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It is a great time to be part of the Lebanese Collegiate Network (LCN). We just held our inaugural Annual Convention "LCN'08" at the University of Maryland, College Park. The event was a huge success due to the Board's dedication and the active participation of the University Lebanese Clubs (ULC). You can read all about the LCN'08 in this newsletter and by visiting www.lebanesecollegiatenetwork.org/LCN08.

The LCN does not stop at the convention; instead it facilitates an ongoing effort to strengthen the academic and professional opportunities of the student and alumni membership. To that end the board has many exciting programs planned. Check out our website and read this newsletter to learn more about our programs. Stay posted!

So now how do iGive back to LCN after the convention? Simply go to the LCN website and click on the above iGive.com link. Shop at over 600 online stores and a percentage of your purchases are donated to the LCN. Everyday purchases you make on your favorite internet sites (books, music, apparel ...) can be done through iGive.com. Every purchase you make through iGive.com automatically translates to an LCN donation, which in turn translates to money invested in you.

Now, I want to take this opportunity to introduce you to our Treasurer-elect, Bruno Atieh. We all believe in his dedication to the LCN vision and mission. Through his efforts we hope to secure a larger budget through donations. Serge Haddad will be the new Vice President of Events starting June 1st.

Finally, our outgoing board member, Julien Chemali, has done a tremendous task of organizing a professional and detailed convention. We will miss him at our meetings but we know that his dedication to the LCN continues beyond his title. The board wishes him luck with all his future endeavors and looks forward to working with him again.

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