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Late AUB student Mohamad S. Dimashkieh immortalized with scholarship fund of 'hope'

Beirut, Lebanon- 01/04/2011 - In life, young Mohamad S. Dimashkieh was a source of energy, purity, and optimism. When his life was cut short with a tragic car accident on January 14, 2011, his father decided to immortalize the spirit of the former AUB student through a permanent Mohamad S. Dimashkieh Endowed Scholarship Fund at the American University of Beirut.

"Mohamad had a very special way of spreading happiness to everyone he comes in contact with...through his insatiable appetite for living and his enthusiasm," said his sister Dima. "In setting up this scholarship fund, we aim to carry on his legacy of optimism and hope while at the same time providing needy students with an opportunity to pursue their dreams in hopes of a brighter future."

"Both our parents are AUB graduates who believe in this institution and its role of educational leadership in the Middle East," added Dima.

Mohamad joined AUB as a business freshman in 2007 and would have graduated from the Olayan School of Business (OSB) in Spring 2011. Now, the scholarship fund in his name will help a needy OSB student complete his/her education.

"You know that one person you seek when life becomes difficult? That one person that can simplify your most complicated problems? Mohamad was that person. His simplicity and purity brought a special kind of energy," said Tarek El-Hajj, one of his friends.

"He's the life of the crowd, the laugh and energy to a bad day, and the extra high to a great day," adds Reem Maktabi, another friend.

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than 100 programs leading to the bachelor's, master's, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full service 420-bed hospital.

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