

SPEECH OF FR. PROF. GEORGES HOBEIKA, PRESIDENT OF USEK
USEK CONTINUOUS LEARNING CENTER “UCLC” Graduation - Class of 2018

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Professor Assad Zoughaib, Head of System Thermodynamics MINE ParisTech

Mr. Daniel Schick, CEO and Owner of Riviera Cosmetics

Mrs. Ina Issa, Director of USEK Continuing Learning Center

Reverend Fathers, members of the University Council, Professors and
Employees of USEK,

Dear friends, colleagues,

Distinguished guests, Ladies and gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to welcome you today at the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik to celebrate all together the graduation of the **First Cohort of the USEK Continuing Learning Center**.

Our celebration today reflects the need and the thirst of our adult learners and our local community for continuing education opportunities, in the time where there is no higher priority than lifelong learning.

UCLC has opened the doors to higher education wider than ever before, making sure that everyone has access to the resources they need to keep learning for a lifetime.

Now, knowledge is your key strategic resource and learning is your key strategic skill, as Albert Arnold Gore Jr, Former Vice President of the United States once said.

And I tell you, Graduates of UCLC-Class 2018, by dedicating yourself to learning, you can get ahead in every aspect of your life; and all it takes is commitment. Your ability to expand your mind and devote yourself to continuous learning is the key to breaking any success barriers that may be in front of you.

This year you took the initiative to learn something new, and for this I salute you! Learning something new is always challenging and fun. I can imagine the sense of accomplishment that you feel today after this achievement. Certainly, this experience has built your self-confidence and reframed your life so you'll see possibilities and potential of growth from every opportunity.

You are presented with learning moments each day of your life. These moments present you with learning opportunities ranging from the simple to the complex. And for this I quote Brian Tracy: **“Commit yourself to lifelong learning. The most valuable asset you'll ever have is your mind and what you put into it.”**

To conclude, please let me express my most genuine appreciations to Mrs. Ina Issa, Director of the UCLC, for her commitment and leadership, and special thanks to our partners: Ecole des mines de Paris, represented by Prof. Assaad Zgheib and Prof. Rodrigo Riviera, and also to our friends and partners Riviera Cosmetics, headed by Mr. and Mrs. Schick, present with us today! I salute your devotion and trust in USEK and your invested efforts to make this experience a great one.

Thank you all for being here, your presence reflects your support to USEK and your encouragement to our graduates.

UCLC Class of 2018, CONGRATULATIONS!