

ENGAGED LEADERS FOR A BETTER WORLD

For nearly a decade, LAU's Outreach and Civic Engagement (OCE) unit has marshalled the energies of thousands of young people in leadership training activities focused on peace and diplomacy. Over the years, OCE has provided more than 2,000 LAU students with training on how to run mega simulation models.



In 2015, the university took over the United Nations Global Classroom International Model UN middle and high school conferences in New York, which are now run by teams of LAU students under the supervision of OCE. This year, the Middle School conference brought together more than 1,900 middle school students from 30 international cities and 30 U.S. states, under the slogan "The Art of Diplomacy." The high school version of the program involved 1,700 students from 92 schools across the world, including among others Taiwan, Sweden, Uzbekistan and Jamaica.

In what is now an annual tradition, LAU managed the Global Classrooms Lebanese University Model United Nations (GC LAU MUN) for both high-school and middle-school students. Three thousand youngsters from 194 schools were coached by over 300 LAU student trainers, under the slogan of "Transformational Leadership."

OCE continued to collaborate with LAU schools, training their students and staff in different skills such as emotional intelligence, leadership, the art of negotiation and more non-governmental and/or international organizations, and governments.



In New York, LAU once again hosted the international Global Outreach and Leadership Development (GOLD) conference for young aspiring diplomats.

LAU added another stellar program to the university's roster of diplomacy simulation exercises, taking charge of Lebanon's only Model EU in partnership with the Hariri Foundation and Bringing Europeans Together Association (BETA), and training high-school students across the country in the fundamentals of the European Union, with an emphasis on diplomatic and leadership skills. Led by a secretariat of LAU students, the program trained this year 300 delegates from 36 schools, at both LAU Byblos and OLA Sidon.

LAU continued its partnership with the Hariri Foundation to implement the Lebanese version of the Model Arab League. This year, under the slogan "6 Years of Distinction & Excellence," 1,200 students from 80 Lebanese schools came together to simulate the activities of the Arab World's premier diplomatic forum.



For the second year in a row, a team of students from LAU won the Young Arab Voices national debate competition, after months of training by OCE mentors.



Five students from LAU's Department of Communication Arts program collaborated with Radio Liban and OCE in the spring and summer of 2017 to produce "Gina Nihke," a weekly live radio show focused on issues related to youth.



Beirut Marathon, as an example of commitment to a peaceful and stable Lebanon.