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President's Message – Serge Haddad
Leadership through Academic and Professional Development

June 1st marks the beginning of the 2009-10 fiscal year. Two years since its inception, the LCN continues to serve students and alumni academically and professionally. I want to reemphasize this purpose by focusing on the phrase “Leadership through Academic and Professional Development” in our Mission statement. These six words embody the ideology of the board and our interaction with the membership. We believe in the development of leaders for the betterment of our Lebanese-American community.

I want to thank my predecessor Patrick Sislian for setting the example as President. Under his leadership, we turned a dream into a reality. I know his LCN service will never cease. I also want to thank Ramzi Nasr, whose service as LCN Secretary and his ability to befriend all has raised the standard for professionalism in the Lebanese-American community. Please review a part of his extensive contribution here <http://mylcn.org/meetings.php>. I look forward to the board appointing Patrick as the new Alumni Chair and Ramzi as the new Trust Fund Chair. I can't think of two more qualified people to take on these challenging roles. *However, they can't do it without your help and your active participation is encouraged.*

I also want to welcome our newest officers to the LCN family, Rami Haddad and Thalia Jarjour. I met Rami for the first time in Washington, DC during the LCN'08 Convention. At that time, he was President of the very active and very successful Oakland University Lebanese Club. He grew to be one of LCN's biggest supporters. His enthusiasm and motivation to excel and his attention to detail will be crucial to serving the membership during his term as Vice President of Public Relations. Our youngest board member, Thalia, will be spearheading my previous post as Vice President of Events. Her University Lebanese Club at UC Santa Barbara, won the 2010 application to host the LCN'10 Convention on March 26-28. Her experience in event organization is unmatched. I've had the privilege of visiting her on-campus events and each time I am blown away by the organization, entertainment and attendance.

If you visit our bio webpage, you should recognize some familiar faces: Sevag Sislian, new Treasurer, will focus on a new budgetary processes to meet the growing needs of a growing organization, Karim Khoury will continue to enhance your LCN web experience, Diana Ayoub will recruit more diverse members, and Lara Saikali will keep us organized and efficient as the new Secretary. So rest assured LCN membership, you are definitely in good hands with this 09-10 Executive Board. Please learn about each board member's individual goals at <http://mylcn.org/mission>. We are committed to deliver on all the listed goals by this fiscal year.

I am very proud to be a part of this family of brothers and sisters. We promise to lead by example, to provide *Leadership through Academic and Professional Development*. Nothing is impossible when you have the collaboration of a great team and the commitment to make a positive difference. I look forward to serving them and you as President of the Lebanese Collegiate Network.

Keep bleeding LCN!

Serge Haddad
President
Lebanese Collegiate Network