

Remarks made by

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## Huda Nakad Bechara

Ever since joining the Registrar's Office in June 2001, Mrs. Bechara has relentlessly demonstrated outstanding services, courteous attention and promptness in performing her duties. Her devotion in helping went far beyond the call of duty, and has developed a wide reputation among students as the person to refer to in case of problems relevant to registration and compliance.

By building the degree structures for all undergraduate and graduate programs into Banner CAPP, Mrs. Bechara gained a unique knowledge of the requirements of the programs offered at AUB, and generously provided students seeking advice at the Registrar's Office with patience and knowledgeable guidance beyond her defined duties.

Many students expressed their appreciation of Mrs. Bechara's devotion. The following are excerpts from their statements addressed to the Provost and the Registrar's, which are representative of the comments received at large:

- *"...Really, you were very helpful not only for me, but also for the other international students and all other AUB students. You make life easier for us and you give us the opportunity to merge in the AUB community as smooth as possible. You helped greatly in my registration problems, my student ID problems, and not only this but you encouraged me to join the AUB activities, introduce the Egyptian Club and find a job on campus. and this is the way it should be so that you can make good reputation of AUB and have more international students come visit this great university and enjoy their stay. Thank you very much again for helping and encouraging us".*
- Another student had the following to say: *"I am taking this initiative to nominate Ms Nakad Bechara for the award because I truly felt that Mrs. Bechara's services were outstanding and deserved special appreciation. I have been around AUB for*

*some time and I know that her work as well as her dedication should be taken as model for the university and other community members".*

- *Commenting on her helping attitude, another student stated: "She is the only person who wouldn't send the student elsewhere whenever he asks a question. She tries her best to help, and in case she couldn't she makes sure to refer you to the right person. From evaluating records, to calling departments for information students seek, Mrs. Bechara has far exceeded her duties."*
- *A student services officer in one of the faculties had the following to say concerning support to other departments: "Mrs. Huda Nakad Bechara helped our students a lot yesterday in solving problems that they have encountered in the registration process. I could not be available yesterday because both my sons were sick and I have emailed Mrs. Bechara to help our students. Ms Nakad Bechara backed me up and the registration process for our faculty went smoothly thanks to her backing me up."*