

Cynthia Ghobril Andrea's Speech
Director of the Fondation USJ-HDF
the « Sejaan Boutros Ghafari Excellence Award » Ceremony
Faculty of Business and Management – The South Campus
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Reverend Father Rector, dear Prof. Salim Daccache s.j.,
Respected Vice-Rectors, Deans, Directors and Professors,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Friends and Students,

I know that the last few years have been devastating and you have pledged to redouble your efforts and strive toward your goals, to witness the magic of this symbolic day marking the turning point of your life. So congratulations and good luck to you all!

I am here today, to present the “Sejaan Boutros Ghafari Excellence Award” for the second consecutive year, to the student with the highest cumulative GPA during his 3 years at the Faculty of Business and Management, The South Campus –named after- our faithful donor, Mr. Sejaan Boutros Ghafari.

Let me start by saying a few words about Mr. Ghafari, this good man, who embodies the spirit of solidarity, and whose generosity knows no bounds.

For those who do not know Mr. Ghafari, his love for his country has defeated the distance that separated him from Lebanon and Saida, his wonderful motherland in the south, even the benches at his University have remained close to his heart.

Therefore, he launched **the Scholarship Endowment Fund “Ancien CEULS”** of the Faculty of Business and Management, The South Campus, in 2018. Then, in 2020, he signed two other memorandums of understanding to launch the **"Sejaan Boutros Ghafari" Subscription Scholarship Fund** and the **"Sejaan Boutros Ghafari" Achievement Scholarship Fund**. Many students from the south were granted scholarships to support them throughout their journey at the University, during these difficult times.

USJ is very proud of all its Alumni for their dedication, commitment and continuous support to their alma mater. Mr. Ghafari is a great role model inspiring a whole generation of students who are supported by his generous scholarships, and who will become the leaders of the future.

So, on behalf of the many scholars, and on behalf of the Fondation USJ-HDF, allow me to express our gratitude and to thank him again for his solidarity.

I would like to ask Mr. Chakib Saab to join us on the Podium, to get his award, from our Rector, the Dean of the faculty, Prof. Fouad Zmokhol and the director of the South Campus, Prof. Dina Sidani.