

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

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Mrs. Ina Issa, Director of USEK Continuing Learning Center

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

Dear Parents, Friends, Colleagues,

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It's a holy season, and it brings me joy and happiness to welcome you at the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik to celebrate the certificate distribution for the **Second Cohort of the USEK Continuing Learning Center** in a joyful and Christmassy spirit.

What would be more joyful than to have this season crowned by success? And what could be a better gift for yourself, and your beloved ones, than to be here today marking a new achievement in your personal and professional life?

Your achievement is not only the result of brain and hard work, it is also a testament to your courage. The day you decided to sit again in a classroom, is the day you announced yourselves as “Lifelong Learners” and maybe you started to feel its magic!

Continuing education can help you enhance your understanding of the world around you, provide you with more and better opportunities and improve our quality of life, and maybe you've already experienced this. It is about creating and maintaining a positive attitude to learning both for personal and professional development.

Cecil O. Samuelson once counseled: “However well trained and prepared you are for today, the future will be different in ways neither predictable nor anticipated except that it will be different... We need to be ever learning and ever improving”.

Education is not limited to gaining a degree or an award, it is about the opportunity to learn and to go on learning in different ways over a lifetime; and tonight, we celebrate your courage to deliberately and voluntarily commit to learn and develop personally, to increase your ability to serve others, and to be prepared in all things.

At USEK we are also keen to serve the community in many different ways, and the UCLC is helping USEK to reach parts of our community that other departments of the university cannot reach; and for this I would like to deeply thank the Director of the UCLC, Mrs. Ina Issa whose contributions, along with our students' participation, enhance the character, the quality and the diversity of our university community.

Also, I would like to express my appreciation to the Faculty members and administrative staff for their dedication, their imagination and their engagement to their work, we wouldn't be celebrating without you!

Finally, I would like to thank each one of you for your presence and support to our dear graduates so that they have made it to this day!

DEAR Lifelong learners CONGRATULATIONS!