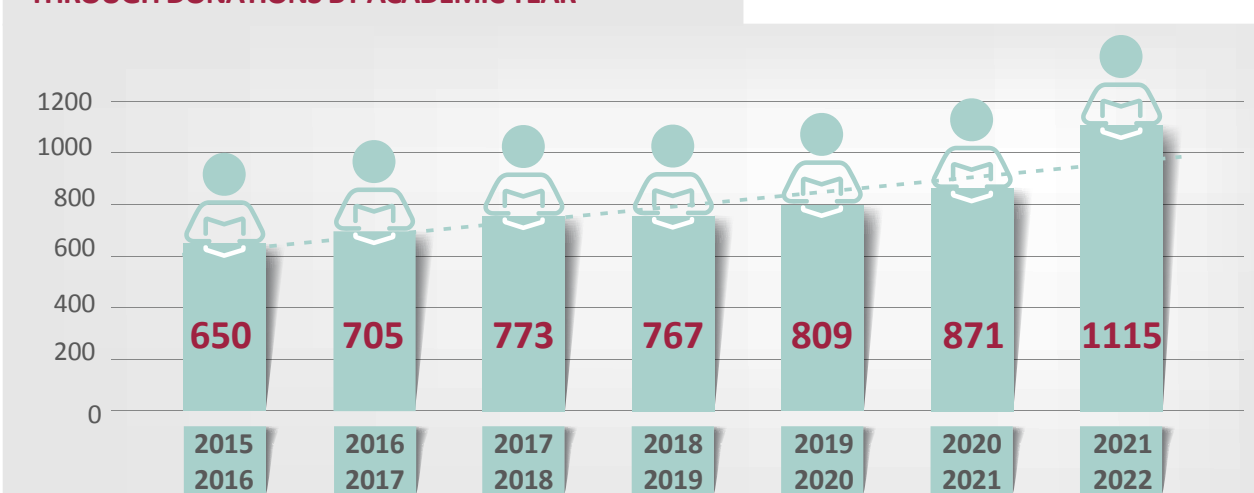
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Together we raised
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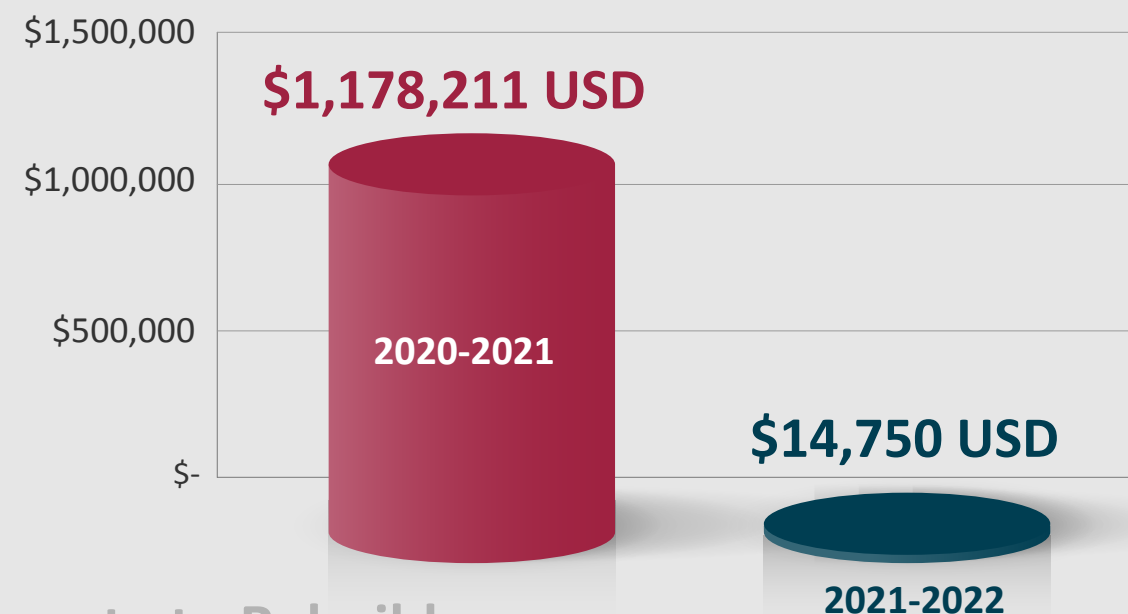
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**Together
we raised**

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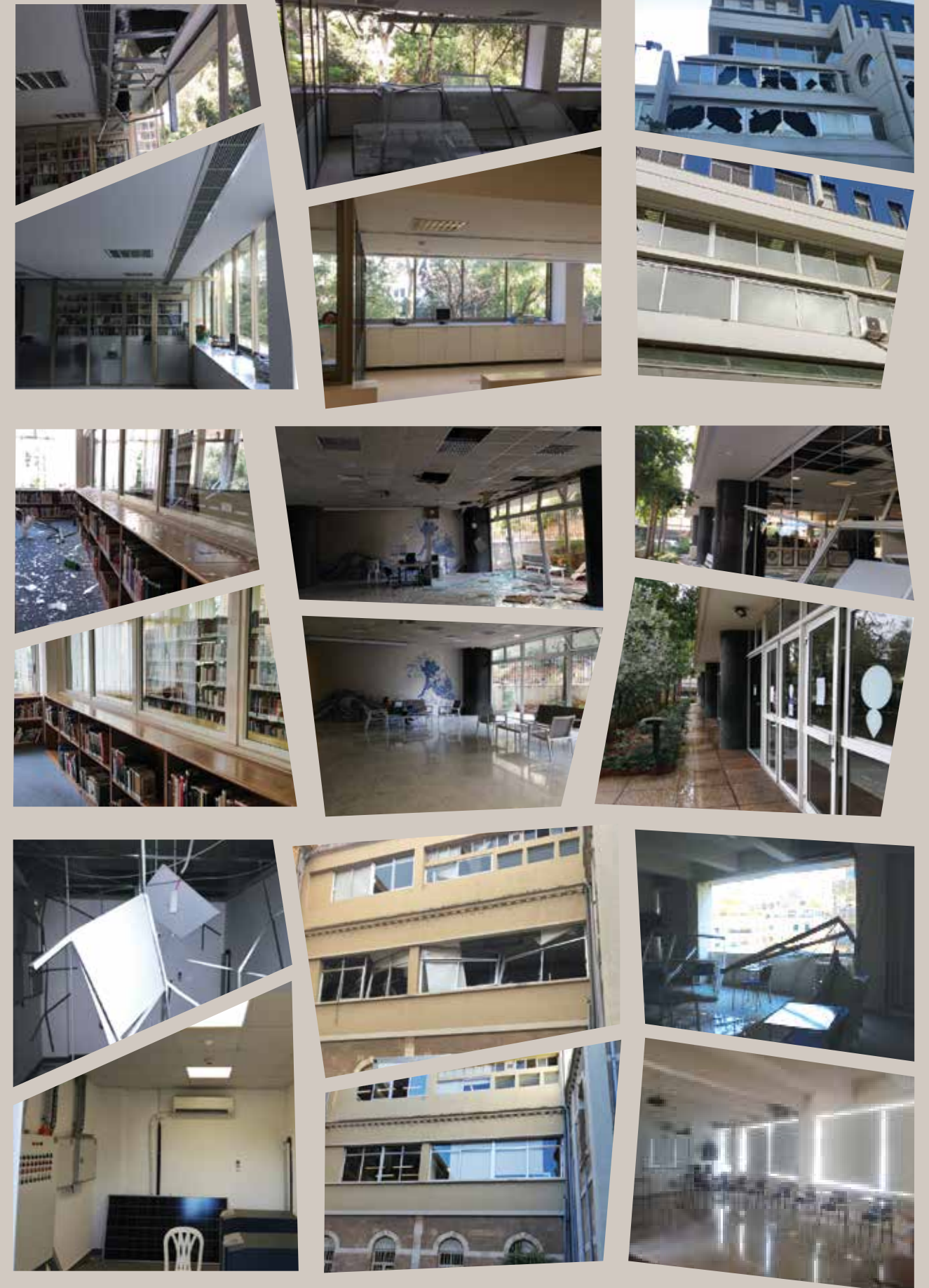
*Our campaign is still underway but
with a new objective:
to cover the costs of refurbishing
the University's infrastructure,
laboratory equipment, and IT park
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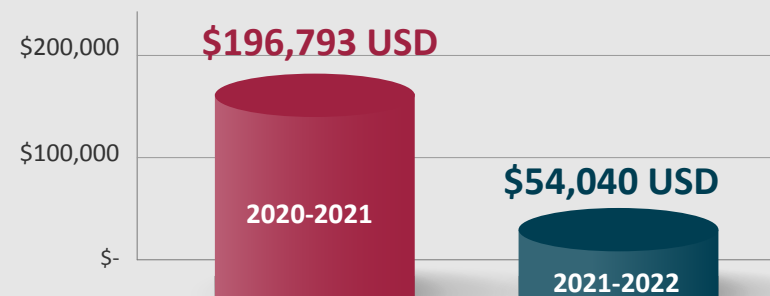
USJ en mission



97
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have contributed to the
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since 2020.

**Together
we raised**
\$250,833 USD

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USJ en mission



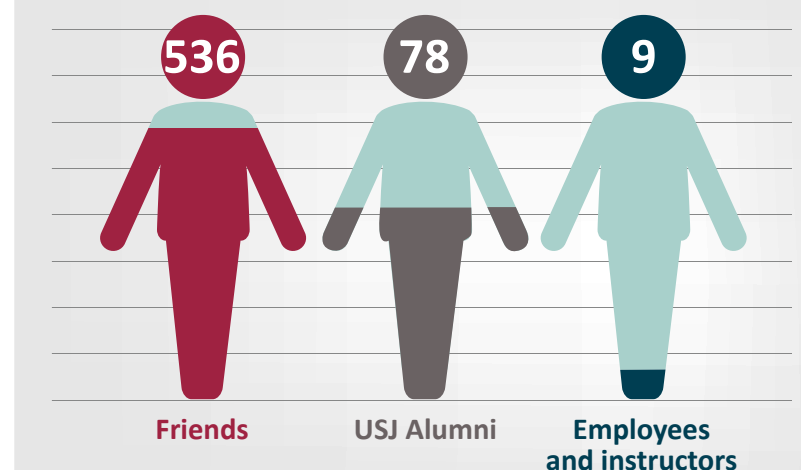
Donate to Heal - HDF



624
donors
have contributed to the
Donate to Heal
campaign
since 2020.

**Together
we raised**
\$1,926,828 USD

DONORS CATEGORY 2020-2022



**TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED
in 2020-2021 and 2021-2022**



Donate to Heal

In-kind donations are estimated at **\$3,854,324 USD**. They mainly include biomedical equipment and materials, machines including ventilators, drugs, and vaccines. Other in-kind donations received to protect medical and nursing staff include surgical masks, N95 masks, gloves, virucidal solutions, and protective gowns.

HÔTEL-DIEU DE FRANCE



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HÔTEL-DIEU
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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HÔTEL-DIEU DE FRANCE

Since 2019, Lebanon has been facing one of the most serious economic crises in its history, marked by severe economic depression, massive currency depreciation, and rampant inflation. In addition to this fragile economic context, Lebanon was heavily affected by the global Covid-19 pandemic and was jarringly struck by the devastating explosion of August 4, 2020.

Following this unprecedented situation and its disastrous impact on *Hôtel-Dieu de France*, the fundraising campaign "Donate to Heal" was launched to support the hospital and its patients. Our loyal French partners immediately heeded the call. Friends of the hospital, new donors as well as local and international agencies and NGOs, also responded favorably to our cause

and took action for HDF, its staff, and its patients. The hospital has also received unwavering support from the Lebanese community. Everyone contributed to support our University Medical Center through major, small, and in-kind donations.

Hôtel-Dieu de France relies on their continued support to pursue its mission of providing the best care to its patients, training high-level professionals, and participating in the advancement of medicine and the promotion of research.

A sincere thank you to all our donors!

Nassib Nasr
Director General of the
Hôtel-Dieu de France

FONDATION HÔPITAUX DE PARIS - HÔPITAUX DE FRANCE

Despite the heavy damage to the Hôtel-Dieu de France buildings resulting from the apocalyptic explosion of August 4, more than 800 injured people were cared for on the night of the disaster.

The hospital launched its fundraising campaigns to carry out repair work to the structures, windows, doors, false ceilings, aluminum, and electricity.

In response to the public health emergency, *Fondation Hôpitaux de Paris - Hôpitaux de France* granted *Hôtel-Dieu de France* a lump sum of €500,000 euros to improve patient care and to restore and improve the working conditions of the medical staff.

Hôtel-Dieu de France allocated the entire amount granted in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the *Fondation Hôpitaux de Paris - Hôpitaux de France* and the hospital.

Funds were distributed as follows:



GOAL

Hôtel-Dieu de France, our hospital, which admitted more than 800 injured people on the night of the explosion, launched its "Disaster Recovery Plan" and its teams, committed as always, were on the front line, despite the material damage incurred by the hospital.

Initial estimates for reconstruction work amount to \$2,000,000 USD.

Estimates of HDF requirements for 2021-2022:

Biomedical equipment:
\$4,000,000 USD.



HDF Social Fund (Patient Support):
\$25,000,000 USD.



Total donations to the *Donate to Heal* campaign are estimated at

\$5,402,563 USD

(of which the value of in-kind donations is \$3,854,324 USD).

IMPACT OF DONATIONS

The HDF Social Solidarity Fund

A significant number of patients can no longer afford healthcare because of the economic crisis that has afflicted Lebanon for nearly three years. HDF established the Social Solidarity Fund to meet the growing need for assistance for needy patients who do not have access to Social Security or private insurance. This fund and its activities are essential components of the social and public mission of HDF.

HDF provided social assistance and patient discounts amounting to:

\$2,391,275 USD in 2020

\$3,073,923 USD in 2021

\$1,715,655 USD in 2022



DAMAGES AND REPAIRS – HDF



DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS



Humanitarian operation "Bateau pour le Liban"



Benta Med



HCL - Hospices Civils de Lyon



The International Humanitarian City (IHC) in Dubai



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USJ-USA

HDF Wall of Donors

Golden Circle From \$20,000 to \$99,999

- Anera
- George and Fida Haddad
- Laurent Neel
- Ramez Chehade
- Ross Family Foundation
- 5 anonymous donors

Silver Circle From \$5,000 to \$19,999

- Antoine Nohra
- CHU Sainte-Justine – Mother and Child University Hospital Center
- Christian Hakim
- Claude Ruffin – Chief Executive Officer of Emirates Lebanon Bank S.A.L.
- Boghossian Foundation
- Farid Raphael Foundation
- Georges Michel El Najjar
- Hajjar Family Fund
- Lebanese Christian Charity Foundation
- Nabil Bustros
- National Construction Network
- Nutricia – Middle East
- Paul and Moira Naffah
- Roche Lebanon S.A.R.L.
- Selim Ghorayeb
- Social and Economic Action for Lebanon – SEAL
- 3 anonymous donors

Bronze Circle From \$1 to \$4,999

- ABC
- Akram Karam
- Amazon Smile
- Antoine Nehme
- Aspide Financial Limited
- Aziz Malek
- B. Jean Escalon
- Bechara Sobhi Hatem
- Bert Barry
- Carla Chammas
- Carole Fougereux
- Charbel Chalouhi
- Charline Habre (FSI '08)
- Cynthia-Maria Ghobril Andrea (FLSH, 1992)
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- Decision Point 1 LTD
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- Dolly Khoeiry
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- Evelyn Small
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- Laetitia Hatem Foundation
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- Jean Allegrini
- Joe Saddi
- Joelle Sabella (ETIB '99)
- Johannes Agustsson
- John Audi
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- Joumana Sarkissian
- Joy and Michelle Tabet
- Kamal El Assaad
- Krikor Barsoumian
- Lea Merhi

- Leroy
- Luis Cavel
- Magnouloux
- Maha Tabet
- Maria Dolzhenko
- Marianne Tellenbach
- Maurice Sehnaoui
- May Abou Adal
- Maya Bitar
- Medconsul S.A.R.L.
- Michel N. & Albertina Hajjar
- Micheline Abou Samra
- Mitra Martin
- Monica Lövsröm
- Mony Iskandar Doro
- Myra Bou Habib
- Nadim Khouri-Raphael
- Naima Ilhami
- Nayla De Freige
- Nayla Sawaya
- Nesrine Sfeir
- Nohad Bouez
- Nour Merhi
- Parish of Our Lady of Lebanon - Oklahoma
- Patrice Carde
- Patricia Sfeir Maalouli (FM '01)
- Pauline Mouhanna Karroum
- Pierre Saadeh
- Rami Bechara (FP '18)
- Ramzi Chamoun
- Rana Wazen
- Reem Khalifeh
- Robert and Josette Toumajean
- Roland Tomuschat
- Ronald Maurice Fadel
- Rooftop
- Abou Dib for Engineering & Construction
- *Société des membres de la Légion d'Honneur*
- Soha Abdel Malak
- Sonia Alia
- Stacy Nichol
- Talking Brains Center
- Tamari Foundation
- Thomas Fox
- Tony Fadel
- Toufic Zeidan
- Trust Contracting & Trading S.A.R.L.
- Walid Daouk
- World Association of Lebanese Neurosurgeons
- Zeina Mehanna
- 13 anonymous donors



No matter the distance, Lebanon remains close to their hearts!

Alumni, friends and partners, your unwavering support makes our strength!

MAIN EVENTS

As soon as the countries reopened their borders and the situation regarding the Covid-19 pandemic got better, *Fondation USJ*, together with the Rector, started expanding the scope of its activities by going abroad to raise awareness among Alumni, friends, and partners on the difficult situation of the University and its hospital, HDF.

This year, more than ever, Fondation USJ has been particularly active and has organized, since November 2021, four trips to France, the United Arab Emirates, and the United States to best support USJ and HDF.

1 Meeting USJ and HDF Alumni and Friends with the Rector

A delegation, composed of the Rector, the Director of *Fondation USJ*, Cynthia-Maria Ghobril Andrea, the President of the Federation of USJ Alumni Associations, Dr. Christian Makary, and many other USJ and HDF directors, has extended its efforts and held gatherings to further raise funds and forge new partnerships with the Lebanese Diaspora, and friends from France, Dubai, and the United States.

FRANCE



During its stay in France from November 27 to December 6, 2021, the delegation launched a fundraising campaign and met with USJ Alumni, USJ-HDF partners, and French friends from Paris, Nantes, Lyon, and Marseille. The delegation also visited the presidents of the Regions of France and partner foundations and attended the USJ Support Dinner held in Paris, which the USJ Alumni France Chapter hosted.

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A public conference, *Urgence pour le système de santé au Liban*, was held at the National Assembly in Paris, to support the healthcare sector in Lebanon, under the patronage of the Vice-President of the France-Lebanon Friendship Group and French MP, Nadia Essayan, and in the presence of the Ambassador of Lebanon to France, H.E. Rami Adwan, other prominent French and Lebanese medical figures, USJ alumni, and HDF friends. Discussions were focused on the current situation of HDF, and the needs and prospects of the medical sector. Important issues were also raised by the Rector of USJ, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at USJ, Prof. Roland Tomb, the Director General of *Hôtel-Dieu de France*, Nassib Nasr, and the Director of *Fondation USJ*, Cynthia-Maria Ghobril Andrea.

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DUBAI

The visit took place on March 25 and 26, 2022, in collaboration with the President of the Federation of Alumni Associations, Dr. Christian Makary, and the Dubai Alumni Association. Its main objective was to meet the many University Alumni living in Dubai.

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UNITED STATES

During the last trip to North America, from April 20 to 28, 2022, the delegation, together with the director of the USJ North America Office, Randa Hakim, met with the Alumni, USJ and HDF friends, and key personalities from the diplomatic, academic and medical worlds of Washington, New York, Boston, and Detroit, to raise awareness on the difficult challenges faced by our students and the hospital, and to keep them updated about the evolution of the *Fondation USJ* campaigns. One of the important events of this American journey took place in Boston.





On April 23, the USJ Alumni Boston Chapter, at the invitation of the President of Northeastern University, Dr. Joseph E. Aoun, and his wife a reception was held to raise funds for USJ and HDF in the presence of Prof. Salim Daccache s.j., the USJ delegation, and a large number of USJ Alumni and friends. Prof. Daccache awarded President Aoun the 145 Years of USJ Medal as a sign of recognition and esteem for all his efforts to support the University.



In Detroit, a dinner reception in support of USJ was hosted on April 27 by Sejaan Ghafari, President of the USJ Detroit Alumni Chapter, and his wife at their residence. The reception was attended by many USJ Alumni and friends. The Rector presented Sejaan Ghafari with the Medal of Honor as a sign of appreciation for his unwavering dedication and loyalty. The next day, the delegation accompanied by Sejaan Ghafari, visited the Henry Ford Hospital, where a meeting was held with the Executive Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer, Dr. Adnan Munkarah, and the President of Healthcare Operations and Chief Operating Officer at the Henry Ford Hospital, Robert G. Riney.

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The international roadmap of *Fondation USJ* for the 2022-2023 academic year was marked by the words of the Rector, when he sounded the alarm before the French Senators last February saying: "It is urgent to call on those who believe in our mission and those who want to breathe new life into us, allowing us to emerge from this infernal abyss."

Being surrounded by righteous people like you, supporting us from all over the world, is the only way to keep us going forward with our academic, social, medical, and human mission.

Your solidarity is our strength!

2 Events and Activities

October 26, 2020

Information and Fundraising Training Session: Reflections and Commitment - Amin Nehme, with the University Board and the Fundraising Steering Committee

Fondation USJ held the Information and Fundraising Training Session that was given by Amin Nehmé, in the presence of the Rector of USJ, Prof. Salim Daccache s.j., the Director of *Fondation USJ*, Cynthia-Maria Ghobril Andrea, USJ Deans, and members of the University Board and the Fundraising Steering Committee. In his welcome speech, the Rector highlighted the difficulties encountered by our two institutions and called for "more creativity and ingenuity to find new funding sources."

January 25, 2021

The USJ Choir Campaign



In the name of cultural resistance, *Fondation USJ* launched an online fundraising campaign in 2021 to support the USJ Choir and music in Lebanon! "In this rather challenging context, our mission remains to preserve music and culture, the very cornerstones of the Lebanese identity and spirit."

This campaign allows interested parties to make a one-time donation or an annual subscription as a "Friend, Supporter, Benefactor, Patron or Conductor's Circle", to keep the USJ Choir concerts and music alive despite the crisis.

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May 19, 2021

Launch of the USJ Vaccination Campaign

"All for the Vaccine. Vaccine for all. Vaccinate yourselves and help us vaccinate others!"

The USJ Vaccination Campaign was launched online with the help of *Fondation USJ* through a dedicated fund to collect donations at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2021. The rector, Prof. Salim Daccache s.j., pledged to the USJ community partners to vaccinate all immediate members of the USJ community and their families for free.



November 30, 2021

USJ Takes Part in the Global #GIVINGTUESDAY Movement for the 2nd Year in a Row

To boost the *Fondation USJ* fundraising campaigns, and for the second year in a row, USJ participated in the global #GIVINGTUESDAY movement. This global day of generosity and giving mobilized the entire USJ community and all our Alumni around the world to encourage them to multiply their donations and commitment.

Videos : [Be Good, Do Good, Feel Good #USJGivingTuesday 2021 - YouTube](#)

[Your Generosity Matters #USJGivingTuesday 2021 - YouTube](#)

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From April 6 to 8, 2022

Fondation USJ's Participation at L'Atelier des Fondations 2022 du Centre Français des Fonds et Fondations in Annecy

Fondation USJ, represented by its director, Cynthia-Maria Ghobril Andrea, was invited to the 16th edition of the *Centre Français des Fonds et Fondations* (CFF) seminar, *L'Atelier des Fondations 2022*, which was held from April 6 to 8, 2022 the unique setting of the *Centre des Pensées*, on the shores of Lake Annecy. The participation of *Fondation USJ* in the workshop *Agir ensemble, ici comme ailleurs* was an opportunity to share experiences and to build relationships with new actors in the broad world of philanthropy in Europe.



April 19, 2022

Presentation of the insignia of Knight of Legion of Honor to the Rector



Professor Salim Daccache s.j. was honored when H.E. Anne Grillo, Ambassador of France to Lebanon, announced that the President of the French Republic, Emmanuel Macron, decided to award him the rank of Knight in the National Order of Legion of Honor, in recognition of his outstanding commitment to interreligious dialogue, education, the *Francophonie*, building of a modern and inclusive citizen state, during the insignia ceremony that took place on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at the Pine Residence.

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June 2, 2022

L'Œuvre d'Orient and AUF Partner to Support the 6 Catholic Universities in Lebanon

AUF Middle East and *L'Œuvre d'Orient* have joined forces to support the 6 Catholic universities in Lebanon, all of which are members of AUF: Notre Dame University, Antonine University, Sagesse University, Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, Holy Family University, and Saint Joseph University of Beirut. This partnership comes within the framework of the actions and advocacy initiatives carried out by AUF to support Lebanese universities in the current economic crisis that Lebanon is going through and by *L'Œuvre d'Orient* to support Lebanon's Christian educational institutions. This grant is intended to be used exclusively for the remuneration of permanent staff in these institutions, which have been severely affected by the crisis.



3 Naming

July 9, 2020

Unveiling Ceremony of the Amphitheater Walid A. Mroueh Plaque



The unveiling ceremony, which crowns a journey launched by a generous sponsorship to renovate the old Amphitheater B, now designated "Amphitheatre Walid A. Mroueh", took place at CSM on July 9, 2020, in the presence of Prof. Salim Daccache s.j., Walid Mroueh, the Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy (FP), Prof. Marianne Abi Fadel, the Vice-Rector for Research, Prof. Dolla Karam Sarkis, the President of the Alumni Association of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Prof. Krikor Sahakian, the Director of *Fondation USJ*, Cynthia Ghobril Andrea, the Board of the Faculty of Pharmacy, some USJ friends and officials.

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November 10, 2020

Duty of Remembrance, Memorandum of Understanding to Equip the USJ Archives Room

November 10: the birthday of Bachir Gemayel, the birthday of the Foundation that honors his name, also the anniversary of the Memorandum of Understanding signed for the establishment of the Bachir Gemayel Fund in 2015, and as of today, the date of the endowment of a donation to equip the Archives Room of USJ. A duty of remembrance, which the Bachir Gemayel Foundation has been able to translate into a beautiful act of solidarity, and "a theriac, according to Youmna Gemayel Zaccar, against the nationwide evils and ills of the present when the forces of evil are again and again destroying our dignity on a daily basis."

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June 15, 2021

Naming Ceremony of the Joseph El Fadl Room

The families of Deloitte and USJ gathered on June 15, 2021, at the Faculty of Business Administration and Management (FGM) to celebrate the life, commitment, and career of Joseph El Fadl. Following a warm and moving Naming Ceremony, Room 502 in Building C at the Campus of Social Sciences, now bears the name of Joseph El Fadl, FGM alumnus, long-time Managing Partner at Deloitte, member of the Governance Council of *Fondation USJ*, and most recently, member of the *Hôtel-Dieu de France* Hospital Board of Directors.

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August 9, 2021

Naming Ceremony of the Sejaan Boutros Ghafari Faculty of Business Administration and Management - Branch of Southern Lebanon

USJ wanted to pay tribute to Sejaan Ghafari, an alumnus of FGM - Branch of Southern Lebanon who wished, through the creation of a scholarship fund and an excellence prize, to show his gratitude to USJ which stood by him, during his academic career, in the difficult moments of the 80s war."

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March 31, 2022

Inauguration of the Michel Eddé Building at ESIB

Prof. Salim Daccache expressed, "to welcome the name of Michel Eddé in this campus, to give his name to the main building of ESIB, is only a duty of memory, a duty of recognition to the 1946 law alumnus of the University, former Vice-Rector of the University, and above all a great master, advocate of the Lebanese conviviality, and a true friend of USJ. Michel Eddé was an icon and the soul of a nation." "His fight is now ours, his children," added Salim Eddé, CEO of Murex.

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4 Prizes

February 8, 2022

Second Edition of the Bechara and Carmen Obegi Prize for Creativity and Innovation

For the second consecutive year, The Competencies and Entrepreneurship Center EC², the Faculty of Economics (FSE), and *Fondation USJ* held the awarding ceremony of the Bechara and Carmen Obegi Prize for Creativity and Innovation, at the François S. Bassil Auditorium, at the Innovation and Sports Campus, in the presence of Dr. Riad Obegi, President of Obegi Group, Prof. Salim Daccache s.j, Rector of USJ, the President of the Federation of USJ Alumni Associations, Dr. Christian Makari, the President of the FSE Alumni Association, Joumana Hobeika, the eight competing teams, and USJ students and friends.

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July 7 and 13, 2022

Awarding Ceremony of the Joseph Hajjar and the Sejaan Boutros Ghafari Excellence Prizes

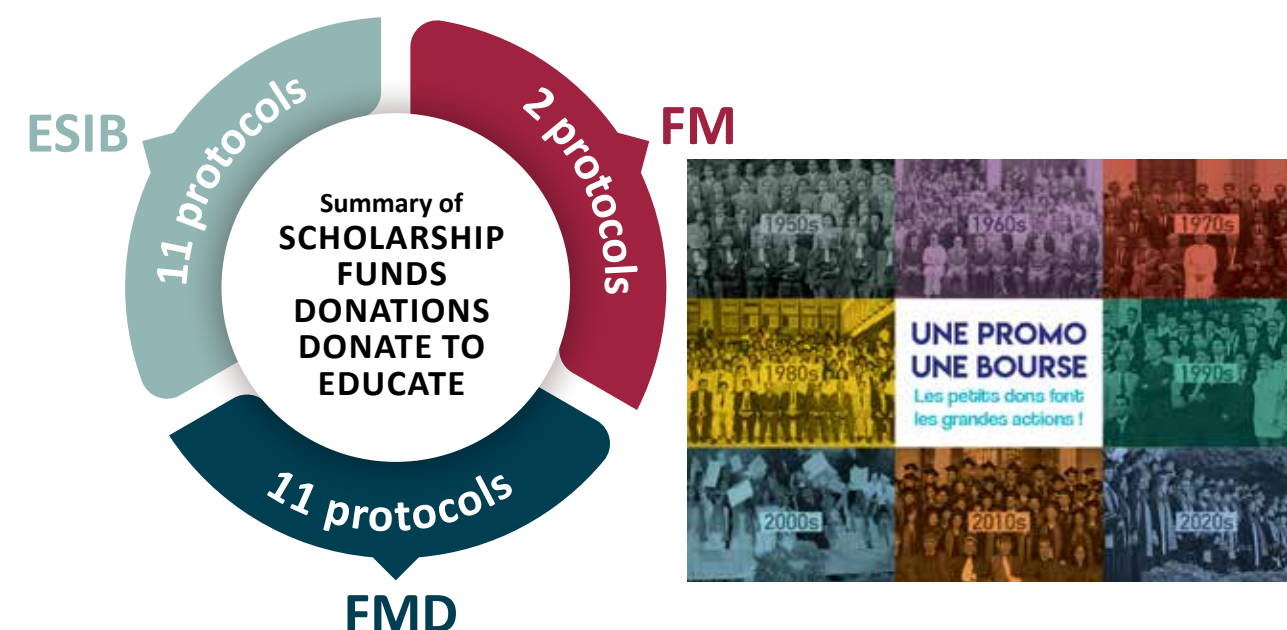
During the Faculty of Medicine (FM) Graduation Ceremony, on Thursday, July 7, 2022, Dr. Edouard Hajjar awarded the Joseph Hajjar Excellence Prize for the 5 best MD theses, to Claudia Chidiac (1st prize), Ludovic Saba (2nd prize), Mohamad Ibrahim (3rd prize), Eddy Saad (4th prize), and Joy Anthony Taoutel (5th prize). During her speech, Cynthia-Maria Ghobril Andrea, Director of *Fondation USJ*, expressed USJ's deep gratitude to the Hajjar family, "who has been supporting academic excellence and encouraging our medical graduates, through the establishment of an achievement scholarship fund, the Joseph Hajjar Excellence Prize, and of a subscription scholarship fund, the Hajjar Family Fund, also dedicated to FM students facing financial challenges."

For the second consecutive year, the Sejaan Boutros Ghafari Excellence Prize was awarded on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, to Chakib Saab, who obtained the best cumulative average during his three years of study at the Faculty of Business Administration and Management – South Lebanon Branch, which now bears the name of Sejaan Boutros Ghafari. www.usj.edu.lb/news.php?id=12205



5 Une promo, une bourse

Launched by the Federation of USJ Alumni Associations with the support of *Fondation USJ*



October 27, 2021

Several ESIB and FMD Classes Launch their Scholarship Funds

The joint efforts of the alumni of the School of Engineering of Beirut (ESIB) and the Faculty of Dental Medicine (FMD), marked by hope and resistance, remain unabated! The ESIB classes of '80, '87, and '95 and the FMD classes of '87 and '90 celebrated, at the Boardroom of the Innovation and Sports Campus, the signature and launch of the *Une promo, une bourse* Subscription Scholarship Fund, as part of the *Donate to Educate* Campaign. According to Prof. Salim Daccache, Rector of USJ and President of *Fondation USJ*, "these scholarships are proof that the attachment to our Alma Mater, the loyalty to Lebanon, to our sources and roots, and the sense of solidarity in transparency are all anchored values in the minds of our Alumni."

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May 19, 2021

Launch of the ESIB Class of '74 Scholarship Fund

Within the framework of the *Une promo, une bourse* Fundraising Campaign, launched by the Federation of USJ Alumni Associations and *Fondation USJ*, Robert Tarazi established, along with the Rector, Prof. Salim Daccache s.j., the ESIB Class of '74 Scholarship Fund, aiming to contribute to the advancement of higher education by providing financial aid to students. Tarazi's initiative has been quite inspiring, a true example of leadership by action.

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July 29, 2021

Launch of the FM Classes of '84 and 2010 Subscription Scholarship Funds

Within the framework of the *Une promo, une bourse* Fundraising Campaign, launched by the Federation of USJ Alumni Associations and *Fondation USJ*, the FM Class of '84, represented by Doctors Gaby Kreichaty, Walid Nassif and Salim Adib, and the FM Class of 2010, represented by Doctors Hampig Raphaël Kourie, Carole Kesrouany, Nadim Khoueiri, and Elie El Barouky, launched, along with Prof. Salim Daccache s.j, Rector of USJ, the FM Classes of '84 and 2010 Subscription Scholarship Funds, with the aim to contribute to the advancement of higher education by providing

financial aid to students.

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6 Scholarship Funds

February 28, 2020

Signing Ceremony of the Claudia el-Hage Scholarship Fund

The lawyer Claudia el-Hage, an alumna of the Faculty of Law and Political Science (FDSP) portrayed the very example of solidarity, loyalty, and compassion during the signing ceremony of the scholarship fund protocol bearing her name intended for FDSP students.

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December 14, 2020

Berytech Scholarship Fund for Entrepreneurship and Innovation

This Fund will allow USJ to grant scholarships for an entrepreneurial project to students enrolled in a master program, and the last year of Bachelor's with an end-of-year project. The eligible sectors are agriculture, water, energy, and waste. A particular interest is given to research highlighting the application of science, engineering, and technology, in all the aforementioned sectors.

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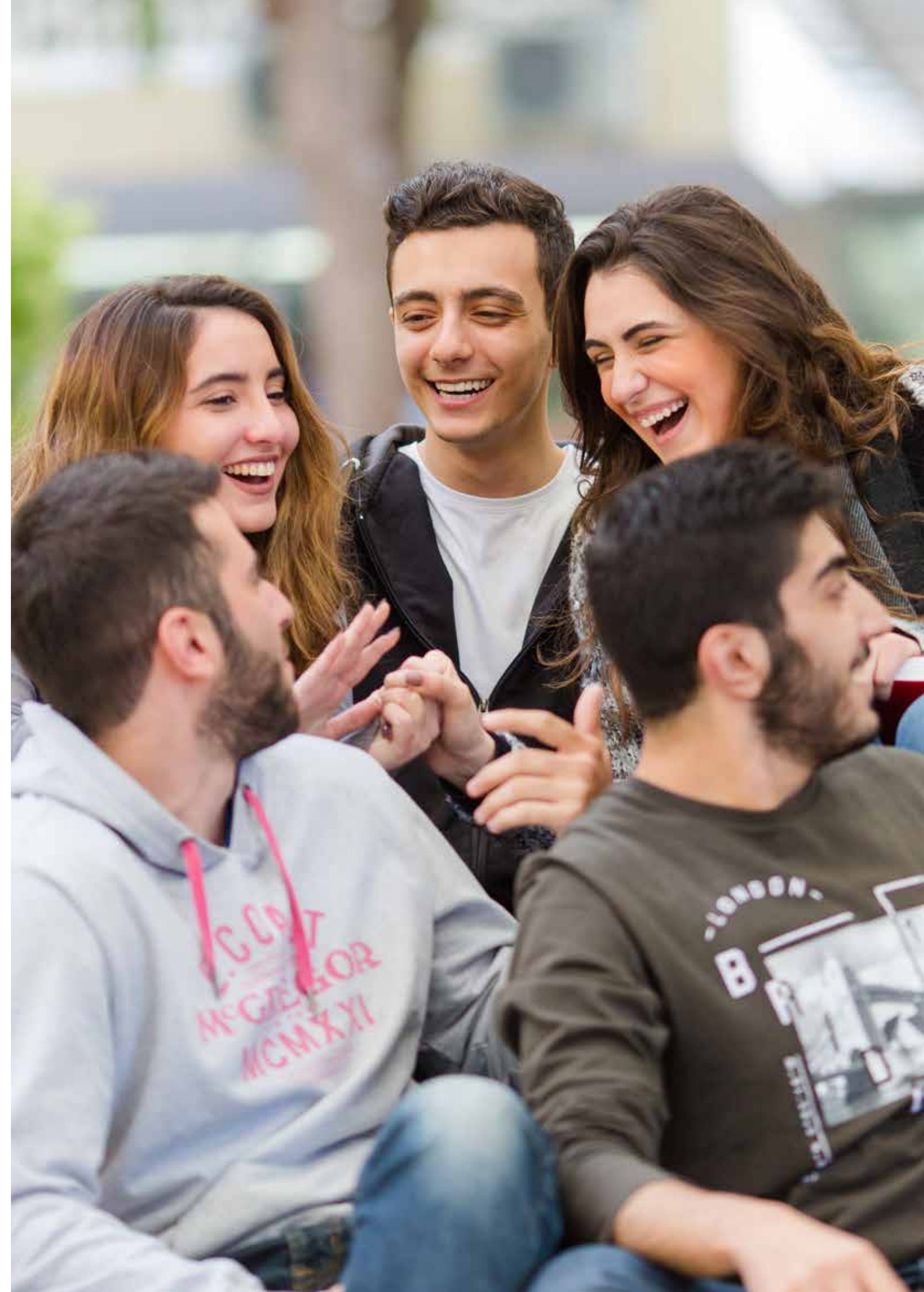
July 26, 2021

Donation Ceremony from the Faculty of Law and Political Science Alumni Association to Fondation USJ

After a speech in which Cynthia-Maria Ghobril Andrea, director of *Fondation USJ*, praised the Association's dynamism, Prof. Salim Daccache s.j, Rector of USJ and President of *Fondation USJ*, acknowledged the sense of belonging of former Judge Abbas Halabi who was present at the ceremony, along with members of the Association Board and the Honorary President of the Federation, Judge Chucri Sader and current President, Dr. Christian Makary, and other USJ friends. The Rector went on to salute Halabi's steadfast support of his Alma Mater against all odds.

"The mobilization of the Federation within the framework of the campaign *Une promo, une bourse* is still ongoing. Our mission is to serve the people: our alumni are a vital asset at the service of Lebanon. Today, more than ever, we need to keep this flame alive," said Dr. Christian Makary.

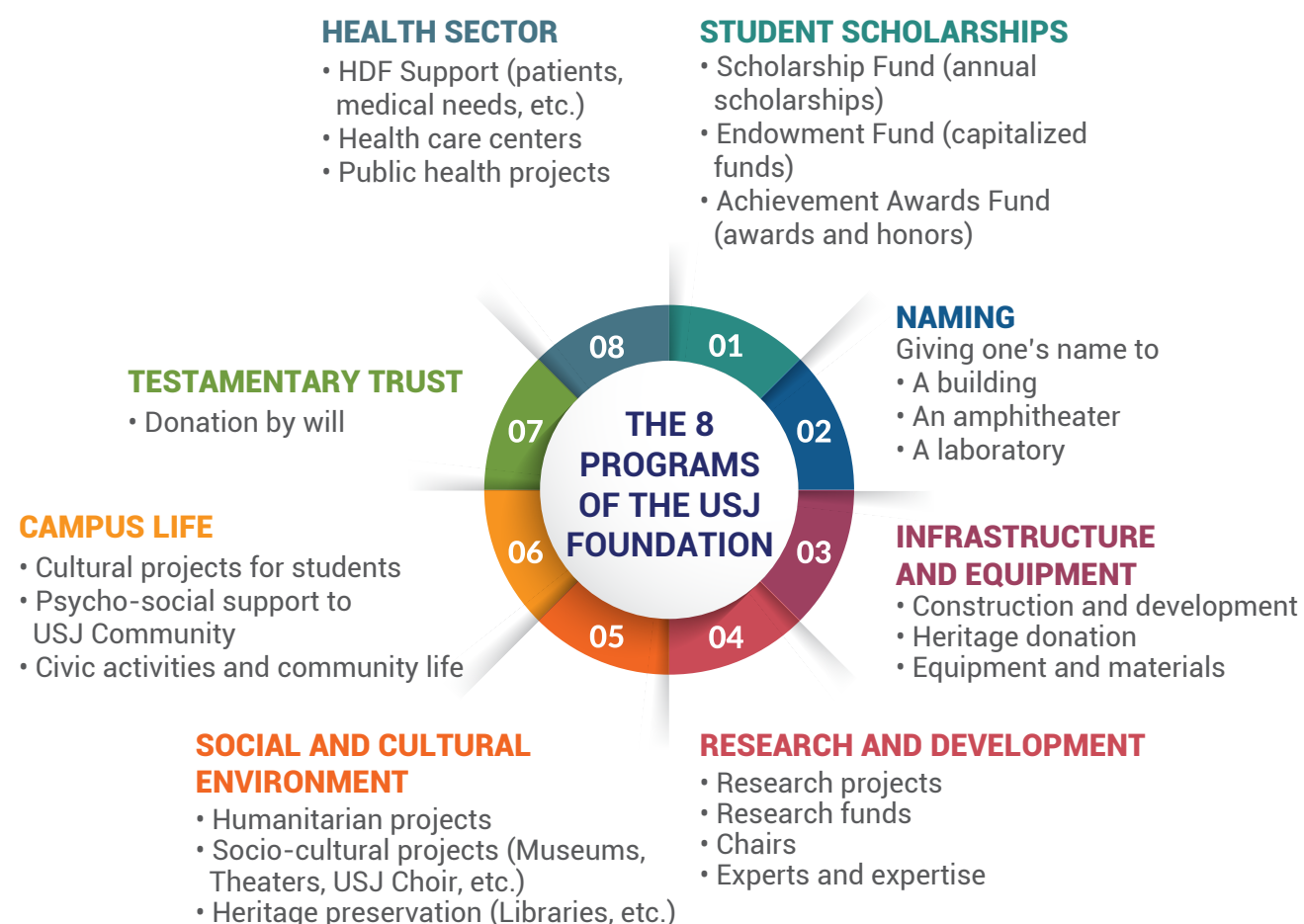
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To maintain excellence at the heart of our two institutions, we work closely, through our programs, with the University's internal departments and institutions.

Together, we can overcome all challenges and emerge stronger.

OUR 8 PROGRAMS



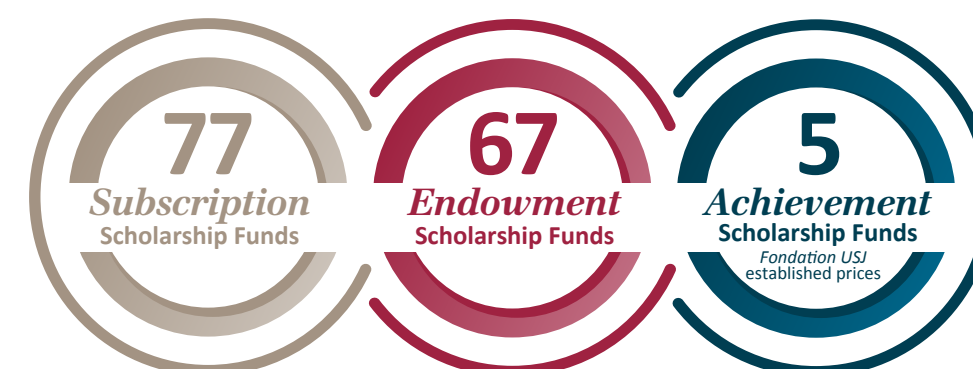
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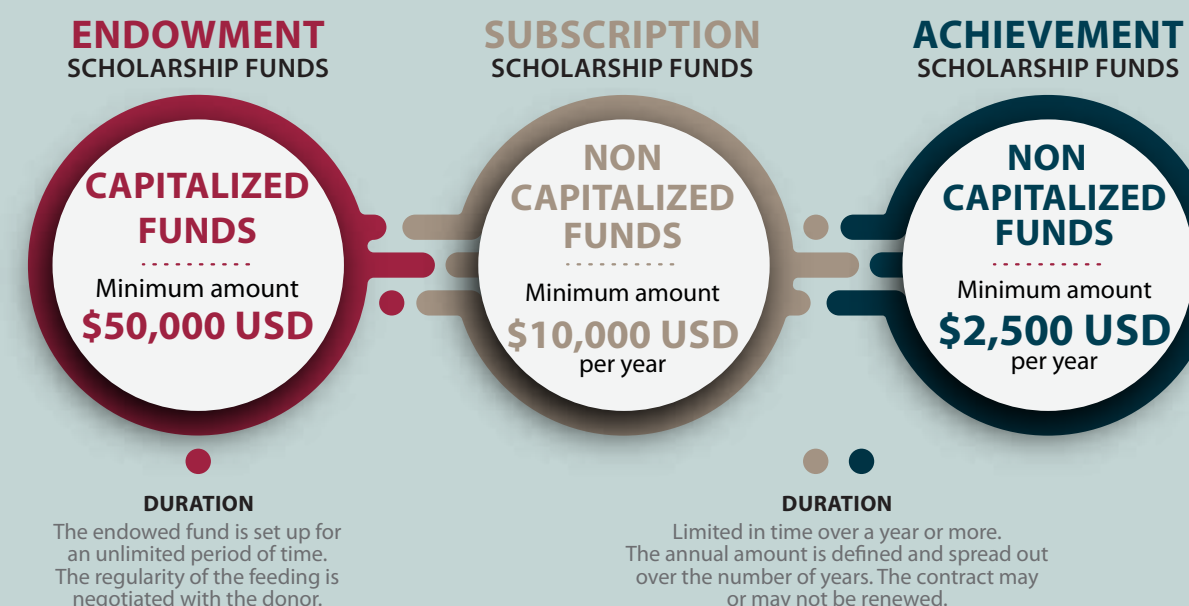
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS SET UP SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT

of Fondation USJ in 2015



3 TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

You can initiate a "Scholarship Fund" in your name, in the name of your company, of your graduate alumni group or in the name of a beloved one to honor their memory, with a minimum amount:



3 QUESTIONS TO...



Walid Mezher
Director of the Financial Office

What is the current impact of the banking crisis on our endowment funds?

The banking and economic crisis caught us off-guard. Due to the restrictions on banking accounts, we are no longer able to make transfers abroad. What is unique about our endowment funds is that only the interest generated from the fund is used to provide students with financial aid. However, all of these funds no longer generate interests due to the economic crisis that Lebanon has been witnessing for over 2 years.

How does it impact USJ and its students?

The loss of this interest is not insignificant for our students since they were put at the disposal of the Financial Aid Office to grant scholarships. To counter this decrease in revenue and to continue to support as many needy students as possible, the University has had to use its own funds.

What is Fondation USJ doing to overcome this crisis?

Fondation USJ has spared no effort in reaching out to donors over the past two years to make up for lost interest. At the end of the 2020-2021 academic year, R.F. Salim Daccache s.j. sent a letter to the endowment fund holders asking them to help the University and its students through the payment of a supplement, that would directly go to the Financial Aid Office for the 2021-2022 academic year, or by allowing us to use 5% of the fund's capital to finance scholarships. Many fund holders have responded favorably to this request. For 2022-2023, the University and *Fondation USJ* will once again call upon the solidarity and generosity of our donors by inviting them to make additional contributions or to allow us to use 20% of the fund's capital held in *lollars* (Lebanese Dollars –an arbitrary exchange rate used by the Central Bank), given the unprecedented depreciation

of the national currency and the high cost of living. It is thanks to these initiatives that the University can pursue its educational and social mission.



Shiraz Akl Zoghbi
Director of the Financial Aid Office

What has changed in your department over the past two years?

All social categories are affected by economic and health crises. The most striking change lies in the financial means of parents working in liberal professions, teachers, executives, etc. Their income no longer allows them to meet the needs of daily life and schooling. Many are also affected by the loss of their savings, which is an insurmountable obstacle for retirees. We have tried to respond to all requests while remaining attentive to the rights of each student according to their particular current situation. The many problems that students face call for increased financial support, and, above all, for compassionate social support.

How is the Financial Aid Office dealing with the rising demand for scholarships?

In the wake of the severe financial crisis, students have sought out several financial aid forms to allow them to undertake or pursue their studies. In response to this massive demand for scholarships, and for the past two years, USJ faculty and staff have been working hand-in-hand under extremely challenging salary conditions thus allowing the University to provide substantial financial aid to its students. This has given the Financial Aid Office the means to support as many students whose parents are in financial difficulty as possible.

How do donations collected by Fondation USJ contribute to better-helping students?

Solidarity was and will always be the catalyst to overcome any crisis in Lebanon. Any donation collected through the sustained and constant effort of *Fondation USJ* goes beyond financial aid and forever marks the recipient. The donor is then an inspiring model. Each donor, whether in Lebanon or abroad, helps recipients overcome their deepest concerns and achieve their biggest dreams. On top of the already granted financial aid, each donation expands the range of possibilities, but it becomes insufficient given the ever-rising cost of living.



Dr. Ursula el Hage
Director of the Career
and Placement Office

How does your Office encourage and support students in their entrepreneurial endeavors?

The Competencies and Entrepreneurship Center seeks to provide students with guidance through discovery, learning, and connection. Students discover the entrepreneurship world, through business newsletters for entrepreneurs and thematic workshops followed by networking sessions. They learn the true meaning of entrepreneurship with practice, through coaching sessions that support them during the preparation of their entrepreneurial project and its presentation to the jury within the framework of entrepreneurial competitions. Students also connect directly with people in the entrepreneurial ecosystem for specific assistance and coaching sessions that prepare them to participate in national and international competitions.

How many achievement funds were established between 2020 and 2022? What were the benefits for the students and businesses?

Two new funds were established in 2020-2022 and 3 others were renewed. They fund student coaching and competition prizes. Students benefit from coaching to develop their projects, networking before and after the competitions, and the funds they receive from the competition. These funds encourage many students to launch their own businesses. Businesses gain visibility among students and partners. They also benefit from direct contact with them and from solutions suggested by students during innovation competitions.

How does Fondation USJ support you in your mission?

Fondation USJ introduces us to potential donors. It supports us in the drafting of memoranda of understanding, in financial management, and in carrying out fund-related events.



Dr. Christian Makary
President of the Federation of USJ
Alumni Associations

What did the Alumni do to support their *alma mater* following the August 4 explosion?

Since the beginning of the financial and health crises, USJ Alumni have always been willing to help and support their *alma mater*. After the August 4 explosion, we jointly launched, with the University, the Donate to Rebuild Campaign and the Emergency Fund for Students Stricken by the August 4 Explosion. Furthermore, many Alumni contributed to the *USJ en mission* humanitarian project.

Tell us about the *Une promo, une bourse* initiative launched in 2021.

In March 2021, we launched the *Une promo, une bourse* campaign whose slogan was "small donations make a big difference" to incite as many Alumni as possible to join our fundraising efforts. Considering each class as a circle of friends bound together by their commitment and solidarity towards USJ, we came up with the idea of collecting funds for a scholarship in the name of each class for one or more needy students. This campaign has helped more than 100 students in 2022 and we hope that in 2023, we will be able to incite more classes to join our drive.

How does Fondation USJ support you in your mission?

Fondation USJ is our privileged partner, and we are aware of the importance of working in synergy between the Alumni and the University and especially *Fondation USJ*. We have thus launched several joint campaigns since 2019, and we have organized together fundraising events in Lebanon and abroad, including France, the United States, and the Gulf countries. I would like to thank the Director and the entire *Fondation USJ* team and commend them for their hard work in 2022. I am confident that our collaboration will carry on in 2023 through fundraising dinners and projects in Lebanon and abroad.

VICE-RECTORATE FOR RESEARCH

Mission and Needs

The mission of the Vice-Rectorate for Research is to guide, develop, enhance and promote the University's overall research activities. It is responsible for the vision, strategy, and agenda for disciplinary and transdisciplinary research at USJ. Other key responsibilities include assessing and improving the quality, productivity, and impact of research, as well as addressing the needs that have become of paramount importance in interdisciplinary research and technology transfer.

"We are the voice of the USJ research community. We work hard alongside the Research Board and administrative staff, to ensure, at all times, the most efficient use of intellectual, financial, and material resources to provide a range

of world-class research programs for the entire University," says Prof. Dolla Karam Sarkis, Vice-Rector for Research at USJ.

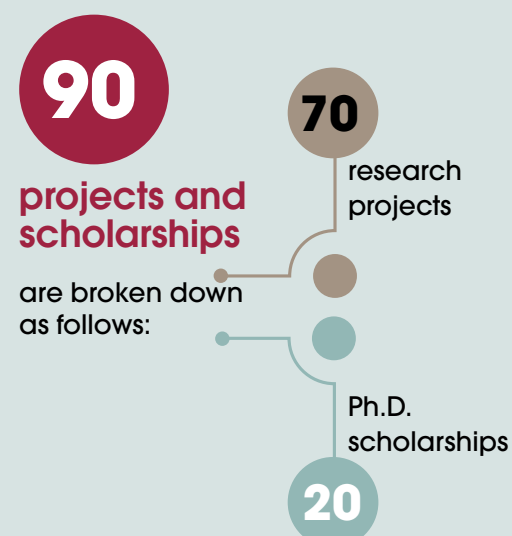
Ever since the beginning of the pandemic, research at the University has been going through a tough period, as in many universities around the world. However, the situation in Lebanon is even tougher due to the economic and social crises. Although the majority of researchers and Ph.D. candidates have continued to produce, publish and innovate, multiple difficulties are beginning to be felt, notably research funding and research laboratory equipment.

Innovative research having a socio-economic and health impact would allow our institution to develop poles

of excellence in the field of applied and fundamental research and to attract more donors.

As always, and despite the economic difficulties affecting the country, we are engaged to support research at the University. Thus, financial aid and scholarships are granted to fund the research projects of instructors-researchers and Ph.D. candidates.

The Vice-Rectorate for Research funded multiple research projects and Ph.D. scholarships between December 2020 and May 2022.



Research projects funding from December 2020 to May 2022

Number of research projects

70

Amount granted by the USJ Research Board

\$405,153.22 USD

Amount granted externally

= \$547,178 USD + €190,900 EUR + 40,000,000 LBP

Research projects per faculty from December 2020 - May 2022

FACULTY	PROJECTS
Faculty of Medicine	22
Faculty of Dental Medicine	11
Faculty of Pharmacy	6
Faculty of Nursing	1
Higher Institute of Public Health	2
Institute of Psychomotor Therapy	2
Faculty of Humanities	1
Lebanese Institute of Educators	1
Faculty of Business Administration and Management	4
Faculty of Economics	2
School of Engineering of Beirut	13
Faculty of Science	5

Ph.D. scholarship funding December 2020 - May 2022

FACULTY	NUMBER OF DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS
School of Engineering of Beirut	11
Faculty of Science	5
Faculty of Humanities	3
Faculty of Dental Medicine	1

Ph.D. scholarship funding

December 2020 - May 2022

• Number of Ph.D. scholarships

20

• Amount granted by the USJ Research Board

\$331,200 USD

• Amount granted externally

\$17,000 USD

Donors

- CEDRE program
- HITS program
- Appel 3R Lebanon
- Action - Lebanon
- Covid-2
- LIRA program
- Pfizer
- Clinserv
- Novartis
- Mérieux Foundation
- Liban Tests
- Orthopedic material companies
- WHO-EMRO
- Implant Dentistry Research and Educational Foundation - IDREF
- European Commission
- University of Strasbourg
- Australian Regenerative Medicine Institute

Research Events

The USJ Vice-Rectorate for Research held the 13th edition of Research Day, on June 16, 2022, at the François S. Bassil Auditorium, at the Innovation and Sports Campus, in the presence of Prof. Salim Daccache s.j, Prof. Dolla Karam Sarkis, Vice-Rector for Research, deans, directors, heads of research structures, instructors-researchers, master students and Ph.D. candidates.

Two topics were covered during the day: interdisciplinary research and Ph.D. research at USJ. Many Ph.D. candidates presented their research findings. In the end, Prof. Salim Daccache awarded the prizes for the 3 best oral presentations and the prize for the best poster presented by the candidates.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Located less than 2 km from the Beirut Port, the premises of the Oriental Library (BO), its Photo Library, and the Museum of Lebanese Prehistory (MPL) were severely damaged by the August 4 explosion. More than one hundred doors and windows were torn off their hinges, internal walls cracked, including the walls of the two BO cold rooms. The dehumidification and mechanical ventilation system was destroyed, along with computers, scanners, reproduction cameras, tables, chairs, etc. At MPL, the situation is not much better, as the central canopy collapsed and a wall shifted several centimeters. Although the material losses were considerable, the collections were miraculously spared.

The Oriental Library

Dedicated to the Middle East and Oriental studies, the Oriental Library brings together collections compiled by generations of Jesuit scholars since the 19th century. It is the third largest private heritage library in the Middle East and houses 230,000 books, including early editions of oriental chroniclers and travelers, as well as Arab poets and scholars. It also houses 1,800 journals and newspapers, a rich and varied collection on Armenology, as well as a collection of newspapers and magazines dating back to the beginnings of the Arab press in Beirut and Cairo in the second half of the 19th century. Its collections also include some 250 lithographs and 3,700 manuscripts in Arabic and other oriental languages including Syriac, Turkish, Persian, and Armenian. Its cartographic collection includes 2,400 maps and old geographical plans of Lebanon and the region.



The international community was quick to respond. UNESCO allocated \$50,000 USD in emergency aid for the rehabilitation of the Photo Library, which kickstarted repair work. Blue Shield offered to help protect the site by installing plastic sheeting on the exterior doors and windows in time for the rainy season. On September 15, 2020, an extensive delegation of international NGOs visited BO and MPL with Marie-Laure Lavenir, Peter Keller, and Valéry Freland representing ICOMOS, ICOM, and ALIPH respectively.

The International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas (ALIPH Foundation) also pledged to help. This pledge took the form of two agreements: one concluded with USJ for the

rehabilitation of MPL and a second, in partnership with *L'Œuvre d'Orient*, granting \$140,000 UDF in aid to BO. Moreover, *L'Œuvre d'Orient* and the Qatar National Library dedicated \$200,000 USD to support BO. The Photo Library project was also awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Arab Fund for Arts and Culture NGO.

Rehabilitation works of BO were inaugurated on March 14, 2022, under the patronage of H.E. Mohammad Mortada, Minister of Culture, in the presence of the Rector of USJ, Monsignor Pascal Gollnisch, Managing Director of *L'Œuvre d'Orient*, and Mr. Valéry Freland, Executive Director of ALIPH, as well as many USJ officials and friends of BO.



The Photo Library

The Photo Library is unique in the Middle East having some 250,000 documents. This collection represents a unique and invaluable source of documentation for the history of Lebanon and the region, especially Syria, Lebanon, Armenia, the Ottoman Empire, Egypt, Iran, etc. This collection also documents the history of photography in the Near and Middle East and all the stages of the photographic technique are represented, from collodion to silver, including albumen prints, glass plates of various sizes, and filter paper and prints.



The Museum of Lebanese Prehistory

Inaugurated in 2000, the Museum of Lebanese Prehistory is a small specialized museum that exhibits the archaeological findings of Jesuit scholars between the end of the 19th century and 1975. Founded on both, scientific and didactic bases, this permanent exhibition chronicles 1 million years of human history in Lebanon. Visitors travel back in time to discover the evolution of Man and his way of life, his inventions, his techniques, his traditions, etc., through the exhibited artifacts, models, experimental reconstructions, iconography, and explanatory texts.



Summary

USJ Institution	Partner Institution	Amount in \$USD
Photo Library at the Oriental Library	UNESCO	50,000
Photo Library at the Oriental Library	Arab Fund for Arts and Culture	30,000
Photo Library at the Oriental Library	Boghossian Foundation	12,000
Oriental Library	Qatar National Library and <i>L'Œuvre d'Orient</i>	200,000
Oriental Library	ALIPH and <i>L'Œuvre d'Orient</i>	140,000
The Museum of Lebanese Prehistory	ALIPH	48,886
Total		480,886

OUR DONORS TESTIMONIALS, A SIGN OF TRUST



Zafer Chaoui

President and General Manager of OMNIPHARMA S.A.L.

Recently, I celebrated my classmates the golden jubilee of our graduation from the Faculty of Economics at USJ. We were very happy to see each other after all these years. Unfortunately, many were not present as they live abroad. For the past 3 years, emigration has been at an all-time high. This is a matter of great concern to me, especially since the country is in great need of this elite in the economic and cultural fields that is leaving.

Thus, for some years now, I have been in contact with the USJ Foundation, which deals with scholarships, and I have committed

myself within my means to settle the tuition of young students who, due to the crisis, are no longer able to do so. My only wish is that they stay in Lebanon. Our country offers many opportunities and needs them!

We owe our success to USJ which has provided us with the right know-how to succeed in our professional lives. Helping students who are forced to abandon their studies for financial reasons is a priority and I urge all Alumni to contribute as much as they can.

On this occasion, I can but express my esteem and gratitude to Saint Joseph's University and to all the professors, living and deceased, who made me the man I am.



Yves Choueifaty

President and Founder of TOBAM

Giving is choosing.

Beyond all the obvious good reasons to help USJ and its less fortunate students, there is one, perhaps different from the others, that occurred to me after August 4, 2020.

Two thoughts crossed my mind: I had to help, but my own means were insufficient considering the magnitude of the damage. The solution was obvious. I had to give and to amplify the effect of the donation. It was therefore necessary to raise funds around me, outside Lebanon and in particular in the business milieu, where pockets run deepest.

Giving is choosing: I had to find the beneficiary. Short-term needs would be easy to cover given the immediate surges of generosity. I therefore wanted to focus on long-term action because it was essential given the fact that Lebanon was sinking into a threefold crisis: the Beirut Port explosion, the Covid pandemic, and the lack of governance in a country where leaders do not even consider possible solutions. The beneficiary also had to have what I call probity, at least for the donors that I would encourage to participate with me.

For all of these reasons, I chose to help USJ.

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Salim Eddé

Co-Founder of Murex Software Company and Founder of the MIM Museum in Beirut

An important event in my youth made me understand the fundamental aspect of education in life. I was in the 11th grade when, shortly before Christmas in 1974, my father took us to Bchemoun, above the southern suburbs of Beirut: he had just bought a piece of land there and wanted to show it to us. As the sun began to set, we could see the lights of Beirut in the distance. My father motioned with his hand and said, looking at Beirut: "Look at it carefully: in a year or two, there will be nothing left: the region

is like a volcano waiting to erupt. Nothing of any material value lasts in this life. The only thing that will last, and that no one will be able to take away from you, is your education. Make sure you get it right." Sadly, that's what happened. He foresaw the disasters that were about to befall the region.

When my father left us in 2019, he passed on to us nothing other than the education that he and my mother gave them, thanks to the Lebanese (and Jesuit in particular) educational system. It is this crucial asset that allowed us to go through all the turmoil, to succeed professionally wherever we found ourselves through the vagaries of life, especially in the foundation and development of the Murex company which currently employs 2,500 people worldwide including more than 1,100 Lebanese, all of them coming from the local educational system in Beirut, where the Murex office employs 750 engineers.

Lebanon has always been distinguished in its environment by the quality of its education: this is the main asset of a country poor in natural resources and entangled in one of the most unstable regions of the world. The collapse of the banking system since 2019 has been a very severe blow to the whole education system, and I think this is the most important risk that threatens the country since 2019. It's only natural that Murex, which has benefited greatly from the quality of this education since it's been in existence, would step up to help turn this education around. The magnitude of the task and its importance for the country are such that it is essential that other companies and donors join forces to make up for the almost total absence of state (or external) support in this area. The USJ, which has played a fundamental role in the country's education system since the end of the 19th century, and which does not benefit from the same financial support as its English-speaking counterparts, particularly deserves our support.

To the young graduates who are wondering what their future can be in the country, I would like to say: "Whether you decide to stay or to leave, keep Lebanon in mind. Never lose hope in doing something for your country, even if it is not obvious to you. I studied and worked abroad for a long time, and I never stopped asking myself the question: how can I be useful to my country one day? I was 46 years old in 2005 when my partners and I finally found a way to really develop our company in Lebanon." I would like to add that Murex's field of activity, IT, is the field that will allow Lebanon, more than any other, to recover economically as it is so adapted to the country's characteristics; as a proof (besides Murex's success), I would like to mention the ever growing number of start-ups that are developing against all odds (Podeo, Gozilla, Lemonade Fashion, etc.) and that employ more and more young Lebanese in Lebanon.



Joseph El Fadl

Former Director General of Deloitte

I obtained my Master in Banking and Finance from FGM-USJ in 1981.

The campus in Huvelin is located near the city center and was, at the time, bordering the demarcation line in the heart of Beirut. My time at the University was marked by the most painful events of the civil war. However, despite all the threats and challenges, the Lebanese did not lose hope and strived for a better future. Middle class families, to which I belonged, continued to lead a fair quality

of life, and to provide good education to their children. Education remained a priority, and tuition fees were never a major obstacle for parents as they did not increase.

Today, markets are collapsing, unemployment is rising and poverty is spreading to the point of eliminating the middle class on which the country is founded. This situation is causing financial difficulties in the health and education sectors and is also causing serious financial difficulties in major universities. We must never forget that it is to our University that we owe our success in society and in the diaspora. Financial support is becoming a paramount, even urgent, need for our institutions to continue their educational and social missions.

The current situation of the country in the face of this unprecedented crisis, that is worsening by the day, has prompted me to establish an endowment fund to support the University. USJ urgently needs the support and generosity of good people who wish to help students. Giving back is a moral duty. Giving for a good cause is a blessing. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to USJ for fostering within me knowledge, perseverance, loyalty, dedication and for enabling me to achieve great successes throughout my 40 years of professional career.



John Ghafari

President of Uptown Market

It is by sowing the love of education that I have raised my 3 boys all these years. Education is not a privilege but a right, and our duty is to provide higher education to all those who are in financial difficulty.

Witnessing the suffering of most Lebanese families due to the economic crisis, corruption and the devaluation of the national currency makes me sad and heartbroken. A country needs its people, not stones, to be built!

Education, that powerful weapon, is the only passport without which most doors in life will remain closed forever. It is for this reason that I strongly support *Fondation USJ* with the hope of supporting those who need it most. It's never about how much money you make, it's about how much you give back to those most in need and how much you help them smile and get by in life.

My goal is to succeed, with the help of good people, in opening those doors for students. I will always believe that the joy of giving lasts a lifetime, while the joy of receiving lasts only a moment.

OUR STUDENTS, OUR EVERLASTING PRIDE



STUDENTS TESTIMONIALS



Peter Abi Ghanem

Student at the School of Translators and Interpreters of Beirut

The impact of the economic collapse that has hit Lebanon in the past couple of years has been devastating, and life is getting harder day after day. We are in a country where we work our fingers to the bone, taking on multiple jobs, but still cannot afford the basic needs to survive. Inflation is rising, everything is getting more and more expensive and education is becoming a privilege.

I was about to drop out, as I could not pay the new fees of the University, but USJ never lets its students down. Last semester, I had the opportunity to apply for a scholarship and was lucky enough to be accepted. This has also pushed me to work even harder and to be placed on the Dean's Honor List.

Today, I am so happy to share my experience with all of you! I truly want to spread the message and help other students who also need a scholarship like myself. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the donors and *Fondation USJ* for constantly supporting us and doing all it takes to make our life easier.



Helena Andraos

Student at the Faculty of Pharmacy

As a victim of the explosion that occurred on August 4, 2020, in the port of Beirut, I found myself in an induced coma for about 2 weeks. It was after I woke up that my story began: I was semi-paralyzed, with a splint placed on my left foot and many scars. I spent a month in the hospital which was not at all easy between physical therapy, scans, blood tests, and a lot of pain.

At the end of August, when I returned home, I began to realize what had happened. Nailed to my bed for days, I spent hours contemplating the emptiness around me, in my ruined house, witnessing the catastrophe that struck our Lebanon.

In September, it was the beginning of the academic year, but I was not worried at all thanks to the continuous support of the Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Prof. Marianne Abi Fadel, to whom I am extremely grateful. She did everything to ensure that I was enrolled at the University like any other student, without any discrimination despite all obstacles!

Despite the high cost of hospital fees and the expensive repair work on my house, I was able to continue my studies at USJ thanks to the scholarship that was granted to me. I would like to thank, from the bottom of my heart, all the donors who made it possible to lighten my financial burden and not make tuition fees an impediment, so that I could pursue my education free of any worries.



Zoya Barakat

Graduate from the Lebanese Institute for Educators, North Lebanon Campus

Having big dreams but not having the financial means to make them come true was an obstacle for me. Throughout my senior year in school, I dreamed of pursuing an education that would allow me to help children. As soon as I found the remedial education option at USJ, I began to think about the financial problem.

After days and nights of prayer and anxiety, I tried my luck with the Financial Aid Office. From then on, my journey at USJ began with a scholarship that gave me hope and allowed me to follow my path. I would like to warmly thank the donors and *Fondation USJ* for their support.

It is with great joy and pride, that I declare my belonging to the USJ community, which through its commitment to its students, has changed my life.

After my experience with USJ, I will always be a firm believer in Paulo Coelho's quote "when you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it", as I am sure that USJ will forever be a source of hope for its students.



Eghnatio Al Alam

Student at the School of Mediterranean Agricultural Engineering

Dear donor,
I am writing to thank you for your generosity. I was very pleased and grateful to learn that I was chosen as a recipient of your scholarship during the second semester of the 2021/2022 academic year.

During this difficult period, Lebanese students need your generous help to pursue their academic studies without worrying about financial difficulties. Rest assured, your support is helping to build an educated people who can instill peace and foster a better future for the country.

Your generosity has inspired me to help others and I hope that one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals, just as you have done for me.

Anonymous Recipient

Student at the Faculty of Science

After graduating from high school, I wanted to pursue my studies at USJ, a quality institution with a very good reputation. Passionate about science and genetics, I was admitted to Life and Earth Sciences - Biochemistry.

Following the economic crisis, I approached the Financial Aid Office to apply for an academic scholarship.

Thanks to the scholarship offered to me by Carine Tohme of the Hanna Lahoud Foundation, I was able to continue my studies at the University. I am grateful to all those who reached out to me and very happy that I worked hard to complete my degree. I would like to thank the donors who, through their efforts, were able to ease my financial burden and give me the opportunity to focus on what matters most: learning and engagement.

Most importantly, I have learned the importance of collaboration and belonging to the USJ community which has helped me achieve my dreams by providing continuous support throughout my journey.

Anonymous Recipient

Student at the School of Engineering of Beirut

After obtaining my baccalaureate, I chose to continue my studies at USJ. I was eager to join a university renowned for its engineering program.

Following the economic crisis, my financial situation deteriorated and I needed financial aid to continue my studies. I decided to work hard and get good grades to get a scholarship.

Finally, after two years of hard work, the ESIB Class of '95 offered me a scholarship that allowed me to pursue my studies with great motivation.

I would like to thank USJ for the opportunity it gave me and for believing in me. Thanks to this donation, I have been able to benefit from moral and financial support. Indeed, it proved to me that I can reap the fruits of my efforts and allowed me not to give up, despite the hard times we are going through today.

Being able to count on someone puts my mind at ease and reduces the stress of worrying about whether or not I can afford to continue my studies.

Maya Maroun

Student at the School of Translators and Interpreters of Beirut

After graduating with a Bachelor in Modern Languages and Translation, I was ready to start a new chapter in my professional life. As an ambitious person who strives for excellence at all costs, I decided to pursue my master in translation at USJ, a university known for its moral, humanistic and educational values. Despite the worsening economic crisis in Lebanon, USJ never failed to show its solidarity and support by fully carrying out its social and humanistic mission. Thanks to the financial aid and the Joseph

Zaarour donation, I was motivated to pursue my academic career.

I would like to thank the University's Financial Aid Office and the donors whose generosity gave me hope to stay in this country and inspired me to support students by helping them achieve their dreams.

Dana El Zarif

Graduate from the Faculty of Business Administration and Management

I obtained my Bachelor in Business Administration and Management in 2020 and my Master in Accounting, Auditing, and Control in 2022.

The USJ Financial Aid Office made it possible for me to pursue my higher education I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your support. I am sincerely honored that you found me worthy of your scholarship. Indeed, my father passed away in 2017 and

my mother is employed at the Ministry of Finance and her income was our only source of revenue and I could not afford to pay the entire tuition. However, the Financial Aid Office offered me a 50% scholarship throughout my education. This scholarship was a source of motivation that encouraged me to persevere.

I am very proud and happy to have studied at a university that allows its students to fulfill their dreams!



Rita Ghassan Saliba

Student at the Faculty of Law and Political Science

Fascinated by law, I chose to study at USJ.

Given that I come from a modest family and that the country is going through an economic crisis, I turned to the Financial Aid Office seeking support to start my higher education.

Thanks to the scholarship granted to me by Mr. and Mrs. Haddad, I was able to enroll at USJ.

My experience as a first-year student has set me on the path of personal growth by gaining new experiences and skills.

I am eternally grateful and would like to thank the donors who made it possible for me to attend USJ, as it eased my financial burden. USJ has given me the opportunity to begin my journey as a law student, and to hopefully fulfill my dreams and one day help students in need.



Yasmine Kesrouany

Student at the Faculty of Business Administration and Management

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- July 7, 2017 - El Khalil Foundation
- July 13, 2017 - Mahmoud Abbas Foundation
- May 20, 2020 - Hanna and Nina Ayoub Foundation
- May 27, 2020 - LIFE Scholarship
- June 5, 2020 - Elise Souhayer
- June 17, 2020 - Faculty of Medicine
- June 17, 2020 - Higher Institute of Public Health
- June 17, 2020 - Faculty of Economics
- June 17, 2020 - Institute of Business Administration
- June 17, 2020 - Lebanese Institute of Educators
- June 17, 2020 - Lebanese School of Social Work
- June 29, 2020 - Samer Jarmak
- July 6, 2020 - Ayman Rachid Haddad
- July 13, 2020 - Fiers de lettres
- July 27, 2020 - Tonia and Zafer Chaoui
- September 3, 2020 - Ziad and Boutros Noujaim
- September 14, 2020 - Critique d’art et curatorlat
- September 16, 2020 - ESIB Class of 2000
- September 30, 2020 - Boghossian Foundation
- October 5, 2020 - Lebanese Association for Scientific Research (LASeR)
- October 12, 2020 - Berytech for Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- October 16, 2020 - Laurent Neel
- October 16, 2020 - Murex for Students Affected by the Beirut Blast
- November 4, 2020 - Joseph and Claude Audi
- November 10, 2020 - Melida and Georges Eid
- December 3, 2020 - Dr. Joseph Makzoume
- December 21, 2020 - Youssef Tohme
- January 7, 2021 - ESIB Class of 2001
- January 21, 2021 - Dr. Ali Mroueh
- January 27, 2021 - USJ Alumni Houston Chapter
- February 2, 2021 - Georges and Fida Haddad
- February 15, 2021 - Sejaan Boutros Ghafari
- March 15, 2021 - Lead from Within
- April 22, 2021 - Daniel Joseph
- May 5, 2021 - Drs. Raed and Nisrine Lattouf
- May 5, 2021 - Joumana and Edgard Gedeon
- May 6, 2021 - Parity Finance LLP
- May 19, 2021 - ESIB Class of 1974
- May 19, 2021 - Roger Sabbagh
- May 19, 2021 - Semaan Semaan
- June 1, 2021 - ESIB Class of 1996
- June 9, 2021 - Georges and Jenny Daher
- June 16, 2021 - Abir Bhamdouni
- June 29, 2021 - Dr. Aline Charabaty
- July 2, 2021 - Richard and Aline Feghali
- July 22, 2021 - FMD Class of 1984
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- July 22, 2021 - FMD Class of 1986
- July 22, 2021 - FMD Class of 1991
- July 22, 2021 - FMD Class of 1993
- July 22, 2021 - FMD Class of 1994
- July 29, 2021 - Melanie and Christelle Nohra
- July 29, 2021 - FM Class of 1984
- July 29, 2021 - FM Class of 2010
- August 3, 2021 - Ruwwad Al Tanmiya
- September 16, 2021 - Antoine and Hasmig Abdul Massih
- October 27, 2021 - ESIB Class of 1980
- October 27, 2021 - ESIB Class of 1987
- October 27, 2021 - ESIB Class of 1995
- October 27, 2021 - FMD Class of 1987
- October 27, 2021 - FMD Class of 1990
- December 15, 2021 - Raffy Manoukian
- January 14, 2022 - Bassam and Ghida Yammine Foundation
- January 17, 2022 - Sandra and Fouad Abou Nader
- January 20, 2022 - Dr. Elie Mina
- January 20, 2022 - ESIB Class of 1983
- January 25, 2022 - Hajjar Family Fund (HFF)
- January 31, 2022 - USJ Dubai Alumni
- February 15, 2022 - Y.A.C.K.
- March 7, 2022 - Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE)
- April 6, 2022 - Mafalda and Marc Abousleiman
- April 28, 2022 - General Jamil Nassif
- July 5, 2022 - Sacy Foundation
- July 13, 2022 - 25 Years of FS
- August 2, 2022 - ESIB Class of 1988

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- October 5, 2007 - Safadi Foundation
- March 3, 2008 - Khatchig Babikian
- March 6, 2008 - *Al-Ittihad Al-Watani S.A.L. (Union Nationale)*
- June 16, 2010 - Sami Turki
- November 10, 2015 - Bachir Gemayel
- February 19, 2016 - USJ Dubai Alumni
- April 15, 2016 - Nabil Bustros
- June 9, 2016 - Marie-Christine André Hakimé
- August 5, 2016 - USJ Abu Dhabi Alumni
- October 28, 2016 - Gilbert and Roula Ghostine
- November 4, 2016 - USJ Qatar Alumni
- December 21, 2016 - Scholarship Fund USJ Alumni UK Chapter
- April 26, 2017 - Raoul Assaf
- July 24, 2017 - USJ Alumni France Chapter
- January 12, 2018 - USJ CLS Alumni
- February 23, 2018 - Murex ESIB
- February 26, 2018 - Faculty of Pharmacy Alumni
- April 11, 2018 - Mitri Assha
- May 3, 2018 - Father René Chamussy s.j.
- June 22, 2018 - Michel Ghazal
- July 6, 2018 - Farid Raphael
- August 17, 2018 - Samir and Tania Assaf
- October 29, 2018 - Martine Daher
- December 10, 2018 - Elias and Mouna Hraoui
- January 11, 2019 - Sheikh Toufic Assaf
- March 29, 2019 - Ahmad Shafiq El Khatib
- May 8, 2019 - Hanna Lahoud
- May 29, 2019 - Inclusion Aid Jacqueline Cassir Assha Endowment Scholarship Fund
- June 16, 2019 - Chaker Abousleiman
- June 24, 2019 - Faculty of Law, Political Science and Economics Alumni Association
- June 25, 2019 - Alfred Matta
- July 31, 2019 - Maurice N. Sehnaoui
- September 23, 2019 - Berge Setrakian
- September 24, 2019 - Family of Dr. Falah Abou Jaoudé
- November 25, 2019 - Joseph and Zeina Aoun
- November 28, 2019 - Mia Taylor Hatem
- December 9, 2019 - Elie and Hélène El Hayek
- December 16, 2019 - François Semaan Bassil and family
- December 20, 2019 - Maroun N. Chammas
- January 15, 2020 - USJ Federation of Alumni Associations
- January 15, 2020 - GlobeMed
- February 21, 2020 - Ever East Med S.A.L.
- February 28, 2020 - Claudia El Hage
- April 22, 2020 - 145 Years
- May 28, 2020 - Jean Chidiac
- May 29, 2020 - AXA Middle East
- April 9, 2021 - Association Amicale des Anciens de l’ESIB
- April 22, 2021 - Joseph K. El Fadl
- April 28, 2021 - Joumana and Edgard Gedeon
- June 7, 2021 - Charles Corm
- July 9, 2021 - Varouj Nerguizian
- September 6, 2021 - Jacques Jabbour
- September 28, 2021 - Joseph Zaarour
- October 25, 2021 - Lebanese Public Schools
- October 26, 2021 - 300 Scholarships for 3 Centenaries
- November 4, 2021 - 125 Scholarships for USJ’s 125 Years
- November 4, 2021 - Mary Gebran
- November 4, 2021 - Good Mother To Be
- November 4, 2021 - Victor Lahoud
- November 4, 2021 - Father Louis Pouzet s.j.
- November 4, 2021 - Father André Masse s.j.
- November 4, 2021 - Antoine Medawar
- November 4, 2021 - Father Pierre Madet s.j.
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- November 4, 2021 - Micheline Saad Tarazi
- July 1, 2022 - Naoum Michel Khattar

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