

## Endowed scholarship fund established in memory of Karim Habr

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The family of Karim Habr has established an endowed scholarship fund in the name of their son, who was tragically killed in a car accident on a rainy night in Beirut on January 25, 2010. Karim was an AUB student majoring in public administration and was supposed to have graduated in February 2010. Karim was known by his family, friends, and classmates—and will forever be remembered—as a dynamic and energetic man who was eager to learn and make his way in the world.



“We can think of no better way to celebrate Karim’s life than to establish an endowed scholarship fund at the University that he loved,” said Yasmina Habr, Karim’s mother.

“In addition to being a permanent memorial, the Karim Habr Endowed Scholarship Fund will also benefit current and future students at AUB—students like our son,” she added.

Proceeds from the Karim Habr Endowed Scholarship Fund will help cover part of the tuition fees of one public administration student who demonstrates financial need and is in good academic standing.

Karim’s family has launched an appeal to solicit donations to the endowed scholarship fund. “AUB receives thousands of financial aid applications from deserving students each year. Many of these young men and women cannot attend AUB without the help of generous donors and friends. “We have been able to see for ourselves how the experience of attending AUB is transforming the lives [of some of Karim’s classmates who are receiving financial aid], the lives of their families as well as the communities where they live,” said Karim’s father, Ghassan Habr. "By establishing the Karim Habr Endowed Scholarship, we are reaching out to help these young people and investing in the future of our country and our region."

Karim’s parents noted that “although many of us are not in a position to make large and generous gifts, our combined resources are vast. We hope others will join us in making a gift to the Karim Habr Endowed Scholarship Fund. No gift is too small. Gifts of any amount are appreciated. On behalf of our dear son Karim and of the many men and women who will benefit from your generous support, we thank you.”