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I grew up in Lebanon till the start of the civil war in 1975. I then moved to France for 5 years, before immigrating to the United States. I am a native speaker in French, Arabic, and English.

My experience in these formative years shaped my belief in the importance of international relations which were reinforced by my Lauder education, and I have used those insights during a 35-year career on Wall Street.

Driven by a desire to increase dialogue between Lauder alumni of different classes, I joined the LIAA Board of Directors in 2014, and started its Committee on Continuing Education and Professional Development.

I organized multiple live educational events in New York and Philadelphia and also held multiple online webinars. I also organized social events in New Jersey and Miami.

I was heavily involved in planning the triannual LGAW 2016 event, with a particular emphasis on alumni teach-ins. I also helped organize the keynote address in both 2016 and 2019.

My stint as an LIAA director confirmed my belief in the value of the human capital embedded within the alumni pool.

Since leaving the LIAA board, I have been active as a board member of the Wharton Club of New Jersey, organizing multi club events with other NJ Ivy League clubs.

As part of my desire to give back, I have also started teaching business strategy at the Gabelli School of Business to undergraduate students as an Adjunct Professor.

If I were to return as an LIAA board member, I would continue organizing interesting events. I would also try to strengthen career opportunities for alumni, as well as exploring attractive investment opportunities to co-invest in fellow alumni startups.