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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

EDUCATION PLEDGE CEREMONY

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025



CEREMONY PROGRAM

Graduates' Procession: Entering

Lebanese National Anthem

AUB Alma Mater

Master of Ceremony Ms. Leila Balaa

Associate Chair of Education Department Dr. Tamer Amin

Mamdouha El-Sayed Bobst Dean,

Faculty of Arts and Sciences Dr. Farès El Dahdah

Guest Speaker Her Excellency Minister of Education and
Higher Education **Dr. Rima Karami**

Representative of Graduating Students Ms. Sarah El Zahabi

Pledge Affirmation led by Dr. Amal BouZeineddine

Certificate Distribution

Graduates' Procession: Exiting

GRADUATING STUDENTS

I. BA STUDENTS

Tala Al Hajj Hussein

Lama Al Hajar

Marwa AlHoussami *

Farah Chehab

Sarah El Zahabi **

Lynn Halawi *

Qamar Hanbouz

Noura Hassoun

Farah Khansa

Saleh Safieddine *

Aya Tajideen *

** Graduating with Distinction*

*** Graduating with High Distinction*

II. TEACHING DIPLOMA

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Jana Abou Chakra

Yarah Kanaan

Hiba Malaeb

SECONDARY EDUCATION

TEACHING OF SCIENCES

Halima Barakat

Vera Ibrahim

III. DIPLOMA IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Marwa AlHoussami

Sukaina Al Moussawi

Karen Fadel

Mona Itani

Dana Kahil

Naima Kayal

IV. DIPLOMA IN MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

Mirna Azzam

Ali Dokmak

Lama El Osman

Lynn Halawi

V. GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ONLINE EDUCATION

Khayria Abdeh

Julia Abdelkhalek

Rita Aghvorian

Sara Houssain Fayad

Philip H. Hajj

Jana Jammal

Sanaa Khandaqji

Youssef Nassif

Jouhaina Raydan

Christine Farah Salame

** Graduating with Distinction*

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H.E. DR. RIMA KARAMI

Guest Speaker

Dr. Rima Karami is an Associate Professor of Educational Administration, Policy, and Leadership in the Department of Education at the American University of Beirut (AUB), where she also serves as the program advisor for the Educational Management and Leadership program. She previously served as Chairperson of the Department of Education. She holds a Doctorate in Education from Portland State University with a specialty in [K-12] Educational Administration and Supervision with a focus on school principalship, organizational change and educational policy.

She is the director, and principal investigator of TAMAM project launched in 2007 to initiate school-based reform and research on how to build leadership skills for sustainable schools. The project has partners in 73 schools in 9 Arab countries. TAMAM was one of the recipients of the 2021-2022 UNESCO-HAMDAN prize for teacher development. In 2025, Dr. Karami was appointed Minister of Education and Higher Education in Lebanon.

Dr. Karami has published widely in both international and regional academic journals. She has an extensive experience in advising and consulting for public and private schools throughout Lebanon and the Arab world. She currently serves as Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the Arab Educational Information Network (Shamaa), a member of the Executive Committee of the Taawon Association, and Chair of the Academic Committee on the Board of Trustees of Al-Ahliyah School in Beirut. She is also the coordinator of the education initiative within the Scholar Activists for Impact and Learning (SAIL) for Change Cluster at AUB.

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THE PLEDGE

*I pledge to lead the life of an educator,
To promote moral and academic excellence*

*I pledge to advance a learning environment,
To encourage students to venture, seek and
persevere*

*I pledge to be an instrument of inspiration
To transmit integrity, respect and trust*

*I pledge to dedicate myself to the welfare of my
profession,
To nurture the aspirations of future generations*

Written by
Dr. Amal BouZeineddine, 1999

**THAT
THEY MAY
HAVE LIFE
AND
HAVE IT MORE
ABUNDANTLY!**

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