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Usually, people tend to think of themselves as less of a value once they're in a big community. However, everyone is distinguished in their own way. Each individual plays a very important role not only towards his surrounding but towards his whole community and country. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes how much they could change to the better.

In order to rebuild our country, we have to start by learning from our antecedents and our parents' mistakes. You should pick the right people that are going to work for our country and are going to represent you and your voices. We should also learn from every bad experience our country has been through so we can avoid it at all costs because we cannot lose any more people, we cannot see more homes being destroyed and we most definitely cannot see mothers crying because they lost their children. Your teachers are working so hard on you to become the best version of yourselves and to become the strongest stone for our home. You cannot and I know that you will not let them down. Your generation is the future, you are the change. We cannot lose hope and we cannot let anyone tell us what is possible. Make future generations remember you and thank you for being strong ancestors.

Lebanon is way more than a presidential chair or a political party. Who are we going to leave our broken home to? We cannot give up on it. We need to value and cherish every monument we have because we live on a holy land. We are lucky to be able to talk about what our country has that others don't. Where are you going to find people as down to earth as Lebanese people? Their hospitality and guest welcoming are like no other. Where can you find Jeita Grotto or Wadi Qadisha or the temple of Bacchus in Baalbek or Byblos one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities and so many more monuments and places that we are blessed to have. We really didn't know

Beirut's smallest streets' worth until we lost them on August 4th. Beirut has been rebuilt 7 times and we will build it 7 more times, but we can't live more trauma.

Let's fight together, as a nation and save our country because we only got ourselves at the end of the day. This is why, hand in hand, we will build a better and new Lebanon. After everything we have witnessed these past few years, a change is needed, and you are going to be that change. All young adults should work on developing their own capabilities and focus on growing their own potential to become successful. We are all still affected by the tragic events of 2020, therefore we should start building up a brighter future and this starts in every house, school and university.

We count on you, as university students, as future doctors, politicians, lawyers and teachers you can make a difference and you will make a difference. Challenge yourself and stay in your country because sky is the limit.