



## **President's speech**

### **Closing ceremony of the WASIP-LEB project**

**June 11, 2024**

Good afternoon,

Ms. Julie Southfield, USAID Head of Mission, Distinguished Guests,

It is a great pleasure to have you here today at USEK for the closing ceremony of a remarkable journey—the WATER & Sanitation Internship Program, known as WASIP-LEB. This transformative initiative by the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK) and funded by USAID through the Water Sanitation and Conservation project, has been an example of hope and innovation in the sector of water and sanitation.

The WASIP-LEB project has empowered our students and graduates by equipping them with essential skills in water and sanitation, opening doors to promising careers. This initiative is a step towards a sustainable future, fostering a new generation of experts in water management who can find innovative solutions for water-related problems in Lebanon.



I'd like to extend my deepest appreciation to everyone who has contributed to the success of this program. To USAID, your generosity and vision have made this initiative possible. Your efforts have made a lasting impact on our community and our environment. Let us continue to work together, guided by the principles of collaboration, innovation, and sustainability.

I would like to thank also our faculty and staff who were implementing and overseeing the project, your excellent work is exemplary!

And to our interns, congratulations on your outstanding achievements. Throughout this program, you have not only honed your skills in water and sanitation but also demonstrated resilience, dedication, and a commitment to excellence. You have applied your classroom knowledge to real-world challenges, bringing fresh ideas and energy into the organizations you served. May your journey forward be filled with success, purpose, and commitment to making a difference in the world.

Finally, this project is a live example of USEK commitment to sustainability and to creating a positive impact in the society; by joining our efforts, we can continue to create a positive impact in our community, and we continue to make a difference in the society at large.

Thank you.