

## Our Team



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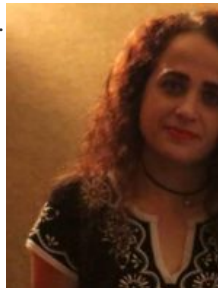
Claudia Kozman, PhD. Research Director Assistant professor of Multimedia Journalism in the Department of Communication Arts. Her research primarily focuses on news content, with particular attention to news values, sourcing, framing, and intermedia issue transfer in Arab media.



Sarah Mallat, MA Digital Squad Instructor of media studies and affiliated researcher at the Lebanese American University and the American University of Beirut. As an educator, she specializes in digital and media literacy.



Samer Beyhum, BA Digital Squad Lebanese-Canadian award winning filmmaker, LAU alumnus and Co-founder of 99media.org. Samer has over 20 years of experience in all aspects of production and post-production, on a technical and creative level.



Annie Tabakian, MA Received her B.A in communication arts from the Lebanese American University and M.A in film and video studies from Université Saint-Esprit De Kaslik. Annie is described as a technology devotee, cinephile, Beatles-fan, and a social media freak.



Fouad Anka Theater Technician Senior Theater Technician at the Department of Communication Arts in the Lebanese American University. Fouad operates light and sound equipment, along with video/film projectors.



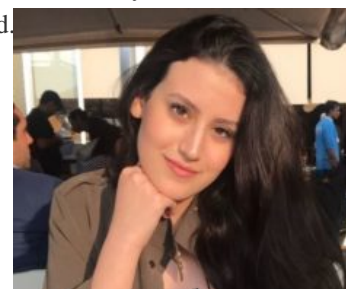
Rana Tabbara Website editor / Digital Squad A student perusing her B.A in multimedia journalism at the Lebanese American University. Rana received the Highest GPA award in multimedia journalism for the year 2018, along with the Best Community Service award and a Project Fund award from LAU.



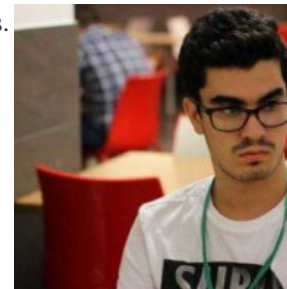
Mohammad Gameel Digital Squad Received his M.A. in journalism and mass communication from the American University in Cairo, where he continues to work as a journalism instructor. Currently, Mohammad is pursuing his second M.A. in middle eastern studies.



Ahmad Karakira Digital Squad A student pursuing his B.A in multimedia journalism at the Lebanese American University. Ahmad is currently working with Daraj media in a sports focused program and wishes to continue his M.A. in that field.



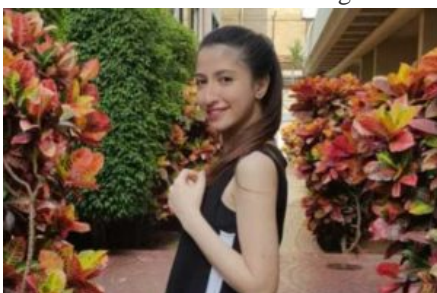
Noura Fayad Digital Squad A student pursuing her B.A. in communication at the Lebanese American University. In her high school years, Noura was a speaker at the THIMUN Qatar and the Qatar Leadership Conference for two consecutive years.



Joey Badr Technical Stage Director A television and film student minoring in advertising and PR at the Lebanese American University. Joey underwent many internships in production houses and production departments at television stations.



Dima Fayyad PR and Events A student majoring in communication at the Lebanese American University, with a minor in PR and advertising. Dima worked as a Tele-Marketing Executive Part Timer at InfoPro, where she was responsible of renewing magazine subscriptions.



Rawane Itani PR and Events A student pursuing her B.A. in communication at the Lebanese American University. During her first year, Rawane worked on "Maram," a successful campaign among LAU students. Rawane is passionate for playing the guitar and singing; she performs occasionally on events.



Manal Makkieh PR and Events A social work student at the Lebanese American University. Manal works as a Public Relations Officer at the Model Arab League, a research assistant at the Challenge program, and a Field Work Staff at Forcier Consulting. She is currently publishing her first book



Maria Al Khoury Social MediaA student majoring in multimedia journalism at the Lebanese American University. Maria assists in various events in the Department of Communication Arts. She is working as a social media assistant in MDLAB 2018.



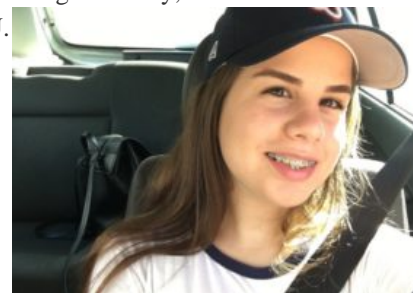
Sally FarhatPress Team / Social MediaA student majoring in multimedia journalism and communication at the Lebanese American University. Sally is currently NAYA's Editor and a Correspondent at Annahar English. She is also the Assistant Editor of LAU's Connections Magazine.



Mira MatarPress Team / Social MediaA multimedia journalism graduate, currently pursuing her master's degree in international affairs at the Lebanese American University. She writes for MTV's website and is a social media manager at the Institute for Social Justice and Conflict Resolution.



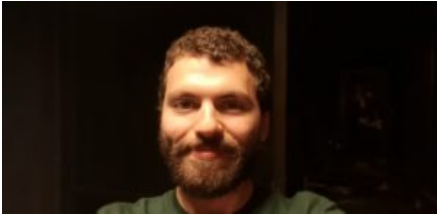
Kafa KhalilPress TeamA multimedia journalism graduated from the Lebanese American University. During her study, Kafa interned at Annahar for two consecutive months. She is also a winner of a Volunteering award at LAU.



Yasmine DarwishProduction TeamJust completed her first year in Business Management at the Lebanese American University, she is also minoring in audiovisual production. Yasmine volunteers as a photographer for various NGOs and will be the camera operator for the MDLAB 2018 Media Team.



**Karim Fayad Production Team** Once a computer science major, Karim switched to TV and film to pursue his passion. Karim aspires to tell impactful stories in beautiful ways and will be directing the Livestream team at MDLAB 2018.



**Mohamad Tarek Majdoub Production Team** Mohamad Tarek is an aspiring filmmaker who believes that life is told through stories, whether they be true or fiction. Already a holder of a Bachelor's degree in Physics from the University of McGill, he is now starting his second year majoring in TV and Film at LAU. Tarek will be the interviewer for the MDLAB 2018's Media Team.