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BALAMAND
OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT IN SUSTAINABILITY

THE UOB EXPERIENCE





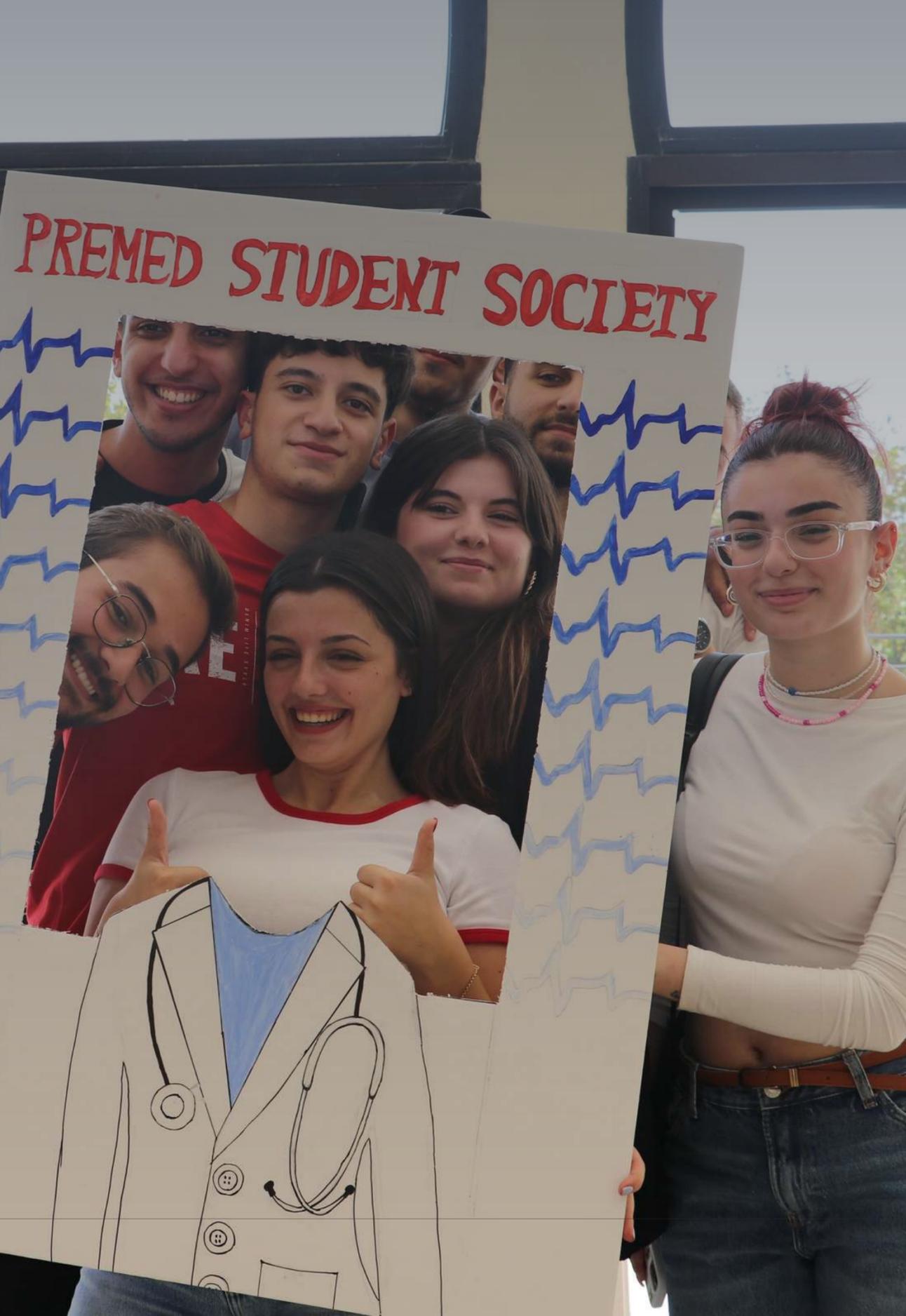
SUSTAINABILITY AT UOB

UOB is committed to promoting an equitable world for all through a long-term road map.

The university aims to foster a culture of sustainability and promote environmental-friendly practices.

UOB's Sustainability and Climate Action Plan guides its commitment to sustainability and social inclusion, following the UN's principle of "Leaving no one behind".

UOB President, Dr. Elias Warrak, is a council member of the UN Global Compact and echoes the ambitions of the UN SDG's framework on campus.



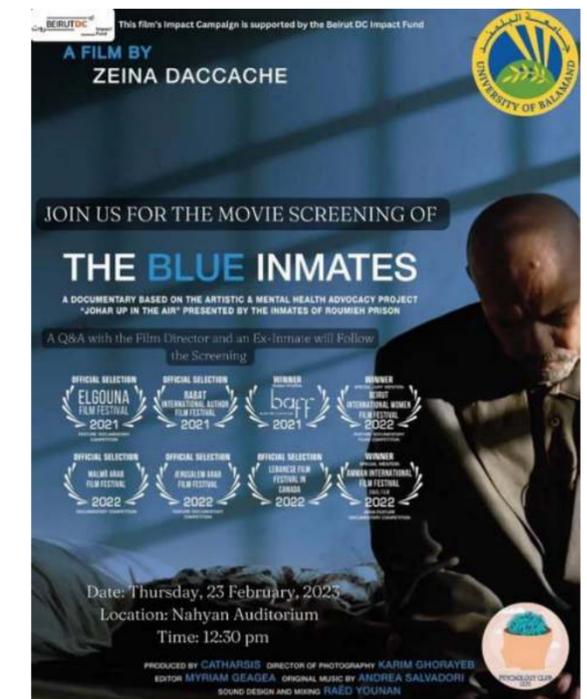
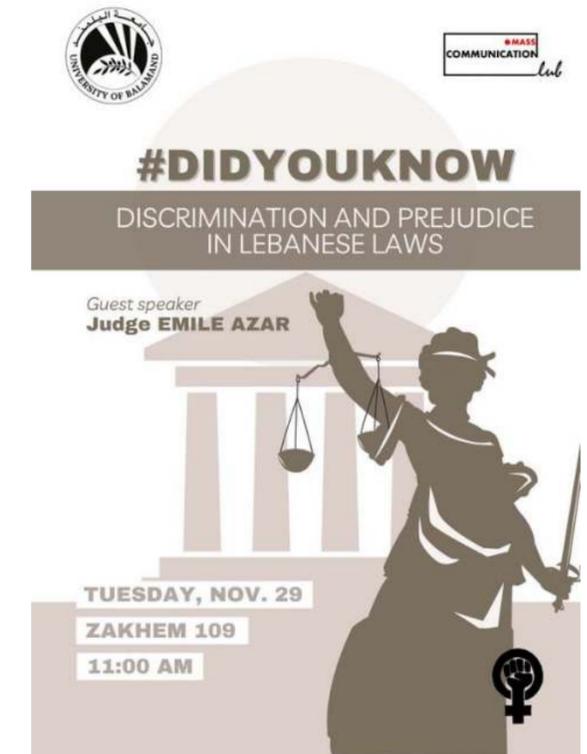
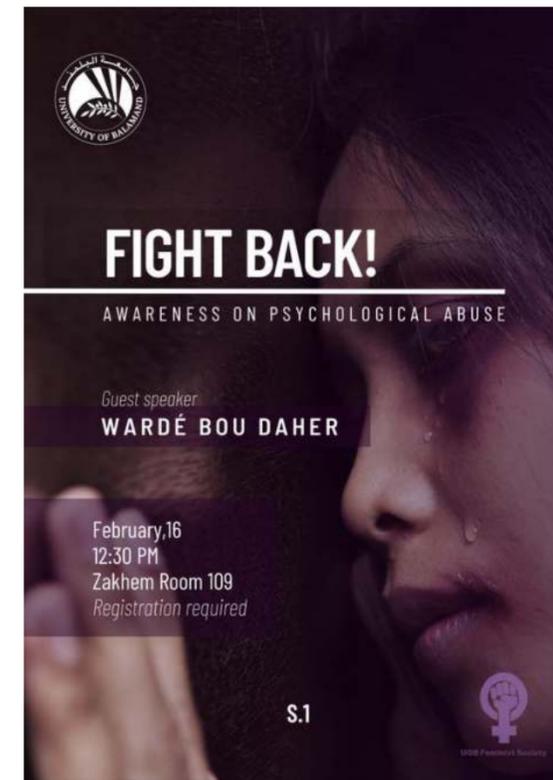
EQUITY DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

The University of Balamand's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) policy, established in April 2023, applies to students, faculty, staff, and leadership across all campuses. It emphasizes equality, fairness, and human dignity, ensuring that no individual is discriminated against based on religion, nationality, race, age, gender identity, or socio-economic status. The policy also promotes equal access to academic resources, support services, and professional development opportunities. In alignment with this policy, UOB's Office of Student Affairs, through its Campus Life Division, encourages student organizations to host activities and events that raise awareness about EDI, fostering a more inclusive and supportive campus environment

EDI THROUGH CLUB ORGANIZATIONS

More than 20 events that focused on SDGs 5 & 10 were organized by our most leading clubs in these subjects:

- Embracing Neurodiveristy
- A Walk in My shoes
- Let's Discuss the F(eminism) Word
- Rallying for Human Rights
- The Women Circle
- and many more



OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS & PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

SUBSTANCE ABUSE WORKSHOP

This full-day workshop, led by CDLL (Cénacle De La Lumière), aimed to educate attendees on addiction and provide support strategies. Participants from all UOB campuses, including students, faculty, and staff, explored substance abuse topics such as drug types, usage patterns, and its impact on individuals and communities. The workshop also addressed common misconceptions and offered approaches to help those at risk or struggling with addiction.





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THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING
AS PART OF THE ENGINEERING SEMINAR SERIES & ENGINEERING WEEK

Cordially invites you to attend

**ZERO WASTE IS NOT SCIENCE
FICTION**

with

Eng. Ziad Abi Shaker
Chief Executive Officer, Cedar Environmental L.L.C

April 4, 12:30 PM
Nahyan Auditorium



**The Career Services Center
with The Faculty of Business
and Management**

**LET'S TALK JOB
SEARCH STRATEGY**

with **Miryam Abchi**
Job Search Strategy Consultant

Thursday, February 1, 2024
At 12:30 PM
Online via WebEx

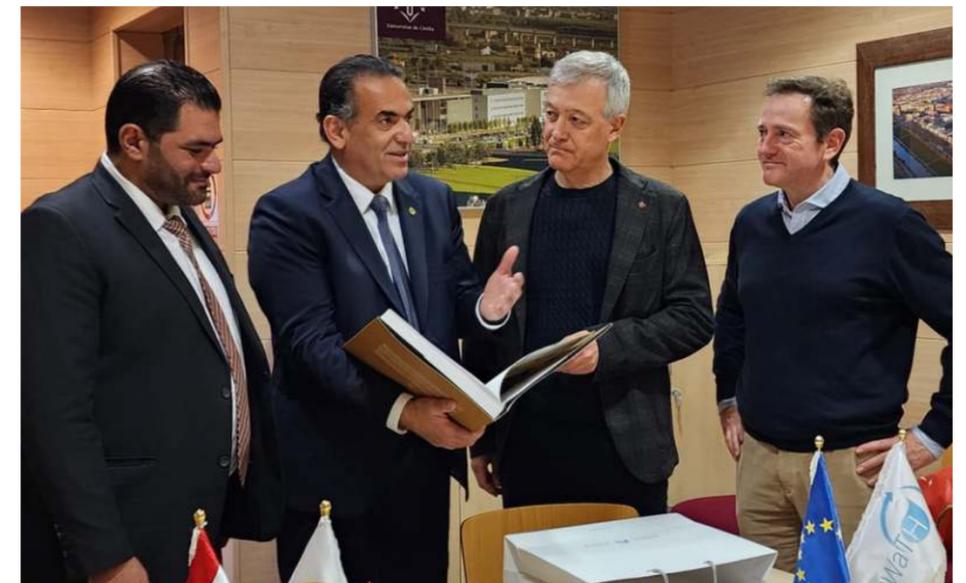
SEMINAR SERIES

Most faculties at the university operate a periodic seminar series where leading guests from the respective fields are invited to share insights and expertise. Typically, sustainability is a recurring theme. Student Clubs and societies typically contribute to these series by inviting guests and help organize the activities.



SWaTH AT UOB

The SWaTH project promotes sustainable wastewater treatment for hospitals, aiming to improve practices in Lebanon through collaboration with European institutions. Students at UOB are actively involved in the project through educational workshops, seminars, interactive activities like those held during the yearly Erasmus Days or international holidays such as World Water Day. Students also have the opportunity to participate in transfer programs across Europe. These activities and benefits help students gain practical insights into wastewater treatment and sustainability efforts.



Lebanese Medical Students' International Committee
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SCORP
Human Rights & Peace

FMC
Free Medical Campaign
حملة طبية مجانية

UNIVERSITY OF
BALAMAND بالتعاون مع

بلدية سن الفيل ١٩ و ٢٠ آذار

- ✓ حضور أطباء اختصاصيين في كافة المجالات
- ✓ تأمين فحوصات طبية و أدوية مجانية عند الحاجة
- ✓ تسهيل المتابعة الطبية للمرضى ما بعد الحملة
- ✓ مشاركة طلاب جامعيين من مختلف المجالات الطبية

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FREE MEDICAL CAMPAIGN

The University of Balamand (UOB) proudly serves as a major sponsor for the annual free medical campaign organized by the Lebanese Medical Students' International Committee (LeMSIC). This initiative, organized by future healthcare professionals, provides essential medical services at no cost to communities across Lebanon. UOB's sponsorship reflects its commitment to supporting health and well-being and fostering educational opportunities for medical students, aligning with the university's mission to promote positive social impact and community engagement.



1MAP INITIATIVE



The "Youth Perspectives Through 1 Million Postcards," or 1MAP for short, was developed in response to the UN Gamechangers Challenge. The goal of the 1MAP initiative is to gather 1 million postcards from local communities, where people have expressed their ideas, solutions, and aspirations related to water.



IN THE NEWS



University of Balamand Hosts Open Health Day at Dekwaneh Campus

The University of Balamand's Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) successfully organized its first Open Health Day at the Dekwaneh Campus. This collaborative event, held in partnership with the Mount Lebanon Hospital University Medical Center (MLHUMC) and supported by the Dekwaneh Municipality...



Engineering Week 2024 at UOB: Uplifting Innovation and Sustainability

The Faculty of Engineering (FOE) under the University of Balamand (UOB) launched its annual Engineering Week 2024 with great enthusiasm on the 2nd of April, organizing a series of events aimed at fostering innovation, collaboration, sustainability, and technological advancement.

IN THE NEWS



UOB Students Appointed as SDG Ambassadors in Brain Lab Accelerator Program

Luna Mhanna (Environmental Sciences), Lynn Zouein (Graphic Design), and Karl Moukheiber (Graphic Design), students from the University of Balamand (UOB), have been appointed as SDG Ambassadors for the 2024-2025 academic year as part of the Brain Lab accelerator program.



The University of Balamand Hosts SDG Day

As per the directives of Dr. Elias Warrak, UOB President and council member at UN Global Compact Network Lebanon, the University of Balamand hosted an informative session on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on July 12, 2024 at the UOB main campus.

IN THE NEWS



UOB Student Joudi el Homsy Wins Prize in "Dreaming Lebanon" Contest

Joudi El Homsy, student at UOB majoring in Languages and Translation at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, was honored with the second Prize in the Short Story Writing and Photography Contest within the "Dreaming Lebanon" competition, centered around "The Hidden Gardens of Beirut."



Mabelle Wehbe, UOB Chemical Engineering Graduate, Accepted into the Prestigious 2024 MEPI Student Leaders Program in USA

Mabelle Wehbe, a distinguished Chemical Engineering Graduate from the Faculty of Engineering (FOE), has been accepted into the prestigious 2024 Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Student Leaders Program (SLP) for the academic year 2024-2025.

IN THE NEWS



UOB Students Participated in RAWMEC 2024

Students from the University of Balamand, Issam Fares Faculty of Technology, Souk El Ghareb Campus, participated in RAWMEC 2024 (Recycling and Waste Management Exhibitions and Conferences) held at the Hilton Metropolitan Palace in Beirut.



FOBM Students Win 1st Prize at the IBDA 2024 Competition

The University of Balamand (UOB) would like to congratulate the Faculty of Business and Management (FOBM) students for winning the first prize in AUB's IBDA 2024 competition (Business Planning and Recovery category) on the 25th of April 2025.



SUSTAINABILITY AT STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS LEVEL

ALIGNMENT WITH SDGS

Yearly, at the beginning of the Fall Semester, in an all-clubs meeting student organizations are encouraged to align their yearly plan with sustainability goals. Accordingly, potential for collabs between organizations is discussed.

SUSTAINABILITY CLUBS

More than 28% of our clubs have mission statements directly related to Sustainability and SDGs. These include the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE), the Eco Club, the Go Green Club, and many others.

CAMPUS WIDE INITIATIVES

Several campus wide initiatives on campus promote SDG goals and contribute to UOB's overall mission in achieving sustainability goals.

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS OPERATIONS



A smartphone mockup with a white screen and a blue border. At the top, the time "12:30" is displayed in large blue font, with "OSA Social Media" below it. Below the time are four social media links, each in a grey rounded rectangle: 1. OSA logo with the text "Hey! Follow us on social media". 2. Instagram icon with the handle "@osauob" and the text "who you might know is now on Instagram". 3. Facebook icon with the text "You have a new friend suggestion: UOB-Office of Student Affairs". 4. A QR code with the text "OSA Linktree Scan Me!".

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**CAMPUSES
ACROSS LEBANON**

78

**UOB STUDENT
CLUBS & SOCIETIES**

160+

**EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
PER ACADEMIC YEAR**

200+

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
WITH A FOCUS ON SDGS
SINCE 2022

PROMINENT SDGS PER EVENTS



137



61



40

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Students engage in diverse types of activities through UOB student-led Clubs and Societies. These include:

- Fundraising Activities
- Donation Drives
- Blood Donation Drives
- Awareness Sessions
- Awareness Booths on Campus
- Educational Lectures
- Hands-on Workshops
- Collabs with local and Intl. NGOs
- Performing Arts Events





COLLECTIVE WELL-BEING

UOB fosters a supportive environment for good health and well-being through diverse campus events, blending entertainment and education. Leading the charge are student organizations such as the Nursing Student Society, Psychology Club, and Medical Students Society, among others. These groups regularly host activities aimed at promoting mental and physical health, creating opportunities for students to engage, learn, and unwind. Through these initiatives, UOB encourages a balanced and healthy campus life, where well-being is prioritized alongside academic and personal growth.



EDUCATIONAL & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

UOB promotes educational and professional development through a variety of campus events that connect students with industry insights and career growth opportunities. Student organizations such as the Business Connections Club, Engineering Clubs, Developers Club, and others regularly organize workshops, networking events, and seminars to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed for future success. Through these initiatives, UOB creates a dynamic environment where students can build professional networks, enhance their expertise, and prepare for their careers.



MUSIC & CULTURE AT UOB

UOB fosters a vibrant performing arts and cultural scene that plays a vital role in promoting an engaging campus environment and student experience. Regular music performances, theater plays, concerts, and cultural events are organized by UOB Student Organizations mainly the UOB Oriental Choir, Theater Club, Music Club, UOB Club for UNESCO and many more. Through these activities, students are provided with creative outlets to express themselves and showcase their heritage in various forms. This not only enhances the cultural life of the university but also promotes collaborations, diversity, and a sense of community among students.



THEMATIC EVENTS



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CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION DAY

The 1st Creativity and Innovation Day at the University of Balamand was a collaborative effort between ALBA Koura and the Office of Student Affairs and showcased the incredible talent of our community. The event featured 26 workshops, 21 clubs, and 14 small businesses from the UOB community. The aim of this international UN event was to showcase how creativity and innovation contribute to our overall human development.



THEMATIC EVENTS

ANNUAL ENGINEERING WEEK

For the past three years, UOB student clubs, supported by the Faculty of Engineering (FOE), the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), and the SWaTH Project, have celebrated Engineering Week. The event highlights innovation through workshops and activities, with sustainability as a key theme, emphasizing environmentally conscious, sustainable, and innovative engineering practices.



THEMATIC EVENTS

ANNUAL PREMEDICAL WEEK

For the past three years, UOB student clubs, supported by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS), the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), and the Faculty of Medicine (FOM), have organized the PreMed Week. This event offers education and skill-building activities, focusing on the medical profession's professional, cultural, social, and environmental aspects, providing students with a well-rounded preparation for their future careers.



THEMATIC EVENTS

ECO CLUB ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

The club raises awareness on environmental issues and the urgency of protecting nature. They participate in university events, climate action conferences, and collaborate with NGOs sharing their vision. Key initiatives include the annual Earth Day celebration and the Sustainable Transportation Initiative, a collaborative project proposing a more eco-friendly transportation system for the campus.





UOB COUNSELING CENTER

MISSION STATEMENT

The Counseling Center at the University of Balamand is committed to providing a broad range of high-quality services that address the social, educational and emotional development needs of its students. Mental health is a crucial aspect in every student's academic and social life; we are here to offer our students the support they need when facing any emotional obstacle. As student campus-life is an opportunity to grow, the counseling center will constantly seek to ensure that students receive the necessary guidance in exploring the university experience in order to discover the better person in them.

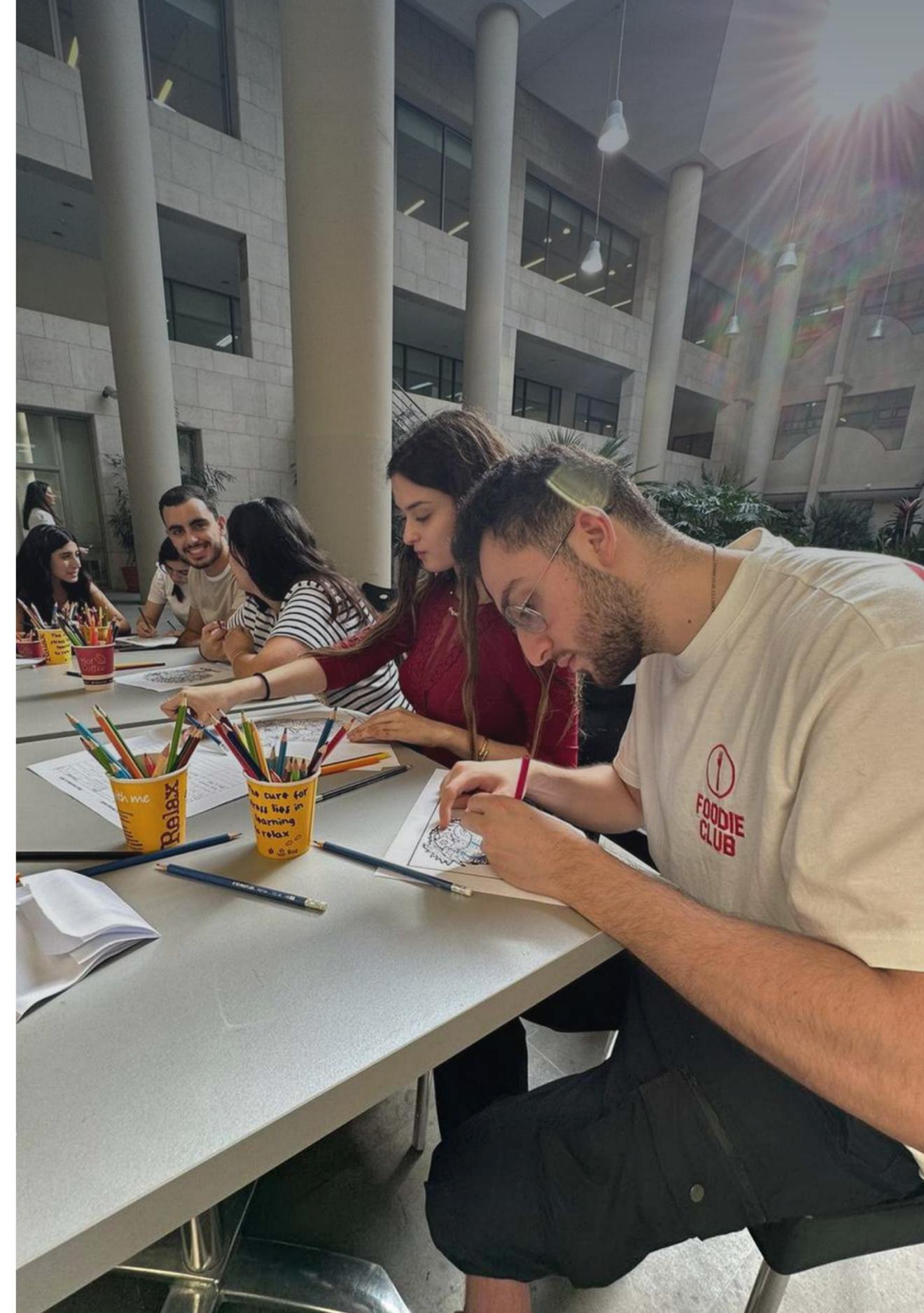
COUNSELING CENTER SERVICES

- Student Counseling
- Self-help Resources
- Support & Focus Groups
- Hosting Motivational Speakers

UOB COUNSELING CENTER

COLOR YOUR STRESS AWAY

Color your Stress Away is one of the UOB Counseling Center's most popular activity. It brings students together in an activity made for them to unleash their creativity through the simple means of coloring mandalas. Whilst in the activity, students are given tips to relax, breath well, and ground themselves in the activity. The OB Counselors are always on sight to interact with the students, introduce them to the center's services, and offer assistance wherever needed.



UOB COUNSELING CENTER

ART THERAPY EVENT

This activity promotes mental well-being through a series of art-based exercises designed to engage and relax participants. It begins with icebreaker activities that encourage students to connect with their peers, followed by creative exercises focused on self-expression. The event concludes with a reflective session where students share their experiences, ending with a calming "Color Your Stress Away" activity, allowing participants to unwind and de-stress through art.

