

Honorary Doctorates Ceremony Acceptance Speech

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President Fadlo Khuri, dear friends,

I was part of the AUB family from 1972 until 1981, including the 6 years of civil war. Our house was destroyed. My family left the country.

AUB became my home and family. AUB protected us, gave us food and shelter, and educated us. AUB made us who we are today and for this I am eternally grateful. AUB was a paradise with Saints who educated us and embraced us as their own children. I will name a few of many who are seared in our memory forever.

Dr. George Jean Rebeiz. Khalil Abou Faisal, Edmond Shweiry, Adel Berbari, Fuad Sabra, Farid Fleihan, Sami Obeid, Kamal Bekhazi, Faisal Najjar, Ibrahim Salti, Noha Noueiri, Marwan Owayda, Fuad Sami Haddad, Antoine and Philip Salem and of course Ziad Salem, Fadlo Abu Haidar, Adnan Mroueh, and of course Dean Raja Khuri.

My deepest gratitude for this tremendous honor.

