

President's speech
Commencement Ceremony and Awarding of Honoris Causa
Mr. Charles Khoury
June 1st, 2023

Distinguished guests, members of the Board of Trustees, members of the university council, faculty members, and most importantly, the remarkable Class of Game Changers,

Today, we gather here to celebrate a significant milestone in your lives: your graduation from the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK). This important occasion marks the culmination of years of hard work, perseverance, and dedication.

First and foremost, I want to congratulate you, Class of Game Changers. The title you bear represents the transformative nature of your achievements and the incredible impact you have had and will continue to have on our campus and on the society at large.

As graduates of USEK, you have been privileged to receive a quality education that has equipped you with knowledge, skills, and critical thinking abilities. But with this

privilege comes great responsibility. Now it is your turn to use your education, not only for personal success but also as a tool to uplift others.

Class of Game Changers, you possess the power to be catalysts for change. Each one of you has a unique set of talents, passions, and perspectives that can contribute to a better future. As you step into the world, remember that your education is not a means to an end, but a lifelong journey of growth and transformation. Embrace new ideas, embrace diversity, never stop learning, and remember that your education has equipped you with the power to make a difference.

بدّي اتوجّه بكلمة لأهل خريجينا الأبناء،

بعرف قدّي انتو اليوم فخورين بكل اللي حققو ولادكن. وهيدا أكيد بفضلكن. بفضل تعبكن، واهتمامكن تيكون كل شب وصبية ممن أحلى صورة عن الانسان الناجح والطموح والمسؤول. بهل كم سنة يّلي مرقوا، تشاركنا المسؤولية تنعطي مجتمعنا قوّة شبابية فاعلة ويكبر قلبنا بكل انجاز عملو أو رح يعملو.

In the history of mankind, there have been those rare individuals who possess a unique ability to see beyond the present, to envision a future that is radically different from what others perceive. Our prominent guest today, Mr. Charles El Khoury, is one such person, a visionary individual who has revolutionized the field

of construction, merging the realms of engineering, entrepreneurship, and business acumen into a harmonious symphony of progress.

It is with great pleasure and honor that we award a Doctorate Honoris Causa to someone who embodies the spirit of innovation and determination, in recognition of his unparalleled contribution to the industry, his groundbreaking ideas, and his unwavering pursuit of excellence.

Armed with an insatiable curiosity, he dared to challenge conventional norms, to question long-standing practices, and to envision a future where technology and creativity coexist to shape a better world. Through his entrepreneurial prowess, he has paved the way for sustainable development, responsible resource management, and socially conscious practices.

In honoring Mr. El Khoury, we highlight the importance of thinking outside the box, challenging the status quo, and embracing the unknown. He has shown us that it is not enough to merely dream; we must also have the courage to act upon those dreams, to take risks, and to persevere in the face of adversity.

ولأصدقاء وأقرباء حبيبنا شارل خوري بدي قول:

مجتمعنا بيكبر وبينمي بأشخاص خلاقين ومعتادين مثل شارل. هوي قدوة لشبابنا الطموح، وأنا أكيد اليوم عم يكون قدوة لخريجينا.

I offer my heartfelt congratulations to you Mr. El Khoury. Today, we honor not only your achievements but also your character, your vision, and your determination.

Your legacy will inspire generations to come, and we are proud to bestow upon you this honorary doctorate as a token of our profound respect and recognition.

Class of Game Changers, as you embark on this new phase of your lives, remember the words of Nelson Mandela: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Hold onto this belief, and let it guide your actions as you strive to create a world where education is not a privilege but a universal right.

Congratulations, Class of Game Changers.