ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

American Community School









ACS BEIRUT

This Annual Report reflects the gifts received between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.

Gifts received after this date will appear in our next Annual Report for the fiscal year 2024-2025.

We make every effort that our data is accurate and presented with high integrity. Please inform the Development Office of any errors by emailing us on fhayeck@acs.edu.lb

Dear ACS Alumni and Families,

We are grateful to all alumni, families, and friends of ACS who contributed to our fundraising effort in 2023/24. As a non-profit school that does not receive annual financial support from the United States government or any other entity, we depend on the generosity of our community to help us provide the best possible educational experience for our students.

I have been heartened to see the wonderful response of our ACS community to our fundraising appeals during what has been a challenging year. It is the support of all the people listed in this report that has helped us to navigate the current crisis. Thank you for thinking of ACS!

Sincerely,

Tom Cangiano
Head of School

Dear ACS Beirut Alumni and Families,

We are proud of the way we come together as a community and grateful for alumni and donors who have rallied to the cause of the institution they love—offering encouragement, support, and funding in these uncertain times. Your gifts towards the Annual fund helped to support our facilities, sustainability initiatives, faculty and staff funds as well as financial aid.

Throughout this annual report, you will see an exceptional display of generosity. Every contribution helped us ensure that we are providing the best educational experience for our students, and that we can attract and retain highly qualified and dedicated teachers.

On behalf of everyone here at ACS Beirut, I thank you for making us a priority this year.

Sincerely,

Maya Mouhaidly
Director of Alumni and Development


2024
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Reunion 2024

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Progress

Annual Fund Giving



Annual Giving Total

Annual Giving Goal



Scholarship Funds

Anonymous Scholarship Fund
Ayad Scholarship Fund
Kesserwani Scholarship Fund
Myriam Assi Scholarship Fund
Semaan Foundation Scholarship Fund

Endowment Funds

Blair Harcourt	**$31,733**
Catherine Carlin Bashshur	**$1,274,510**
Malcolm Kerr	**$812,914**
Manara Scholarship Fund	**$324,950**
Sam Constan	**$37,157**
Walter Prosser	**$152,961**

ACS Alumni Donors by Class

1949

Gordon B. Avery
Bruce C. Dodd

1953

Anthony Stuart Glockler
Margit Orange
Monroe H Pastermack Jr.
Donna Harms Hansen ***

1954

Peter Ian Kuniholm

1955

Roger Baty
Curtis Calvin Bell
Judith Ann Bauer
Paul L. Schmidbauer

1956

Robert H. Glockler
Bob T. Sample
Judy Mandaville Lipman
William David Crays *
Carey Randall

1957

Pat Finlayson

1958

Georgia Sadler

1959

Eleanor Decherd Raheem
Carol Haeussner
John Lockwood Nelson

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1960

Wallace Ann Ayres
James Lester Robb
Kathleen Propp
Christopher W.S. Ross

1961

Joseph Michael Volkmann
Jih-Hua (John) Liu
Pete A. Fleury
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1962

William James Rosdil
Laila Alamuddin
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1963

Margaret McGuire Betchart
Suzanne J. Lowers
Susan Lee DaRe
Susan Scott Miles
George Sinclair Herrmann
Linda Lynch
Ann Van Dusen
George F. Benedict

1964

Cathie A. McIntyre
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1965

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Susan MacNeill Grover
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1966

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1967

Peggy King
Anonymous
Charles Butros
Anonymous

1968

Carolyn Bonner
Diane Lamacchia
Anonymous
Fred Rogers
Pam C. Shannon

1969

Sally Brough
Anonymous
Jeffrey V. Schon
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Glenn Douglas Hughes
Richard Rodion Rathbone
Melinda Brunger *
Ellen Honnet
Margaret Elbow Conn
Anonymous

1970

Christopher M. Waterman
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Anonymous
Anonymous
Marilyn H. Comfort
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1971

Barbara Adele Porter **
Barbara Martin
Gregory C. Turosak
Joan MacIver
Evelyn Lambert Saunders
Anonymous

1972

Susan Fields Potter
Kieron P. Farrelly
Cynthia S. Wolfe
Lisa Moore
Cathy Lyn Carson
JoAnn Atwood

1973

Bayard Dodge
Gina Kano ***
Herman C. G. Lammerts
Muriel Brunger
Jon Waterman
Javed Hussein
Matt MacGuire
Kent H. Redford
Tanya Parker Mills
Maureen L. Beurskens
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1974

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Anonymous
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1975

Patricia Roland
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1976

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1977

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1978

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1979

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1982

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1988

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1997

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Anonymous

1998

Fadi Pierre Kanaan

1999

Anonymous

2000

Omar Theodore Christidis*

2003

Rabia Mourad
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2004

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2006

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2007

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2009

Elie Gilbert Elian

2010

Serena Mamlouk Aour

2012

Anonymous

2013

Reem Mohamed Chamsseddine

2018

Jad Mahdi Al Kabbani

2015

Salah Ziad Ghazzal

2016

Lynn Sinno

2018

Jad Mahdi Al Kabbani

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2024

Mohamad Adam Abdallah
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TO AN ACS SENIOR
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Join us for a 7-day trip across Lebanon
exclusively for ACS alumni
SCHEDULED FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2024





Parents of ACS

Our parent body plays an integral role in supporting our mission. Many past parents and grandparents continue as well with their tradition of philanthropy to the school.

We are deeply grateful for these families who continue to honor their children)'s time at ACS, and inspire future generations to value quality education.

"Individually we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean".
Ryunosuke Satoro

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Kassem Ajami
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Anonymous
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ALUMNI AMBASSADORS



Kyra Haddad ‘19 *(New York)*
Pursued a degree in International and Public Affairs with a concentration in Development and a minor in Entrepreneurship at Brown University. After graduating from Brown, moved to NYC in 2023 and works as a corporate paralegal specializing in the Financial Institutions Group at Davis Polk and Wardwell.



Fadi Kanaan ‘98 *(Boston)*
Fadi Kanaan has worked in financial services since 2007, building credit and financial risk models for institutions in the US, Europe, and the Middle East. Since joining Bread Financial in 2021, he has developed capital models and planned future ones. Fadi studied Economics at Yale College and Financial Economics at MIT Sloan School of Management. He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst.



Salah Ghazzal ‘15 *(Washington DC)*
After earning a BA in Political Science from the American University of Beirut, Salah ventured into technology policy and government relations. Currently, at Blockchain Association, he promotes a pro-innovation policy environment for the blockchain and digital asset ecosystem.



Natalie Kreidieh ‘08 *(KSA, Jeddah)*
Natalie Kreidieh, is the founder of Beit Nat Yoga Studio in Jeddah. Before her yoga career, she studied film and photography, directing award-winning documentaries on socio-economic and environmental issues, showcased in Washington DC and at film festivals in Australia and Lebanon.



Sami Bizri ‘17 *(KSA, Riyadh)*
Sami earned his bachelor's degree from the American University of Beirut and a master's degree in Finance from Imperial College London. He started his career as an M&A analyst in a London tech startup and now works in deals advisory in Riyadh.



Rabia Mourad ‘03 *(Dubai)*

After graduating from ACS in 2003, Rabia earned a bachelor’s degree in Finance from the American University of Beirut in 2007 and a distinction in Banking and International Finance from Cass Business School in 2009. He now heads Middle East and Africa at Fidelity International in Dubai. Previously, Rabia was Director of Wealth Management at Elysum Capital Partners and held roles as a Senior Investment Advisor at Emirates NBD, Relationship Manager at Standard Chartered Bank, and Associate in Risk Advisory at Ernst and Young.



Lea Fakhoury ‘18 *(London)*
Having graduated from ACS in 2018, Lea pursued an undergraduate degree in Interior Spatial Design at the University of the Arts London. Lea is currently employed as a Junior Interior Designer at Whitepaper, a design and build company located in Shoreditch, specializing in commercial projects.
Her career aspirations center around becoming a seasoned professional in the field of spatial interiors. Lea is particularly interested in exploring how design can positively impact wellbeing through the skillful integration of colors and materials.



Kaia Haddad ‘20 *(Los Angeles)*

After graduating from ACS in 2020, Kaia continued her education at the University of Southern California, earning a degree in Agriculture in 2023. She further honed her skills with a minor in Computer Programming by 2026. Since May 2024, Kaia has been working as an architectural intern at HKS Inc. in Los Angeles. Her prior internship experience includes stints at Zaha Hadid Architects, Atelier 130, and Gatserelia Design.



Seema Afsh ‘16 *(New York)*

Following her time at ACS, Seema pursued her undergraduate studies at the University of Florida, obtaining a dual degree in Economics and Art History. Subsequently, she furthered her education at New York University where she researched digital media flows in her Master's program. Today, Seema works in intelligence as a Strategy & Insights Consultant in New York City where she advises leading companies in the digital and beauty spaces.



Nadim Ramadan ‘03 *(San Fransisco)*

Nadim, an ACS graduate from 2003, earned his mechanical engineering degrees from Concordia University and later specialized in Thermofluid and Propulsion. He is now a Senior Mechanical Design Engineer at Tesla. His past roles include Senior Design Engineer at Karma Automotive, Battery Pack Mechanical Engineer at Advanced Energy Systems, and Blower Development Engineer at Gentherm Northville. He also has experience with Bombardier Aerospace and Time2Ad.