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# *Alumni* newsletter

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Salutations to all fellow ISC-Choueifat alumni, past, present, and future!

We would like to welcome all of you to the 28<sup>th</sup> issue of the International School of Choueifat Alumni Association Newsletter.

This newsletter exhibits the new alumni board elections, exciting alumni news, summer reunions, fundraising events, school activities, success stories, marriages, and much more.

The 2019-20 academic year will witness a transformational change which we look forward to experiencing with you. Enjoy this issue and we wish you a successful and fulfilling year.



The ISCAA was founded in 2004 - merely 15 years ago - however, its work comprises a legacy of 134 years of excellence with over 11,000 alumni. So, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I embark on my new role as president.

## Letter from the PRESIDENT

On behalf of the new board, we would like to extend special thanks to each and every individual who attended the elections and contributed to its success. Their valuable time and effort are not just a reflection of a one-day commitment, but it shows their strong bond to the mother school and keen allegiance to the association.

Since the inception of the ISCAA, under the guidance of Dr. Samir Alam, H.E. Mr. Fadi Abboud, Ms. Hana Abou Khadra, and board members, we have witnessed the steady growth of the association.

The accumulative hard work has strengthened alumni relations, revived old friendships, and cultivated a scholarship program.

The new board will focus on the following:

- Conferences tackling hot topics such as sustainability and economics
- The 4<sup>th</sup> UN Sustainable Development Goal: quality education by means of conferences, seminars, forums, awareness campaigns, informative posts, and mentorship programs
- Endorsing the scholarship fund to help financially challenged students continue receiving a top-notch education
- The alumni association's outreach by increasing the number of registered members and acknowledging successful alumni
- A series of SABIS® Talks: a platform for alumni to share their worthy ideas
- The organization of reunions and gala dinners
- A career counselling platform

Furthermore, we will explore the possibility of paving the way for our association to join forces with local schools to become the Lebanon Chapter and pave the way for global alumni.

My hope is that we continue to deliver on our promise to support you and to reach out to our new members and the community.

Lastly, I wish every student and alumni a wonderful year filled with happiness, success, and great achievements.

**Dr. Toufic Eid**  
ISCAA President

## ELECTIONS

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, 2019, the ISCAA board member elections took place at the Alumni Club House. Keen camaraderie with a dash of competitive eagerness was sensed throughout the electoral process.

Candidates were overflowing with emotions. As they reminisced about the good old days, they grew more eager to express their dedication to their beloved school and become loyal members of the Alumni Association; in the end, they were competing for only 7 board member seats and the competition was highly spirited. After one round of voting, the new ISCAA board was announced to consist of Dr. Toufic Eid '76, President; Maître Hassan

Keshli '98, Vice President; Amr Salam '72, Secretary; Ghina Annan '06, Treasurer; Elie Hanna '91, Member; Tarek Zebian '01, Member; Mirna Sibai '95, Member. However, the elections day was not only limited to the voting process, as a lot of alumni deemed this day a perfect opportunity to reunite with their classmates and muse over old memories. They also enjoyed a delicious buffet in the garden amidst a vibrant environment of alumni and student art work.

The multi-generational presence at the elections reflected the ISC alumni's devotion to the school's legacy and the commitment to preserve its continuity.



# Alumni EVENTS



## ELECTIONS TESTIMONIALS

"Dear All

I am responding as a proud graduate and ever grateful Alumnus of a great institution that has shaped our lives and defined our careers.

I extend my deepest congratulations for the resoundingly successful event where a group of wonderful colleagues and fellow Alumni gracefully accepted to carry the torch and commit to years of civil service and advance the mission of our beloved school.

I salute the enthusiasm and the race to serve; no winners or losers but one family taking turns.

I welcome the incoming Board headed by a dear friend and a big accomplisher in Medicine and public service, Toufic Eid.

Special thanks to Hana who has navigated with love and kindness and was able to rekindle generations and connect wide diversity.

I pledge my partnership and support.

Wish you all and our organization new highs of excellence.

### **Samir Alam MD FACC FRCP**

*Prof of Medicine cardiology  
Chief of Staff AUBMC"*



"Many thanks Hana and board for all your efforts in serving our beloved high school.  
Huda

### **Dr. Huda Huijer RN, PhD, FEANS, FAAN**

*Professor and Founding Dean  
Hariri School of Nursing - American University of Beirut"*

"Dear All,

Congratulations to the new board, wishing you continued success and prosperity. It was a great pleasure meeting most of you last Saturday. Hope to see you again in future Alumni events.

Regards

### **Ali El-Ali"**



"Dear Zena,

Many thanks for sharing the news on the ISC news board. Kindly extend our congratulations to the new board members, wishing them all the success in the new journey, while noting that we will be there to provide all the necessary support to our alma mater. Thanking you immensely for your personal collaboration, efforts, and continuous support.  
Warmest regards,

### **Hanan Saab"**

"Congratulations to the new board. We wish them all the success, they can count on this prestigious institutions alumni support. Mabrouk

### **Wassim Wazzan"**





## ALUMNI ART EXHIBITION

On the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of June, 2019, the third alumni art exhibition “Alumni Art Vibes” took place at the Alumni Club House; the exhibition was exclusive to talented ISC Alumni who are either fully fledged artists or have an artistic inclination. Among the participants were Lamia Saab Muhtar '69, a multi-media artist; Nabil Richani '79, a sculptor; Dalia Khalil '88, a business consultant; Gina Mansour '90, a photographer; Joumana Jurdy Ghazal '91, an artist; Dr. Rabee Kiwan '94, a medical doctor; Yamen Saab '97, an instructor and creative director; Nisreen Mohtar Ahmadih '97, an interior consultant; and Rayan Yehia '15, a university student.

This exhibition was a fundraiser for the Alumni Scholarship Program which helps financially challenged students pursue their education at SABIS®, so the artists chose to donate part of their proceeds to that noble cause.



# Alumni EVENTS



## LDSA VISIT TO THE ALUMNI CLUB HOUSE

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of June, 2019, The ISC Alumni Association invited the Lebanese Down Syndrome Association to the Alumni Club House for a very special event. In the presence of ISC faculty and students, and one of the LDSA's founders, Hana Abu Khadra Salem '73, the artist Lamia Saab Muhtar '69 dedicated a piece of her art work to the LDSA as a gesture of appreciation. The invitees who have down syndrome energized the event with their positive energy – which they spread through singing and dancing on a whim – and left everyone in awe of their confidence and optimism.

Agonist Coffee Shop, a coffee shop that employs people with down syndrome, was also present to satisfy our sweet tooth with scrumptious cookies and freshen up our day with much needed cold smoothies. We would like to thank them for reminding us of the uniqueness of being different and teaching us the valuable lesson of never underestimating any person's potential and capabilities.



## SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION EXHIBITION



On the 5<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019, the emerging talented photographer Lama Riman '10 organized her third photography exhibition "Spiritual Transformation" at the Alumni Club House at ISC-Choueifat. This exhibition reflected Lama's connection with nature and how this connection induced a shift within her. Through her photographs, she wanted to bridge perception and beauty, since her photographs can be perceived in different ways, she left them intentionally uncaptioned, not to interfere with the guests' interpretation of them. Lama was successful in challenging her guests' perception as many photographs certainly induced different reactions. Moreover, the Sufi band "Tajalli" uplifted the exhibition's ambiance and entertained the guests with soothing Sufi live music.



## "THE WHITE CROW" MOVIE PREMIERE



Alumni and friends attended the Avant Premiere of the movie "The White Crow" which took place in Cinema City, Beirut Souks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, 2019. The event's proceeds went to the Alumni Scholarship Fund, so many thanks to all the attendees who enjoyed a wonderful movie in support of a great cause.



## COLLABORATION FOR A BETTER FUTURE

The Alumni Association of the International School of Choueifat has collaborated with the UN Global Compact Network in Lebanon to implement the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This collaboration aims to secure a better future with a stronger impact. The ISCAA intends to achieve a positive impact on society by encouraging the alumni to embrace more sustainable habits and make more socially-aware decisions in the areas of human rights, labor standards, the environment, and anti-corruption.

The International School of Choueifat Alumni Association is proud to be a member of the UN Global Compact Network Lebanon by adopting the Sustainable Development Goal: Quality Education.

As a member, we are thrilled to have participated in the GCNL's Annual Forum at the Grand Serail. ISCAA was also featured in the report: "Zooming on SDG Trends in Lebanon" which was distributed to more than 1000 attendees at the Grand Serail.

ISCAA continues to support Quality Education and strives to promote its importance and raise awareness on its crucial role in leading a successful future.



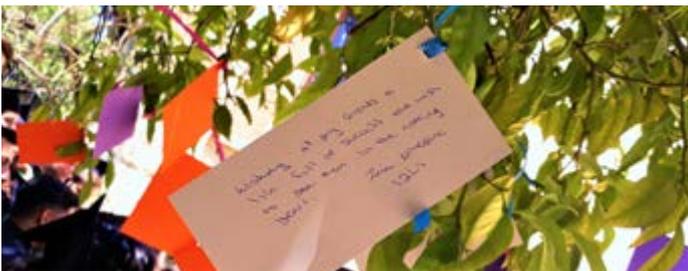
## PINNING CEREMONY

On graduation day, Dr. Toufic Eid and Maître Hassan Kishli joined the graduating class of 2019 before the graduation ceremony to celebrate their transition into alumni and welcome them into the Alumni Association of the International School of Choueifat. During this event, alumni pins were distributed to the seniors along with SAGA cards.



## SENIORS' LAST WISHES TO A NEW BEGINNING

In May 2019, the ISCAA office welcomed the seniors into their new home, the alumni club house. The graduates walked into the club house after cutting the ribbon and celebrated their transition into alumni by wishing upon a tree this time instead of a star. They wrote their wishes down and hung them on the branches to embody their new beginning with new hopes and dreams. Later during the day, they went on to the traditional tree planting event.



## SUMMER REUNIONS

The Summer of 2019 was full of warm gatherings and memorable reunions. Each sitting spoke of different memories but they were all tied to a single source, their beloved school, which they all missed and cherished deeply. No matter how far in life they go, the alumni always remember the people they spent their early years with and with whom they share lifetime memories and unbreakable bonds.



Amir Kochman, Ahmad Fathallah, Haitham Merhi, Ramzi Abboud, and Samer Fakih



Bob Farran and Mohamed Issa



Class of 1976

## SUMMER REUNIONS



Zaki Abdel Ghaffar, Serine Haddad, Lina Barbour Hashash, and Khaled Barbour



Hussein Saleh, Rami Kaddoura and Zaher Sibai



Class of 1998



Class of 1998



Maysa Abou Zaki, Carla Arslan Jamal, Zeina Jurdy, Layal Ghassan Abdel Baki, Maya Mansour El-Sabeh, Rana Salman Abou Hamzeh, Nayla Jurdy, and Nadine Halabi

## SUMMER REUNIONS



Nisreen Mohtar Ahmadih



Abed Al Rahman Al Shatheri, Olfat Al Sabeh, Jasem Othman



Class of 1976



Firas El Souki, Nader Tabboush, Rashad Rafah and Hussein Saleh



Firas Berjaoui, Wael Zaraket, Modar Hamieh and Mohammad El Annan

## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

We had a wonderful first day of school with our alumni and their children!

*"Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights."*

- Pauline R. Kezer



## ALUMNI CLUB HOUSE VISITS

Many of ISC's alumni live abroad, so when they come back to Lebanon, they always make sure they visit their 2<sup>nd</sup> home and reminisce about the good old days!



Bachir Saghir - Class of 1991



Nasser Ballout - Class of 1975



Ramez Hajj Hassan - Class of 2009



Ramy Barakat - Class of 1968

## ARABIC POETRY NIGHT

The evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2019 was an emotionally charged one. The Arabic Poetry Night showcased by ISC students reminded people once again of the true power of Arabic poetry. The recited poems left people laughing, crying, infuriated, nostalgic, empowered, and heart-broken; yet most importantly, the audience were in absolute awe. It was truly a memorable night.



## THE GREATEST SHOWMAN REIMAGINED

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 2019, the force was with ISC student actors and actresses. Those who attended the play "The Greatest Showman: Reimagined" which was fully-booked on the night, can testify that the students who took part in the show are ready to take on New York Broadway Shows. The stadium setting in which the play was performed was transformed to emulate a real theater.

The lighting mesmerized the audience while the show itself captivated them to the extent that it was repeated on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July, 2019, to give those who weren't able to watch it the first time, the chance to witness its glory. Congratulations on the huge success; several months of work and dedication reaped an outstanding result!



## ORIENTAL CHOIR

The Oriental Choir Night was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June, 2019. Students from all grades illuminated the stage with an outstanding performance. The special guest of the evening was Alumnus Mohammad Omari '09 who passionately bestowed on the audience a heart-warming performance. Yara Tawil '17, another ISC graduate, also enchanted the audience with her magnificent voice.



## STUDENT ART FAIR

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of June, 2019 saw ISC transformed into an art gallery. Students from all ages participated with unique art pieces. The art fair gave students the opportunity to nurture their artistic talents and exhibit their creations outside their sketchbooks or classrooms. The fair also acted as a community builder and gave students the chance to experience the structure of an outdoor art show.



## GRADUATION CEREMONY

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of June, 2019, ISC-Choueifat celebrated its 133<sup>rd</sup> graduation ceremony in the presence of teachers, dignitaries, and proud parents. Mr. Ghassan Abdel Baki inaugurated the graduation with a speech urging graduates to flourish and use their SABIS® education as their weapon for a lifetime of accomplishments.

Next, H.E. Fady Jreissati, the Lebanese Minister of Environment, took to the stage and commenced his speech with heart-warming congratulations to the school on acquiring the first Platinum Green School Award in the Middle East. He continued with an inspiring speech and emphasized the importance of willpower and using the invaluable SABIS® education in changing the face of Lebanon as we know it today.





Mr. Victor Saad's speech commended H.E. Fady Jreissati's efforts to promote environmental awareness and his commitment to the future of Lebanon and welfare of the youth. He proceeded to praise Ms. Leila Saad as a leading figure that defines the purpose and spirit of the mother school as she continues to inspire and further build on a legacy of bringing hope through education.

The Valedictorian, Karim Abi Said, delivered a moving speech as he summed up his 13-year journey at his home away from home.

Congratulations to all the graduates! We wish the SABIS® fire that was lit within you never dims.





## **HIBA ABOU AKAR - CLASS OF 1995**

Hiba Abou Akar, class of 1995, completed her Master's degree at MIT, her PhD at University of California at Berkeley, and her postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University. She is currently an Assistant Professor at the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation at Columbia University in New York City. In addition to all her accomplishments, she recently published a new book titled: "For the War Yet to Come: Planning Beirut's Frontiers."

## **ALAA KASSIR - CLASS OF 2012**



Alaa Kassir, class of 2012, is an exceptional doctor to be. Despite his hefty study load, he still finds the time to get heavily involved in the "Get Bowtied for a Cause" student-led platform that aims to support his Medical School's healthcare funds. He achieves the latter by organizing fundraising events and awareness stands to promote diverse monthly causes.

## **RAWAN WADAA - CLASS OF 2006**



Rawan Al Wadaa, class of 2006, graduated from Algonquin College with a degree in Culinary Management. She worked as a pastry chef at a top fine-dining restaurant in Ottawa and as a kitchen manager at an award winning café. However, her passion for food led her to culminate her culinary experience and birth a special concept of her own. So, along with giving cooking classes at C'est Bon Cooking School, she created "Banc Rouge", an ingenious food, photography, styling, and consulting company.

## **HANA ABOU KHADRA SALEM - CLASS OF 1973**

Hana Abou Khadra Salem '73, is an advocate of special needs and a pioneer of inclusive education in Lebanon. In 2017, she founded the Next Step program at AUB, which is a revolutionary university-based transition program for intellectually-challenged young people. During the past 25 years, she accompanied her daughter Zeina, who has Down syndrome, in her journey through inclusive education to provide her with the best learning opportunities. Ultimately, Hana became a reputable figure on special needs education in Lebanon. Through Next Step, not only did she give these people the opportunity to live independently and claim their right to a proper education, but she also gave them the chance to live a fulfilled life. Hana was even acknowledged by Dr. Fadlo Khoury, the president of AUB, for all her hard work and achievements. In addition to that, Hana's voice was heard in the United Nations Headquarters in New York when she was asked to shed light on the status of inclusive education in Lebanon.



## KARIM FARHAT - CLASS OF 2018

Karim Farhat, class of 2018, is pursuing an Economics degree at Cornell's University Roosevelt Institute. Although still a Freshman, he has already been assigned as a Foreign Policy Analyst and has published his first article with the Center for Foreign Policy at Cornell titled: "Another Failed State: Libya at a Crossroads".



## DEBORAH SEDEM NYAMUAME - CLASS OF 2011

Deborah Sedem Nyamuame, class of 2011, asserts that ISC shaped her career as a creative professional. Her work in the SLO® sparked her interest in design as she recreated the student-run Newsletter and her participation in high school musicals enriched her with the experience needed to get paid to perform. Today, she runs her own creative studio and aims to someday release music of her own. She is also the founder and curator of "Our African History", an online archive of traditional African history.

## MOHAMMAD HOUHOU - CLASS OF 2011

Mohammad Houhou, class of 2011, received the award for "Best Screenplay" at Animayo 2019 - Gran Canaria, Spain - for his animated short film "The Ostrich Politic". The film has been shortlisted at the BAFTA student awards which took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July, 2019 in Los Angeles. He has also been nominated as a semi-finalist at the Student Academy Awards taking place on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October, 2019 at the Samuel Goldwyn Theater in Beverly Hills, California.





## SHIRINE JURDI - CLASS OF 1990

Shirine Jurdi, class of 1990, was awarded "The International Young Women's Peace and Human Rights" Award by the NGO Democracy Today for exceptional dedication and work to conflict prevention and protection of human rights as a WILPF (Women's International League for Peace and Freedom) International Board Member and MENA regional

representative. Democracy Today is an NGO located in Armenia and is headed by a former UN special rapporteur to Secretary General, Gulnara Shahanian, while WILPF is the first feminist peace movement founded in 1919.



## LANA KHALAF - CLASS OF 2000

Lana Khalaf, class of 2000, has a computer science degree from the American University of Beirut (AUB) and an MBA from the Lebanese American University (LAU). She joined Microsoft in 2006, where she was responsible for empowering students and teachers across the Gulf region.

In 2010, she relocated to Qatar where she first led the education sector and was then appointed as Director of Public Sector leading the digital transformation journey across government, health, and media in 2014. Currently, Lana is the country manager for Microsoft Qatar; she is responsible for developing the business in the country and land Qatar national empowerment plan.



## BACHIR AL SAGHIR - CLASS OF 1991

Bachir Al Saghir '91 graduated from the International School of Choueifat in Al-Ain, UAE. After he finished his ISC education, he pursued his B.Sc. degree in Agriculture at the American University of Beirut and his Executive MBA at Hult International Business School. He worked in several multi-national companies such as Tim Hortons and Dar Al Handasah and currently he is a Doha-based Business Development Manager with Ibtikar Technology Solutions. Recently, he participated in the Lebanese Diaspora Energy Conference held in June in Beirut. He also featured on the Soufaraa Al-Arz facebook page which was also aired on MTV.

## LEEN NASREDDINE '16 AND YASMINA HASHEM - CLASS OF 2016

Leen Nasreddine and Yasmina Hashem, both class of 2016, were placed the 3<sup>rd</sup> runner up and 4<sup>th</sup> among 24 participating universities from 24 different countries in the HSBC-HKU International Business Case Competition, the largest undergraduate international business case competition taking place in Hong Kong.



## **AZIZA SBAITY - CLASS OF 2009**

Aziza Sbaity, class of 2009, finished the 100m opening race at the Asian Athletics Championship in 11.78 seconds, then continued to set a National record of 11.73 seconds at the 100m Semi-Finals.



## **SALIM EL BANNA - CLASS OF 2003**



Salim El Banna, class of 2003, was selected by The Lebanon Committee of the World Energy Council (WEC) to be among the Future Energy Leaders.

## **HUSSEIN SAYED - CLASS OF 1999**

Hussein Sayed, class of 1999, is the presenter of "Bursat Al Aalam" on CNBC and the Chief Market Strategist for the Gulf & MENA Region at ForexTime. He lately received his CFA accreditation.



## **MOHAMMAD KAISSI - CLASS OF 2000**



Mohamad Kaissi, class of 2000, has been elected as President of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) - Lebanon Chapter. He is currently an Internal Auditor and a professional trainer on matters relating to Corporate Governance, Fraud, and Anti-Money Laundering.

# Alumni MILESTONES

**SHARE YOUR MILESTONES AND HAPPY MOMENTS WITH YOUR FELLOW ALUMNI!**

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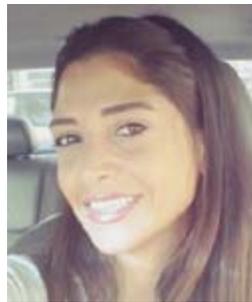
Instagram: [isc\\_chouefatalumni](https://www.instagram.com/isc_chouefatalumni)

Facebook: [The Alumni Association of The International School of Chouefat](https://www.facebook.com/TheAlumniAssociationofTheInternationalSchoolofChouefat)



## **TAREK BAADARANI - CLASS OF 2005**

Tarek Baadarani, Class of 2005, has received a Master's of Science with distinction from University of London and was admitted to Beta Gamma Sigma.



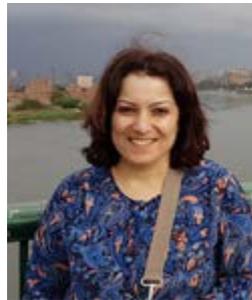
## **DANA AL AHMADIEH BOU NASSAR - CLASS OF 2005**

Dana Ahmadieh Bou Nassar, class of 2005, passed the Notary Public exams



## **RYAN GHUSAYNI - CLASS OF 2010**

Ryan Ghusayni, Class of 2010, is attending Duke University to pursue his Postdoctoral degree.



## **LAYAL ABDUL BAKI - CLASS OF 1998**

Layal Abdul Baki, class of 1998, released her musical album on Anghami



## **NIDAL HAMDAN - CLASS OF 2005**

Nidal Hamdan, Class of 2005, has been awarded the Best Country Commercial Manager for the MENA region from Beiersdorf in Seoul, Korea for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row



## **ADEEL RASHID - CLASS OF 2011**

Adeel Rashid, class of 2011, became a chartered accountant



## **RAMI DAOU - CLASS OF 2001**

Rami Daou, class of 2001, got published at the Doctoral Knowledge Community (vol.3) at Grenoble Ecole de Management



## **RAMSEY AYASS - CLASS OF 2004**

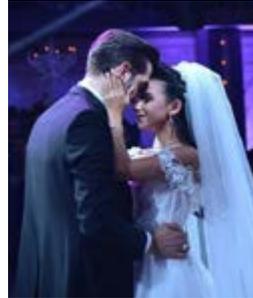
Ramsey Ayass, class of 2004, became a licensed professional engineer in the state of Texas

# Alumni MILESTONES

## Congratulations



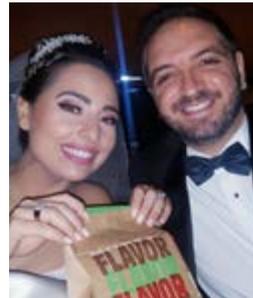
Congratulations to Brandon Abdel Baki '08 on his marriage to Hanan Halabi. May your marriage be filled with all the right ingredients: a heap of love, a dash of humor, a touch of romance, and a spoonful of understanding. May your joy last forever!



Congratulations to Mohammad Kheir Fathallah '11 and Nivine Fanach on getting married. Best wishes on this wonderful journey, as you build your new lives together.



Congratulations to Abdel Karim Dagher '10 and Lynn Ezzeddine on their marriage. Through the storms of life, may your love for one another be steadfast and strong. Wishing you nothing but joy and happiness!



Congratulations to Serena Abou Samra' 07 on her marriage to Mher Melkisetian. Wishing you many more days as happy as this one, many more occasions to celebrate, and a lifetime of love and laughter!



Congratulations to Riham Atallah '12 on getting engaged to Bilal Bou Dargham. Best wishes to you both. May your life together be full of love, blessings, and joy throughout the years!



Congratulations to Cherine Fawaz '10 on getting engaged to Hassan Jawad. May your love shine brighter and your companionship grow richer with each passing day!

# Congratulations



Congratulations to Noor Hamze '09 on getting engaged to Majed Bou Rafeh. May this step be the beginning of a beautiful life together!



Congratulations to Moufid Nasr '07 on his new baby girl, Taline. Wishing you and your newborn many years of good health, love, and happiness!



Congratulations to Talal Saab '03 on his marriage to Razan Moghraby. May you always be together, prosper together, and live a long fulfilling life!



Congratulations to Lara Taki '06 on her new baby boy, Zein. Parenthood is one of the best journeys in life, enjoy the ride!



Congratulations to Firas Younis '07 on his marriage to Lynn Hachwi. Wishing you a lifetime of love and happiness!



Congratulations to Ali Ajami '07 on his newborn. May your little angel make your home a place of great delight, love, and wonder!



Congratulations to Ali Saleh '07 on his new baby girl, Naia. Warmest wishes on the birth of your sweet baby girl!

# *A walk down* **MEMORY LANE**

**ALL PICTURES WERE PROVIDED BY  
RASHID HAMOUI - CLASS OF 1979**



The Clock



10<sup>th</sup> grade of 1979



The Football field



Hani Abou Khadra and Samer Souki



Hassan Fadlallah and his classmates

# *A walk down* **MEMORY LANE**



Ms. Dallal



Marwan Salhab



Khaled Richani, Marwan Jurdy, Anis Younis, and Rabieh Kaedbeih



Toufic Khatib, Amer Khaled & Mr Raymond Saber



Mr. Mazigi, Mr Azar, Mr. Gabriel, Mrs. Saad, Mr. Abdelrahman Mansour, Mr. Saliba, and Mr. Joseph Saad

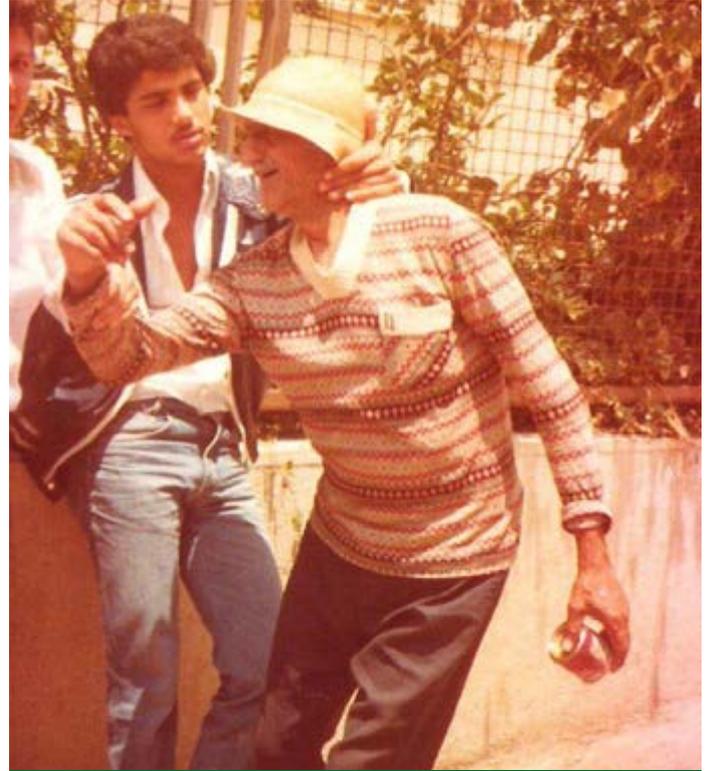


Mr. Mouin

# *A walk down* **MEMORY LANE**



Mr. Raja Saba and Mr. Akram Ghibril



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Mohamad, Walid, Antoine, and Hadi

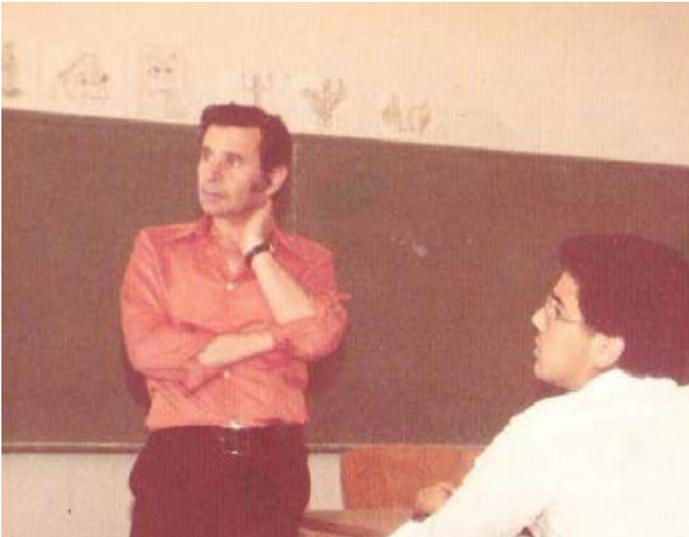


Mr. Ash



Teachers from 1973

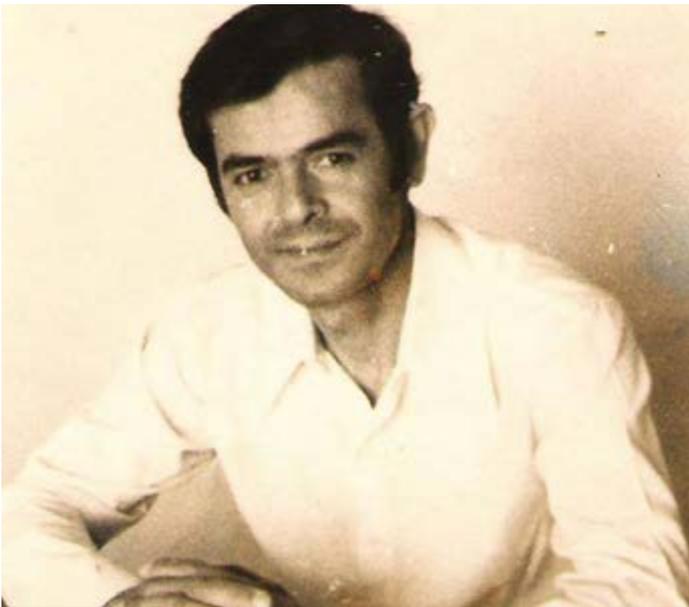
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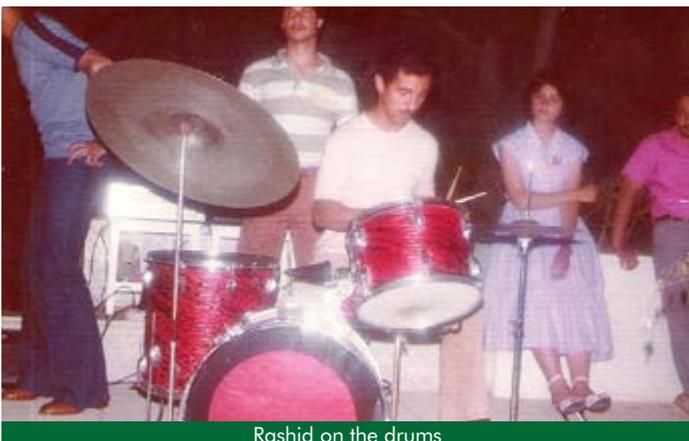
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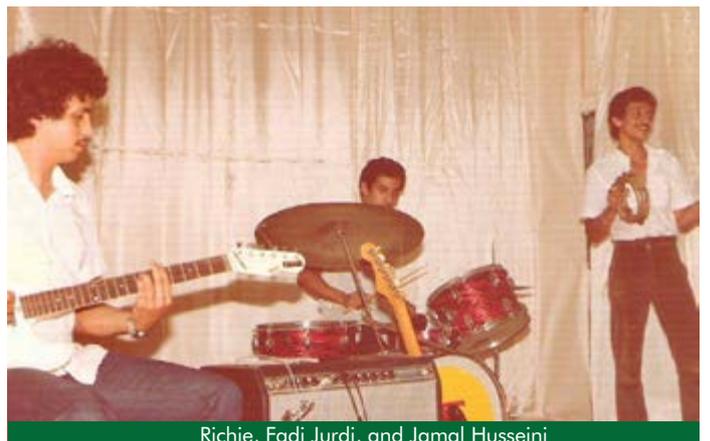
Mr. Nasrallah



Zakaria and classmates



Rashid on the drums



Richie, Fadi Jurdi, and Jamal Hussein

# *A walk down* **MEMORY LANE**



Diana & Munia Hassan, Randa Tabsh, and Mr. Saad



Hassan sisters and Basel Copti



Students with Mrs. Saad



Nahed Haj Ali Maktabi



Randa Yunan, Hasan, Leila, Mayson Degheil

# Testimonials

## SHAKEEB ABDULBARI - CLASS OF 1968

"I am honored to say I was one of the best players in the school team. Throughout my studies, my name was shown on the honor list, among the top ten students holding an outstanding record. I was able to join AUB in 1968 after acquiring the High School Certificate and the Baccalaureate Certificate, Science Section, then I acquired a B.E. Degree in Civil Engineering from AUB in 1973. I am proud to have attended this school that shaped my future and my life too."

## SALEH KEFEL - CLASS OF 1975

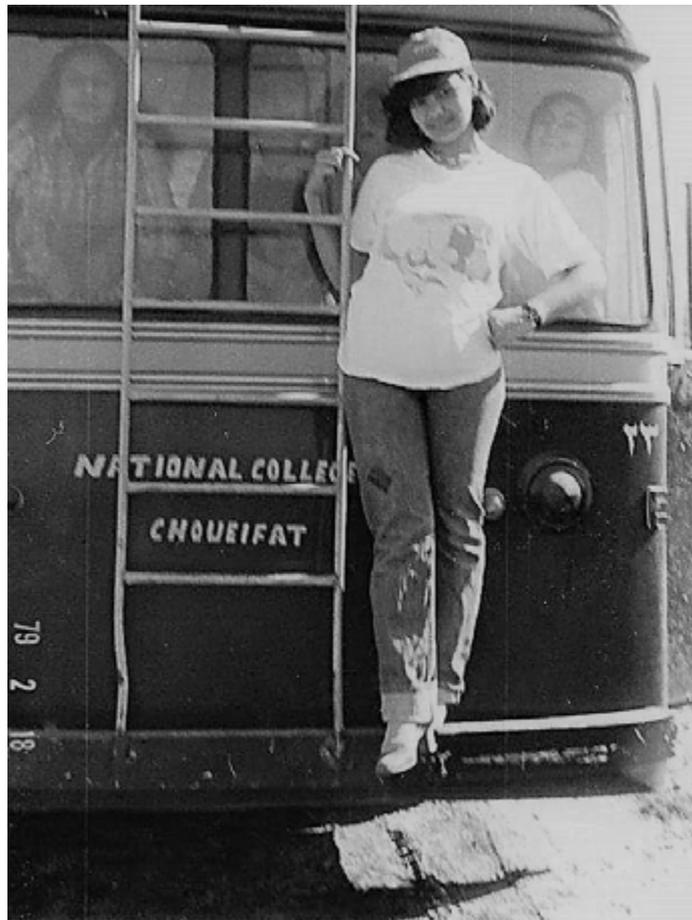
"The best and happiest memories... The best school ever"

## RABIH S. BOURJI - CLASS OF 1975

"Nice photos, my bus number was 16 and the driver 's name was Antranik"

## ROUAN HACHEM BRIGLY - CLASS OF 1982

"نحن كنا باص رقم ١١ او ٧ (الغبيري/الشيح) كان ياخذنا الباص الساعة ٦:٣٠ ويردنا ع ال٥!"



## ZIAD ABU HASSAN '82

"سقالله على هيديك الأيام، صورة تذكارية مؤثرة تتضمّن من بين الحاضرين: 'مس أسمي أبي اللمع'، 'مس فواز'، والتلامذة: عادل فخرالدين، غسان ناصر، فؤاد كرامي، عماد برياري، وأخي جهاد أبو حسن و.....شكراً لكم"



## JOHN IOANNIS HANNA - CLASS OF 1981

"... Mr Massouh used some jokes to inspire us where as Mr Thabet used poetry !!"

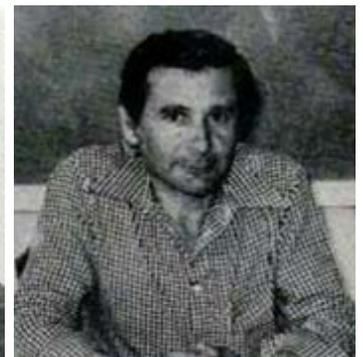
I remember he was nicknamed 008 he looked tough but was very helpful and understanding!! About Mr. Muin Azar



Mr. Muin Azar



Mr. Yussif Massouh



Mr. Shafik Tabet

# Testimonials

## MIRA ALAMEDDINE CLASS OF 1989

"Although she was tough we knew she loved us so we loved her back" About Ms. Badiaa Dallal



Ms. Badia Dallal

## NASIR SOUKI MAKAREM - CLASS OF 1971

"What a great feeling when I see Mrs. Leila Saad and Carl Bistany (ex-class mate) in a memorial picture like this one, 2 wonderful people whom I haven't seen for 48 years. That is since I graduated and left NCC, my Elementary, and Secondary School for 10 years. How I miss those days."

## PASCALÉ KIWAN BARAKAT - CLASS OF 2006

"When we were young, sitting on these stairs was our dream! I remember only grade 12 were allowed to hang out there."



## AZIZA SBAITY - CLASS OF 2009

"The International School of Choueifat – Choueifat opened up so many doors for me. I can't thank my school and my coaches enough for discovering and helping me grow my talent and for helping me turn it into an ever-blazing passion.

Thank you Fadi Kleib for sending me this picture from 2004!! Crazy how time flies and how things change yet the vision, the goal and the love for track and field and for holding the Lebanese flag up high remain... (that rhymed :)"

## TAREK BAADARANI - CLASS OF 2005

"Thank you for the callout The Alumni Association of The International School of Choueifat Writing this email brings back well rooted memories of my days at ISC. It will always be a special place."

## FATAT ABDELBAKI

"May SABIS® continue to transcend time and space!"



# Linking GENERATIONS

Linking Generations Through Education. Having our alumni back with their children fills the school's heart with pride and joy!



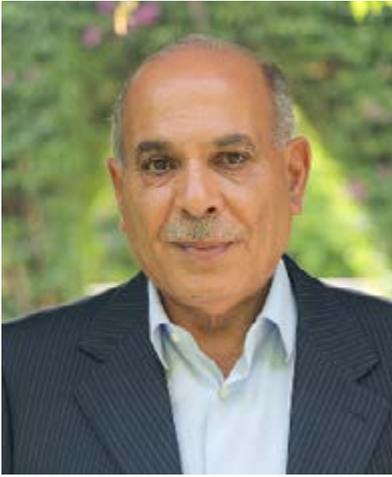
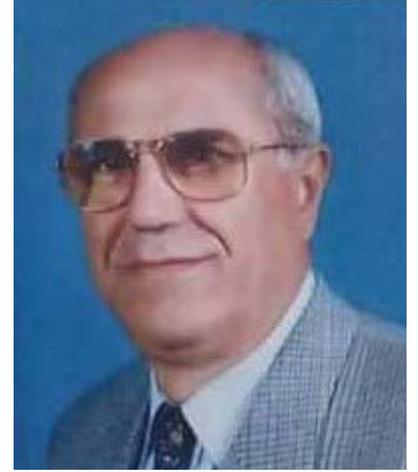
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# In MEMORIAM

## RENE AZAR

We are deeply saddened by the loss of Mr. Rene Azar, a Math and Science teacher who taught back in the 70s. Many generations will never forget his passion and love for teaching for as long as they live. May his memory continue to inspire us to be the best students and teachers of life. Our sincerest condolences to his family and beloved ones for an incredibly great loss.



## NABIL SOUKI

With deep sorrow and regret, we announce that Mr. Nabil Souki passed away on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019. Mr. Nabil served around 40 years at ISC as a teacher. He was a truly beloved teacher and a cherished father-figure. May his soul rest in peace and may God give solace to his family. He will be dearly missed.

“Dearest Alumni Association,

It is with the greatest of grief that we received the heartbreaking news of the death of our mentor and dear friend, Mr. Nabil Souki.

Mr. Nabil served our alma mater tirelessly over a period of more than 40 years, leaving behind now only those fond memories we have of him. His positive outlook on life (and chemistry) was most admirable, even contagious, as those who knew him would attest. With an infectious smile ever present on his face, Mr. Nabil’s dedication, brilliance, and talent will be remembered by everyone who had the privilege of being his student.

Such an extraordinary person he was. His passing is truly a great loss to us all. Mr. Nabil will be profoundly missed by everyone whose lives he touched.

With sincere appreciation,

**Yahia H. Hamade**, Class of 2006”

اللّٰه يرحم الاستاذ والمربي والفاضل الاستاذ نبيل توفيق السوقي ويرحم روحه الطاهرة الابية ، حيث كان انسان مميز بكل ما في الكلمة من معنى، كان الاب والاخ والاستاذ و المربي والموجه والمناضل، كان منارة من العلم والمحبة والعطاء بدون حدود ، كان وما زال وسيظل قدوة لكل طالب من خريجي مدرسة الشويفات الدولية ولكل من عرفك . تصارع الدموع الكلمات في رثاء استاذ نبيل حيث يعجز اللسان عن النطق بكل الكلام لرجل المواقف رجل السلام والمحبة رجل الوفاء . نمسح دموعنا ونسير الى الامام على خطاك وعلى نصائحك باسمي واسمى عدد من خريجي مدرسة الشويفات الدولية اوجه تعازي الحارة الى عائلته الكريمة والى السوقي والى الجميع اهالي مدينة شويفات . رحمة الله عليك واسكنك فسيح جناته واننا لله وان اليه راجعون“

**Bassam Nasr**

## *Mission of the Alumni Association of the International School of Choueifat*

To create and reinforce lifelong intellectual, professional, and personal connections among its members, to serve the community and to strengthen the link between the alumni and their alma mater.

## *Alumni Newsletter Committee:*

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### **ASK FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD:**

Be an active member and benefit from the school campus and alumni clubhouse; and participate in alumni committee elections.

Stay tuned for our upcoming exhibitions, anniversary events, lectures, workshops, dinners, reunions, trips, and much more

Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ISC.Alumni.Association/>

### **SEEKING CLASS REPRESENTATIVES:**

The Alumni Office is seeking class representatives for different years. To volunteer, call us on +961 5 430 430 or +961 3 672 829

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Class of 2006



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Class of 1973



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Tarek Zebian  
Class of 2001



Board Member,  
Mirna Sibai  
Class of 1995



Board Member,  
Elie Hanna  
Class of 1991

### **GET INVOLVED**

Alumni who volunteer to share their knowledge and experience play a key role in supporting current students and recent graduates, as well as providing them with a valuable network of contacts for the future. Here are some great ways in which you can get involved.

### **JOIN ALUMNI CAREERS**

We would be delighted to hear from all our alumni who are willing to share their experiences in the working field. If you are an owner of your organization and you can offer internships or job vacancies to support our alumni, I'm sure they would be honored to be considered!

### **SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND SPEAK AT CAREER EVENTS**

We consider the contributions made by many alumni who generously give up their time to come back to campus and share their experiences our utmost priority. The Alumni Association coordinates an increasing number of events and programs throughout the year which gives students the opportunity to hear from speakers in a wide range of career paths.

### **HOW TO GET INVOLVED?**

VIA EMAIL - IN PERSON

If you can provide support in person or via email, we would love to hear from you. Please email us at [iscalumni@sabis.net](mailto:iscalumni@sabis.net).

