

## **Meet the class representatives for Academic Year 2023-2024**

### **Nour Chidiac – P4 Class Representative**

Nour Chidiac is currently a professional year 4 (P4) student pharmacist at the Lebanese American University (LAU) School of Pharmacy, PharmD Class of 2024. She graduated in Spring 2023 with a B.S. in Pharmacy with High Distinction and is the recipient of the President Award as well as the Sarah Khatib Inspiration Award for the academic year 2022-2023. She is currently serving as a P4 Class Representative for the Fall 2023 Cohort.

Nour held leadership positions in several pharmacy student organizations. She served as the Lebanese Pharmacy Students' Association (LPSA)'s Media and Publications Chairperson during the 2022-2023 mandate. During the 2022-2023 academic year, she also served as the Vice President of the "No Apathy Pharmacy and Health Awareness Student Society" Pharmacy Club and as the Chairperson of the Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) Newsletter Committee, in which she was a member (designer, writer and editor) since 2020, at the Lebanese American University. Nour was a member of the training and educational development team in LAU's Simulation Models, particular the Global Classroom Model United Nations (GC LAU MUN), from 2020 till 2023. She is currently serving as a member of LAU's School of Pharmacy's Students Curriculum Subcommittee. Nour has also been a member of the Red Cross Youth Sector – Jbeil Center since 2021. She cannot wait to see what life has to offer, and is open to any opportunity to interact with patients and improve patient care in Lebanon or abroad.



### **Jad Samaha – P4 Class Representative**

Jad Samaha is currently a professional year 4 (P4) student pharmacist at the Lebanese American University (LAU) School of Pharmacy, PharmD Class of 2024. He graduated in Spring 2022 with a B.S. in pharmacy with honors. Jad is serving as the P4 class representative for the academic year 2023-2024. Besides his coursework, Jad enjoys watching and playing football, traveling, discovering new cultures, and learning new languages. As a matter of fact, he lived in four different locations across North America in less than a year. Upon graduation, Jad is open to any opportunities in Lebanon, the United States and Canada with an aim to improve patient care.



### **Mariane Bazzi – P4 Class Representative**

Mariane Bazzi is currently a professional year 4 (P4) student pharmacist at the Lebanese American University (LAU) School of Pharmacy, B.S. in Pharmacy Class 2023. Mariane has been serving as class representative for her fourth consecutive academic year. She loves music, and enjoys singing as a hobby. Mariane actively strives to leave the world a better place by advocating for those around her, and volunteering in her free time. She is also an active member of the NAPHASS club and LPSA.



### **Maria Sarah Merhej – P4 Class Representative**

Maria Sarah Merhej is currently a professional year 4 (P4) student pharmacist at the Lebanese American University (LAU) School of Pharmacy, PharmD Class of 2024. Maria is serving as a Class Representative for the UNMC Spring Cohort throughout the Academic Year of 2023-2024. During her free time, Maria likes to go on hikes and explore new places. Maria understands the responsibility that comes with the PharmD program, to serve as a trusted healthcare professional, making an important difference in patients' lives. She will be travelling to Omaha in Spring 2024 to complete her second PharmD semester at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

She is also an active member of the NAPHASS club and the CCA committee.



### **Marc Anlian – P3 Class Representative**

Marc Anlian is currently a professional year 3 (P3) student pharmacist at the Lebanese American University (LAU) School of Pharmacy, B.S. in Pharmacy Class 2024. Marc is serving as class representative for his third time, for the academic year 2023-2024. Marc has served as president for the NAPHASS club in the academic year 2022-2023, and is currently serving in the Student Advisory Committee to the Dean (StAdCo).

In his free time, Marc is a classically trained pianist holding a diploma in Piano Performance. He thoroughly enjoys teaching and performing. His hobbies also include swimming, reading, and creative writing, the reason why he decided to join the LAU SOP co-curriculum Newsletter subcommittee as both writer and designer. Marc's volunteering experience extends to his involvement with the non-governmental organization Paracetamour, where he mainly serves as a tutor for the Academy initiative, as well as with the UN Global Compact, as an Ambassador of Change for the Sustainable Development Goals through the Brain Lab program. Upon graduation, Marc plans to pursue a career in Industrial Pharmacy, to nurture his inquisitive mind and love for teamwork.



### **Yara Stephan – P3 Class Representative**

Yara Stephan is a professional year 3 student currently serving as class representative for the academic year 2023-2024 at the LAU School of Pharmacy. She also served previously in the academic year 2021-2022 in her professional year 1 as class representative. She held the position of treasurer for NAPHASS club during the Academic Year 2021-2022. She's a member of the LPSA "Lebanese Pharmacy Students Association" and a member of the CCA "Co-Curricular Activities" committee in the School Of Pharmacy.

Yara is currently working as a part time employee in a community pharmacy to develop her skills, gain experience, and serve the community. On the side, Yara loves sports, and music: she has been dancing and playing the piano for 10 years.

Yara likes to volunteer with Crush Kancer NGO, Mariam Foundation NGO, and Saint Paul Charity Mission.

Upon graduation, Yara is looking forward to pursue a PharmD degree to hone her clinical skills, and continue her masters in cosmetology as she's passionate about this topic.



## **Melissa Bou Zeid – P2 Class Representative**

Melissa Bou Zeid is currently a professional year 2 (P2) student pharmacist at the Lebanese American University (LAU) School of Pharmacy, B.S. in Pharmacy Class 2025. She is serving for the first time as P2 class representative for the academic year 2023-2024. In the life of Melissa, tutoring, hiking, and trying new restaurants have been the vibrant colors that have painted her world. As Melissa continued to tutor, hike, and explore new restaurants, she discovered that these three passions were interconnected, all being done with the same purpose: knowledge. Melissa is an active member of the LAU NAPHASS CLUB and a recent member of the Rotaract Club. Melissa was a MEPI student during her second pre-professional year and published her own article in Al Raida journal, titled "Influence of quotas on promoting women in the decision-making process". Upon graduation, Melissa aims to earn both a PharmD and a Masters degree (in cosmetics and cosmetology). She then aims to launch her own brand of beauty products and she wants to serve as a clinical pharmacist to help improve the patient care and quality of pharmaceutical counseling and services.



### **Abdo M. El Hayek – P2 Class Representative**

Abdo El Hayek is currently a professional year 2 (P2) student pharmacist at the Lebanese American University (LAU) School of Pharmacy, B.S. in Pharmacy Class 2025. Abdo has been serving as class representative for his second consecutive academic year. His passion for community service led him to volunteer with Caritas and he has been mentoring underprivileged students and refugees for three years now. Abdo is an active member of the CCA committee and was the secretary of the Pharmacy Education Subcommittee for AY 2022-2023. He is also giving tutoring sessions for the Microbiology course during Fall 2023. Upon graduation, Abdo aims to earn the PharmD degree and then pursue a career as a clinical pharmacist serving the community and providing patient-centered care.





### **Ayah M. El Kurdy – P1 Class Representative**

Ayah El Kurdy is currently a professional year 1 (P1) student pharmacist at the Lebanese American University (LAU) School of Pharmacy, B.S. in Pharmacy Class 2026. Ayah is serving as P1 class representative for the academic year 2023-2024. Ayah enjoys reading scientific articles to enhance her knowledge in the medical field and she likes to listen to music in her free time. Ayah is an active member of the LAU NAPHASS club, and she enjoys volunteering in various events. She has also volunteered with the MMKN NGO as a chemistry teacher, where she has taught grade nine students in different Lebanese official schools. Upon graduation, Ayah aims to pursue her PharmD degree to further develop her clinical skills and work as a clinical pharmacist serving the community with the highest standards of ethics, professionalism, and integrity.



## Lana Saliba – P1 Class Representative

Lana Saliba is a professional year 1 student currently serving as class representative at the LAU School of Pharmacy. She held the position of treasurer for NAPHASS club during the Academic Year 2022-2023.

Lana is a driven changemaker — it is with this mindset that she chose to practice, as early as prepharmacy year 1, in the community setting in her hometown of Jbeil. Lana is very passionate about table tennis and volleyball. Upon graduation Lana is looking forward to pursue a career in Industrial Pharmacy.

