



AUB to celebrate Founders Day by exploring its role in the Arab Spring

Beirut, Lebanon- 30/11/2011 - The American University of Beirut will be marking its 145th year since its founding in 1866 during a formal ceremony at noon on Monday, December 5, 2011.

The ceremony will feature keynote speaker AUB Trustee Emerita Leila Sharaf, the first woman to join the Jordanian Senate and a former minister of information.

During the ceremony, the winner of the student essay contest will read his/her essay which would have responded to the question: "In light of AUB's historic legacy as an institution that fosters social advancement, what role can our university play in this region during the time of the Arab Spring?"

AUB has allocated three awards for student essays: \$750, \$500 and \$250 for first, second and third places, respectively.

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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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