



Speech of the President
Commencement ceremony
May 30, 2023

Distinguished guests,
Members of the Board of Trustees,
Members of the University Council,
Members of the academic units' councils,
Faculty members,
Dear Parents,
Dear graduates, Class of Game Changers,

- Today, we gather here to celebrate an important event in the life of our graduates of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, School of Law and Political Sciences, and School of Music and Performing Arts: your graduation from the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK).

- This day marks
 - a new beginning for them,
 - new inspirations,
 - new plans,
 - and an additional milestone in their life!

- It is the **culmination of years of hard work, perseverance, and dedication.**



- Dear graduates, as you stand here today, ready to embark on a new chapter in your life, I want you to reflect on
 - the impact you have made in the past few years,
 - and the great potential that lies within each one of you for the years to come.

- We all know that your path during your university studies was full of challenges, but trust me, you were up to these challenges.
- With your strong will, you knew how to overcome them and to prove, as a young generation, full of energy, hope, and dynamism, that you can deal with any situation that might arise, and draw the future you dream of.

- This is why YOU inspired us to give you the name of **Class of Game Changers**.

- Class of Game Changers is not just a label; it represents the transformative nature of your achievements and the incredible impact you have had and will continue to have on our campus and beyond...

- You have pushed boundaries, challenged difficult circumstances, and pursued your passions with unwavering determination.

- You have demonstrated that being a game changer means breaking free from the limitations of the ordinary, and embracing the extraordinary possibilities that lie ahead.

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- 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!
- I ask each and every one of you to use your education
 - not only for personal success
 - but also as a tool to uplift others.
- As it is through others that we can mirror our success.
- As you leave the university walls, bear in mind that throughout your university journey, your family, your friends, and USEK were there for you.
- And today, we are all here witnessing for your success... a great success you worked hard for, you earned, and you eventually owned!
- However, you should remember that you do not own it alone, no one like your parents would embrace your success!

وهون بدّي خصّ بكلمتي الأهل الأحباء.

بعرف قدّي فرحتكن كبيرة اليوم.

نجاح ولادكن هوي نجاح حقبة كبيرة من عمركن خصصتوها بالتعب والسهر والاهتمام لتشوفوهن عم
ينطلقو بمشوارن بالحياة.

بعرف قدّي هالنهار بقدر ما هوي مهمّ إلن، هوي مهمّ إلكن كمان.

وبعرف إنّو آمالكن فين كبيرة وأنا أكيد الطلاب اللّي عاشو هالمرحلة بكلّ تحدياتها رح يكونو ع قدّ
امالكن (وامالنا) ورح تكون طموحاتن ع قد طموحاتكن.

نحن وياكن زرعنا فين حسّ المسؤولية، وطريقة تفكير وتحليل، وقيم آمنّا فيا وهلق دورن يترجمو ع
الأرض تيعملو مستقبل أحسن ويتركو بصمتن وين ما كانو.

Dear graduates, may this day be the first step in a long, successful, and joyful
journey!

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