

Press release of the Michel Chiha Foundation

Award ceremony for the 2019 Michel Chiha Competition

The award ceremony for the Michel Chiha Foundation was held on Saturday, May 4th at the Bristol hotel, Beirut. The winners and their families attended the ceremony as well as a large number of journalists and intellectuals.

A debate took place on the theme of citizenship, civic responsibility and social duties. The debate was led by Mrs. Nanette Ziade a TV and radio personality, Mr Georges Ghanem, a renowned journalist, and Mr Sami Nader, director of the Levant institute for Strategic Affairs.

During the opening speech, President Antoine Kheir, thanked the individuals and institutions that contributed to the success of the event: the Ministry of Education and its Director, M. Fady Yarak; The Saint Joseph University and its Dean, professor Salim Daccache as well as all the persons responsible of the “Campus de l’Innovation et du Sport”, the Lebanese National Commission for UNESCO and its General Secretary, Dr Tala Zein, its assistant Secretary Mrs. Ramza Jaber Saad as well as its coordinator Mrs. Katia Ibrahim.

The Michel Chiha competition 2019 was particularly successful with over 500 students applying for the competition, coming from 64 private and public schools from all over the country. Due to the large number of participants, the Foundation decided to give exceptionally for this year, a few equally placed prizes.

The 2019 winners are:

For the Arabic language: 1st price to Fatima Amin Fneich from Al Imam Ali Bin Abi Taleb school (Al Mabarrat - Maaroub), two 2nd prices: Abida Hussein Amach from from Al Imam Ali Bin Abi Taleb school (Al Mabarrat - Maaroub) and Nour Salah Remmo from Public mixte school Riad El Solh (Beirut). Three 3rd prices: Maria Elias Mehanna from St Elie school - Sisters Maronites of the Holy Family (Dhour Zahle), Marianne Georges Abdel Massih from Daughters of Charity school (Dar En Nour) and Hassan Mohamad Abdel Hay from Ebadieh Official High school

For the French language: 1st price to Joe Melki from Saints Coeurs school (Sioufi), 2nd price to Clara Marcel Ishak from Saint John Baptiste school (Wadi Chahrour).

Two 3rd prices: Hadi Abi Rached from Collège Mont La Salle and Ralph Diab from Collège Notre Dame de Jamhour.

For the English language: 1st price to Hussein Fouad Moussa from Bazourieh secondary public school, 2nd price to Fatme Nassim Al Hadi from Al Imam Ali Bin Abi Taleb school (Al Mabarrat - Maaroub), 3rd price to Maria Boutros Abou Raffoul from Jesus and Mary school (Rabwe).

The prizes were handed out by Mr. Nabil de Freige former Minister and former member of parliament and member of the Executive Committee of the Michel Chiha Foundation.