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Hadat–Baabda, Lebanon

Secretariat General

Email to Faculty Members
Welcome Message for the 2026–27 Academic Year

Dear Faculty Members,

The **Welcome Week** is held this year under the theme “Fuel Your Power: Drive, Strive, Rise.” The invitation is addressed to our students, yet the responsibility it entails begins with us. As administrators and instructors, it is incumbent upon us to create an environment that supports students in every dimension of their university journey, offers guidance when certainty gives way to hesitation, and never reduces them to the measure of their academic results alone.

I hope the summer break afforded you the rest you deserved. From the first days of the semester, we will rely on your energy and support to respond as fully as possible to our students’ needs throughout their education. Caring for them means seeing the whole person behind each academic path and remaining attentive to difficulties that are not always expressed.

When students enter your classroom, they encounter more than an instructor. They also discover what you consider right, what you refuse to trivialize, and the manner in which you acknowledge effort, respond to disagreement, or deal with mistakes. In this way, your values, together with those promoted by the University, take shape in actions as well as words. Who you are teaches as much as what you know. In every class, there is an opportunity to correct without humiliating, to uphold demanding standards without discouraging, and to help a student perceive possibility where they had previously seen only limitation. Repeated over the years, these choices leave a mark long after graduation. It is through this attention to the person that our tagline, “**Education in Service of Human Flourishing**,” moves beyond words and takes shape in the everyday life of the University. Integral human development then ceases to be an institutional aspiration and becomes a lived experience. Each of us contributes to making it real, from within our respective responsibilities.

Neither the strength of a university’s name nor the eloquence of its declarations is sufficient to keep it at the forefront. What sustains its standing is the real quality of what is lived and accomplished each day, the seriousness with which each person fulfills their responsibility, and the capacity to reconcile high expectations with respect for the individual. Antonine University continues to distinguish itself through this constancy in our daily work and our refusal to settle for less than what we are capable of achieving. To be counted among the best is not a destination. It is an enduring obligation to keep raising our standards and ensuring that what we do continues to make a difference.



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May this academic year open under the blessing of Our Lady of the Seeds, who accompanies us throughout our mission and inspires us to offer the best of ourselves, so that our students can, in turn, bring out the best in themselves.

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