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## **AUB Alumni and VIPs expected in Beirut to celebrate Reunion 2012**

Beirut, Lebanon- 27/06/2012 -The American University of Beirut under the auspices of its alumni association WAAAUB (Worldwide Alumni Association of AUB) will be holding its annual reunion this weekend June 29-July 1st.

Graduates of the classes of 1957, 62, 67, 72, 77, 82, 87, 92, 97, 02, and 2007 will be taking part in a variety of activities featuring notable alumni who will be traveling to Beirut from across the globe. Attendance at the reunion weekend is expected to reach 500 alumni and guests.

The weekend kicks off on Friday evening with an Honoring Ceremony at AUB's Assembly Hall to celebrate the 50th, 25th and 5th anniversary of graduates in the classes of 1962, 1987 and 2007. The evening's keynote speakers will be Talal Farah (BA`62) a historical research consultant residing in London; Raya Haffar (BBA`87), former Lebanese Minister of Finance and Rima Karaki (TD`07), the well-known Lebanese radio and television presenter. All alumni will be receiving commemorative medals from AUB President Peter Dorman and they will join the president for a reception at Marquand House immediately afterwards.

Saturday's activities begin with a Homecoming Brunch for alumni and their families at the Charles Hostler Center. Two faculty-focused events will be held that afternoon. At the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture Petrofac President Maroun Seemaaan (BEN`77) and author and architect Suad Amiry (BAR`76) will address their fellow engineering alumni. A discussion with graduates of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences will be held at the Charles Hostler Center, moderated by author Makram Rabah (BA`03, MA`07) the panel will feature the distinguished Afghani political figure Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai (BA`73, MA`77) and activist and attorney Zubeida Barmania (MA`67).

Saturday evening will feature a special Commencement Ceremony for the class of 1982 since a commencement was not held at AUB that year.

Wearing their caps and gowns, alumni will receive "degrees" from representatives of their faculties. Presided over by Lebanese media personality Ricardo Karam, the keynote speakers will be fashion designer Reem Acra whose famous haute couture designs are worn by international celebrities, as well as politician Ashraf Ghani.

The ceremony will conclude with alumni joining the class of 1982 to receive AUB rings symbolizing their renewed commitment to AUB.

The weekend wraps up with social events and a gala dinner on the AUB campus on Saturday evening and a family outing on Sunday to Byblos including a boat cruise to Amsheet.

Reunions have been held at AUB since 2004 with increased participation and expanded schedules from year to year.

Alumni who are still interested in attending may enquire about availability with the AUB Alumni Relations Office at: +961 1 738009 or by email: [reunion@aub.edu.lb](mailto:reunion@aub.edu.lb)

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**Note to Editors**

### **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 600 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 8,000 students. AUB currently offers more 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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