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From the Trustee Development Committee Co-Chairs

Dear Friends,

A university can only be as strong as its supporters and AUB is indeed a strong institution because of the great financial support of its many friends and alumni. The Contributors Report, the University's "honor roll", pays tribute to those friends, corporations, foundations, and alumni that have generously provided financial support in the 2000-01 academic year.

This past year has been a productive one for AUB, and contributors can be proud of the central role they played in the University's success. Developments have been made in the area of student services with renovations of dormitories and West Hall. The AUBMC and Faculty of Medicine forged a partnership with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to open a pediatric cancer center on campus. Academic programs have been expanded including a revised curriculum for the new AUB School of Business. In support of the University's academic mission, we are undertaking the elaboration of a twenty-year master plan that will provide a blueprint for the transformation of the campus that will ultimately guide future fundraising efforts. In fact, a number of alumni and friends have already responded by making six and seven-figure pledges.

Annual fund giving is also essential to AUB's continued growth. Each year's operating budget relies on gifts for projects that require immediate funding such as increased financial aid, and as our budget needs grow, increased support becomes more critical. This

past year the annual fund program continued to thrive in New York. The Beirut office enjoyed much success with their second annual fund mailings that were sent to all alumni and friends outside of North and South America and the U.K., which added many new names to the Daniel Bliss Society, a significant giving circle for the University.

Friends and alumni throughout the world continued to rally support for the AUB Scholarship Fund, and we salute their fundraising efforts. Alumni chapters worldwide organized various activities to raise money for AUB, all the while having a grand time.

The New York and Beirut development offices have been working hard to achieve their fundraising goals. Gifts and pledges received in the 2000-01 academic year totaled \$6,233,000. There was an increase in budget affecting unrestricted gifts; an internal goal in this area was set at \$2 million and, in fact, \$2,104,799 was raised.

We are excited about the many possibilities that the future holds for AUB. We look forward to your continued role in building a stronger University for generations of AUB students. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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