

AUB President announces names of 15 scholarship recipients, asks new students to seize AUB opportunities

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The American University of Beirut kicked off the 2010-11 academic year by announcing the names of 15 new students to whom it will grant full scholarships in reward of their outstanding academic achievement. The scholarships will cover at least their tuition fees for their entire stay at AUB, provided they maintain an 85 percent average.

AUB President Peter Dorman announced the names of the scholarship recipients, during an evening reception held on the Green Oval on September 30, 2010, during the first week of classes.

This year, more than 1,500 new students are joining AUB, representing more than 30 countries and 37 nationalities. Some 50 new faculty members also joined AUB from the United States and Europe.

Dorman announced the two scholarships, saluting recipients for their achievements: The Merit Scholarship and the Merits Baccalaureate Scholarship.

Each year since 1999, AUB has been choosing 10 new students with the highest high school scores, granting them the Merit Scholarship which was originated in the spring of 1999 on a recommendation from President Waterbury to the Board of Trustees.

In 2006, AUB also created the Merits Baccalaureate Scholarship, in conjunction with the Lebanese National Council for Scientific Research. This type of scholarship allows AUB to invite 12 graduating high school students in Lebanon with the highest scores on the official Baccalaureate exams to apply to the University. Those who are accepted to AUB receive a full scholarship, which, with the Council's contribution of LL10 million per student per year, covers their tuition fees. In addition, AUB also offers the needy among the accepted students, accommodation or a monthly stipend of \$350 to cover food and transportation expenses. Moreover, all students on this scholarship program will be exempted from the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and, if needed, will be placed in remedial English classes for free.

“The best thing about AUB has to be its diversity and rich ethnic culture,” said Acting Dean of Student Affairs Talal Nizameddin. “And tonight, we welcome all these diverse new students to what is about to be the greatest and most enriching experience of their lives.”

President Dorman expressed his excitement over AUB's hosting one of the largest groups of international students in the University's history.

He also urged new AUB students to make the most of their university experience by not missing an opportunity to forge lifelong friendships and engaging in the myriad extracurricular activities on offer at AUB.

“At AUB, which I personally believe to be the best university in the Middle-East, you find yourself making lifelong friendships. And students should realize, that at the end of the day, that is what they will remember the most,” the president said.



NAMES of Scholarship recipients for 2010-11

| Sophomore Merit Recipients 2010-11 | | |
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| | Name | School Address |
| Miss | Daniela Ramzi Ashoush | Grand Lycee Franco Libanais, Beirut |
| Mr. | Patrick Joseph Bou Samra | St. Joseph, Kornet Shahwan |
| Miss | Ghadi Maroun Sebaali | St. Joseph, Kornet Shahwan |
| Miss | Lea Elie Fayad | International School, Koura |
| Mr. | Michael Ibrahim Riyad Mouffarrij | St. Joseph, Kornet Shahwan |
| Mr. | Jad Joseph Younes | St Joseph Kornet Shahwan |
| Freshman Merit Recipients 2010-11 | | |
| | Name | School Address |
| Miss | Nadia Abulssalam Elgawarsha | Squalicum High School,U.S.A |
| Miss | Rozana Ramzi El Eid | International School of Choweifat Al Ain,UAE |
| Miss | Maria Emmanuel Zabaneh | Kings Academy, Jordan |
| Miss | Nadia Abdallah Kassab | International School of Choweifat, Dubai |
| Baccalaureate Recipients 2010-11 | | |
| | Name | School Address |
| Miss | Reem Ghassan Abi Ammar | Amjad School/Choueifat |
| Mr. | Omar Walid Bou Fakher Eddin | Amjad School/Choueifat |
| Miss | Yasmine Shucri Chawaf | International College, Ras Beirut |
| Miss | Hoda Mohamad Jaffal | Al Mustapha High School,Nabatieh |
| Mr. | Samer Jean Chamata | Notre Dames des Apotres,Kabeli,Zahle |

