Supporting Architecture and Design Education
MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Alumni and Friends,

The School of Architecture and Design (SArD) continues on the path towards establishing itself as a premier institution for education in the arts, design, and architecture in both Lebanon and the region. After the consolidation of its programs into a single school in 2009, it has emerged as a role model in terms of its educational standards and its development of a design culture that is inventive, open, multidisciplinary and proactive.

The world challenges us with new demands and opportunities every day. There have been few periods in recent history when architects and designers were as important in shaping the world. Today they play a crucial role in forming our physical environment, from landscape and cities to gadgets and accessories. With its existing programs in Fine Arts, Interior Design, Architecture, Graphic Design, and the new Fashion Design program led by Mr. Elie Saab, the School is confidently striding forward, offering a multiplicity of majors within a cultural setting that encourages innovative experimentation.

At the SArD, we believe that resting on our laurels is not an option. The artistic field compels us to constantly question and challenge our long-held convictions. Our commitment to excellence is reflected in part by our efforts to seek international accreditation, something that impacts positively on our educational system and invites the School to regularly assess, reevaluate, and refine its programs.

It is this spirit that has animated us from the very beginning and inspires us to keep moving forward. We hope you will join us on our exciting journey.

Sincerely,

Elie Haddad, Ph.D.
Dean and Professor,
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Dear Friends,

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At the School of Architecture and Design, keeping up with the times has always been of critical importance. To respond to a regional dearth of higher education in the field of fashion, the School recently launched a prestigious Fashion Design program in collaboration with, and under the distinguished leadership of, designer Elie Saab.

Your support for our mission reinforces our commitment to educate and gives us renewed vigor to keep pushing onward and upward. We hope you will join us as we strive toward our destination of excellence and help the School remain a shining example of regional innovation and academic achievement. Please contemplate what you can do for the School of Architecture and Design to assist us in Fulfilling the Promise. Your generosity will further LAU’s mission for many years to come.

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Cynthia W. Saab, Architecture, ’07
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The SArD delivers challenging degree programs in an environment that encourages social responsibility and independent thinking. With experts in product design and visual communication, our faculty has a lot to share with their counterparts around the world. However, SArD faculty members often face difficulties in obtaining the research grants needed to pursue important work.

With greater support for homegrown research, we can ensure that our student and faculty ideas are encouraged, harnessed and shared with the international architecture and design community.

The SArD aims to become a by-word for research excellence in Arab architecture and design. To realize this ambitious goal, we invite visionary supporters of LAU to consider investments of $2 million to create endowed chairs.
The endowed chair is the most prestigious honor that can be bestowed upon a distinguished faculty member. The chair will bear the name of the donor and be held by an outstanding scholar, teacher and researcher. The income realized through endowed chairs will underwrite a portion of the chair’s salary and provide research funds. An endowed chair would furthermore enable the SArD to attract and retain accomplished academics to nourish creativity in teaching and scholarship.

The SArD also seeks generous donations starting from $300,000 to establish a Distinguished Lecturer Series and gifts from $50,000 toward an Endowed Research Fund. The lectures will provide students with the opportunity to learn from recognized leaders in the field.

Students who study at the SArD need to know they are coming to one of the finest architecture and design schools the region has to offer. With your support for better research and learning opportunities, we can guarantee that neither students nor faculty leave disappointed. A donation towards fostering research at LAU is an investment in the future.

“I consider myself lucky to have attended LAU. My professors gave me the space to grow and believe in myself. Every class was a new discovery and a new challenge. The most valuable thing LAU taught me is to never settle for what I already know and to always aim higher.”

Lama Assaf, Graphic Design, ’13
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We are also seeking support for the renovation of our studios, photography labs and the purchase of new equipment, starting from $25,000.

In one of the most highly anticipated university courses in the Middle East in recent years, the SArD has partnered with seminal fashion designer Elie Saab to offer an undergraduate degree in Fashion Design. This exciting program — which opened to students in Fall 2013 — is the first course of its kind in the Arab world to merge an American education with such a high-profile designer.

An exciting opportunity to name the School’s Fashion Design program led by the prestigious designer Elie Saab is available for $5 million.

The SArD also invites a benevolent individual or institution to name the Chair position at the Elie Saab Bachelor Degree in Fashion Design starting from $3 million.

A donor is welcome to support the renovation and creation of a dedicated atelier on the Beirut campus specifically for the Fashion Design program starting from $250,000.

Additional naming opportunities are available throughout the SArD and include:

- The Dean’s Suite starting from $500,000.
- Social venues or other rooms starting from $2,000 per meter.
- Graphic design, photography, architecture and fine arts studios as well as workshops and lecture halls starting from $2,500 per meter.

“I had the privilege of learning from talented professors, meeting remarkable people and forging lifelong friendships. LAU has supported me in exploring my interests and ultimately in forming my own character.”

Layal Merhi, Architecture, ’13
Supporting Arts and Sciences Education
Dear Alumni and Friends,

The School of Arts and Sciences (SAS) is committed to perpetuating LAU’s historical liberal arts education and to preparing tomorrow’s leaders to address local and global challenges by educating the whole person. In addition to our regionally distinguished programs in Education, Humanities and Communication Arts, our renowned programs in Computer Science, International Affairs, and Biology make the School a regional leader, a fact the University’s graduates and their employers continue to reaffirm.

In an era where information seeking is no longer linear, the SAS encourages students to fully explore their interests and express their talents. Our accomplished faculty equips them with the confidence, knowledge, and skills to create a better society guided by the values of integrity, professionalism, collaboration, tolerance, and democracy. Our students graduate with intellectual flexibility, critical thinking and analytical skills.

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The School of Arts and Sciences is not needed as a mere quantitative contribution to a generally overcrowded scene in Arab higher education, but as a driver of regional innovation and knowledge generation. It must continue to demonstrate its worth through distinctiveness, quality and impact. Your generous support will help us translate these dreams into a reality where our students, graduates, and faculty make a true difference to Lebanon and the region.

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The School of Arts and Sciences stands at the very core of that vision. Home to LAU’s oldest programs, the school’s commitment to academic freedom and inquiry gives students the solid intellectual foundation necessary to become model citizens in a constantly globalizing world. Our faculty and students work in collaboration with other schools at LAU, enabling them to creatively address contemporary predicaments that transcend department walls.

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We invite benefactors to breathe new life into our two performance spaces, the Gulbenkian amphitheater and Irwin Hall theater, through donations of $500,000 and $1,500,000, respectively.

Since the establishment of LAU’s Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine, the number of Biology students enrolling at the SAS has increased significantly. To give our pre-Medicine and Biology students the facilities they deserve, we are looking to either renovate old laboratories or build new ones.

We need donor support for improved laboratories starting from $150,000.

Additionally, we are seeking funding for:

A total of 68 new or renovated offices for all full-time faculty and visiting scholars.

Renovations of radio/music studios, classrooms and offices at the Safadi Fine Arts building, and which are already underway, starting from $15,000.

“The SAS’s dynamic faculty continuously pushes the limit of their fields to allow students to engage in enriching and skill-building extracurricular activities.”

Michele Moubarak, Political Science, ’13
“LAU is as much about people as it is about education.”

Omar Daou, Communication Arts, ‘12
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Supporting Business Education
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Since Phoenician times, Lebanon has been famous for its keen entrepreneurial spirit. We remain one of the region's banking and finance leaders today; the School of Business has played no minor role in that regard.

LAU’s School of Business is among the premier destinations for students seeking business, finance and management educations in the Arab world. Our world-class faculty uses its extensive business ties and expertise to regularly update curricula in keeping with the latest international business trends.

We are not only committed to furnishing our students with the fundamentals of ethical business management through our first-rate facilities and emphasis on experiential learning, but also to instilling a love of learning and adaptability in an increasingly globalized marketplace.

The tremendous successes of our alumni prove that LAU graduates are uniquely placed to solve some of the most intractable economic and business problems in order to make a positive contribution to global society. But LAU needs ongoing support to secure its leading position. Our determination to keep the School on a sound financial footing and to continue to provide research excellence and an outstanding academic experience is more important than ever.

Your support can help us transform our School from one of the region’s best to the best business school in the Arab world. We invite you to join us by making an important investment in the School. As donors, you will be making a significant investment in the future leaders of the business, banking, hospitality, management and finance worlds.

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Said Ladki, Ph.D.
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With the largest enrollment of any school at LAU, the School of Business is a pillar of the University’s success story. As one of the pre-eminent business schools in the region, the School’s faculty and curriculum emphasize experiential learning, inter-disciplinary scholarship, and ethical practice. Rooted in a liberal arts environment, the school also provides students with specialized knowledge in their respective field of study.

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Rafael Babikian, Business, ’12
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- Specialized facilities for Executive MBA students starting from $2,500 per square meter.
- Stock market and trading simulation rooms. These rooms play an important role in preparing students for real-life trading and stock exchange transactions, and are available for naming starting from $2,500 per square meter.

Other naming opportunities available throughout the School of Business building include:

- Named endowments for the Institute for Family and Entrepreneurial Business, the Institute for Banking and Finance, the Institute for Hospitality and Tourism Management Studies and the Institute for Human Resources starting from $3 million each.
- Social venues and other faculty and staff rooms starting from $2,000 per square meter.
- Smart classrooms, lecture halls and specialist rooms starting from $2,500 per square meter.
- A simulation hotel room housed at The School of Business department of Hospitality Management, starting from $2,500 per square meter.
- The joint School of Business and Riyad Nassar Library atrium lobby, which frequently hosts LAU social events, starting from $500,000.
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The School of Business aims to deliver challenging degree programs in an environment that cultivates independent thinking and promotes ethical practice. With faculty experts in Arab banking, family businesses and emerging markets, the School is well positioned to take a regional leadership role in innovative research and policy. However, our faculty members often face difficulties in obtaining the research grants needed to pursue such important work.

In an era defined by knowledge creation and dissemination, the stature of a university is measured largely by its contribution to international research. With greater support for homegrown research, we can ensure that our student and faculty ideas are encouraged, nurtured and shared with the international business community. Your gifts in support of research are vital to supporting our faculty and to advancing the boundaries of knowledge.

The School of Business is striving to become a by-word for research excellence in Arab business and beyond. To realize this ambitious goal, we are seeking named endowments of $2 million each to attract global leaders to:

**ENDOWED CHAIRS AND RESEARCH**
The endowed chair is the most prestigious honor that can be bestowed upon a distinguished faculty member. Each endowed chair created with a $2 million gift will bear the name of the donor and will enable the School of Business to attract and retain accomplished academics to nourish creativity in teaching and scholarship.

The School of Business is also seeking donations of $300,000 toward an Endowed Lecture Series and $50,000 toward an Endowed Research Fund to enable faculty and students to fully participate in Arab business and finance research as well as interact with strategic issues in the international business, finance, management and hospitality worlds.

Students who study at the School of Business need to know they are coming to the finest business school the region has to offer. With your support for improved research opportunities, we can guarantee that neither students nor faculty leave disappointed. A donation towards fostering research at LAU is an investment in the future.

“Studying at the School of Business was a phenomenal experience. The school’s Career & Placement Office was also tremendously helpful. My resume was made more ‘job friendly’ and the staff helped me explore internship and future career options.”

Hala Badrachani, Business Economics, ‘11
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Rania Soubra, Business Computing, ’85 - EMBA, ’11
Operations Manager, Saudi National Commercial Bank
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Such global experience of international business, finance, banking and management practices provide students with the skills they need to compete - and succeed - in rapidly changing job markets.

In recognition of the School of Business’s successes, we are also in the process of seeking full accreditation from The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), where we have been an associate member for many years. In 2011, the School formally became a full member of the European Foundation for Managing Development, the first step for accreditation from the European Quality Improvement System (EQUIS).

With your generous support, the School of Business will be one step closer to meeting, and exceeding, the expectations of the AACSB and EQUIS accreditors.

“The self-confidence I gained from the EMBA program helped me to earn the respect of my peers at work. It also made a good impression upon my managers.”

Wassim Sleiman, EMBA, ’11
Senior Credit Analyst, BLOM Bank
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Sincerely,

Said Ladki, Ph.D.
Interim Dean and Professor,
School of Business
Supporting Engineering Education
Dear Alumni and Friends,

LAU’s School of Engineering is defined by an energetic community of educators and researchers who continuously strive to advance excellence in teaching, research and service to community. Our school is committed to graduating the best engineers and highly responsible, community-minded leaders for the future.

We are driven by the collective aspiration of our faculty to become the premier school of engineering in the region and we are making great strides toward reaching that goal. All five of our Bachelor of Engineering degree programs are accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), which demonstrates our commitment to provide our students with a professionally and universally recognized engineering education. Our faculty is comprised of highly qualified experts who are dedicated to cutting-edge scholarship and actively engaged in the engineering profession. We recognize the need to maintain an innovative environment for engineering education. Our small class sizes and state-of-the-art computer facilities and laboratories ensure an ideal learning environment. School of Engineering graduates are highly sought after by industry leaders for their technical competence, distinctive professional skills and responsible work ethics.

Building on its strong foundations, the School of Engineering looks forward to new achievements and major advances with passion, determination and clarity of vision. We have ambitious strategic plans to provide our students with a new state-of-the-art laboratory building, to ensure they learn in an academic environment that helps unlock their full potential. We hope that you will join us in our efforts to meet the ever-changing needs of delivering a globally relevant engineering education in an increasingly complex world. We look forward to discussing the many ways in which you can help us fulfill our mission. Your support is a critical component of our success.

Sincerely,

George E. Nasr, Ph.D.
Dean and Professor,
School of Engineering
Dear Friends,

These are exciting times at LAU. In an almost breathtakingly brief compass of years, the University has been transformed from a liberal arts school with a regional legacy as a pioneer in women’s education, into a fully accredited international institution with seven schools. With these successes, however, come new challenges. Increasing recognition means increased expectations and raises the stakes for our continued performance.

Our 2011-2016 strategic plan is committed to steering LAU toward ever-higher levels of academic excellence, student-centeredness, civic engagement and quality research. To take the next step forward, LAU must upgrade and add to its facilities, address regional needs through research, strengthen its academic and outreach programs, and attract a distinguished faculty. We must also maintain our commitment to assist needy and deserving students through financial aid. These are ambitious plans, but they can be realized with your help.

Many of LAU’s achievements would have never been possible without the generosity of our donors. When LAU’s first comprehensive fundraising campaign was completed a year ahead of schedule, we were buoyed by the collective enthusiasm for our vision. Today, as we launch our second campaign, Fulfilling the Promise: the LAU Campaign for Academic Excellence, we stand as committed as ever to equipping our students – tomorrow’s leaders – with the best tools to succeed.

The School of Engineering is an indispensable part of that vision. Home to some of LAU’s most popular programs, the school equips students with the tools to excel as engineers and as responsible citizens. Our graduates enter the professional world with the distinctive practical, problem-solving and analytical skills that make them so highly sought after in the professional world and by graduate schools. Recognizing the importance of partnership between industry and academia in today’s diverse market, we emphasize cultivating workable relationships with leading national and international industries.

Thank you for your support for the School of Engineering. Your faith in our mission reinforces our commitment to educate and gives us renewed vigor to keep pushing onward and upward.

Sincerely,

Joseph G. Jabbra, Ph.D.
President,
Lebanese American University
Demand for a LAU education has increased by 48 percent in the last decade. At SoE, our programs are proving more popular than ever. While we are proud of this growth and are planning further expansion in the coming years, our facilities have not been able to keep pace.

In recent years, SoE has been pushed to the limit as the University’s different programs compete for space. Our facilities are scattered across LAU’s Byblos campus, making use of whatever space is available.

To maintain excellence, LAU needs to ensure that the quality of its facilities is commensurate with the quality of its teaching. Support for the building of a new dedicated SoE building and the renovation of existing facilities is therefore a major Campaign priority.

SoE’s new $18.5 million building will be located on LAU’s Byblos campus and will consolidate laboratory resources for civil, electrical, computer, industrial and mechanical engineering. The structure will serve as a multidisciplinary engineering hub and enable faculty and students to respond to emerging engineering needs through applied research. The state-of-the-art facility, which is expected to be complete in 2015, will enhance student-faculty interaction and promote collaboration between the different engineering disciplines.
A unique opportunity is available to a distinguished donor to name the new laboratory building for a gift of $10 million.

Our existing laboratories, which will remain in use even after the completion of the new building, are in desperate need of upgrading.

We invite benefactors to help SoE maintain its leadership position by supporting laboratory renovations with gifts starting from $250,000.

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity is available to a distinguished donor to name the SoE for a transformative gift of $15 million. These funds would provide an enduring legacy for the donor as well as a permanent source of funding for the School.

Other naming opportunities are also available throughout the new engineering laboratory building and include:

- 32 specialized individual laboratories from $2,500-$2,700 per square meter.
- The Dean’s suite for $500,000.
- Laboratory space or specialized rooms from $2,500 per square meter.
- Laboratory workstations from $5,000 each.

“SoE professors are remarkable mentors who have become role models in my professional life. During my time at LAU, my personality, critical thinking and technical skills were profoundly transformed.”

Joelle Bassily, Industrial Engineering, ’05
“Engineering is not just a degree, it gives you a set of principles that allows you to see the world in a whole new light.”

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SoE offers a number of forward-thinking programs that address important intersections between the engineering world and social and environmental concerns. Our industrial engineering program is the only program of its kind in the region with ABET-accreditation, while Dean Nasr was recently elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the Global Engineering Deans Council. With experts in engineering and energy management, nanosystems and structural dynamics among our faculty, LAU is well positioned to take a regional leadership role in innovative research and policy. But despite their achievements, our faculty members often face difficulties obtaining the research grants needed to pursue important work.

In an era defined by knowledge creation and dissemination, the stature of a university is measured largely by its contribution to international research. With greater support for homegrown research, we can ensure that our student and faculty ideas are encouraged, nurtured and shared with the international engineering communities.

“LAU has helped me shape my thinking and understand how to read a problem, interpret it and find the best solution.”

Joseph Chehab,
Electrical Engineering, ‘10
Your gifts in support of research are vital to supporting our faculty and to advancing the boundaries of knowledge. SoE is striving to become a by-word for research excellence in Arab engineering. To realize this ambitious goal, we are seeking endowments of $2 million each to attract global leaders to:

- An Endowed Chair in Sustainable Energy.
- An Endowed Chair in Construction Engineering Management.

The endowed chair is the most prestigious honor that can be bestowed on a distinguished faculty member. Each endowed chair created with a $2 million gift will bear the name of the donor and will enable SoE to attract accomplished academics to nourish creativity in teaching and scholarship.

SoE is also seeking donations towards at least one $300,000 Endowed Lecture Series and $50,000 Endowed Research Fund to enable faculty and students to fully participate in global research, and to interact with pressing issues in the international engineering fields. Students who study at SoE need to know they are coming to the finest the region has to offer. With your support for better research opportunities, we can guarantee that neither students nor faculty leave disappointed. Gifts towards research help SoE graduate job creators, as opposed to job seekers. A donation towards fostering research at LAU is an investment in the future.
Supporting Medicine Education
MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Since its founding less than five years ago, the Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine (SoM) has made impressive strides in training medical professionals committed to the health needs of Lebanon, the region and beyond. This year will mark the opening of the cutting-edge Chagoury Health Sciences Center, offering students a unique learning environment designed to inspire collaboration among LAU’s various health programs. The University Medical Center – Rizk Hospital (UMC-RH) in Beirut is now the primary teaching hospital for LAU’s schools of medicine, nursing, and pharmacy. The facility aspires to become a leading academic medical center in the Arab world by delivering outstanding, innovative, and patient-centered care.

Our students hone their medical skills in a variety of settings, including UMC-RH, community clinics and private hospitals. The School’s faculty is driven by a commitment to improve professional education amidst a rapidly changing healthcare system, while enhancing the quality of care and patient outcomes. We employ a curriculum that promotes the development of critical thinking, clinical skills, teamwork and a commitment to ethical behavior. LAU’s dedication to best serve the community means we also emphasize research in indigenous and prevalent diseases in the Middle East. And because volunteer and community service is a cornerstone of the School’s mission, the SoM continues to extend its medical expertise to the underprivileged and underserved residents of Lebanon.

In a short span of years, LAU’s SoM has proved itself a worthy contender for the title of the region’s top medical school. The School is creating a dramatic change in the landscape of medical education by attracting faculty members from such renowned institutions as Harvard University, Washington University, Baylor University and the Methodist Hospital. We have also forged vibrant partnerships with North American medical centers and academics, providing our graduates with opportunities for career development in the United States.

While we are rightfully proud of the School’s achievements, we must not lose momentum. We need to secure ongoing support for students through financial aid, continue to recruit leading medical professionals to our faculty, and promote innovation through investing in the latest medical research. To achieve this we hope you will continue to partner with us as we train the next generation of medical professionals and academic leaders to meet the changing health needs, not just of Lebanon, but the world.

Sincerely,

Dr. Youssef G. Comair
Dean and Professor of Neurosurgery,
Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine
Dear Friends,

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Our 2011-2016 strategic plan commits LAU to ever-higher levels of academic excellence, student-centeredness, civic engagement and quality research. To take the next step forward, LAU must upgrade and add to its facilities, address regional needs through research, strengthen its academic and outreach programs, and attract a distinguished faculty. We must also maintain our commitment to assist needy and deserving students through financial aid. These may be ambitious plans, but they can be realized with your help.

Many of LAU’s achievements would never have materialized without the generosity of our donors. The new Chagoury Health Sciences Center on our Byblos campus, for example, would not have been possible without the transformational gift of HE Mr. Gilbert Chagoury and his wife Mrs. Rose-Marie Chagoury. The state-of-the-art facility embodies LAU’s unflinching commitment to providing an intellectual and physical environment worthy of our students’ talents and aspirations.

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Thank you for your support for the School of Medicine. Together, we can look forward to a brighter and healthier future.

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President,
Lebanese American University
Research is chronically undervalued and underfunded in the Arab world. Even so, it remains a critical part of LAU’s mission and one that helps extend the University’s influence far beyond the reach of our campuses.

The Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine aims to deliver challenging degree programs in an environment that supports inter-professional collaboration and independent thinking. With experts in neuroscience, cardiovascular medicine, biochemistry, infectious diseases and community health among our faculty, LAU already houses the expertise to lead regional innovation in medical research and policy. However, many of our faculty members face difficulties in obtaining the research grants needed to pursue important projects.

In an era defined by knowledge creation and dissemination, the stature of a university is measured largely by its contribution to international research. With greater support for homegrown research, we can ensure that our student and faculty ideas are encouraged, harnessed and shared with the global medical community. Only a robust research program will prepare students for careers in medicine, provide them with a progressive and thorough understanding of diseases, treatments, patients and procedures, and instill in them the values needed to serve society as ethical professionals.

Research not only benefits students and faculty, but also the medical community at large who seek to recruit graduates that have been exposed to hands-on practice, experiential learning, and can anticipate emerging trends in their areas of expertise.

Although it only opened in 2009, the Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine already offers one of the best quality medical educations in the region. With your support, it can also become a by-word for research excellence in Arab medicine. To realize this ambitious goal, we are seeking donations of $3 million to attract global leaders to Endowed Chair positions in the fields of:

- Oncology
- Neuroscience
- Neonatology

The endowed chair is the most prestigious honor that can be bestowed upon a distinguished faculty member. The chair will bear the name of the donor and be held by an outstanding scholar, professor and researcher. The income realized through the endowed chair will underwrite a portion of an individual professor’s salary and provide much-needed research funds to support our faculty.
In addition, the Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine is seeking donations of $300,000 towards an Endowed Lecture Series and $100,000 toward an Endowed Research Fund to enable faculty and students to fully engage with the medical community and interact with existing and future strategic issues in the field.

With your support for endowed chairs and improved research opportunities, we can guarantee that the potential of our students and faculty is realized. A donation towards fostering research at LAU is an investment in the future.
“My last four years have been rich in knowledge, ethics, values, skills, professionalism and friendship. But most importantly, they have built a new way of thinking and decision-making.”

Nabil Talal Braiteh, ’13
One of the most exciting initiatives LAU has embarked upon is in the field of inter-professional education (IPE), which is increasingly viewed as a way to reduce medical errors and improve patient care.

The essence of IPE is collaboration among the health professions. The University’s health majors (medicine, pharmacy, nursing, nutrition and social work) boast forward-thinking curricula that emphasize strong dialogue, laboratory and clinical experience and the cross-fertilization of ideas and courses.

While many health profession programs at other universities continue to work in silos, LAU is dedicated to partnered learning and cross-disciplinary cooperation. The University now wants to take its IPE programs even further.

The Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine, in partnership with the Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing and School of Pharmacy, is seeking the support of a visionary donor to establish and name a Center for Inter-professional Education from $3 million. LAU already leads the region in IPE. With the support of donors, the University can further integrate IPE across all its health programs and continue to pioneer a field committed to delivering the best holistic care possible.

A major way in which IPE is fostered among our students is through clinical rotations at a health clinic in Beirut’s deprived Shatila Camp neighborhood. Here, medical students work together with students from LAU’s other health programs to provide consultations to patients. They not only learn how teamwork improves patient care, but also have direct exposure to real-life health situations and the social determinants of health.

The Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine invites committed philanthropists to help continue LAU’s important social medicine and global health programs in deprived communities. We invite donors to support our outreach programs through in-kind medical/equipment donations, or through donations starting from $5,000.

“The past four years have not only provided me with a medical degree but also with a gift that I can implement and nurture for the well-being of humankind.”

Katia Camille Halabi, ’13
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At the Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine, 54 percent of our students depend on financial support. Our first class of 23 doctors graduated in May 2013. Without the help of donors, many of those students might never have been able to matriculate. Sustained donor support is critical to reducing the burden of debt on our graduates.

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An endowed scholarship that fully pays the tuition of a medical student on an annual basis can be established from $500,000.

The Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine has established collaboration agreements with a number of North American universities, hospitals and medical centers, permitting students to gain valuable experience by performing their clinical rotations in another context. Donors are invited to underwrite the costs of a medical student’s international elective, starting from $10,000.

Scholarships are valuable ways for donors to make a distinctive contribution to LAU’s academic mission, transform the life of a student, and empower the University to attract the best and brightest students.
We are proud to have named our medical school after the distinguished philanthropists HE Mr. Gilbert and Mrs. Rose-Marie Chagoury. Their help, along with that of other generous donors, will enable LAU to open its cutting-edge Chagoury Health Sciences Center this year. The state-of-the-art, 15,500-square-meter, $31 million building is one of the most advanced facilities in the world for teaching medicine and nursing, and has already become a landmark of the Byblos campus.

The building will be transformative in furthering collaborative approaches to healthcare. A focal point of inter-disciplinary education, it unites the latest research technology and ultra-modern laboratories with teaching facilities to ensure that students develop the skills needed to meet the continuously evolving challenges of today’s – and tomorrow’s – healthcare environment.

An exciting opportunity to name the building’s clinical simulation center is available for $1 million. An eminent donor will have the distinction of naming one of the region’s most advanced simulation centers.

Other naming opportunities are available throughout the cutting-edge Chagoury Health Sciences Center. In addition to entire floors or classrooms, these spaces include:
LAU's exciting expansion into the field of medical education has been buttressed by the acquisition of a majority shareholder position in Beirut’s University Medical Center-Rizk Hospital (UMC-RH). The hospital is being redesigned to support the Schools of Pharmacy, Medicine and Nursing, provide the clinical environment and services to educate and train students and professionals, and support academic research programs. But its transformation from a decades-old hospital into a comprehensive, state-of-the-art university medical center depends on the generous support of donors.

Your support for UMC-RH will ensure students and faculty have the best facilities possible in which to practice their profession. Numerous naming opportunities exist at the hospital, and we will welcome the opportunity to discuss these with interested donors.

“The had the privilege to be part of a training environment that brought together a wonderful blend of high academic standards, research, and a deep commitment to patient care.”

Maya Ibrahim Farah, ’13
Supporting Nursing Education
Dear Alumni and Friends,

The Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing (ARCSON) opened in 2010 with a view to becoming the pioneering school of nursing in Lebanon and the Middle East. We are committed to graduating skilled and conscientious professional nurses and to the creation of new nursing knowledge that addresses today’s healthcare needs.

To realize this objective we have developed a concept-based curriculum that prepares graduates for contemporary nursing practice and lifelong learning. The school epitomizes the intellectual curiosity and commitment to personal development that defines LAU. Students gain clinical competence through simulation, faculty-supervised practicums in varied healthcare settings, and innovative cooperative education experiences. They learn to be full partners in healthcare through LAU’s inter-professional education program, run in coordination with the Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy and Arts and Sciences.

We are in a region where misunderstandings about the nursing profession make it challenging to attract students. Because of our work to convey the central role of nursing in quality healthcare, and our commitment to providing financial aid, however, we have exceeded enrollment goals and have raised the academic profile of matriculated students in each of our first four years. Additional endowed scholarships will help us continue to recruit talented students from across Lebanon and the Arab world.

Our faculty comprises energetic teachers, dedicated professionals and capable researchers. Your involvement is needed to support their work. Please join us as we continue on our ambitious journey toward becoming the premier school of nursing in the region.

With your support, you can make an investment in cutting-edge nursing research and education, and in patient care programs that enhance life and health, now and for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Nancy Hoffart, Ph.D.
Founding Dean and Professor,
Alice Ramez Chaghoury School of Nursing
Dear Friends,

In recent years, LAU has experienced impressive growth. In an almost breathtakingly brief compass of years, the University has blossomed from a liberal-arts school with a regional legacy as a pioneer in women’s education, into a fully accredited American institution with seven schools. With this success, however, come new challenges. Increasing recognition means increased expectations and raises the stakes for our continued performance. The Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing is a proud part of LAU’s latest achievements. Offering virtually every student an attractive financial aid package, the school is helping redress a critical shortage in nursing professionals across the region. Its dynamic community health program, implemented in full partnership with the Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy, gives future nurses and nursing academics first-hand experience addressing some of the region’s most pressing health problems. The school is not only helping change the face of future nursing, but is also transforming the way the nursing profession is viewed by others.

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The Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing, in partnership with the School of Pharmacy and the Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine, is seeking the support of a visionary donor to establish a named Center for Inter-professional Education from $3 million. LAU has the regional lead in IPE. With the support of donors, the University can better integrate IPE across all its health programs and continue to pioneer a field committed to delivering the best holistic care possible.

“There are inter-professional educations initiatives being created all around the world, but LAU’s health professions programs have the advantage of having started with them.”

Nancy Hoffart, Ph.D.,
Founding Dean and Professor
School of Nursing
With the Center for Inter-professional Education, LAU graduates will enter practice with the confidence and experience to be collaborative partners in a healthcare team, thereby ensuring the patient’s needs are best cared for. For nursing in particular, collaborative practice fostered through IPE will raise the status and appeal of the profession in a world suffering from an acute shortage of well-qualified nurses.

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The Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing invites committed philanthropists to help continue LAU’s important health programs in deprived communities. We invite generous donors to support our outreach programs through in-kind medical equipment donations, or through donations starting from $5,000.

ARCSON is also dedicated to bringing practicing nurses and academics together to foster dialogue about the latest advances in the field. Our first conference, “Crucial Conversations in Nursing,” in April 2012, drew over 100 Lebanese nurse leaders to the Byblos campus. We would like to make this a named annual event and are seeking the support of a donor to underwrite its costs through an annual gift of $15,000 or an endowment of $300,000.

Finally, The Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing is pursuing accreditation through the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The generous support of donors for the above programs will greatly help in building a case for this prestigious seal of approval.
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The Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing aims to become a by-word for research excellence in Arab nursing. To realize this ambitious goal, we invite visionary supporters of LAU to consider investments of $2 million to create endowed chairs.

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The Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing seeks generous donations from $300,000 to establish a Distinguished Lecturer Series. The lectures would bring recognized academics or nurse leaders to LAU to deliver engaging talks on contemporary issues in nursing, providing students with a valuable opportunity to learn from the best leaders in the field of nursing.

Students who choose ARCSON already know they are coming to one of the finest nursing schools the region has to offer. With your support for better research and learning opportunities, we can guarantee that neither students nor faculty leave disappointed. A donation towards fostering research at LAU is an investment in the future.
“ARCSON offers high quality education tailored to meet individual needs of students. From remarkable faculty to a high-tech simulation lab, it has what you need to become a pioneering professional nurse.”

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“I learned how to be a leader, provide safe care for patients and their families, and promote health awareness through prevention campaigns.”

Marie-Elyse Haddad, Nursing, ’13
Supporting Pharmacy Education
Dear Alumni and Friends,

As the news broke on a recent Monday morning that our team of pharmacy students had ranked third at the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists National Clinical Skills Competition, a sense of pride and achievement radiated throughout the School. Their accomplishment was a confirmation of something we have long known: LAU’s School of Pharmacy (SoP) provides an educational experience that is unparalleled in the region.

LAU has the only pharmacy school outside the United States to hold full membership in the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP). Our talented faculty members deliver a comprehensive and progressive curriculum in pharmaceutical and clinical sciences to a diverse student body. With top-quality students and dedicated faculty and staff, the SoP nurtures a dynamic academic environment defined by excellence and leadership in pharmacy education, practice, and research.

Our graduates are well prepared to succeed in a competitive global market, and the accomplishments of our alumni are proof of the advanced personal development and professional experience they acquired during their time at the School. Our achievements, however, would not have been possible without the commitment and support of donors. Your generosity has made a world of difference in the lives of many and will continue to have an impact on students as they take their skills back into the community.

With continued support, the School of Pharmacy can remain the regional leader in educating future pharmacists. We invite you to join us by making an important investment in the SoP. Your generosity will have a significant impact on the clinical pharmacy sector, both in Lebanon and abroad, for generations to come.

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