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Establishment of the Shireen Abu Akleh

Memorial Scholarship at the American University of Beirut

The Office of the President of the American University of Beirut (AUB) issued a statement announcing the establishment of the Shireen Abu Akleh Memorial Scholarship at the university.

The statement included, “The murder of the iconic Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Akleh on May 11, 2022 did more than deprive the world of a brave, determined, accomplished woman journalist of the highest caliber. It removed an undeterred champion of Palestine, a symbol of hope, a voice for the voiceless, and an inspiration to brave women everywhere. The Board of Trustees of the American University of Beirut and its administration believe that it is vital to preserve Shireen Abu Akleh’s timeless example of hope for Palestinians and women.

To honor her memory, the Board of Trustees of the American University of Beirut in full partnership with the Yafa Foundation announce the establishment of the Shireen Abu Akleh Endowed Memorial Scholarship. The endowment will fund scholarships for women from Palestine to obtain master’s degrees in media studies at the region’s oldest and finest university, with applications to be considered immediately.

The Yafa Foundation and the American University of Beirut are convinced that the best way to commemorate and celebrate the life of Shireen Abu Akleh, an enduring figure of hope and peace, is to create opportunities for others to follow along her path while blazing their own, to bear witness to the truth and keep hope alive, for this generation and those to follow.”

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About AUB

Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, AUB has more than 900 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 9,500 students. AUB currently offers more than 140 programs leading to 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 365-bed hospital.

About the Yafa Foundation

The Yafa Foundation is mainly dedicated to supporting medical, health, and educational initiatives serving communities in Palestine, Jordan, and Lebanon, in addition to individual excellence, especially in the field of sports. The foundation also supports initiatives and organizations that shed light on the plight of the Palestinian people and the abuse they suffer from internal and external entities.

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