

End of Years Exhibition 2011: Save As

By Fr. Walid Moussa, President

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Dear Present,

What we are assisting today is what academically usually falls under learning outcome. However, I would say what is exhibited is more than learning, it is rather an education outcome.

You students with your faculty members are sharing with us what you have been able to achieve. It is a moment of pride to all of us to see your achievements.

It is your responsibility to disclose the beauty of the world we live in. I'm not an artist, however, I appreciate artistic work; and like many others, I enjoy the beautiful. That's what we expect from the artists. People like me associate art with beauty and ethics. The beauty of your work is an expression of your inner beauty. Your inner spirit is what distinguishes you, it is disclosed in your touch. What is expressed in tangible and physical aspect is a reflection of your inner personality and ethics.

Keep your hearts burning and your minds shining. It is there where creativity find itself. They are the optimal conditions for creativity to stay alive. How will you be people of art, if creativity doesn't invade you?

Remember that you are not the first artists, and you will not be the last, however, you are and you will always be *unique*. We want your *uniqueness*! That is what

you need to nurture. You have received from your faculty members the “how” to identify and show your uniqueness, but it is your turn to explore the “what” of that uniqueness.

Dear students, my sincere and best wishes to you all, my profound congratulations to your families, my appreciation and thankfulness to your faculty members and to the academic administration of your Faculty of Architecture, Art, and Design.

Last but not least, my deep gratitude to our keynote speaker at this event, Mr. Elie Khoury for his continuous support to NDU.

Congratulations.