



WINTER 2026

BHS OSA Newsletter

“Our mission is to promote, support, and protect the interests and welfare of our school and make it thrive”.

A Message from the OSA President

Dear OSA Community,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and in good health during these challenging times.

As we launch the first Old Scholars Association (OSA) Newsletter of 2026, we do so amid global uncertainty.

While we carefully considered postponing, we chose to move forward, because in difficult moments, staying connected matters more than ever.

Our thoughts are with all members of our community facing hardship, including the broader BHS family of students, staff, parents, and Old Scholars.

It is in this spirit that I welcome you to our first quarterly newsletter. Through it, we will share updates on our work, progress, and collective efforts.

The OSA has united generations of BHS Old Scholars committed to giving back. Seven years ago, we launched the Fundraising and Financial Aid Departments to further support this mission.

Since then, we have assisted 535 students and contributed to numerous school development initiatives, while safeguarding the long-term interests and values of BHS.

While we work closely with BHS, the OSA remains an independent entity with a clear mission and vision. We do this by connecting Old Scholars globally, mobilizing support, and building initiatives that benefit future generations.

Thank you for your continued support.

I Serve,
Riad Barraaj



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Meet The OSA Team

We're the team behind the emails in your inbox and the friendly calls you get a bit too often, all working to support students and the future of BHS.

Serene Musallam Farah, *General Manager*
Makes sure everything runs smoothly.

Nadine Akkaoui, *Fundraising Manager*
Builds donor relationships around the world.

Rosie Zeinoun, *Fundraising Development Manager*
Develops strategies for fundraising initiatives.

Nadine Abdel Khalek, *Financial Aid Officer*
Ensures students receive the appropriate financial support.

Yara Shaaya, *Community & Membership Officer*
Keeps our worldwide Old Scholars community informed.



OSA Administrative Committee Elections 2025



The Administrative Committee For 2025-2028 are:

Riad Barraaj '70 - President
Edmond Goraieb '88 - Vice President
Emily Kanaan Salem '82 - Treasurer
Rana Sawaya '87 - Secretary

Members: Samir Halawi '63,
Tarek Baajour '66, George Obeid '78,
Jocelyne Kordahi '88, Shadi Assal '97,
Nicole Abu Jawdeh '97

The General Assembly of the BHS OSA was successfully held on Friday, May 30, 2025, at 5:00 pm, in accordance with our Association's bylaws and the governing laws and procedures regulating associations in Lebanon.

We extend our warmest appreciation to the former OSA Administrative Committee, led by Mr. Nazih Khattar '66, for their tireless service to the Association from 2018 to 2025.

As the newly elected Committee (2025-2028), we are committed to continuing this important work, serving the community, and keeping the torch of the OSA burning brightly for years to come. Our heartfelt thanks go to all the Old Scholars who participated in this important milestone, helping to shape the future of the association.

A Message from the BHS Principal

Dear OSA Members,

Greetings from Brummana High School, where we continue to open daily on campus in spite of the prevailing war which rages around us. Yet the sun continues to shine, and we have daily attendance of 97%, higher than in peace time!

Opening the school each day is an act of peace, associated with daily routines of work and play, of social interaction, of teamwork, and of preparation for forthcoming major examinations.



Currently, we have 1,257 students at school from KG1 up to Grade 12.

They follow the Lebanese curriculum leading to the Brevet and the Baccalaureate, or the International Programme leading to IGCSEs, A/S levels, and “A” levels, or in their final two years, the International Baccalaureate, leading to its diploma.

All progress to university, here in Lebanon or abroad, mainly to universities in the USA, UK, mainland Europe and the Gulf. Last year, there was a 100% pass rate in the Lebanese Baccalaureate and in the IB, and a 90% pass rate at IGCSE, the best ever achieved at BHS in the 10 years of its existence here.

For those of you in the USA, most of our students go to top American universities, and currently we have Old Scholars studying at, amongst others, Harvard, Columbia, NYC, Stanford, Austin, the University of Michigan, and in Canada we have students at McGill and the University of Toronto.

Our extracurricular programme, so important in helping to develop students as rounded, enterprising individuals, features over 60 sporting and arts-based activities and runs throughout the week.

Students are involved in debating, discussion and peaceful resolution through the Model United Nations programme, in the Scout Troupe, and in our after-school sporting programme, playing football, basketball, volleyball or cricket. On the aesthetic front, many are involved in this year's major production, Shakespeare's “A Midsummer Night's Dream”.

A Message from the BHS Principal

All students are involved in service to others through our Community Service Unit, working with younger children, with the elderly, in the local community, with young adults with learning difficulties, or with the socially disadvantaged.

All must complete 200 hours of community service in their final 3 years of school in order to graduate. We expect everyone to want to make some kind of difference to the societies in which they will live as adults.

The war will not change any of this and must not. It will pass, but the students will simply pass into the adult world in which they need to play a meaningful role.

For now, I say to our Grade 12 boys and girls: "Take control. Be strong and firm, ambitious and determined. Do not allow external events, beyond your control, interrupt your lives or undermine them. Maintain your goals and work hard towards achieving them. God willing, you will prevail!"

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Old Scholar Mr. Malek Mrowa '77 on his appointment as Chairman of the BHS Board of Governors as well as Mrs. Sarah Barrett as Chair of QuIET, as of January 2026.

The old school survives and prospers and you would all be most welcome to visit when next you are here.

Yours sincerely,
David Gray
Principal



OSA Events

BHS May Festival, 2025



Graduates Gathering, May 2025



Administrative Committee Elections, May 2025



OSA Events

31st OSA International Convention, July 5 & 6, 2025

General Assembly



OSA President's Speech



OSA Events

31st OSA International Convention, July 5 & 6, 2025

Dinner



Sports Day



OSA Events

**The OSA Delegation on an official visit to his excellency,
Minister of Works & Transportation,
Old Scholar Mr. Fayez Rasamny '96, June 2025**



Annual OSA Christmas Lunch, December 2025



OSA Events

OSA Gulf Reunion - Dubai 2026



From L to R: Nadine Akkaoui, Serene Musallam Farah '92, Riad Barraaj '70 and Rosie Zeinoun '97



From L to R: Riad Barraaj '70 and H.E Tammam Salam '64



From L to R: Maria Angelo Khattar '68, Nazih Khattar '66, Moufid Beydoun and Issa Al Jamil '64



From L to R: Amane Abdel Samad, George Abou Khalil '10, Fady Waked, Joyce Waked '87 and Shatha Abou Khalil '83



From L to R: Raouf Baroudy, June Baroudy '98, Serene Musallam Farah '92, Ghassan El Daye '90, Joey Tawil '91 and Penny Tawil



OSA President, Mr. Riad Barraaj '70

Upcoming Events

- **Graduates Gathering:** June 5, 2026, BHS Amphitheatre
- **32nd OSA International Convention:** July 4 & 5, 2026, Brummana
- **OSA Lebanon Reunion:** Nov/Dec 2026, Beirut

Old Scholars Advancement (Fundraising)

More than two years ago, the OSA adopted the professional Blackbaud software platform as the backbone of our CRM system.

This step was taken to modernize our outdated database and help us update the contact information of Old Scholars around the world, enabling us to reach and reconnect with as many members of our community as possible.



At the same time, we have implemented strict and transparent measures in the evaluation of Financial Aid applications. Our objective is to ensure that assistance reaches those who are most in need while maintaining fairness and equal consideration for all applicants.

As mentioned earlier, we have also begun traveling to various parts of the world to meet with our Old Scholars and strengthen the bonds within our global community. Through these visits, we hope to not only reconnect with many of you, but also to identify and reach fellow Old Scholars whose whereabouts may no longer be known. Your support in helping us reconnect with them is invaluable; after all, the larger and more connected our community becomes, the stronger it will be.

Looking ahead, the OSA has broader strategies and plans in mind for the future.

However, these initiatives are still in the process of being developed.

Once the necessary groundwork is completed and the right structure is in place, we will be able to move forward toward building an even stronger and more impactful network for the benefit of our Old Scholars and the generations to come.

For those who wish to support us, you can donate online using this QR Code or contact our team to help guide you:

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The New BHS OSA Endowment Fund With CAF America



The OSA has now officially become a validated organization of Charities Aid Foundation America (CAF), allowing us to receive donations into our Endowment Fund that will help us uphold our mission. This fund enables tax-deductible donations for Old Scholars and supporters in the United States while providing a secure and transparent financial mechanism in light of Lebanon's banking constraints.

Fundraising Gatherings



Toronto, October 18, 2025

From L to R: Danny Costa '92, Riad Barraaj '70, Nadine Akkaoui, Mina Oney, Talal Akkaoui, Jina Bachoura Abou Merhe, Rashad Abou Merhe, Karim Turk '98 and Ali Salemech '98



Montreal, October 22, 2025

From L to R: Nadine Akkaoui, Marwan Gebara '85 Fouad Gebara '90, Rana Samara Jubaily '88, Riad Barraaj '70, Charif Geara '92, Carl Ajoub '99, Elie Abou Fares '99, Rabih Fazah '99, Toufic Youssef '24 and Robert Ghorayeb '25



Boston, October 24, 2025

From L to R: Amine Najjar '92, Riad Barraaj '70, Nabil Sukkar '78, Annette Sukkar, Nadine Akkaoui, Karine Zeinoun '95, Alex Barakat '01, Riwa Barakat and Louis Atallah '95



Washington D.C., October 30, 2025

First row from L to R: Nadine Akkaoui, Koutayba Yamak '96, Nicholas Tohme '00, Samar Choueiri '98, Riad Barraaj '70, Kamal Beyoglow '66, Salim Abboud '75, Adela Abboud and Fadia Yakzan '74
Second row from L to R: Allie Betts, Kayla Kolka, Samar Srour, Eddie Srour '75, Michael Chagoury and Robert Bestani '67

Fundraising Gatherings



Miami, November 2, 2025

From L to R: Rosana Saleme, Samer Saleme '91, George Achkar '99, Riad Barraaj '70, Nadine Akkaoui, Ralph Awika '00, Katie Awika, Bettina Nouaime and Anthony Nouaime '03



Orange County, November 12, 2025

First row from L to R: Nasrallah Abou Fadel '79, Farid Kardous, Nabil Shagoury '65, Magida Hasrouni, Joe Hasrouni, Christiane Asaad, Ghassan Assad '77, Jian Barazi '12 and Terry Chagoury
Second row from L to R: Joseph Hafiz Jaoudi '56, Nadine Akkaoui, Riad Barraaj '70 and Dan Jaoudi



Phoenix, November 15, 2025

From L to R: Nadine Akkaoui, Anthony Kadi '98, Karekin Kaprelian '75, Zahnet Kaprelian, Riad Barraaj '70, Nada Abu Fadel Golde '80, Haig Tchamchit '68, Berge Kaprelian '83, and Doreen Kaprelian



San Francisco, November 18, 2025

From L to R: Roy Batrouni '75, Riad Barraaj '70, Zina Nahas, Nadine Akkaoui, Charlie Traboulsi '81, Mona Tarazi and Hatim Tarazi '68

Fundraising Gatherings



Los Angeles, November 20, 2025

First row from L to R: Michael Attarian '97, Nadine Akkaoui, Giselle Nazzal, Mazen Nazzal '64, Rita Abou Jaoude '11 and Riad Barraaj '70.

Second row from L to R: Dr. Charles Haddad '71, Reema Bajounaid '09, and Dr. Rayan Elkattah '02



Qatar, February 10, 2026

First row from L to R: Philip Nasr '01, Elie David, Joe Saghbini, Khalil Sholy '74, Riad Barraaj '70, Nicolas Ramouz '95, Joseph Samaha '90, Khalil Noaimi and Wael Khoury '94

Second row from L to R: Alexandra Jokovic, Mona Nasr, Lara Nahra '15, Marlen Noaimi, Nadine Akkaoui and Lara Asmar '92

Upcoming Fundraising Trips

- Due to current circumstances in the region, planned visits to Jeddah, Riyadh, Kuwait and Bahrain have been postponed until further notice.
- USA and Canada visits are tentatively scheduled for October 2026.

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Marwan Abou Fadel	Turki Gazzaz	Habib Kharrat	Nicolas Saade
Angelos Abou Samah	Edmond Goraieb	Andrew Khoury	Mohamed Safadi
Ibrahim Al Zaben	David Gray	Rabab Saad Khoury	Bassam Saffoury
Rayan Al Kattah	Kamal Hajj	Bashir Koleilat	Ahmed Sairafi
Nassib Al Solh	Rurik Halaby	Suzy Malhame Wehbe	Elie Salloum
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George Ashkar	Joe Hawayek	Giscard Merhi	Tarek Sindi
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Murhaf Baz	Omar Jallad	Lara Nahra	Nabil Tohala
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Abdullah Dahlawi	Karen Kanaan	Haytham Nasr	Christine Zeinoun
Tom Demlakian	Ghassan Karam	Omar Noueihed	
Salma Fares	Amine Khechfe	Hikmat Roustom	
Lyne Hamwi Festuk	Hany Khechfe	Dimitri Saad	

Visits to the OSA



June 30, 2025

It was a pleasure catching up with Old Scholar Eddy Srour '75 at the OSA. Mr. Srour and his classmates were honoured for their 50th graduation anniversary at the General Assembly on Saturday July 5, as part of the 31st OSA International Convention.



October 28, 2025

A lovely visit from Old Scholars Andrew Barraji '11 and Amina Al Hugail '11. It's always a pleasure to welcome our Old Scholars back to the OSA where BHS memories continue to thrive.



January 15, 2026

The OSA team along with OSA Vice President Mr. Edmond Goraieb '88, were thrilled to welcome QuIET Chair, Ms. Sarah Barrett and QuIET Member, Ms. Julia Horn, at the OSA for a catch up on the latest OSA, BHS and QuIET news.



February 5, 2026

We were delighted to welcome Old Scholar and founder of House Humbaba, Davina Atallah '01, to the OSA. During her visit, she shared a talking tool she created after the Beirut Port Explosion to help children express difficult emotions through interaction and play.

Old Scholars In The Spotlight

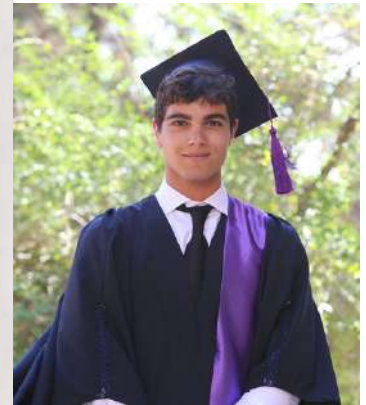
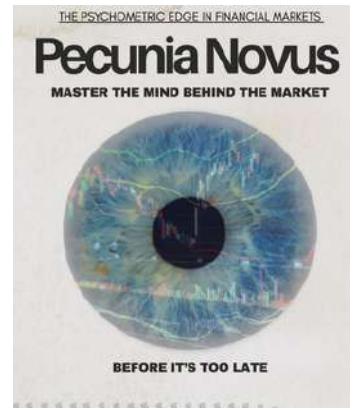
Congratulations to Old Scholar, Naji Hawayek '00 on his appointment as Corporate Partner at Addleshaw Goddard, Dubai.

Addleshaw Goddard is a top ranked, full service, 250 year old global law firm with strong presence in the Middle East.

We are proud of his outstanding achievement and wish him continued success in his new role.



The OSA is very proud of Old Scholar Anthony Yazbeck, Class of 2023, who has recently published his first book, "Pecunia Novus: Master the Mind behind the Market".



In Memoriam



Mr. Sami Al Ashkar '49

Mr. Shawki Safieddine '57

Dr. Abdallah Bou Habib '59

Mr. Antoine Aouad '60

Mr. Imad Al Jameel '65

Mr. Charly Mathia '67

Mr. Ali Khreino '68

Mr. Ajeel Alyawer '69

Mr. Munir Rizallah '70

Mr. Khaled Arrar '11

Mr. Amir Moujaes '17

Mr. Ray Freiha '17

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