



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“ AN INVESTMENT IN KNOWLEDGE PAYS THE BEST INTEREST. ”

by Benjamin Franklin

EVENTS

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**FATHER PROFESSOR GEORGES HOBEIKA NEW PRESIDENT OF USEK**



Following the approval of USEK Board of Trustees, The Chancellor of USEK, Father Abbott Neemtallah Hachem, Superior General of the OLM, appointed Father Professor Georges Hobeika, President of USEK. The New President took office on Monday September 19, 2016, and has appointed the following members of the University Executive Committee:

Vice Presidents

Father Professor Jean Akiki, Senior Vice-President  
 Father Dr. Georges Azzi, Vice President for Finance  
 Father Dr. Talal Hachem, Vice President for Community Life

Provost

Dr. Georges Yahchouchi

Deputy Presidents

Professor Hoda Nehme, Deputy

ACHIEVEMENTS

**9 USEK PROGRAMS ACCREDITED BY ABET**



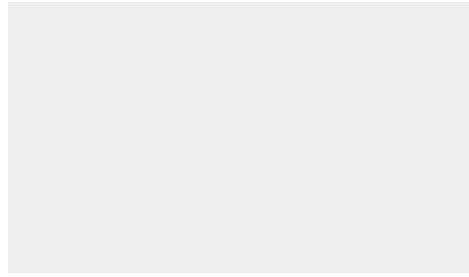
In August 2016, 9 computing and engineering programs at USEK were accredited by ABET; the prestigious global accreditor of college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering, and engineering technology.

From the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences: Agricultural Engineering (Engineering Diploma), from the Faculty of Engineering: Biomedical Engineering (BE), Chemical Engineering (BE), Computer Engineering (BE), Electrical and Electronics Engineering (BE), Mechanical Engineering (BE), Telecommunications Engineering (BE), and from the Faculty of Sciences: Computer Science (BS) and Information Technology (BS).

Congratulations!

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President for Cultural Affairs  
Professor Nehme Azoury, Deputy  
President for Research  
Dr. Rima Mattar, Deputy President for  
International Affairs and Global Initiatives  
Dr. Faten El Hage, Deputy President for  
Teaching and Learning



## UPCOMING EVENTS

From September 22 till November 17, 2016  
PSYCAM 2017

October 5, 2016  
Law in the Movies : The Life of David Gale

October 13 and 14, 2016  
Conference: Protect our Wine from Climate Change

October 27 and 28, 2016  
Fourth International Colloquium "Arts and Culture in Latin America and the Middle East"

November 03, 2016  
Conference - Debate: Art Therapy and Relational Psychosomatics

November 15, 2016  
Colloquium and Educational Day: "The Role of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Preservation of Cultural Diversity and the Promotion of the Spirit of Citizenship and Sustainable Development"

November 17, 2016  
USEK International Education Day

November 24, 2016  
BEIRUT Signs, Symbols, Memory (Memories) of a Metamorphosis - Call for Papers

## TOGETHER ! FOR A ZERO WASTE CAMPUS - USEK



The dedicated Green Committee at USEK is continuously advancing in the "Zero Garbage University" project. Their latest initiative is the sorting video above!

## USEK IN THE PRESS

### ZERO GARBAGE UNIVERSITY

In the scope of USEK mission towards sustainable development, its Green Committee organized an environmental ceremony for the launching of the "Zero Garbage University" project. USEK council members attended the ceremony, along with its academic and administrative staff and students.

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## BY FACULTY

### ONLINE WORLD

by Sarah-Anne Makhoul | Lecturer, Faculty of Philosophy and Humanities



As students; our parents were not all enrolled in universities. As students; our parents pay tens of thousands of dollars for our education. As parents; we do pay and will pay tens of thousands of dollars for our children's education. As parents; our children will not continue and will not accept to pay tens of thousands of dollars for what the online world can give them for free. The online world destroyed traditional business, traditional stock traders, traditional sales and traditional banks! It will destroy traditional universities!

Everything around the world is available through instant access; we live in a nearly now space and are invaded by a digital DIY generation; a generation that no longer requires the skills and competencies that have been taught for years but rather a generation that simply needs to know how to manipulate information instantly accessed by any means. We are not aware or even imagining the structure changes that lie ahead of us. Universities aware of this are spending on online programs and on online offerings. Look at Harvard and MIT: imagine anyone around the world can access a once elite level of education through edX (MOOCs). Universities need to be aware that they are and they will be facing trouble if they continue spending money on lands, halls, facilities, auditoriums and centers. Universities need to invest in online education, redefine their role and create new strategies; ones that do not set students in debts for years; ones that do not require of students to take additional certificates to secure a job; ones that allow students to control their learning remotely. Luckily USEK and in pursuit of its tradition of excellence is aware of the necessity to implement little bites of change; bites that will soon lead USEK to be an example in the online world; bites that influence teaching and learning in service of its students. USEK has been using the e-learning platform for years; has already started offering online courses

and is continuously supporting its faculty by providing trainings and workshops regarding course design, course assessment, active teaching and so on.

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