

AUB Reunion 2022
Honoring Ceremony
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Welcome from

President Fadlo Khuri, excellencies, senior leadership, esteemed deans, distinguished guests, cherished alumni, family, and friends in person and virtually

Welcome to the 2022 Reunion Honoring Ceremony!

Reunion is one of my favorite events that we get to plan every year. It is truly special for me to welcome all of you back decades after your graduation to the place where it all started.

There is something about AUB and its campus that no one can ever really explain but that we all feel. I feel it in me just as I have witnessed it today in all of you. A sense of attachment laced with delight and warmth. Something that turns all of us into twenty-year-old students again whenever we set foot on campus. Something that reminds us that “The best memories of our life can never be captured in pictures. They are always captured by the heart.”

Standing here today, I cannot but feel a touch of sadness for everything our country is going through, but also an unwavering hope that a better tomorrow is around the corner. So, after the storms and the unprecedented circumstances, I am delighted and excited to welcome you back to campus, and back to life.

We are gathered to honor the Classes of 1972 and 1997, celebrating their Golden and Silver Jubilees this year, and the Class of 1971 that we wanted to include this year because they could not celebrate last year for various reasons.

And it is truly an honor to have you all here today. You have all given back to AUB by carrying its name and legacy around the world through your different journeys and paths. We are all so incredibly proud and humbled by your personal and professional achievements. We thank you for allowing us to celebrate these milestones with you.

Through the Office of Alumni Relations, we work hard to build strong ties among alumni of AUB and foster their connection with the university. We are grateful to all of you who made financial gifts to the Class Reunion Scholarship Fund. This fund supports needy and bright students, students who need our help now more than ever. If you have not had a chance to contribute, there is still time. Every contribution makes a difference.

I will not take more of your time. I just want to say congratulations to all the celebrating classes with us today. Welcome back to your alma mater. Remember, we are here for you. The Office of Alumni Relations is located in College Hall, 3rd floor. We have alumni chapters around the world, reach out and connect with them.

Finally, if there is anything that these two years have taught us, it's that although "time is free, it is also priceless." So, I really hope you enjoy this Honoring Ceremony and the rest of the Reunion activities and create more happy memories with your loved ones.