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Dear honorees,
We are proud of you and wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Congratulations to the Class of '24!

Our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Bakhos Tannous and everyone who joined us for this wonderful evening.

Keep an eye out for upcoming events!



The Events Committee

Program

Master of Ceremony/Welcome Nehme Gerges Melhem

Invocation

American National Anthem Live Performance

Lebanese National Anthem Live Performance

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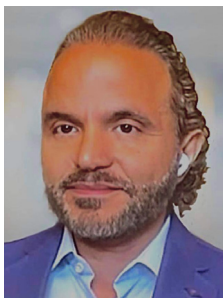
Speaker Bakhos Tannous PhD.

Many thanks to our outgoing Board Of Director Ben Maroon

Presentation of Scholarship Awards

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Bakhos Tannous Ph.D.



Dr. Bakhos Tannous is an internationally renowned scientist, educator and administrative leader. Dr. Tannous has created a legacy of multidisciplinary team to tackle some of the most pressing challenges in cancer in general and brain tumors in particular including new views for diagnosis and therapies with >150 publications and review articles. He is the former Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School and acted as the Director for the Interdepartmental Neuroscience Center, the Experimental Therapeutics Unit, and the Postdoctoral Division at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He was a member of the Dana Farber/Harvard Cancer Center and served as Co-Director of the Molecular Neurogenetics Unit-East and Director of the MGH Viral Vector Production Facility. He recently joined AstraZeneca to build and lead their brain tumor department/portfolio as the Head of NeuroOncology Discovery.

Dr. Tannous received many prestigious awards such as Honorary Degree from Harvard University, Outstanding Investigator Award from the American Society for Gene and Cell Therapy, Several Excellence in Research, Leadership, and Innovation Awards, Beirut Golden Award for lifetime achievement in medicine, the Young Investigator Award from the Society for Molecular Imaging for 3 years in a row, National Cancer Institute Pathway to Independence Award in cancer research, and several Outstanding Mentor Awards. He is a member of many national and international organizing committees and societies and has served as a member on the National Institute of Health and the Department of Defense review board as well as National and International foundations.

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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Rachel Holliday

Current School:

UMASS Amherst

Major Field of Study:

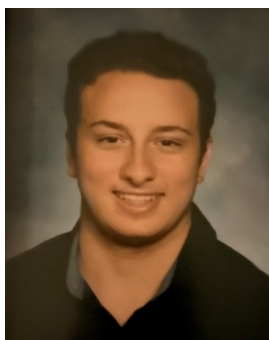
Biology/PreMed

Scholarship:

Louis J. Zraket Memorial Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,000.00



Joseph Ash

Current School:

UMASS Amherst

Major Field of Study:

Public Health on a Pre-Med Track

Scholarship:

Charles & Shirley Zraket Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,000.00



Chaniel Abou-Azzi

Current School:

UMASS Amherst

Major Field of Study:

Computer Science

Scholarship:

John & Rose Budron Memorial Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,000.00



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Catherine Mangione

Current School:

University of Virginia

Major Field of Study:

Music/Biology

Scholarship:

Thomas J. Solomon Memorial
Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,000.00



Nicolas Pelland

Current School:

Greater Lowell Tech HS

Fall 2024:

UMASS Lowell

Major Field of Study:

Computer Engineering

Scholarship:

ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,000.00



Isabella Zouein

Current School:

Merrimack College

Major Field of Study:

Pre-Med/Biology

Scholarship:

ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,500.00




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Rubielle Nejaime

Current School:
Boston Conservatory at Berklee
Major Field of Study:
Contemporary Dance/Business
Administration
Scholarship:
ALAA Endowed Scholarship
Amount:
\$1,500.00



Ryan Naamani

Current School:
Merrimack College
Major Field of Study:
Biology
Scholarship:
ALAA Endowed Scholarship
Amount:
\$1,500.00



Ryan Solh

Current School:
Suffolk University
Major Field of Study:
Finance/Financial Planning
Scholarship:
ALAA Endowed Scholarship
Amount:
\$1,500.00



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Maribelle Spiridon

Current School:

Methuen High School

Fall 2024:

Merrimack College

Major Field of Study:

Biochemistry

Scholarship:

ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,500.00



Paige Frias

Current School:

Salem High School

Fall 2024:

Savannah College of Art & Design

Major Field of Study:

Interior Design

Scholarship:

ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,500.00



Matthew Pappalardo

Current School:

Endicott College

Major Field of Study:

Finance/Data Analytics Minor

Scholarship:

ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,500.00



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Angelina Azzi

Current School:

Windham High School

Fall 2024:

Undecided

Major Field of Study:

Business

Scholarship:

Delia Moses Abdinoor Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,500.00



Maria Wazen

Current School:

Methuen High School

Fall 2024:

Undecided

Major Field of Study:

Undecided on the Pre-Med Track

Scholarship:

ALAA Endowed Scholarship & United
Lebanese Charitable Society Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500.00



Muriel Merheb

Current School:

UMASS Lowell

Major Field of Study:

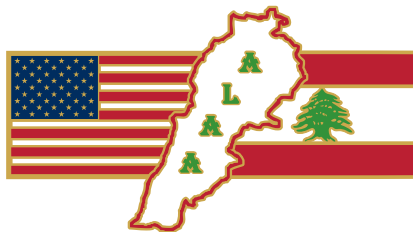
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Scholarship:

ALAA Endowed Scholarship & Joseph &
Yvonne Ellis Memorial Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,500.00



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YEAR'S RECIPIENTS.**

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ACHIEVEMENTS ARE TRULY
INSPIRING**

2024 ALAA Scholarship Award Recipients



Serena Carnes

Current School:

Andover High School

Fall 2024:

University of Dartmouth

Major Field of Study:

Biology

Scholarship:

ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount:

\$1,500.00



Mariette El Khoury

Current School:

Marine Science Magnet HS

Fall 2024:

University of Connecticut

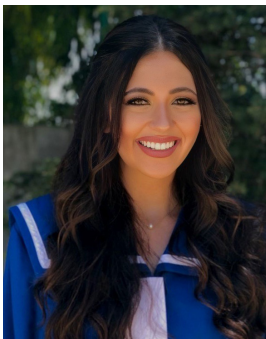
Major Field of Study:

Bio Medical Engineering

Scholarship:

ALAA Endowed Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500.00



Lea Loutaif

Current School:

Northern Essex

Fall 2024:

Boston Architectural College

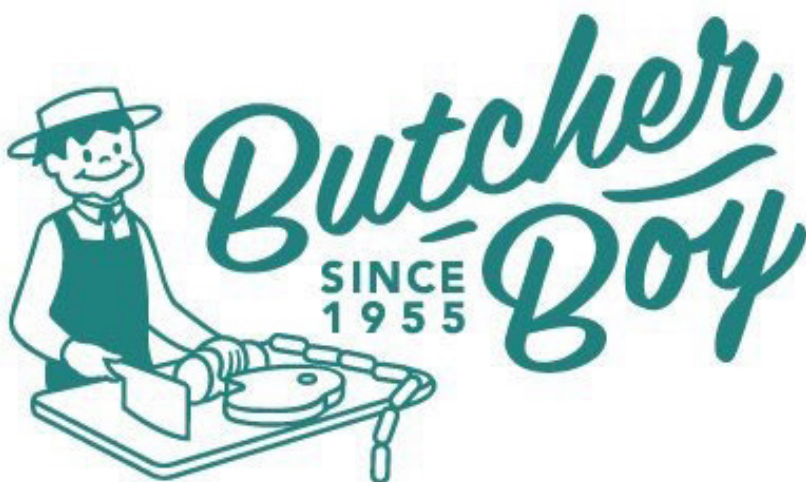
Major Field of Study:

Architecture/Engineering

Scholarship:

Samuel J. Ameen Family Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500.00



Congratulations
to this year's
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Recipients

2024 ALAA Scholarship Award Recipients



Alice Abdallah

Current School:

Norwood High School

Fall 2024: Undecided**Major Field of Study:**

Psychology/Healthcare

Scholarship:

Dr. Barbars A. Hajjar Scholarship

Amount:

\$2,000.00



Logan Gabriel

Current School:

Andover High School

Fall 2024:

Lesley University

Major Field of Study:

College Prep

Scholarship:

Michael & Sandra Naddif Scholarship

Amount:

\$2,000.00



Adriana Eid

Current School:

Boston University

Major Field of Study:

Business Administration

Scholarship:

Kenneth Kellan Scholarship

Amount:

\$2,000.00

**CONGRATULATIONS and
BEST WISHES to
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*Noel & Judith Farah
Samantha, Robert, & Jacquelyn*



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Great Success to the 2024
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Anthony Sadek

Current School:

Boston University

Major Field of Study:

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Scholarship:

George & Lillian Naddif Scholarship

Amount:

\$2,000.00



Noura Nasah

Current School:

UMASS Amherst

Major Field of Study:

Operations & Information Management

Scholarship:

Robert & Donna Manning Scholarship

Amount:

\$2,000.00



Serena Elias

Current School:

Norwood High School

Fall 2024:

Wentworth Institute of Technology

Major Field of Study:

Biomedical Engineering

Scholarship:

Zraket & Shibel Families Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000.00



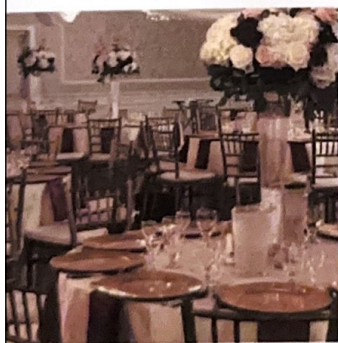
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Nicolas Yazbek

Current School:

UMASS Amherst

Major Field of Study:

Physics & Applied Math/Computer Science

Scholarship:

Bert & Marianne (Kfoury) Guimond
in Memory of Ned & Edna Kfoury
Scholarship

Amount:

\$2,000.00



Rida El Chami

Current School:

UMASS Amherst

Major Field of Study:

Biology/PreMed

Scholarship:

In Memory of Joanne Nahil

Amount:

\$2,500.00



Maria El Khazaka

Current School: Northern Essex**Fall 2024:**

Middlesex Community College

Major Field of Study:

Dental Hygiene

Scholarship:

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

Amount: \$2,500.00

ALAA would love to hear your news!

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American Lebanese or any past scholarship recipients?

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Our Pride and Joy

Since the arrival of our Lebanese ancestors in the United States, the American-Lebanese legacy has embodied pride, heritage, culture, and achievement.

During our inaugural Awards Banquet, we awarded a modest scholarship of \$4,000 to six students. Over the years, our scholarship fund has grown steadily, culminating in this year's remarkable achievement of awarding \$43,500 to 27 outstanding students.

Their dedication transcended barriers of poverty, language, and cultural difference to build a community where we could pursue our dreams. This hard work and vision continue to inspire us today, guided by our commitment to preserve and pass on our rich cultural heritage.

Founded in 1984, the American Lebanese Awareness Association stands as a testament to this proud legacy.

Throughout our 41-year history, we have granted a collective sum of \$1,347,250.00 in scholarship funds to 1,238 deserving scholars of Lebanese heritage, and we remain committed to increasing these numbers in the years ahead and supporting more brilliant minds.

The ALAA expresses gratitude to our **Endowed Scholarship Donors** for their ongoing support of the Scholarship Awards Program. It is thanks to their generosity that we continue to support qualified deserving students in their pursuit of higher education. In acknowledgement of their contributions, several scholarships are awarded annually and recognized as the **ALAA Endowed Donor Scholarship**.

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Msgr. Semaan Farris Scholarship
Elias Abdinoor Scholarship
Sam Jowdy Scholarship

The ALAA extends its sincere gratitude to our Annual Scholarship Donors for their unwavering support of the Scholarship Awards Program. Thanks to their generosity, we can provide crucial assistance to qualified and deserving students in their pursuit of higher education.

\$2,500.00 Scholarship Donor

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Delia Moses Abdinoor Scholarship
Grandchildren: Kimberly, Christopher & David
In memory of Ned & Edna Kfoury

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Dr. Barbara A. Hajjar Scholarship
Bert & Maryianne (Kfoury) Guimond
In Memory of Ned & Edna Kfoury
Zraket & Shibel Families Scholarship
Robert & Donna Manning Scholarship
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Continue The Legacy

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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 \$1,390,750.00 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.

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honoring the efforts of your immigrant forebearers

acknowledging the many opportunities they provided

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