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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I would like to begin my final message of the 2020-2021 school year by expressing my sincerest gratitude to the members of our learning community who made this year such a resounding success. The global pandemic, and the current status of Lebanon, have caused many schools across the country to struggle to successfully serve the needs of their students and parents while others have permanently closed their doors. Fortunately, for all of us in our learning community, this has not been the case. I have had the incredible opportunity to see first-hand all of the components of UCA's success this year and it is for this reason I want to take a moment to thank all of those groups of people who made it possible.

I want to begin by thanking every single member of the UCA instructional staff for the monumental job they did this year. High-quality, individualized education is not possible based upon the efforts of one single educator. Rather, it is the collective effort of those who believe in the potential of each individual student and who also possess the will to unlock it. Distance learning has given us all a front row seat in every single teacher's classroom this year. What we have seen this year is that collective belief lived out by every single teacher, every single day, in spite of the numerous challenges they faced on a daily basis. Regardless of their situation, UCA teachers met their students with a smile on their face and welcomed them into a loving, caring environment where students were the focus and their achievement was the goal.

We began this school year with the daunting task of preparing ourselves to face the challenges-known and unknown- that the 2020-2021 school year would bring. Our teachers invested more than a month in professional development sessions and department planning meetings prior to the start of the school year. The challenge may have seemed daunting at times, however, our teachers never once shied away from meeting that challenge no matter the cost. Our teachers leave this school year as an instructional faculty that stands at the forefront of education in Lebanon and have yet again set the standard by which other institutions must be measured.

I now come to the final two groups of people I want to thank: our students and our parents. To our dear parents: The depth of your strength and resilience is truly remarkable and is only outmatched by your commitment to your families and your children's education. Distance learning requires a significantly higher degree of involvement on the part of parents, more so than in a regular face-to-face environment. Thank you so much moms and dads for your persistence and staying with us until the very end, our students would not have been successful without your help this year. To our wonderful UCA students: In spite of the challenges we faced you all rose to the occasion and engaged with your teachers, coordinators and principals and the result was an outstanding year! I never cease to be amazed at what our students are capable of when they commit themselves to their education, and this year you all did just that. Day after day, week after week you all showed up to class, engaged with your teachers and the product was another year marked by outstanding student achievements.

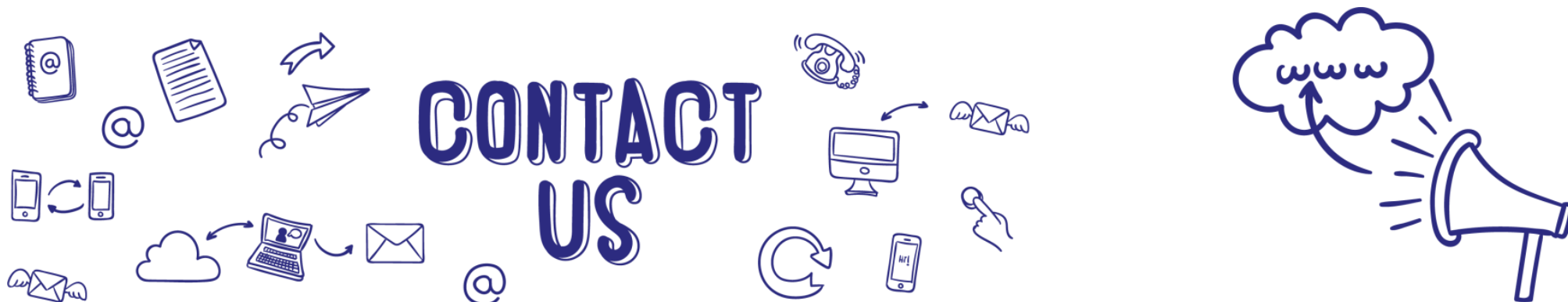
As outstanding as this year was, we are looking forward to and preparing for the future. UCA is in the process, should conditions permit, of preparing for students to return to face-to-face instruction this fall. As always, this decision will ultimately be made with the best interest of our students and teachers health and safety in mind. The UCA Pandemic Response Team will be updating our Reopening Plan over the summer and we will share the document with you all prior to the start of school. I wish you all a safe, healthy and happy summer and I look forward to seeing you all this next school year. God bless you all and God bless Lebanon!

**Gerald Redd**  
UCA Director

## Registration

We are currently enrolling students for the 2021-2022 school year. Please be reminded all outstanding fees must be paid and accounts closed for the 2020-2021 school year in order to register your student. The 10% registration payment is due when enrolling your student and will guarantee your student's place. As places for returning UCA students were only guaranteed until July 1st, it is extremely important you secure your student's place as certain grade levels will fill up quickly. Please feel free to contact the UCA administration if you have any questions regarding the registration process.

## 2021-2022 Family Calendar [\(click to view\)](#)



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