AUB’s Faculty of Engineering and Architecture [FEA] was founded more than sixty years ago, and it has been making waves since that time. From solar-powered cars to devices that help epilepsy sufferers, and from rockets carrying the proud Lebanese flag to shelters for the displaced, FEA has shown its true mettle. The adventure continues and we want you to remain part of it. We want to keep solid bridges with our alumni, faculty and students. For this purpose we have started this E-Newsletter, to keep you updated about what is happening in your faculty. We have updated our web page and created a Facebook page and a Twitter account. Welcome to our first E-Newsletter, and please visit our social media.

Class 2014

During the 145th Commencement Exercises at the American University of Beirut, held May 30 and 31, 2014 on the Green field, the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture graduated 8 Ph.D candidates, 128 ME candidates and 438 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. Undergraduate | Graduate

OXY/IRANI Engineering Complex
To accommodate the expansion of FEA programs, especially with the introduction of the PhD programs, a new complex is built that houses state-of-the-art laboratories, lecture and meeting rooms, and offices for graduate students. This building was constructed on the site of Wings B and C. The new laboratory complex was built with the help of a major gift from Dr. Ray Irani, the CEO and Chairman of Occidental Petroleum, an AUB alumnus; and a gift from Occidental Petroleum; as well as contributions from alumni and friends. The building is expected to be completed in June 2014 and will be called the Irani/Oxy Engineering Complex (IOEC).

**FEA recognizes its students, alumni, and faculty in its annual conference**

Eight alumni and four faculty members from the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture (FEA) were recognized for their achievements in the fields of architecture and design, civil and environmental engineering, electrical and computer engineering, and mechanical engineering. The distinguished alumnus award, went to alumni Mu’taz Sawaf, Marwan Nader, Malek Chebaro, and Rana Chemaitelly, while the distinguished young alumnus award went to Mashrou’ Leila music group (composed of seven FEA alumni). Christian Manasseh, Soleiman Itani, and Eva Kanso. Professors and Dean Ibrahim Hajj, Lina Ghaibeh, Mounir Mabsout and Ramsey Hamade were also acknowledged for their distinguished career. The 13th FEA Student and Alumni conference was held April 23 and 24, 2014 on campus. “At this conference we not only showcase our current students, we also showcase the many achievements of our alumni who represent the best testament to the quality of education at FEA,” said FEA Dean Makram Suidan. For the first time, a Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to “beloved professor, mentor and friend Dr. Raja Iliya.”

**FEA celebrates winning the Annual Big Game**
The university sports department at AUB organized three games this year. In the Annual Football game, the team representing the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture (FEA), played against a team representing all remaining faculties (Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences and the Olayan School of Business). The FEA team won 2-1, two goals scored by Serge Abdel Hak and Malek Fatte for the winning team and Nijad el Khachen scored the goal of the other team. Lebanon’s former coach Mr. Theo Bucker attended the event and chose Malke Fatte from Faculty of Engineering and Architecture team as the most valuable player. In the second game, the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture basketball team played and defeated a team representing all other faculties. FEA closed a 20 point deficit in the 4th quarter and won the trophy. In the third and last game, the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture coed Fusal time defeated the team representing all other faculties 4-2, and lifted the third trophy!

AREEN Projects Award of Excellence in Architecture and Graphic Design

AREEN LTD. Architects & Engineers established the "Areen Projects Award of Excellence in Architecture and Graphic Design. This award encourages architecture and graphic design students to give their best to their field, and become aware that competition is the best vehicle for progress. This is an annual award given to three students in each of Architecture and Graphic Design. The winners this year are: In Architecture: 1st prize: Tarek Ibrahim Hreish, 2nd prize: Farah Wajdi Harake, 3rd prize: Adrian Charles Mueller. In Graphic Design 1st prize: Diaa Ghassan Hamdallah, 2nd prize: Hisham Samir Faraj, 3rd prize: Sara Walid Nehme. READ MORE

Fawzi Azar Award

The Fawzi Azar Architecture Award is given annually to fourth-year architecture students and goes towards their fifth year tuition. Twenty-seven students have received the award since its inception. This year's candidates were evaluated by a jury panel consisting of Nabil Azar, Fawzi Azar, Ahmad Attia, Robert Saliba, Karim Najjar, Joy Kanaan and Bernard Mallat. The jury was coordinated by Professor Robert Saliba. Architecture and Design Chair Leila Musfy described the award as being "generous support of our students in the Department of Architecture and Design and a fantastic opportunity to promote and reward excellence." READ MORE

The George Rais Endowment Architecture Award

Michel Rais made a generous gift to AUB to establish "The George R. Rais Endowment Architecture Award," which will be open to third-year architecture students, starting academic year 2014-2015. The award honors the memory and accomplishments of his brother, famed architect George R. Rais, who was also a faculty member at AUB between 1977 and 1984. The annual award will recognize the achievements of three top architecture students at AUB, who will be selected by the Department of Architecture and Design’s Administrative Committee, based on the students' performance during the fall and spring semesters of their second year, and the fall semester of their...
third year. “It seems so appropriate to honor George in this way,” said Michel Rais.