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SABIS® is a global school management organization that operates Pre-K and K-12 schools in 15 countries on four continents. The SABIS® School Network currently serves over 62,000 students who are enrolled in schools that operate in the public and private sectors and provide a high-quality education for all.

A member of the SABIS® School Network, the **SABIS® International School - Adma (SIS-Adma)** in Lebanon opened its doors in 2005 to 77 students. The school currently enrolls 1,130 students in Kindergarten through Grade 12.

This is a story of a student who has benefitted from SABIS®'s global network of schools.

Rami Kalai joined SIS-Adma as an 11th grader in the middle of the 2011-2012 academic year after fleeing war-torn Syria with his family. Before leaving Syria, Rami attended the International School of Choueifat-Damascus. Like many of the school's displaced families, Rami's parents wanted him to continue his education in a SABIS® member school, so they eventually settled in Lebanon and enrolled Rami at SIS-Adma.

"I had visited SIS-Adma in 2008 when I visited as part of the ISC-Damascus team for the 8th SABIS® Regional Sports Tournament," recalls Rami. "When we had to leave Syria, I knew that this was where I wanted to attend school." Rami settled in to life at SIS-Adma quickly in part due to the supportive atmosphere at the school. "The guidance of my teachers and school staff kept me on track and pointed me in the right direction," said Rami.

Benefitting from the familiar SABIS® structure at SIS-Adma, Rami was not phased academically by his family's move. He also quickly resumed his involvement in Student Life as an active member of the Academic Department, volunteering as a peer tutor in math and physics.

"Despite the major disruption in his life, Rami's grades did not suffer. Nobody can deny that it is extremely critical to move from one school to another in Grade 11!" stated Mr. Eyad Safa, AQC at SIS-Adma. "Rami's success is testimony to the continuity offered through the SABIS® School Network. Of course, credit also goes to Rami for his determination and focus."

Now, having successfully earned his High School Diploma, Rami plans to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. With a record of academic excellence and engagement in the community, he has been accepted to top universities in the world including the University of California – Los Angeles (UCLA) and Brown University in the U.S., Imperial College of London in the U.K., and McGill University in Canada. He was also one of only ten recipients to receive a full MERIT scholarship to the American University of Beirut. Regardless of the university he chooses, he is sure to continue his track record of success.