ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

American Community School Beirut









ACS BEIRUT

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Gifts received after this date will appear in our next Annual Report for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

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 at fhayeck@acs.edu.lb.

Dear ACS Community,

On any given day, ACS is alive with curiosity, discovery, and growth. Whether it's a thought-provoking history discussion around a Harkness Table, a hands-on science experiment in the lab, or a transformative Week Without Walls trip, our students are immersed in dynamic, enriching experiences that define an ACS education.

The pages of this Annual Report reflect the extraordinary commitment and generosity of our community over the past year. We are humbled by the affection you show for ACS—expressed through countless acts of support, from your engagement in school life to your contributions to the Annual Fund and other significant gifts.

Our mission depends on this vital partnership with families, faculty, alumni, and friends. Together, you help us sustain and strengthen every aspect of the ACS experience.

With deep gratitude, we are proud to share this report and to honor the impact of your support.

Warm regards,

Nina Joukowsky Köprülü '79
Chair

Dear ACS Beirut Alumni and Families,

We are grateful to all alumni, families, and friends of ACS who contributed to our fundraising effort in 2025/25. We especially want to thank all who joined the Founders' Circle with gifts of $1,905 or above.

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 was another challenging year, especially given the departure in the fall of many of our international families. 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!

Tom Cangiano
Head of School



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Annual Giving Total

Annual Giving Goal



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1959

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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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Walter Prosser Award



Narzan Duman
Blair Harcourt Award



Haya Chehadeh
Fine Arts Award/Citizenship Award



Yara Maria Chaptini
Citizenship Award/Farah Family Athletic & Leadership Award

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.

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Glow Kids Club
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Amounts Raised

Gala Dinner: **$20,000** towards the Facilities & Capital Projects Fund





Splashfest: **$30,096** towards the Financial Aid Fund





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PC Mother's Day Iftar: **$11,492** towards the Financial Aid Fund





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