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AUB to honor distinguished alumni during annual reunion weekend

Beirut, Lebanon- 20/06/2013 -The Worldwide Alumni Association of the American University of Beirut (WAAAUB) will honor its graduates during a series of events during the Reunion 2013 weekend taking place on the AUB campus June 21-22, 2013.

Friday, June 21, 2013, 6pm, at Assembly Hall: Classes of 1963 and 1988 will receive medals from AUB President Peter Dorman, and WAAAUB President, Nabil Dajani to commemorate their 50th and 25th anniversaries of graduation. The honoring ceremony will feature keynote addresses by **Mariam Said (BA `63)** and **Elie Khouri (BBA `83, MBA `88)**.

Mariam Said is the vice-president of the Barenbohm-Said Foundation USA and promoter of the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra (WEDO) which was co-founded by her late husband, Edward W. Said. Elie Khouri is currently CEO of Omnicom Media Group, MENA and has been cited by industry sources as one of the most influential business and media leaders in the Arab world.

Saturday, June 22, 2013, 9pm, on AUB's Green Oval: The WAAAUB Distinguished Alumni and Chapter awards will be distributed during the Reunion Gala. Established in 2009, the WAAAUB Awards Program recognizes distinguished alumni and outstanding alumni chapters for their individual achievements, contributions to their industries or professions, service to their community and demonstrated loyalty to their Alma Mater. These awards are the highest tribute granted to alumni by WAAAUB.

This year's recipients are: **Bilal Hamad (BEN `76)**, mayor of Beirut for his achievements in the fields of education and social development; **John Makhoul (BEN `64)**, Chief Scientist at BBN Technologies for his outstanding work in the fields of technology and innovation; **Mu'taz Sawwaf (BAR `74)**, CEO of Construction Projects Holding Company for his contributions to the engineering industry. The Distinguished Chapter Award will be presented to the **Qatar chapter**, an anchor for AUB alumni in the MENA region for many years.

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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 700 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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