

The Daniel Bliss Society



American University of Beirut



Each year, a select group of alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends express their support and leadership of AUB by joining or renewing their membership in the Daniel Bliss Society, AUB's leading donor group. The society is named in memory of Daniel Bliss, a visionary and AUB's first president (1866-1902), who himself demonstrated remarkable leadership when he championed the effort to establish a college in Beirut more than 140 years ago. When he retired in 1902, Daniel Bliss compared the "labor of making a College" with the "work of an artist." Although he acknowledged that the "buildings, the apparatus, the books, the teachers, the campus and even the location...has an effect upon the purpose for which our College was founded," he stressed the critical role played by "the loving thought, the firm purpose, [and] the liberal gifts of men far beyond the sea and ocean, which set in motion all these agencies." AUB would not have been established without these "liberal gifts" from men and women who were prepared to demonstrate their support and leadership more than 140 years ago. These are the men and women who become members of the Daniel Bliss Society.





Donors who choose to make annual gifts of \$1,000 or more to one of AUB's annual funds (the Alumni Fund, Friends Fund, Parents Fund, or the Faculty and Staff Fund) become members of the Daniel Bliss Society and provide invaluable support for AUB's mission to "provide excellence in education, to participate in the advancement of knowledge through research, and to serve the peoples of the Middle East and beyond." They are also demonstrating leadership that inspires others to give.



Generous support from the members of the Daniel Bliss Society has enabled AUB to expand its services and academic programs, which now include:

- An expanded financial aid program.
- New academic offerings including eight PhD programs.
- State-of-the-art science and engineering laboratories.
- “Smart” classrooms.
- Endowed faculty chairs.
- Academic centers and institutes.
- A new business school.
- A full-service student center.
- New health care facilities.



Universities today rely increasingly on the generosity of individual donors—of people such as the members of AUB’s Daniel Bliss Society—to sustain and even increase offerings in financial aid, laboratories, academic programs, libraries, and student services. Donors to the Daniel Bliss Society can be confident in the knowledge that their gifts benefit today’s students, and help underwrite a bright future for Lebanon and the region.

AUB is pleased to recognize the generosity of Daniel Bliss Society members by offering six levels of membership with associated benefits.



Annual Giving**Membership****Benefits**

\$1,000
-
\$2,499

Banyan Tree
Circle

♦ DBS gift ♦ Invitation to the annual DBS Reception

\$2,500
-
\$4,999

Green Field
Circle

♦ DBS gift ♦ Invitation to the annual DBS Reception
♦ AUB calendar ♦ Two invitations to two campus events ♦ Two discounted tickets to each DBS Speakers Series event

\$5,000
-
\$9,999

Green Oval
Circle

♦ DBS gift ♦ Invitation to the annual DBS Reception
♦ AUB calendar ♦ Two invitations to four campus events ♦ Four discounted tickets to each DBS Speakers Series event

\$10,000
-
\$24,999

West Hall
Circle

♦ DBS gift ♦ Invitation to the annual DBS Reception ♦ AUB calendar
♦ Two invitations to four campus events ♦ Two complimentary tickets to one university activity
♦ Four discounted tickets to each DBS Speakers Series event ♦ Two complimentary tickets to one designated DBS Speakers Series event
♦ Opportunity to meet with AUB faculty and deans

**Annual
Giving**

Membership

Benefits

\$25,000
-
\$49,999

Assembly Hall
Circle

♦ DBS gift ♦ Invitation to the annual DBS Reception ♦ AUB calendar ♦ Two invitations to four campus events ♦ Two complimentary tickets to one university activity ♦ Four discounted tickets to each DBS Speakers Series event ♦ Two complimentary tickets to two designated DBS Speakers Series events ♦ VIP access to selected invitation-only campus event ♦ Opportunity to meet with AUB faculty and deans

\$50,000+

Main Gate
Circle

♦ DBS gift ♦ Invitation to the annual DBS Reception ♦ AUB calendar ♦ Two invitations to four campus events ♦ Two complimentary tickets to one university activity ♦ Two complimentary tickets to all DBS Speakers Series events ♦ VIP access to selected invitation-only campus event ♦ Opportunity to meet with AUB faculty and deans ♦ Opportunity to meet privately with AUB president and trustees



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