

Dear Friends of LAU,

On behalf of all of us at LAU NY this is a brief note to express our solidarity and announce that we are shutting down and working remotely until further notice.

We want to acknowledge that the disruption and uncertainty associated with the current situation is unsettling for everyone. We feel deep empathy and sadness for everyone around the world who has been affected, and those who will be in the future. Precaution, kind-heartedness and resilience will help us navigate through these unprecedented challenges.

We are committed to the goals of our Emergency Financial Aid Fund Gala, scheduled for **April 30th** in New York City. We will continue to do our utmost in support of our students in Lebanon as the financial crisis persists and deepens, compounded now by the pandemic and the global crisis.

We are also committed to safeguarding the health and well-being of our team members, our constituency, and the larger New York City area that we directly serve.

In the meantime, please keep safe and we hope to be able to continue to connect with you virtually until we are able to safely gather again.

With best wishes,

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