For Immediate Release

Upcoming list of events at AUB

Beirut, Lebanon- 30/03/2012 - The American University of Beirut will be holding the following events over the coming week:

• **Ceremony: The Closing ceremony for the Sudanese Cultural Festival**
  31-MAR-12; 7:00 pm
  Issam Fares Hall

The closing ceremony for the Sudanese Cultural Festival is taking place this Saturday, March 31, 2012 in Issam Fares Hall starting 7:00pm until 11:00pm. An exhibition will take place all day in the Hall entry. The exhibition will be open to public starting 11:00am.

• **Tryouts: The Chance, first football talent tryout in Lebanon**
  01-APR-12; starting 5:00 pm
  Green Field

University Sports and United Sports of Lebanon "Nike Official Distributors," in collaboration with Sport Evasion, are pleased to announce the launching of “The Chance,” the first football talent tryout in Lebanon, on April 1.

"The Chance," will give AUB Lebanese talented footballers born between 1990 and 1996 the opportunity to be spotted and maybe sign a contract with Spanish Club FC Barcelona. The Lebanese National Team Football Coach Theo Bucker and Coach Tommy Wingrove from Manchester United Soccer School will personally supervise the tryout and will choose the top 10 players out of 300 who will fly to Dubai on Nike's expenses and participate in the final Middle East Tryouts from which three players will be chosen and flown to Barcelona (on Nike's expenses as well) to perform in front of Barcelona's Head Coach Josep Guardiola and maybe get a chance to sign a contract with an international club.

• **Campaign to raise awareness about autism**
  03-APR-12  7:00 pm
  College Hall

AUB's Department of Psychology, the Psychology Student Society, and the Lebanese Autism Society are organising a campaign for Autism awareness on April 3, 2012, at 7:00 pm, in College Hall front yard. Autism Awareness Day falls on April 2 of every year. Two years ago, Autism Speaks, a world-renowned science and advocacy organization, launched the "Light It Up Blue" campaign for autism awareness. Monumental buildings around the world, from New York's Empire State
Building to Saudi Arabia’s Kingdom Tower to airports and concert halls, among many others have lit up in bright blue. AUB’s College Hall will join this campaign this year.

- **Lecture: ‘Making the Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative AUBMC-friendly’**
  04-APR-12  12:00 noon
  Van Dyck Amphitheater
  The Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) is holding a lecture entitled "Making the Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative AUBMC-friendly: Opportunities and Challenges," by Haya Hamade, MD MPH, Department of Health Promotion and Community Health, FHS.

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Note to Editors

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Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, AUB has more than 600 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 8,000 students. AUB currently offers more than 100 programs leading to the bachelor’s, master’s, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full service 420-bed hospital.

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