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A SPECIAL FINAL ISSUE FOR 2022, A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIORS

On the first day of school this year, I played the soundtrack of High School Musical 3 on my way to school; because what kid doesn't look forward to senior year? We started off with excitement, going through stressful assignments and exams, and in just mere weeks, the class of 2022 will be moving on to the next step of our lives. This school has been my home for the past 15 years. It's a place where I got to meet my best friends, learn, and make new experiences every day. I will never forget the time we put up the banner in the High School building or even the time we took it down. The chaotic and uplifting energy we bring is all thanks to the school. I can't imagine what I'll be doing next without the routine of going back to the same campus with the same people, but that's what Bayan has prepared us for.

All I know is that I owe a huge thanks to my teachers, for all the hope and expectations you have set for me. You made me want to achieve more and be a better person. I appreciate all that you guys have done for me and for us as a class. I hope you won't forget us when we're gone and don't worry, I'll be back to visit soon. And no thanks is complete without mentioning the amazing people I am graduating with. It really cannot get any better than the class of 2022, I will truly miss you all and I hope we get together soon.

To every other student waiting to graduate, your time will come. Take it all in, because once that day is here, you will want to relive it all again. The bittersweetness of leaving something you are so familiar with behind is what makes us realize the importance of what we have. I wish you all the best of luck and can't wait to see you all succeed. :)

- Zain Alhashemi, Editor-In-Chief
Signing off



After 14 years of attending the same school campus, minus the two years of Covid chaos, the 2022 seniors are officially leaving Bayan. The class of 74 intelligent minds are overwhelmed with a mixture of anticipation and excitement.

The start of the year had everyone buzzed with enthusiasm – we were all finally physically attending campus again! After spending the entirety of my junior year online, the first day of senior year was beyond special to me. I remember it vividly. I can recall sitting in my car, masked up, waiting for my turn to step out and re-enter the high school building I once saw regularly. After stepping out of my car, I was immediately welcomed by the smiling face of Mr. Medhat. My first interaction in my senior year was a positive one that shaped how happy and memorable the rest of my year would be. It is one that I will remember forever.

Fast forward eight months, after indulging in a variety of heartwarming senior activities, the class of 2022's IB candidates are finally sitting their long-awaited IB exams. To that, I say good luck and make us proud! It'll only be a few more months until we're all heading off to our universities and entering a new chapter of our lives.

Personally, I will be attending Georgetown University in July (Hoya Saxa!). The idea of attending my dream school is incredibly exciting, yet difficult to fathom. I am pleased and proud of my accomplishments, yet am incredibly nervous to be stepping out of my comfort zone and leaving my hometown. If you too are feeling this, just know that you are not alone. It's normal to feel anxious at this stage in our lives, but just know that it will get better eventually. Hold on tight, you are about to embark on a wonderful journey!

Finally, I would like to thank the class of 2022 for being the coolest set of peers to grow up with. You are the funniest, brightest, and kindest souls and I wish you all the best in your futures. I know for a fact that each and every one of you will reach incredible heights. As for now, I think that it is important for us to enjoy our summer break, especially after this exhausting year. We deserve it.

Be safe and be well until we meet again.

- Aysha Alsada

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Words cannot even begin to describe the bittersweet feeling of wrapping up your High School years. As a Bayan School student, I have learned so much through the IB diploma program, the school's administrative team, my teachers, friends and BayMUN. Yet, I still feel as though I need more. More of those countless times we laughed together until our vocal chords unhinged, stressed until we saw the results that made our parents proud, planned events for the world to see what we bayanies are capable of doing, and made memories that we will never forget 22 years from now.

If I were to advise the Juniors of anything for their senior year, it is to take it all in. One year may seem like such a long time but it will all come to an end in a blink of an eye. Learn to appreciate what you have, and to make the most out of everything. After all, you can only live through this special year once in your life, so make the most out of it!

With that being said, thank you to the seniors of 2022 for being my second family and making the past 15 years feel like home. I love you all, and I am already waiting for our reunion.

- Dana Alawadhi



I am graduating in two weeks. This statement still doesn't feel real to me, and as an avid hater of change, it scares me. Though this moment should be one of celebration, congratulating myself on all the hard work I put in throughout the years, it feels like something is missing. I can't help but look fondly at my adolescent years and remember the determined sixth-grader that would've been over the moon at my graduation. I have been with the same people for 12 years, and departing them feels almost like losing my second family. Every single hall is one filled with anecdotal treasures, where we cried, laughed, danced, sang, fought, made up, and repeated that over and over again for more than a decade. Each transition in my life, whether from primary to middle or middle to high school has been a joyous one, because I knew that it would be at this school, with my people. Yet now, when each of my friends is going to another continent, it feels bittersweet, a reality I'm not sure I'll enjoy.

I am so thankful for the people who made my days here almost like a dream. Thank you so much to my teachers, who poured their hearts into making sure my brain understands the content. I know how difficult it was to teach an annoying know-it-all (I especially would like to apologize to my seventh-grade teachers). To my friends, since I know we might drift apart: never hesitate to enter my life again, my door will always be open to you.

- Shaikha Al Kuwari



To be leaving this school is not something I imagined doing since the time seemed so far away. To my peers, congratulations on reaching this milestone together. I couldn't have imagined coming this far with another batch to call myself a part of. School is the most important part of your life for the first 18 years, and I urge all those who have a journey left for them to make the most of it since the end comes by faster than you'd expect. Making memories with those around you are the ones you will cherish when it comes to your final years. I have made friends I hope to maintain for the rest of my life and I have no doubt you will too. To those who are dealing with their final semester exams, I wish you the best of luck and use this time to figure out what studying methods work best for you, as you will need them in the future. There is no greater comfort than realizing that you are all in the same boat facing the same changes together. School is a wonderful experience that has come to a bittersweet ending for me, life's exciting new challenges await and I cannot wait to use what I learned during these formative years to help guide me through them.

- Muneera Al Shamlan



After 11 years of studying in Bayan, it is very hard to say goodbye to a place that not only cared about education but also allowed us to make unforgettable memories with our classmates, friends, and overall school community. I would like to thank all the teachers, counselors, and administrators who have all ensured to create a positive and motivational environment in the school. I believe that this is a very significant factor in what differentiates Bayan from other schools. I hope you all make the most out of your school years as they will pass by very quickly. Don't forget to appreciate and thank all of the Bayan School community as they are putting all their efforts to ensure you receive the best education, which you may not realize at the moment. I will forever be grateful that I have attended a school that taught us lifelong lessons and skills that not only help shape students at school, but also for future generations.

- Jood Khoja



I couldn't wait to graduate, but the alumni weren't lying when they said to make the most out of these years - because they seriously flew by. Walking into high school, you don't know if you should be happy since you're one step closer to being an adult. Now, days before graduation, I couldn't be more grateful for the memories and opportunities. Even though we're moving on, Bayan will always be a part of us. It went by fast, just like everyone said it would. We grew up together, and went through almost every phase you can think of, but if I could give any advice to the younger grades, it would be to prove them wrong, no matter who it is, enjoy and cherish these years, because no matter how much you want to, you can't reverse time. Take advantage of every opportunity you get in Bayan, it will make the biggest difference. Please enjoy it as much as you can. As a senior, you go through so many lasts, and as much as we've all looked forward to graduating, it's insanely bittersweet. With that, how lucky are we to have something that makes saying bye so hard? In the spirit of graduation, we did it.

- Yara Khalaf



It's been a wonderful, yet strange 15-ish years of my life. However, I will continue to cherish every aspect of it, from the random jokes being thrown around in class that are usually so unhinged, to the eye-opening lectures given by my teachers. These past few months of the senior year have been some to remember, and have been a period of understanding myself even further; now that I'm about to leave this 'safety bubble' set by my teachers and the Bayan administration. I'm ready to take another step forward, and I give my thanks and best wishes to all who have supported me throughout this process and who have welded me into the person I am proud to be today.

- Mohammed Al Noaimi



We hope you enjoyed our issues this year as much as we enjoyed writing them. It's been a blast sharing what we have with you all. Looking forward to future Bayan Post issues with **Leyana Al Dajani** as your Editor-in-chief next year!

A special thanks to our Bayan Post supervisor, Miss Mirna Madi, who continuously supervised the Bayan Post throughout the years. Thank you for your guidance and dedicated efforts towards improving our writing skills.

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YEAR!**