Class of 2015

During the 146th Commencement Exercises in the American University of Beirut, held May 29 and 30, 2015 on the Green field, the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture graduated 7 Ph.D candidates, 84 ME candidates and 399 undergraduate candidates. The ceremony started with the traditional procession of the faculty members in the academic regalia, led by Chief Marshall Huda Zurayk, who opened and closed the ceremony. Parents, members of the AUB Board of Trustees, and a number of dignitaries attended the ceremony. READ MORE
The Faculty of Engineering and Architecture (FEA) Geotechnical Lab has been named in honor of the dedication and generous donation of engineering alumnus Fadlo Touma and his wife, Justine. The lab, which recently moved to the Irani Oxy Engineering Complex will continue to serve the teaching and research needs of FEA students and faculty, as one of the leading geotechnical labs in the region. The lab was dedicated along with the FEA Class of ’66 lobby.

Civil Engineering Professor Salah Sadek, who heads the Geotechnical Lab, explained that the lab helps engineers study soil characteristics, including its strength, in order to determine the stability of foundations and hence, buildings and roadworks. READ MORE
FEA inaugurates its largest classroom in memory of Omar Salhab

A host of AUB donors, faculty and alumni gathered for the inaugural event of the Omar Salhab modern classroom at the Irani Oxy Engineering Complex on April 28, 2015. Omar, who passed away on November 22, 2012, was born in Roumieh, Lebanon in 1947, joined the FEA in 1969 and graduated in 1974 alongside his fellow donors Bassim Ziadeh and Trustee Mu’taz Sawwaf, who affectionately became known as ‘The 3 Musketeers’.

“Since Omar and I overlapped during our stay at FEA, I searched the AUB yearbooks for a picture hoping to recognize him,” said FEA Dean Makram Suidan in his welcoming speech. “I only found pictures of Mu’taz Sawwaf but no evidence that Omar Salhab, or for that matter Bassim Ziadeh, ever attended or graduated from the FEA.”

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FEA celebrates the dedication of the Ramez S. Rizk Conference Room

AUB celebrated the dedication of the Ramez S. Rizk Conference Room in presence of the family and friends of the late Ramez Rizk, AUB President Peter Dorman, FEA Acting Dean Fadl Moukalled, and members of FEA faculty and staff. After the symbolic cutting of the ribbon, President Dorman said “True to AUB’s motto That they may have life and have it more abundantly, Ramez Rizk lived a full and enriching life.”

President Dorman added that the late Ramez Rizk “was a successful entrepreneur and a discerning businessman, but he also recognized the importance of giving back to the communities and institutions that helped him along his own path”.

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The Faculty of Engineering and Architecture (FEA) recognized eight alumni and four faculty members for their achievements in addition to showcasing various projects by current students on April 29, 2015 at the Jassim Al-Qatami Engineering Lecture Hall, Bechtel Building. "This past fall semester FEA had 2,218 registered undergraduate, 263 master’s, and 68 PhD students, in addition to admitting our first class in industrial engineering, which received the go-ahead only two weeks prior to the beginning of classes with 38 registered students," said FEA Dean Makram Suidan in his opening remarks.

"We achieved this without compromising our admissions criteria, the most stringent at AUB, and we are awaiting approval from New York State for our MS and PhD programs in Biomedical Engineering, as well as a proposal for a new undergraduate program in Petroleum. READ MORE
FEA wins "big" at AUB’s annual Big Game

This year’s Big Game events were a big success, much beyond the score! Like last year, this year’s events featured three matches and lots of fun activities for students, faculty, staff, alumni and their families. The first match was an indoor coed futsal match. It was an exhibition match featuring male and female students from all faculties. The second match was a Basketball match, which FEA team dominated from start to finish and ended up winning the match by a margin of 20 points.

The third and final match was the Big Game. FEA outplayed the team comprised of students from all other faculties. The final score was 3-1 and the game’s MVP went to an FEA player. READ MORE

Prof. Mohamed H. Harajli named interim provost

Professor Mohamed H. Harajli will be Interim Provost through the next academic year.

Dr. Mohamed H. Harajli is Chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. He holds the Al-Kharafi Endowed Chair in Construction Engineering. He has served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from 2000 – 2003 and as Acting Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture from 1999 -2000.

He has published extensively on subjects related to concrete structures, bridges, structural dynamics, earthquake engineering and seismic loading.
Prof. Albert Kuran Scholarship

Professor Albert Kuran received a scholarship endowment in his name through the generous contributions of alumni Dr. Georges Makhoul and Mr. Maroun Semaan. The donation was made in recognition of the guidance that Professor Kuran provided to the two alumni during their stay at FEA.

Professor Albert Kuran is an Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and has been affiliated with AUB since 1953. He served as Assistant Dean (1985-1991), Associate Dean (1992-1998), and as Acting Dean in 1993, 1997, and 1998. Professor Kuran graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (BE) in 1954, and from Yale University (MS) in 1962.

Prof. Salma Samar Damliji receives Medaille d'Argent de la Restauration

Prof. Salma Samar Damliji received the Medaille d'Argent de la Restauration of the French Academy of Architecture in Paris on Wednesday, 10th June 2015 to honor the quality of her work, and its relationship to creation, history and heritage.

The Medal of Restoration is awarded to a personality who has contributed to the rescue, rehabilitation, renovation or preservation of architecture buildings.

Prof. Damliji is the Mu'allim Muhamad Bin 'Awad Binladin Chair for Architecture in the Islamic World at the department of Architecture and Design (FEA).

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