

STEPHANIE EL KOUSSA

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EDUCATION

Institute of Theater, Audiovisual and Cinematographic Studies- Saint Joseph University, Beirut, Lebanon

- Bachelor in Cinema and Audiovisual Arts 2012- 2018

Utica College, Utica, New York, U.S.

- Major: Communication Arts 2014-2015

Completed with an overall GPA of 3.9/4.0

On a scholarship funded by the U.S. Department of State as an exchange student from Lebanon for one academic year.

Collège des Sœurs des Saints Cœurs- Kfarhabab Ghazir 1998-2012

- Lebanese Baccalaureate in Life Science passed with high honors (mention bien)

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Languages

- Arabic native
- English fluently spoken and written
- French fluently spoken and written

Computer

- Edited short film projects on Adobe Premier Pro and Avid Media Composer
- Worked on Office Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, iMovie and Adobe Photoshop
- Familiar with Constant Contact, CisionPoint and Google alerts

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Founding and board member of one of the chapters forming the **Lebanese State Alumni Community (LSAC)**. LSAC is a nonprofit association founded by the U.S. Embassy in Lebanon that regroups the Lebanese alumni of all U.S. Government sponsored exchange programs
- Volunteered with "FoodBlessed", a local hunger-relief initiative that works on reducing food wastes and the number of people going hungry in Lebanon
- Tutored students for the "Young Scholars program" at Donovan Middle School- Utica, New York
- Accompanied blood donors after donations in a blood drive organized by the American Red Cross at Utica College
- Walked in the People's Climate March in New York City to advocate global action against Climate change

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Nonprofit organization

- Managed the PR of the LSAC Mount Lebanon 1 chapter August 2016- August 2018

Films

- Edited a short film for a group of the Lebanese Scout- SSCC October 2015
Kfarhabab showed during their annual closing ceremony, available on request
- Wrote, directed and edited a short commercial film for the December 2014
nonprofit organization World Learning about the NESU UGRAD program, available on request and on their official Youtube page¹

Internships

- Worked in the office of Communications and Public Relations at March 2015- May 2015
Utica College as a videographer
- Researched for the Dean of Student Affairs at Utica College February 2015- May 2015
the possibility of opening a program of InterGroup/Sustained Dialogue and Peer Theater on campus
- Assisted a stage manager in “La fete de la musique” organized by the Summer 2013
French embassy in Lebanon
- Completed an internship at a local TV station in Lebanon MTV on April 2012
the talk show “Talk of the Town” by rotating on all the posts on set

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE/PROJECTS

Utica College (Public Relations)

Realized a Media Kit for the Office of International Education at Utica College, showcased as an exemplar project for the following years’ class, available on request

IESAV-USJ (audiovisual)

March 2013- February 2018

- Wrote, directed and edited my short graduation film documentary “Not another war movie”, selected for the Beirut International Film Festival and the Early Bird International film festival in Bulgaria
- Wrote, directed and edited an award winning short documentary “A story of emigration”, selected for 16 film festivals worldwide

¹ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rol7cra55Jg>

- Worked as a Producer on several USJ student projects like *“Straccato”* a graduation film, *“The luck of Mnayyar”* a live sitcom and different commercials
- Held the position of First Assistant Director on several USJ student short films like *“Le Cameleon”* a graduation film, *“L’étoile”* and *“Beirut Talks”*

**References available on request*