



The 40th Annual Scholarship Awards



2022 Recipients



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Program

Welcome	Thomas Maroon, President
Invocation	Deacon James Demers
American National Anthem	Recording
Lebanese National Anthem	Recording

Recognition of Officers

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Speaker	Penny Hamel
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Many thanks to our outgoing Board Of Director Susan Kalil

Presentation of Scholarship Awards

Atty. Scot Gabriel & Michael G. Faris

Penny Hamel



Penny's dad was 100% Lebanese, and she grew up with her Lebanese grandparents just downstairs. She is a graduate of Merrimack College with a B.S. in Business Administration, *Summa Cum Laude*. A mortgage loan originator for US Bank, who in addition to serving on the Board of Directors for the ALAA, is on the board for Merrimack Valley Food bank, The Westford Rotary Club and the Psychological Center that runs the DayBreak Shelter, Women's View & Pegasus House. Penny is also the Eastern Mass Representative for the Australian Shepherd rescue.

Her hobbies when she isn't busy volunteer work include skiing, hiking and golf.

She's married to her high school sweetheart, Jeff. They have two grown daughters. Ashley who is an engineer and Nicole who is an ICU nurse. They split their time between their home in Methuen and their home in Jackson NH.

American National Anthem

The Star-Spangled Banner

Oh say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
Oh say does that star spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Lebanese National Anthem

Kollona Lilwatan

Kollona lilwatan Lil'ola lil'alam
Mil o 'ayni zaman Sayfona walqalam
Sahlona waljabal Manbiton lirrijal
Qawlona wal'amal Fi sabilil kamal
Kollona lilwatan Lil'ola lil 'alam
Kollona Lilwatan

Chaykhona walfata 'enda sawtil watan
Osdo gaben mata Sawaratnal fitan
Charqona qalbohu Abadan Lubnan
Sanahu Rabbuhu Limadal azman
Kollona lilwatan Lil 'ola lil 'alam
Kollona Lilwatan



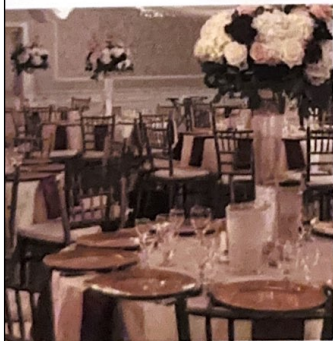
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Izabella Zouein

Current School:

Central Catholic HS

Fall 2023:

Merrimack College

Major Field of Study:

Bio/Pharmacy Pre-Med

Scholarship:

Samuel J. Ameen Family Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,500.00



Muriel Merheb

Current School:

Methuen HS

Fall 2023:

UMASS Lowell

Major Field of Study:

Accounting

Scholarship:

Louis J. Zraket Memorial Scholarship &
ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,500.00



Reem El Hariri

Current School: Central Catholic HS

Fall 2023: Worcester Poly Tech

Major Field of Study:

Biomedical Engineering

Scholarship:

Thomas J. Solomon Memorial Scholarship &
ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500.00



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Ryan Naamani

Current School: Methuen HS

Fall 2023: Merrimack College

Major Field of Study:

Biology

Scholarship:

John & Rose Budron Memorial
Scholarship & ALAA Endowed
Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,500.00



Brian Zraket

Current School:

UMASS Amherst

Major Field of Study:

Business/Finance

Scholarship:

ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,500.00



Anthony Sadek

Current School: Salem HS

Fall 2023:

Boston University

Major Field of Study:

BioChemistry Pre-Med

Scholarship:

Delia Moses Abdinoor Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500.00

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Jenny El Helou

Current School:

Merrimack College

Major Field of Study:

Business Administration

Scholarship:

Delia Moses Abdinoor Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,500.00



Jennifer Atallah

Current School:

UMASS Amherst

Major Field of Study:

Legal Studies/Minor in Arabic

Scholarship:

Delia Moses Abdinoor Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,500.00



Anthony Kairouz

Current School: Dedham HS

Fall 2023: UMASS Boston

Major Field of Study:

Computer Science

Scholarship:

ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,500.00



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Tyler Telge

Current School:
Manchester Memorial HS

Fall 2023:
St. Anselm College

Major Field of Study:
Finance/Accounting

Scholarship:
George P. Habib Memorial Scholarship &
ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500.00



Jason Demers

Current School:
Merrimack College

Major Field of Study:
Computer Science

Scholarship:
Leonard Ramey Scholarship &
ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount:
\$1,500.00



Emma Azzi

Current School:
UMASS Amherst

Major Field of Study:
Computer Science/Mathematics/
Economics

Scholarship:
Kenneth Kellan Scholarship &
ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500.00

**CONGRATULATIONS
and
BEST WISHES
to
2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

*Noel & Judith Farah
Samantha, Robert, & Jacquelyn*



Congratulations to all
the Scholarship Winners!

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Jaret Peter Farhat

Current School:

Boston College

Major Field of Study:

Economics/Minor Finance/German

Scholarship:

ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,500.00



Elias Saab

Current School:

Merrimack College

Major Field of Study:

Electrical Engineering

Scholarship:

Charles & Shirley Zraket Scholarship &
ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,500.00



Teagan Elise Pratt

Current School:

UMASS Amherst

Major Field of Study:

Biology

Scholarship:

ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,500.00



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2023 ALAA Scholarship Award Recipients



Elijah Hashem

Current School:

Methuen HS

Fall 2023:

University of Connecticut

Major Field of Study:

Music Education

Scholarship:

ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,500.00



Samantha Jabak

Current School: Methuen HS

Fall 2023: UMASS Amherst

Major Field of Study:

Computer Science/ Minor Biology

Scholarship:

Joseph & Yvonne Ellis Memorial
Scholarship & ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500.00



Adriana Eid

Current School:

Boston University

Major Field of Study:

Business Administration

Scholarship:

United Lebanese Charitable Society Scholarship
& ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,500.00

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Matthew Pappalardo

Current School:

Methuen HS

Fall 2023:

Endicott College

Major Field of Study:

Finance/Accounting

Scholarship:

ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500.00



Maya Ash

Current School:

North Andover HS

Fall 2023:

Undecided

Major Field of Study:

Public Health

Scholarship:

Dr. Barbara A. Hajjar Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000.00



Casey Renee Pratt

Current School:

University of Denver

Major Field of Study:

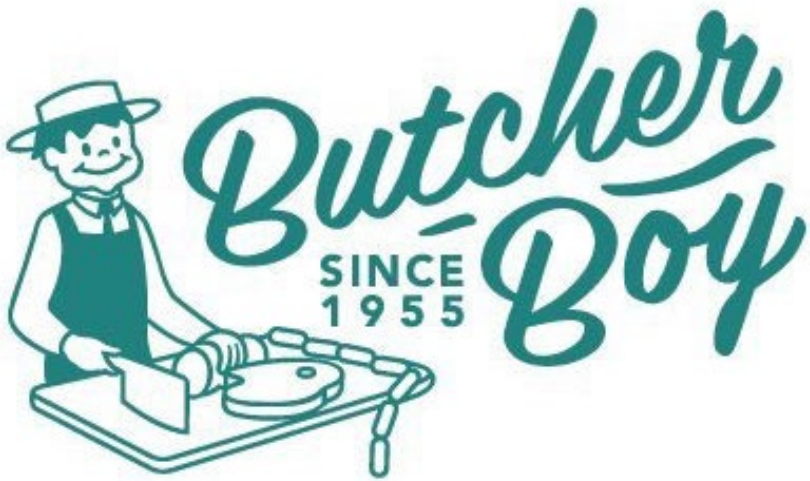
Computer Science/Criminology

Scholarship:

George & Lillian Naddif Scholarship

Amount:

\$2,000.00



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to this year's
Scholarship
Recipients

2023 ALAA Scholarship Award Recipients



Noura Nasah

Current School:

UMASS Amherst

Major Field of Study:

Business

Scholarship:

Robert & Donna Manning Scholarship

Amount:

\$2,000.00



Chaniel Abou-Ezzi

Current School:

UMASS Amherst

Major Field of Study:

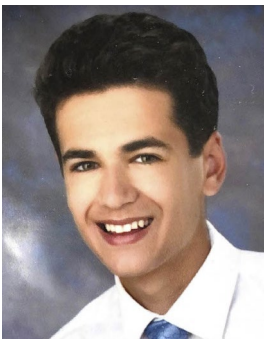
Computer Science

Scholarship:

Zraket & Shibel Families Scholarship

Amount:

\$2,000.00



Jonathan Carnes

Current School: UMASS Amherst

Fall 2023: Univ. Autonoma de Barcelona

Major Field of Study:

Operations & Information Management/
Pre-Law

Scholarship:

Bert & Marianne (Kfoury) Guimond IMO
Ned & Edna Kfoury

Amount: \$2,000.00



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
2023 RECIPIENTS**

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Sophie Azzi

Current School:

Northeastern University

Major Field of Study:

Behavioral Neuroscience

Scholarship:

Michael & Susan Naddif Scholarship

Amount:

\$2,500.00



Sharbel Saab

Current School:

Merrimack College

Major Field of Study:

Electrical Engineering

Scholarship:

Grandchildren Kimberly, Christopher, & David
IMO Ned & Edna Kfoury

Amount:

\$2,500.00

ALAA would love to hear your news!

Do you have any interesting news about American Lebanese or any past scholarship recipients?

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Our Pride and Joy

At our first annual Awards Banquet, we awarded a modest \$4,000.00 to six students. The amount of scholarship money has steadily increased to this year's total of \$43,500.00 awarded to 26 students.

In our 40 years, we have awarded a total of \$1,347,250.00 in scholarship funds to 1,211 deserving scholars of Lebanese descent.

The ALAA wishes to thank our **Endowed Scholarship Donors** for their continued support to the Scholarship Awards Program. It is through their generosity that the Organization is able to assist qualified and deserving students in their pursuit of higher education. In recognition of their contributions, a number of scholarships are awarded each year and given as an ALAA Endowed Donor Scholarship.

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Msgr. Semaan Farris Scholarship
Elias Abdinoor Scholarship
Sam Jowdy Scholarship

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Delia Moses Abdinoor Scholarship

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Dr. Barbara A. Hajjar Scholarship

Bert & Marianne (Kfoury) Guimond

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George & Lillian Naddif Scholarship

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Joseph & Yvonne Ellis Memorial Scholarship

United Lebanese Charitable Society

Continue The Legacy

Pride Heritage Culture Accomplishment

From the time that our Lebanese ancestors first stepped ashore in the United States, struggling to establish themselves economically and culturally in a new land, the American – Lebanese legacy has been one of pride, heritage, culture and accomplishment.

Through tireless effort and enterprise, those who came before us transcended barriers of poverty, language and cultural difference to create a community in which we, their descendants, could achieve our highest aspirations.

Hard work allowed our immigrant ancestors to climb the economic ladder to successful businesses and professions. Visions of a limitless future inspired them to sacrifice to educate their children. And love of their rich cultural heritage prompted them to preserve their customs to pass on to future generations.

The American Lebanese Awareness Association was founded in 1984 to insure the continuation of that proud legacy.

Continue the Legacy Through Scholarships

Since 1984 the ALAA has awarded over \$1,347,250.00 in college scholarships to students of American-Lebanese descent.

For donations of less than \$1,000 but more than \$500.00, the ALAA will hold funds until the total of all donations from the donor reaches the \$1,000.00 minimum, OR for all donations of \$1,000.00 or more, the ALAA will distribute the funds annually in \$1,000.00 increments until the donation has been depleted.

Donate \$500.00, \$1,000.00, \$2,000.00 or more for a one-time scholarship award.

Continue the Legacy Through Special Programs

Evenings with American-Lebanese authors, poets and travelers • Lebanese heritage exhibits • Preservation of the permanent ALAA Collection at the Immigrant City Archives • Commissioning of a history of the Lebanese community in the Merrimack Valley • Sponsoring speakers for multi-cultural programs at area schools.



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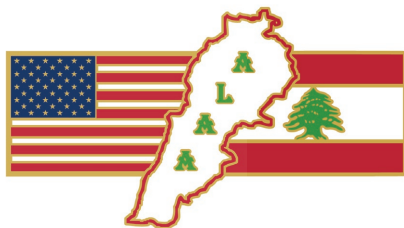
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