

Cynthia Ghobril Andrea's Speech  
Director of the Fondation USJ-HDF

Graduation Ceremony of the Faculty of Medicine FM- **Joseph Hajjar Excellence Award**  
**Thursday, July 7, 2022**

Prof. Salim Daccache, Rector of the Saint Joseph University,  
Respected Vice-Rectors, Deans, Directors and Professors,  
Distinguished representatives of « Hajjar Family Fund »  
Dear Young Graduates and Friends,

It is with great pleasure and emotion that I am taking the floor today.  
I would like to congratulate you, for the courage and tenacity you have managed to show despite all the obstacles you faced these past years.  
Mabrouk to all of you, and your loved ones!

I am here this evening to express our deep gratitude to the “Hajjar Family Fund”, represented here today by Dr. Joseph Hajjar. The “Hajjar Family Fund” has been supporting the academic excellence of our medical school graduates for years now, through the **launching of the achievement scholarship Fund-“Joseph Hajjar Excellence Award”**, and **The Hajjar Family Fund subscription scholarship Fund**, also dedicated to the Faculty of Medicine students facing financial problems in these difficult times.

Please allow me once again, to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Hajjar family for their solidarity, generosity and faith in our institution, on behalf of the Fondation USJ, the Dean, and especially on behalf of our young medical graduates, some of who will be receiving, this evening the “Joseph Hajjar Excellence Award” for the best end-of-study thesis.

I would like to ask Dr. Edouard Hajjar to join us on the podium, for the award ceremony, with our Rector, and the Dean of the Faculty Prof. Roland Tomb.

The 5 awardees:

Claudia Chidiac, 1st prize  
Ludovic Saba, 2nd prize  
Mohamad Ibrahim, 3rd prize  
Eddy Saad, 4th prize  
Joy Anthony Taoutel, 5th prize