



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“ THE FUNCTION OF EDUCATION IS TO TEACH ONE TO THINK INTENSIVELY AND TO THINK CRITICALLY. INTELLIGENCE PLUS CHARACTER - THAT IS THE GOAL OF TRUE EDUCATION ”

by Martin Luther King, Jr.

## EVENTS

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### OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF THE LL.M. DEGREE PROGRAM



On June 15th 2016, the Faculty of Law at the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, organized the official launching of the LL.M. Degree Program in cooperation with the Robert H. McKinney School of Law at Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis. Students enrolling in this program have the chance to pursue two Master degrees (LL.M.) in International and Comparative Law, and will take one semester at the USEK campus in Kaslik, followed by one semester at Robert H. McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis, USA. The event launching this degree program was held at Sursock Palace, the Gardens.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS

### HORECA 2016



Six students from the Hotel Management Department took part in two culinary competitions that took place during the HORECA fair at Biel in April 2016. Ms. Ghina El Khoury and Mr. Kevin Abi Khalil won gold medals for their contributions in the Purnell Sandwich making competition, while Mr. Esper Abagi and Mr. Michael Nicolas won bronze medals in the same competition. Mr. Najem Atmeh and Mr. Julien Hajal won a silver medal for their contribution as a team in the Junior Live Chef Competition. Congratulations!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4, 2016  
Award Ceremony of the Certificate in  
Strategic Management and Leadership

July 14, 2016  
International Colloquium: Rhythm in Arabic  
Music

July 30, 2016  
Graduation Ceremony

## USEK PENTECOST 2016



On the occasion of the University Patron Day, this video was presented to the audience during the ceremony which took place Saturday 14th May 2016 in the John Paul 2 Amphitheater at the USEK main campus in Kaslik.

## USEK IN THE PRESS

**FIRST PRIZE AND BEST SPEAKER  
AWARD IN THE MIDDLE EAST, FOR  
USEK STUDENTS AT THE EDDMO  
MOOT COURT COMPETITION ON  
REFUGEE LAW!**

USEK students participated in the first edition of the “EDDMO Moot Court Competition” in March 2016. The USEK team proved its outstanding argumentative skills and won the First Prize and the Best Speaker Award.

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## BY FACULTY

### THE CHADIRJI AWARDS

by Dr. Antione Fichfich, PhD | Head of Architecture Department, Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts



The Chadirji Awards is an honorary award supervised by the Chadirji Foundation under the presidency of Mr. Leon Televizian and hosted by the Lebanese Order of Engineers and Architects in Beirut. It is aimed at architecture students who just finished their final year projects and graduated with distinction. The international jury's main criteria of selection focuses around the social aspects of architecture and how buildings can integrate this dimension. This is a criteria that is well integrated in USEK's principles as it has allowed our students to win the first and third place of the 16th Chadirji Awards edition for second consecutive year, out of 18 students from 8 different universities.

2015 first prize winner, Vanessa Houeiss – student of Mr. Alphonse Kai – observed that Beirut, is a diverse melting pot of various cultural, religious, political, and architectural traditions and styles built over and over again on its own ruins. Therefore her project consisted of a synthetic discovery in Beirut where she focused on occupying some of the few remaining empty plots with artistic and cultural functions. 2015 third prize winner, Alexandre Zein – also supervised by Mr. Alphonse Kai – attempted to tackle one of the issues related to Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Mr. Zein created a system which transforms informal settlements into well-organized shelter camps. This achievement could not have been realized without the vision, dedication, and supervision of the whole Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts.

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