



Students modeling the traditional costumes of Greece, Sudan, Iran, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Bahrain, Lebanon, and Kuwait pose in West Hall. c. 1950s.

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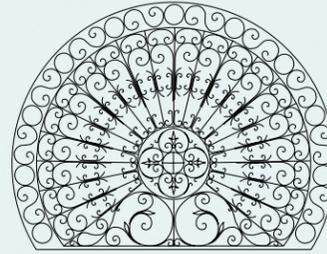
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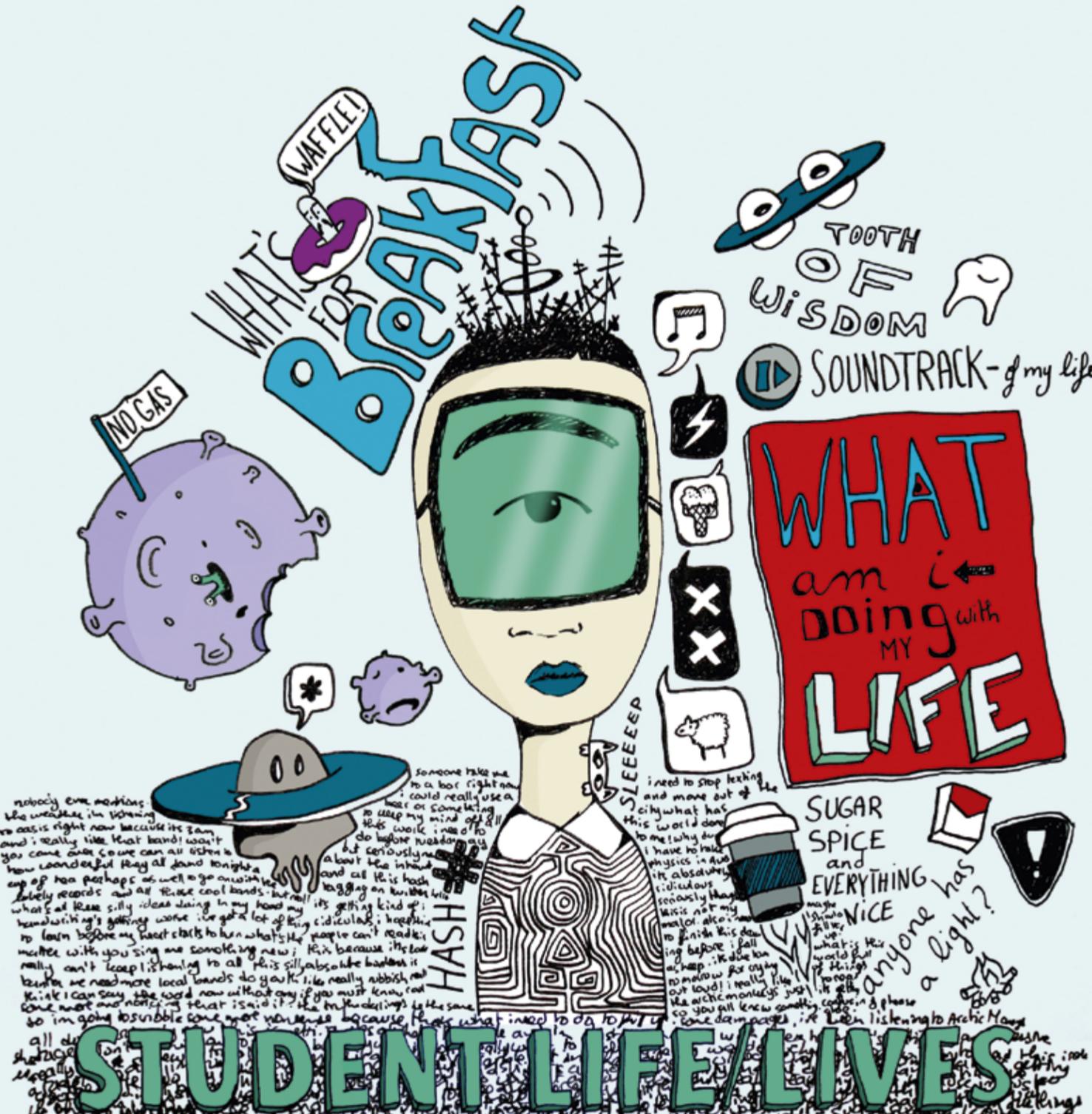
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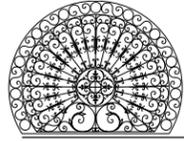
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Agriculture at AUB: A Century of Progress by Nuhad J. Dagher; *Marketing Management: Arab World Edition* by Philip Kotler, Kevin Lane Keller, Salah S. Hassan, **Imad Baalbaki** (BBA '85, MBA '87), and Hamed M. Shamma.

The Problem Solver 62 years of back and forth to Lebanon adds up to both heartwarming memories and heartbreak for Emeritus Professor of Mathematics Peter Yff.

Well Versed Asad al-Shadudi (1826-1906) Described by President Daniel Bliss as "a born mathematician," this gifted SPC tutor also left behind an unlikely musical and poetic legacy.

Watching Over Earth from Space For some, the microwave is handy for reheating coffee. **Fawwaz Ulaby** (BS '64) (of NASA, the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, and University of Michigan fame) uses it to measure the impact of global warming and thinks (he knows) it will save lives.

GET OUT THE VOTE! Call for nominations for the 2013 WAAAUB elections.

Tarek Mitri (BA '74) appointed head of the UN Support Mission in Libya; picture perfect wedding photos on campus; published and produced: **Lina Khatib** (BA '98) pens *Image Politics in the Middle East: The Role of the Visual in Political Struggle* (2012).

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"AUB," says Hassan Issa (BA '10), "helped me think about ideas like equality and human rights. The Teach For Lebanon concept of helping others who can't help themselves fit with that." He's one of the AUB grads who have dedicated themselves to teaching in disadvantaged schools as part of TFL.

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2013 marks your 5th year as president of AUB. In line with the theme of this issue, could you comment on what you think have been the most significant changes in student life over the last five years?

One of my goals has been to create an environment in which the voices of our students and faculty are heard regarding decisions that affect them personally. We are already getting students involved in helping us frame policy for many areas of campus life, such as rethinking how we award financial aid, how we select our food services, and ensuring that student elections are open to everyone who chooses to participate.

You've talked before about the "worth of an AUB education," but what about its cost? This is always a pertinent issue for students and parents.

We cannot over-emphasize the importance of making financial aid more widely available and accessible to deserving students. When we introduced a per-credit tuition fee, it is true that it resulted in higher tuition for some students. But it has also drastically *increased* the amount of available unrestricted financial aid for the student body at large. A larger pool of unrestricted aid enhances our student diversity, especially socioeconomic diversity, and makes an AUB education a possibility for those who otherwise could not come here. This academic year, we have distributed almost \$18 million in outright financial aid grants, exclusive of other forms of aid such as assistantships, work study, and loans.



Students in period costume offer President Dorman treats of dried apricots and apricot jam (favorites of AUB founder Daniel Bliss) at Founders Day 2012.

Students these days seem very concerned with living healthy lifestyles. What is AUB doing to encourage this?

One of the things that really started with the completion of the Hostler Center in 2008 is a new emphasis on student sports and student fitness. We've tried out some new team sports, like American football and lacrosse, and the energy that we saw at the Big Game last year was incredible. We also put a big emphasis on the Beirut Marathon last fall, and brought together a record number of faculty, staff, and students in this healthy, physical activity that unites communities across Beirut. Even if we have another torrential rainstorm, I'm confident that our numbers will be even better next year.

Another health issue that affects many students is smoking (or not) on campus. In the past year you've shown strong support for Law 174, which prohibits smoking in all indoor public spaces in Lebanon. Why is this an issue you have taken to heart, so to speak?

The reason I have become personally involved is that I feel very strongly that AUB—its faculty and students together—need to become actively engaged in public policy. This particular law has been propelled by hard scientific data that has emerged from the Tobacco Control Research Group on campus. So AUB has had a direct hand in fostering the law and pushing a public policy initiative that has very long-term positive effects for public health. It is important that we take

this stand. As in every country that has enacted a smoking ban, there has been resistance to the law and we are planning further events to push for the public safety aspect of the law—not only for diners who go out to restaurants, but more importantly for workers in restaurants—including our students—who cannot escape the effects of second hand smoke.

What actions is AUB taking that will directly affect student life?

One important area we have not addressed sufficiently until now at AUB is the problem of sexual harassment. We've just revamped our policies regarding this and will be holding a series of workshops and presentations on what sexual harassment is, why it is a problem our entire community needs to confront, and how students in particular can protect themselves and their peers from being harassed. We're in the process of hiring a Title IX coordinator; that's a position required by the US government to help institutions create a supportive and respectful atmosphere on campus. Coming back to my initial point about the need to listen to, and act on, the concerns of the community, I'll add that we're also hiring a university ombudsperson who will handle questions and complaints from students, as well as faculty and staff, and help them resolve issues and conflicts that affect their university experience.

What about the day-to-day issues that all students have to deal with, like getting into classes or using the wireless connection on campus?

I recognize that we need to improve key student services, especially the

systems for orientation, registration, and advising for students. We need to make our career placement opportunities more robust and we're working with alumni worldwide to launch a new mentoring program. We're also enhancing access to information technology across campus, which is critically important for students in this age of 24/7 connectivity. Another important issue we're exploring is student housing. It's quite an extensive agenda.

What do you think defines the student experience at AUB?

Everything. From the first time a prospective student Googles AUB and lands on our website, to the day they register for classes, through every hour spent in classes, labs, and libraries, right up to the day they don a cap and gown and I hand them a diploma—every bit of it defines the student experience. That is why our agenda is so broad and substantial.

When alumni talk about their undergraduate experience, they often call it "transformative." What inspires this?

The university years should be the most enriching and exciting time of your life. Because we're a liberal arts university, we have an environment where students have opportunities to follow all kinds of new interests, both inside and outside the classroom. This could be pursuing a minor in a secondary field of study, trying out for the football team, or joining a student club like Toastmasters.

Our students also get to engage with faculty outside the classroom. In the last three years we've seen great

examples of faculty-student projects supported by a Mellon Foundation grant, including theater and dance productions, photography workshops, and a student literary journal. I recently had the pleasure of attending the production *Salome vs. Bluebeard*, which had students participating in cutting-edge theater. These are the kinds of experiences that can change a young person's life.

With so many of our students living on social media, do you tweet?

Yes, "follow" me! I started tweeting in January. The tweets will be on a host of issues: what I'm seeing, what I'm doing, interactions with students or faculty, interesting articles that affect university life. [#@AUBpresident]

Is there any message you'd like to give to prospective students or their parents?

Most students are admitted as sophomores, as per Lebanese law. But prospective students and their parents should understand that this is really cutting their time at AUB short by a year.

By allowing yourself four years at AUB, your course load would be far less burdensome. Having a lighter load allows for more concentration on each course, and opens up opportunities for doing a semester abroad or taking part in extracurricular activities without jeopardizing your studies. It is also no additional financial burden since AUB tuition is now charged on a per-credit basis. Remember that your university years can be the best time in your life, so why cut this short by a year?



As the stories of smart, inspiring, daring students continued to roll in, I knew that we had to dedicate an issue to students. The 15 new scholars recently recruited to the Faculty of Health Sciences through the support of The MasterCard Foundation are coming in on a wave of new ideas that promise to revitalize the local communities to which they are planning to return. We also heard about students who had made some unexpected choices after graduation, deciding to teach in disadvantaged Lebanese public schools through Teach For Lebanon, an amazing program founded by **Ali Dimechkieh** (BEN '97). And then there were our Office of International Programs mentors, a spunky, spirited group of international students themselves charged with introducing hundreds of foreign students to the ins and outs of life at AUB and in Beirut.

These were all tremendous, accomplished students, but we were missing an element of campus *life*. Since students “live” so much on-line, we took a snapshot of tweets, posts, and rants from last fall to see what students are talking about; we photographed our way through West Hall, which has been a beehive of student activity for 100 years; and finally we invited students to submit photographs that they thought captured the essence of campus life. I found one of those submissions particularly striking: a student sent in a series of starkly beautiful black and white images of the Hostler Center. This wasn't what I was expecting, but she wrote that this was her way “to bring out the beauty of campus,” which was her favorite part of the AUB experience. For all of the beauty of AUB, I had never considered it a defining element of student life. Perhaps we can all make a belated New Year's resolution to look for the beauty that surrounds us.

This spring I will be emailing all alumni a link to an important on-line magazine survey: Please take a few minutes to send us your comments. It's immensely important to all of us that we provide an informative, engaging, and fun publication that keeps you in touch with AUB.

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MainGate Fall 2012, Vol. XI, No. 1: In Memoriam

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Professor Sami Makarem. In 1974, as a new sophomore at AUB, I had the pleasure of taking the required sophomore Arabic class with him. (Was that Arabic 201?) My first results in the class were mediocre at best, but Professor Makarem took an interest in my improvement, and I worked with him on additional assignments to bolster my Arabic language skills. By the end of that semester I had improved significantly, and my essay on Taha Hussein was read in front of the class as an example of that improvement. Professor Makarem set

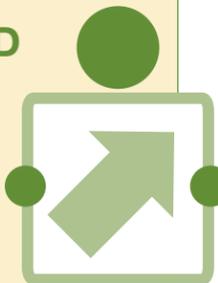
for me the example of a great teacher, spending the extra time required to meet each student at his or her level of ability and coach each patiently and kindly, without being judgmental or patronizing. I have never forgotten this kindness on his part. The AUB community has sadly lost a great man and a great teacher, a scholar and gentleman.

Fuad S. Saba (BBA '77)
Warrenville, Illinois

upcoming magazine

WHO CHANGED YOUR LIFE?

We want to hear stories from alumni about the people who inspired you on campus.



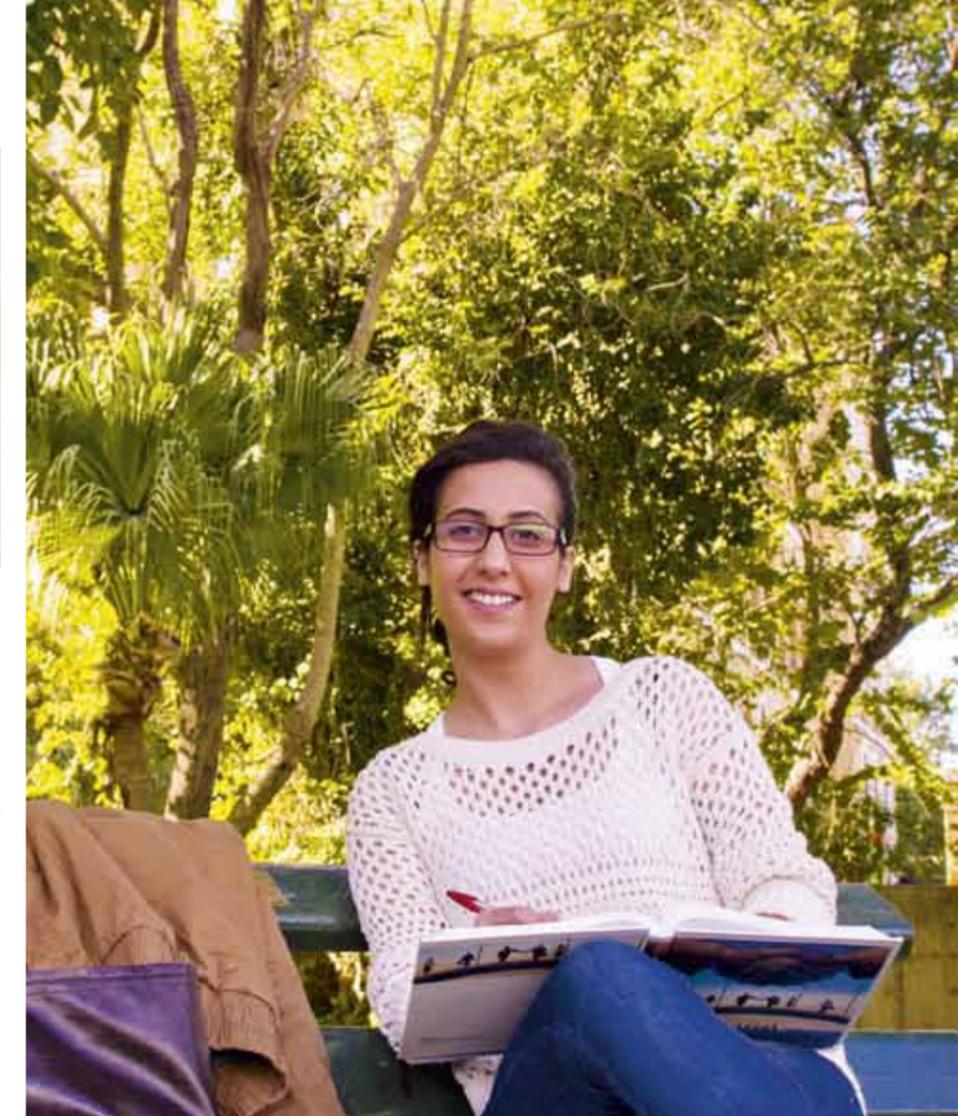
Email maingate(at)aub.edu.lb so we can help tell your story



At AUB, more than 3,000 students received financial aid in 2011–12. Can you help one more?

Cynthia has lived in Lebanon her whole life—in Bshamoun, a Beirut suburb. Her father is an alumnus, so attending AUB was a childhood dream. He used to work in Dubai until the market crashed in 2009; he's been unemployed for three years now, so Cynthia and her sister (who also attends AUB) rely on financial aid. Cynthia initially registered as a business student but quickly discovered that her passion was English literature. She realized, however, that a business degree could be useful, so she is working on a double major: a BBA in business management and a BA in English literature. Looking ahead, Cynthia hopes to find a job that somehow bridges what she's learned in the classroom and in her on-campus job as a research assistant in the Office of University Advancement—probably, she says, at an educational institution or a publishing firm. She also hopes to do a master's degree some day—in comparative literature.

To speak to someone about supporting financial aid, contact us at giving(at)aub.edu.lb.



Supporting Students

of Today and Tomorrow: Cynthia Abou Hassan

Can you help support an AUB student?

See what's possible!

Viewfinder

In December the Office of Student Affairs collaborated with the Ayadina Association to host 500 underprivileged children and children with special needs in a Christmas celebration (Santa! Treats! Music! Presents!) on campus.

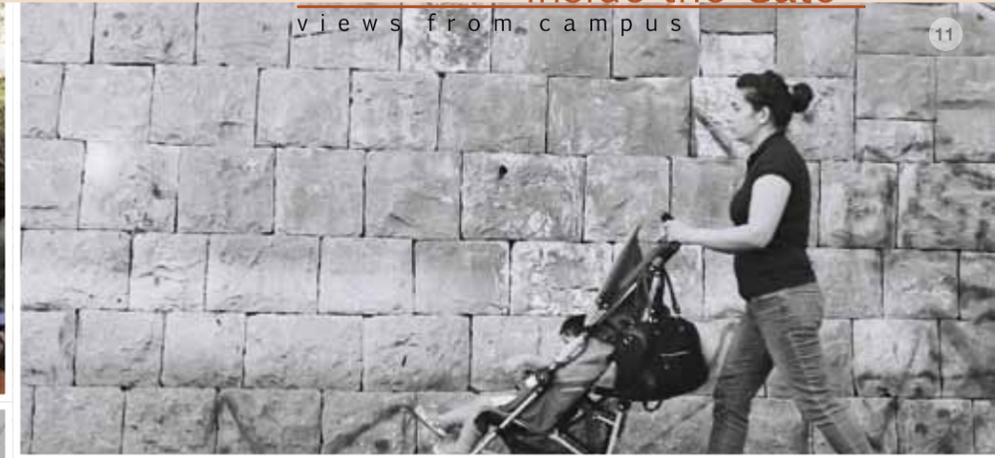




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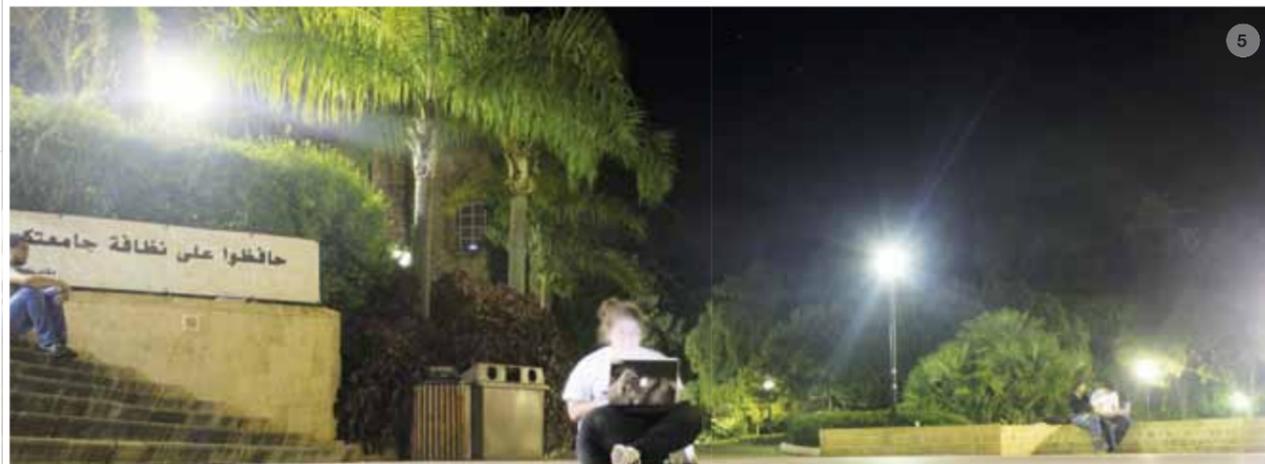
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Photos by students of student life

- 1. We had joy, we had fun, we had seasons in the sun ... (Nadine Razzouk)
- 2. 'Tis the season to be jolly! (N.R.)
- 3. My favorite place on earth, Main Gate (N.R.)
- 4. Portrait (Samira Chatila)
- 5. Overnighting on campus (N.R.)
- 6. Appreciate the beauty that surrounds us... Charles W. Hostler Student Center, Monya Riachi
- 7. Charles W. Hostler Student Center (M.R.)
- 8. 2012 Ring Ceremony at the Green Field: Miss you guys! (Kasem Salameh)
- 9. Students working in the campus greenhouse (Safia Al Ajlan)
- 10. (S.C.)
- 11. Privileged few: These are the only four wheel vehicles allowed on campus aside from the university transportation vehicles (S.C.)
- 12. AUB feeds the mind and the soul... (S.C.)



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Seen and Heard

TOP 10 Say it in Arabic!
 We asked students learning Arabic at CAMES about their moments of glory and came back with 10 linguistic victories, big and small, that make them feel proud.

I love it when I can...

1. use my Arabic in the English classes I'm teaching at a refugee camp.
2. communicate with kids. It's incredibly fun.
3. make the cab drivers think I'm Lebanese!
4. order my breakfast in the morning.
5. practice a language that I love.
6. understand the way people here think through the way they speak. In order to understand a culture, one must first understand the language.
7. successfully communicate with someone who doesn't speak English.
8. understand and appreciate a civilization that is historical, beautiful, lively, and loving.
9. shock Arabic speakers abroad who don't imagine that I—a blond man—can speak Arabic!
10. negotiate modifications of a dish with a waiter, like asking for olives and cucumber in a sandwich! Now I don't have to stick to a restaurant's English menu.

University News

Welcome to AUB

The University is pleased to welcome three new trustees to the AUB Board: Linda K. Jacobs, Dr. Jacques P. Merab, and Dr. Nawal M. Nour.

Linda Jacobs, PhD, an archaeologist by training, is director emerita of Jacobs Engineering, a global engineering and construction firm. She has long been involved in initiatives related to the Middle East and higher education: She is past president of Middle East Technology Assistance; member of the board of directors of the Near East Foundation; former member of the board of the Polytechnic Institute

of New York University; and founder of The Violet Jabara Charitable Trust. She is the author of a memoir of her three years in Iran: *Digging In: An American Archaeologist Uncovers the Real Iran* and is currently writing a book about the history of the Lebanese/Syrian Colony in New York in the nineteenth century. Her late father, Joseph Jacobs, was a member of the AUB International Advisory Council and Board of Trustees.

"AUB has always had a special place in our family, not least because several of my cousins attended and taught there. In my view, it is a beacon of enlightened scholarship in the Middle East and well deserves its sterling reputation. It is an honor to be a new member of the Board of Trustees."



Linda Jacobs, PhD



Dr. Jacques P. Merab

Dr. Jacques P. Merab is associate clinical professor of medicine in cardiology at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and associate attending physician at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. He served his internship and



Dr. Nawal Nour

residency in internal medicine, and completed a fellowship in cardiology at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. Merab is a member of the Harvey Society. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (BS '76) and Harvard University (MD '80).

Dr. Nawal Nour, associate professor at Harvard Medical School, was born in the Sudan and raised in Egypt and England. She attended Brown University, received her MD from Harvard Medical School,

and completed a chief residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Brigham and Women's Hospital. She researches health and policy issues regarding female genital cutting (FGC) and established the African Women's Health Center to provide health and outreach programs for the African community in Boston. In 2003 she received a MacArthur Foundation "genius grant" for establishing the only center in the United States that supports women who have undergone FGC.

Common Abbreviations found in MainGate (MG):

ACS: American Community School
 AUB: American University of Beirut
 AUBMC: American University of Beirut Medical Center
 CAMES: Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies
 CAMS: Center for Advanced Mathematical Sciences
 CASAR: Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz
 Alsaud Center for American Studies and Research

CCECS: Center for Civic Engagement and Community Service
 FAFS: Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences
 FAS: Faculty of Arts and Sciences
 FEA: Faculty of Engineering and Architecture
 FHS: Faculty of Health Sciences
 FM: Faculty of Medicine
 HSON: Rafic Hariri School of Nursing
 Ibsar: Nature Conservation Center for Sustainable Futures
 IC: International College

IFI: Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs
 KSA: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
 LDEM: Landscape Design and Ecosystem Management
 OSB: Suliman S. Olayan School of Business
 PSPA: Department of Political Studies and Public Administration
 REP: Regional External Programs
 SPC: Syrian Protestant College
 WAAAUB: Worldwide Alumni Association of AUB

RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

We met our goal for the Financial Aid Initiative!

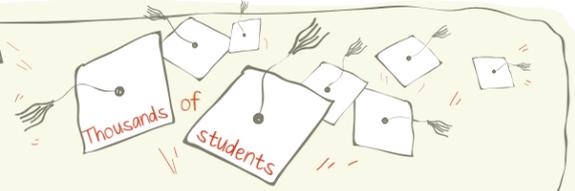


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8 fulltime fundraisers



10s of trustees



5,280 gifts

Ingredients



4,386 donors



100s of phone calls



1000s of meetings and followup visits



34 months

Method Place five donors who are willing to make a \$5 million matching grant in a large mixing bowl. Stir gently. Gradually add committed trustees, fundraisers, alumni, and friends. Mix well. Season with additional donors as needed to reach \$20 million goal. Share the good news with the AUB community. Enjoy!



Our Olive Tree, Your Olive Tree, A Heritage

Last July the Shbaklo family decided to sell the property that their family has called home for generations. Since their land abuts AUB at the end of Georges Post Street, generations of Shbaklos have simply had to cross the street to get their AUB degrees. Who, they reasoned, could be a better custodian for the property with its ancient olive tree than their beloved AUB?

In a moving exchange of letters between the Shbaklo family and President Dorman, Shafic Shbaklo, who lived in the house for 70 years from the age of seven, wrote of the olive tree, "She grew up with us and was a dear member of our family." President Dorman replied, "While many people think of the cedar as the typical Lebanese symbol, I cannot help [but] think that the olive is another beloved national tree, for the fruit and shade it provides, for its longevity, and for its endurance in the face of adversity."

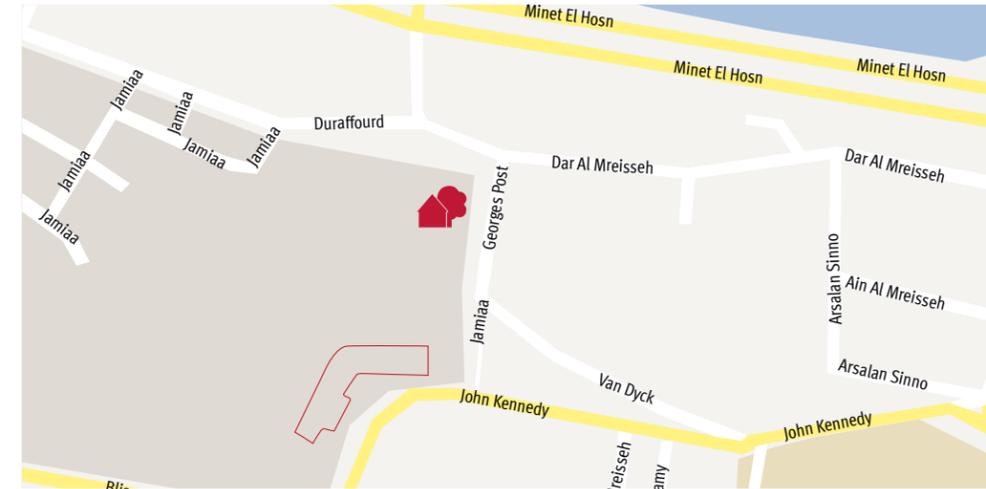
Shafic's wife, Mona, who moved into the house as a young bride in 1976, is now the dean of students at International College. She added, "AUB was the playground for our kids, Ramzi and Raed, when they were young and the nurturer of their minds and souls. AUB is family... Mabrouk AUB; we feel proud that you own us."

Mabrouk, Shbaklo family.

-B.R.

Mohamad Aballah Shbaklo (BA '29)
Zouhair Mohamad Shbaklo (BS '62, MD '67)
Ussam Mohamad Shbaklo (BS '69, MS '72)
Mona Shbaklo (MA '85)
Bassem Abdallah Shbaklo (former student, 1990s)
Hadia Zouhair Shbaklo (BS '94, MS '96)

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Raed Shafic Shbaklo (BEN '01)
Zeina Zouhair Shbaklo (BA '02, MPH '04)





First dedicated in 1923 (then moved in 1976, and destroyed in 1991), a plaque commemorating AUB medical alumni who died during World War I has been rededicated in its original home of West Hall. Read about a student's search for the descendants of these alumni in *MainGate* on-line.

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Risky Decisions

The development of our minds has not only occurred in the course of one lifetime, but throughout human history. That fact is the basis of evolutionary psychology and the work of Professor Dylan Evans, who researches and discusses how many of our decisions and judgments are rooted in experiences that helped our race survive, but may not be useful in modern society.

"Natural selection probably favored a certain amount of overconfidence in early humans, as it would have been an advantage in the small-scale, low-tech skirmishes that characterized human combat for most of our evolutionary history," he says. "It probably made fighters more tenacious and aggressive, for example."

It is because of how our minds have formed throughout history that some of the judgments we make today are sometimes inappropriate. A judgment could be made, for example, not on an accurate measure of risk, but on how easy it is for us to recall a similar reference. This recall ability was essential in the past but can be problematic today when we are surrounded by so many media messages in our daily lives that are a combination of fact and fiction.

Evans, who taught at AUB in 2012 and recently published *Risk Intelligence: How to Live with Uncertainty*, argues for risk assessment to be based on modern tools such as statistical methodology. Just as the gambler uses odds and probability to determine the strength of a hand of cards, we too should rely on accurate measures for making our decisions.

"Our brains have the fundamental equipment for making good probability assessments in the right conditions, though some people seem to have a good deal more talent in this regard than others," Evans says. "Over the past few hundred years, we've also developed a powerful set of analytical tools that can enhance that skill and assist us in making good judgments."

—A.B.

Activism or Slactivism?

Extensive debates revolve around the role digital and social media played in the 2011-12 Arab uprisings. This study explores digital activism among social movement organizations (SMOs) in Lebanon because of its unique socio-political context, its avant-garde



Research in short

Digital Activism and Social Movements Theory: Efficacies and Burdens of Social Media for Civic Activism – coauthored by Jad Melki, assistant professor of journalism and media studies, and Sarah Mallat, instructor of media studies

position in the region, and the growing pulse of activism in the country. The study uses a mixed methods approach combining qualitative interviews, focus groups, and participant observation to explore the commonly used digital and social media tools for activism and to analyze their perceived benefits and disadvantages.

Although social media platforms offer many perceived benefits for activists, the study found that digital activism also presents significant obstacles. Very real constraints restrict the potential advantages of social media such as the limited availability of resources to initiate and maintain digital platforms; the internet's slow speed, high cost, and limited penetration rate; and the lack of individuals skilled not only in digital media but also in strategic communication, language and writing abilities, critical thinking, and advocacy work.

The study also found—as other studies have done—that social media has led to the growth of a culture of "slactivism," a new term that has been coined to describe "click-based activism." Increased communication capacity does not necessarily lead to increased political participation. In the end, activism has always been—and always will be—about people showing up in person.

R+D

Nametag: Stephan Schmid, PhD Arab and Middle Eastern History, projected spring 2013.

Life before PhD: I grew up in a small village in Germany. I studied political science (with a focus on the modern Middle East), Islamic studies, and Semitic philology at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg (Germany). In 2008 I received the German Magister degree, which is equivalent to an MA degree.

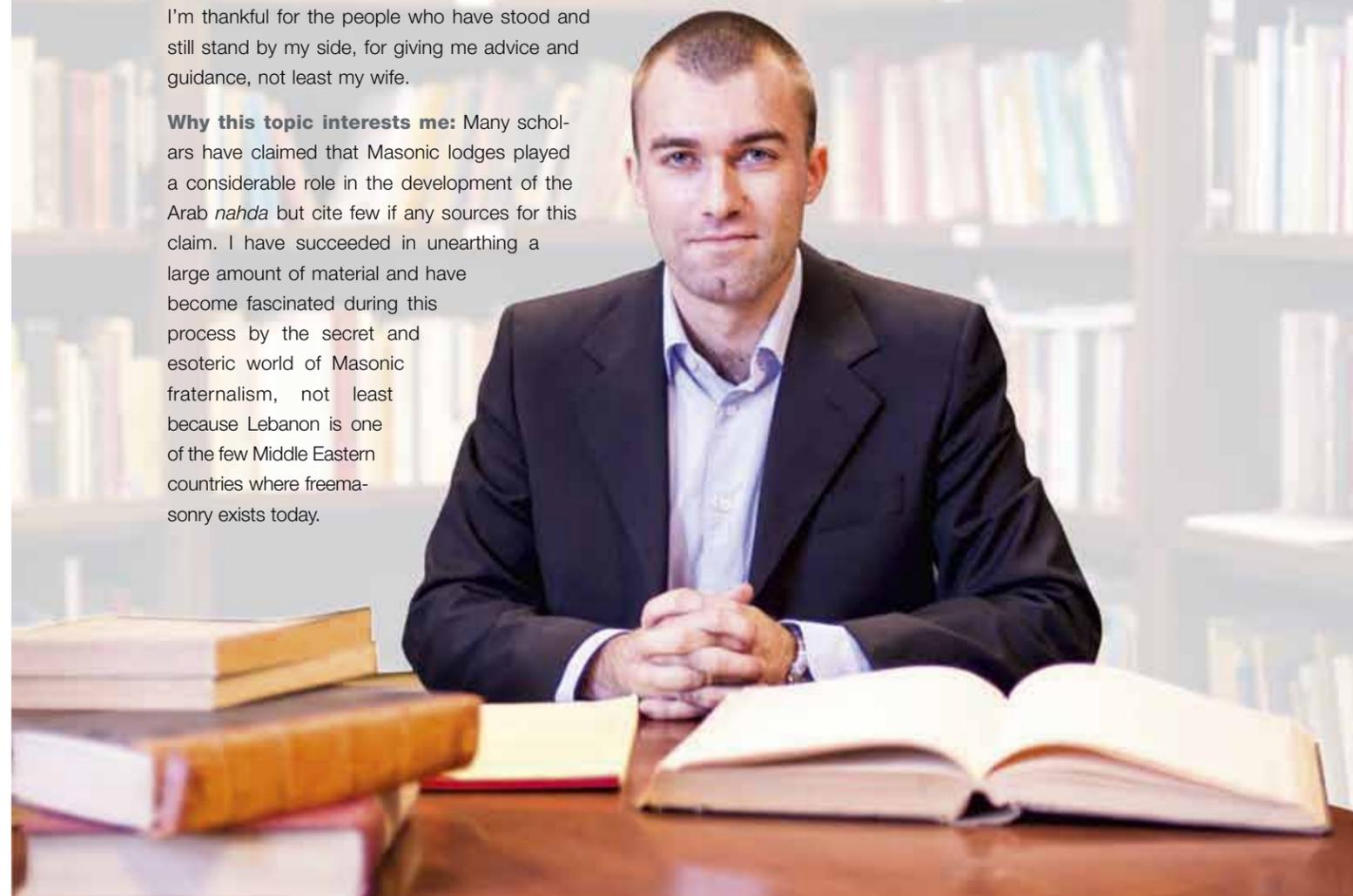
What matters most: Many allegations have been made regarding the role of freemasonry in the Arab world. I want to demystify the existing views regarding freemasonry during the early period of the Arab *nahda* (1860-1914), commonly considered a period of transition from traditionalism to modernity, and provide the first reliable and well documented study on this topic in English.

Research: I am using a large number of primary sources such as European Masonic archives in London, Edinburgh, and Paris as well as Arabic contemporary sources such as books, pamphlets, journals, newspapers, etc. I decided to do my PhD at AUB because I wanted to spend more time in the Middle East and also because of its superb collection of late nineteenth and early twentieth century Arabic journals and newspapers.

10 am Tuesday, 10 am Saturday: Writing a dissertation is a full-time job. My mind is always occupied with ideas and aspects of my work. I write these down in a little booklet, which has become my best friend.

Most admires: I deeply admire those who do not follow preconfigured and imitative ways of thinking and living but dare to start the journey to find themselves. Austrian novelist and poet Hugo von Hofmannsthal's work *Death and the Fool* has had a considerable impact on how I see life. I'm thankful for the people who have stood and still stand by my side, for giving me advice and guidance, not least my wife.

Why this topic interests me: Many scholars have claimed that Masonic lodges played a considerable role in the development of the Arab *nahda* but cite few if any sources for this claim. I have succeeded in unearthing a large amount of material and have become fascinated during this process by the secret and esoteric world of Masonic fraternalism, not least because Lebanon is one of the few Middle Eastern countries where freemasonry exists today.



OSB

Change Management

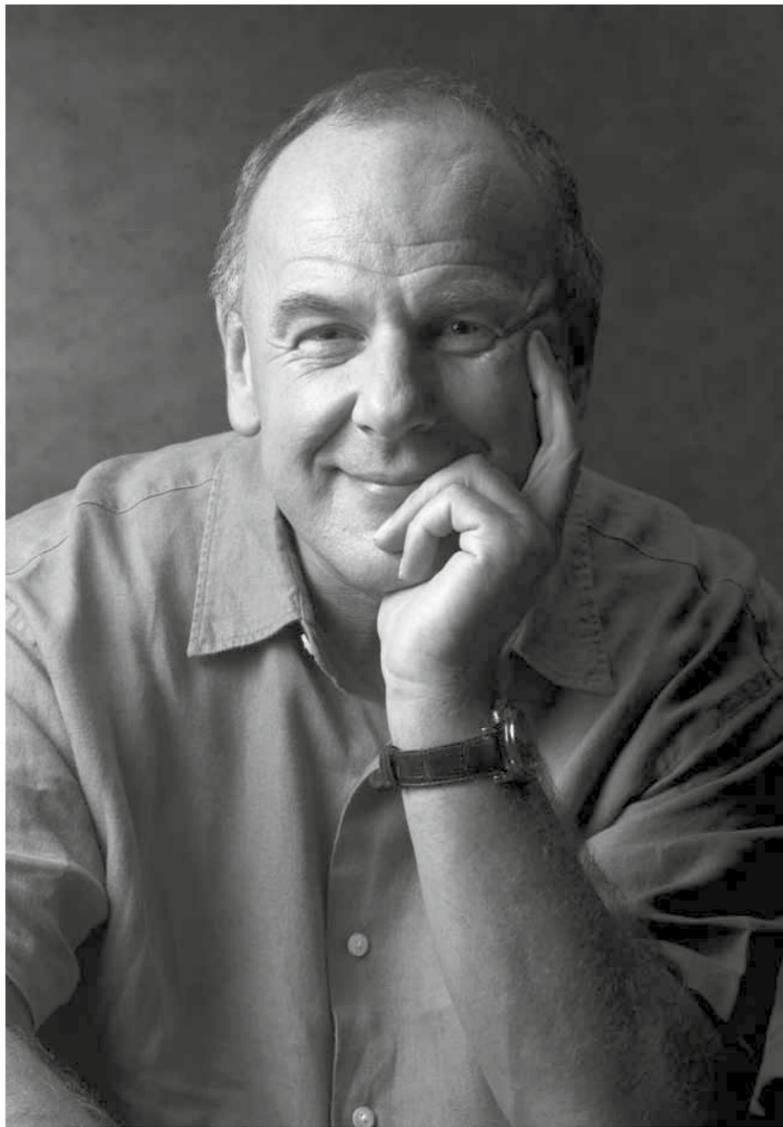
Dean Wilfried Vanhonacker parachuted into AUB's Suliman S. Olayan School of Business at the end of October and nothing has been the same since. An expert in emerging markets, he is the founding dean of the Moscow School of Management, SKOLKOVO, and the cofounder, former dean, and vice president of the China Europe International Business School (CEIBS), Shanghai. Dean Vanhonacker has also held many academic positions including at the prestigious INSEAD School of Business in France and at Columbia University's Graduate School of Business.

Hailed by President Dorman as "an academic game changer on an international scale," Vanhonacker (Hurricane Wilfried to some) has swept into action, "putting his ship in order" as a prelude to massive change in the way business is taught at AUB.

MainGate met Dean Vanhonacker on a rainy Friday afternoon in his OSB office overlooking the sea. The view he loves, the building he loathes. Still trying to finish his lunch at 4 pm, he ticks off his hourly appointments showing no signs of fatigue. After his first visit to AUB he left with "a million ideas." We cover only a few.

MainGate: Why AUB?

Wilfried Vanhonacker: I was looking for a new challenge, another learning experience. After Russia, several areas were on my radar including the Arab world and Central Asian Republics. There is no meaningful, globally recognized business school in this part of the [Arab] world. My brother had told me you have to go to Beirut – it's one



of my favorite cities. So I came here and I was shocked. This is one of the best-kept secrets in the world. I realized that this was a very good platform to do something from.

MG: What were your first impressions?

WV: My first impressions: I don't know what these cats are doing here; they are a bit of a nuisance. The business school is very much an undergraduate program, so you can really build up the graduate side. The whole University still has an undergraduate mindset. I think

AUB lives in the past. People by and large still have this civil war mentality, but the world has changed and therein lies the challenge and an opportunity.

MG: How do you define this challenge?

WV: The challenge is to change the thinking about education and the mentality about the world. When the Lebanese think about the world, despite their cosmopolitan reputation, they only consider North America and Europe, but this is not where the action is.

Right now we are not in an

attractive situation. The perception is that Lebanon is unsafe and that Lebanese are teaching Lebanese. This is not what made this University great. The challenge for the University is dealing with its history and its crippling infrastructure and at the same time making investments and plans for the future.

MG: What are the immediate objectives?

WV: You cannot go into the future unless you have a good foundation, so I have to clear the historical baggage and build an organizational and administrative platform. I need to get the faculty on board and give people a vision to get excited about. During change you get three segments of people: one that says "Great," I am willing to work; the second says "Great," but leave me out of it; and the third resists. The strategy is to identify those people and do "surgery" very quickly – it's typical change management. I have already made some tough decisions. People tell me, "You can't do that," but I am not going to play that game.

MG: So where are you taking OSB?

WV: The future is to turn the school into something much more entrepreneurial and into the leading business school in the MENA region. The vision is to focus on creating entrepreneurial leaders for challenging environments, to develop the unique talent that is needed in any part of the world. Traditional business schools do not develop that talent; they develop what I call corporate bureaucrats. Basically they teach how to become a CEO and make sure you don't get kicked out of your job, which is not leadership.

MG: How are you going to achieve this change?

WV: We will change the pedagogy. I am a great believer in blended learning. I don't believe that the best way to teach and educate talent is to sit them in a classroom and ask them to keep quiet for 90 minutes. You don't learn by passive osmosis, and if it is about preparing people for the challenges of today's world you have to put them in that reality. When I created the MBA in Moscow I only saw the students for three months, for the other 12-13 months they did project work in Russia, China, India, and the United States.

I don't think AUB should graduate a student unless s/he has done one term somewhere else in the world. You need to take students to Japan, South Africa, China, Brazil, India, and other frontier markets, to taste reality. Students don't realize how privileged they are, and with that comes a sense of responsibility, to develop your talent, and take advantage of what you have been given because not everyone gets this, and that includes a responsibility to give back to society. You cannot be a leader unless you are a giving person.

The role of faculty is changing. They used to be the ones with the information, now all the information is on-line. Much more their role is one of mentoring and coaching. This digital generation gets it; the faculty [members] are a bit out of touch. When you bring up the notion of technology they still think of distance learning; distance learning was 20-30 years ago, and it was simply about putting your class notes on-line. So we have to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of using technology in learning.

The faculty will have to more than double by 2020. There will be some attrition and some hiring. A world-class business school needs top researchers because you create your identity through unique intellectual property; there is no way around it.

MG: Does this mean hiring practitioners as well as academics?

WV: A lot of business schools are grappling with this. Personally I am not impressed with a PhD until I see what is done with it. Expertise and experience has to be brought into the pedagogical model.

MG: Will OSB have an offsite presence?

WV: Yes, all around the MENA region up to Iran. We will be running programs with partners, projects with think tanks, corporate training centers. The Gulf is waking up to the fact that those schools they invited in are never going to work. They have no real commitment to the region. We have a great opportunity to help. We are an indigenous player and we know the culture.

MG: What is top of your wish list?

WV: Perhaps a different building! Money is not my priority; it is more about software, i.e., key people. Having said that I need \$200 million, half in unrestricted endowments to right the ship and build my faculty, and the other half for entrepreneurship initiatives funded through a venture capital fund. I know it is a difficult economic environment, but in such an environment, when there is a vision, people get excited; they want something visionary to hold on to. I am excited, if I wasn't, I wouldn't be here.

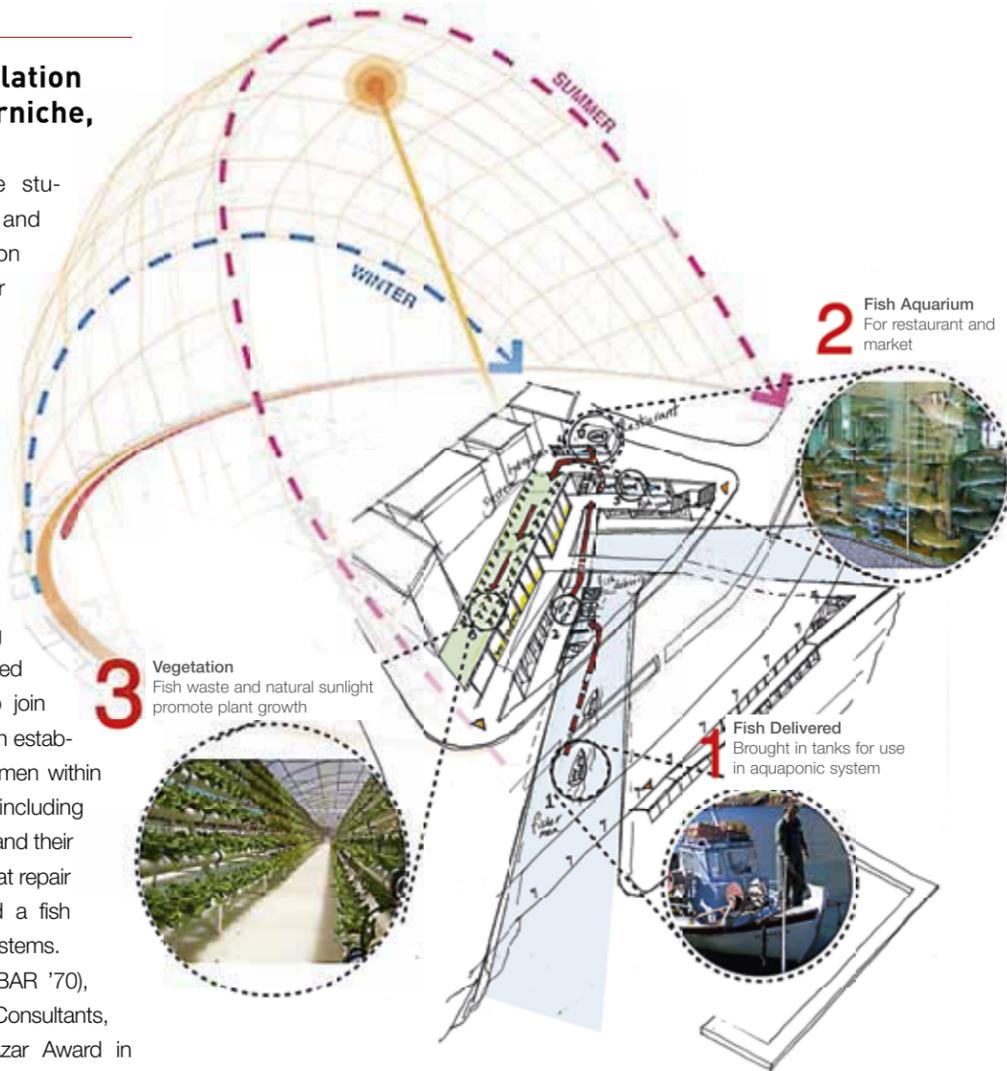
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FEA

"Axonometric Relation between Sea, Corniche, and Project"

Fourth-year architecture students Rami Kanafani and Ahmad Nour Aldeen won the annual Fawzi Azar Architecture Award and its \$15,000 scholarship for their innovative designs that reimagined two disconnected spaces—an empty plot of land across from the Corniche and a new fishing pier—as a contemporary urban fishing village. The jury challenged the student architects to join these spaces to create "an established presence for fishermen within contemporary Beirut," including housing for 20 fishermen and their families, boat hangers, boat repair shops, a restaurant, and a fish market with aquaponic systems.

Architect Nabil Azar (BAR '70), head of Builders Design Consultants, established the Fawzi Azar Award in 1997 in memory of his late father. The award is given annually to fourth-year architecture students and goes towards the cost of their fifth-year tuition. Marwan



Concept by Ahmad Nour Aldeen

Zouein coordinated the five-person jury (Nabil Azar, André Bekhazy, Bernard Mallat, Maya Yared, and Hani Zgheib) that evaluated this year's candidates.



"Urban Fishermen" project renderings by Rami Kanafani

On View

AUB Archaeological Museum

It took some effort to corral the terra cotta vessels from a tomb discovered in Byblos in 1955. While digging the foundation for a house, laborers broke through to a tomb and immediately sold the contents to local antiquity dealers. When AUB was offered a few items from the find the University went in search of the others to make the Byblos Tomb Collection. Although the tomb was destroyed before archaeologist Maurice Dunand could sketch it, the vessels tell us much. The style of the pottery shows the tomb was used in both the Early (3000-2000 BC) and Middle (2000-1600 BC) Bronze Ages. The decorated Kamares vase could only have come from Crete, indicating a very early import. Burnishing on the vessels, achieved by rubbing with cloth, bone, or wood, parallels specimens found in Abydos, Egypt from the First Dynasty (3100-2890 BC). Standing quietly with bowls from the Early Bronze Age is this double vase. A beautiful pattern subtly applied to its sides is still visible and one of two original rams, which would have helped serve as a grip, seems poised to take a sip from the vessel.

—K.D.

Opened in 1902, the Archaeological Museum is the third oldest museum in the Near East.

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FHS

Fadi El-Jardali, associate professor in the Health Management and Policy Department, has been elected to the board of the Health Systems Global Society.



Formally launched in Beijing on November 3, 2012 at the 2nd Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, Health Systems Global Society is the first international membership organization fully dedicated to building the field of health systems and policy. Its mission is to catalyze and convene researchers, decision-makers, and implementers to create and utilize health systems research to optimize the performance of health systems.

Faysal El-Kak, MD, part-time senior lecturer at FHS and president of the Lebanese Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology (LSOG), has been elected to the executive board of the International Federation of Obstetrics

and Gynecology (FIGO) to represent the Middle East and African region.

"My membership in the FIGO will help bring emerging and pressing women's health needs in Lebanon and the region to international attention in order to seek support for them," said El-Kak, noting that



maternal mortality, reproductive health, youth sexual health, elderly health, and unmet needs in family planning are among the top concerns. With member societies in some 125 countries and territories, FIGO is the only global organization that brings together professional societies of obstetricians and gynecologists.

Balm for Mind and Body



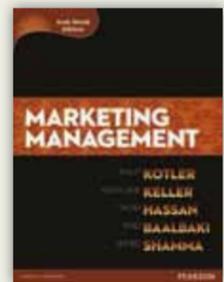
“As doctors we are trained to cure people. Our socialization as physicians is such that if someone is not curable, we feel we have failed them,” says Dr. Hibah Osman, medical director of Balsam, the Lebanese Center for Palliative Care. “Once we feel we

can’t fix them we tend to turn our backs and leave our patients and their families to cope. Increasingly I found this to be unacceptable.”

Assistant professor at FHS, Osman is a family practitioner whose early specialization was “Mums, babies, and parenting...; dealing with end of life cases was anathema,” she explains. That was before one particular patient put her on a path that would transform her life. “It showed how satisfying palliative care could be. It was the most rewarding experience in my medical work.” Thus the notion of Balsam, a nongovernmental organization that works to relieve patient suffering and improve quality of life by providing holistic support to those with life-threatening illness, was formed. In addition to medical services, Balsam offers psychological, social, practical, and spiritual support within the family and home environment.

Leaving the Faculty of Medicine to set up Balsam in 2009 was a wrenching decision for Osman, who cherished her relationship with the faculty and her

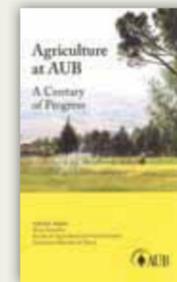
students. Her determination to establish home hospice care in the community, however, trumped every other consideration. Together with AUBMC oncology nurses, Rebecca El Asmar and Janan Hanna, and with the support of board members, Balsam’s parameters were established. Work began in 2010 with Osman, El Asmar, and Hanna as part-time volunteers. Since then the team has grown to include full-time nurse Mohammad Saab, part-timer Dr. Michael Khoury, practicing psychotherapist and FHS lecturer, and volunteer Dr. Dania Ghaziri, AUBMC clinical pharmacist. Board members include FHS Professor Huda Zurayk; director of the Rafic Hariri School of Nursing Huda Abu-Saad Huijer, an expert in palliative care; and Dr. Salah Zeineldine, pulmonary and critical care specialist, also from AUBMC. “We are a tiny team and we need to grow,” Osman says. “We are searching for another doctor but not a lot of people want to do this. You can train people on technical issues, but you need a certain personality to be able to do this work.”



Marketing Management: Arab World Edition [Pearson Education, 2012] by Philip Kotler, Kevin Lane Keller, Salah S. Hassan, Imad B. Baalbaki (BBA '85, MBA '87), and Hamed M. Shamma

This new volume is an adaptation of *Marketing Management*, which was first published in 1967 and is now in its 14th edition. The most widely used text in graduate business schools, *Marketing Management* has ranked among the top 200 titles on Amazon.com and been named among the 50 best business books of all time by the *Financial Times*.

Professors Hassan, Baalbaki, and Shamma, who have extensive educational, research, and practical experience and in-depth knowledge of the Arab world, bring “the most popular marketing management text in the world to future Arab marketers.” Hailed as the “first of its kind,” *Marketing Management: Arab World Edition* approaches grounded marketing theory and state-of-the-art marketing practice through an Arab perspective. The book covers a wide range of topics that are of interest not just to future Arab marketers and to current marketing professionals in the Arab world, but to general readers as well as it offers a unique perspective on the people, markets, and culture of the Arab world. The book features a host of topics, cases, and practical tools allowing readers to design, implement, and monitor marketing programs, conduct sound market research, create and enhance brand awareness and performance, and understand and cater to the intricacies of the Arab world through respecting its political, economic, and social diversities and building on its commonalities.



Agriculture at AUB: A Century of Progress (AUB Press, 2012) by Nuhad J. Dagher

In this informative history, former student, professor, administrator, dean, and now Dean Emeritus Nuhad Dagher documents the history of AUB’s role in agriculture in Lebanon and the region. He traces its development from the early twentieth century when the University provided courses for local farmers to the establishment of the Faculty of Agriculture in 1952 (later renamed the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences) to the present.

The volume also includes short biographies of 50 AUB alumni who have made particularly noteworthy contributions in one of the many fields in which FAFS is now active, including nutrition and food science. Dagher concludes this volume with an assessment of the prospects for FAFS in the decades ahead.

Balsam’s services are free. “You cannot bill insurance for palliative care and we spent a lot of time trying to find a mechanism for payment. In the end we gave up because we did not want money to be a barrier,” Osman explains. “Our values are that dignity is a basic human right. Death with dignity is a basic human right and having your pain controlled is a basic human right, so if you make this a chargeable service, then you are disregarding people who can’t afford it.” Thus Balsam relies totally on donations from sponsors and patients alike. However more and bigger donations are needed to grow Balsam’s services in the community.

Patient care is only one aspect of Balsam’s work, whose mission includes capacity training for doctors and nurses, advocacy to change laws and the system, and research. An important fillip for Balsam came with the recent establishment of the National Palliative Care Committee under the Ministry of Health.

“A patient only has one death and

family has to live with the experience,” Osman concludes. “The quality of death makes a huge difference to how the family copes afterwards. We have learned that engaging them in the care, allowing them to support the person they love, and feeling empowered helps them with the process. It is one of the most important things we can do and we cannot mess up. You don’t get the chance to do it over again.”

Learn more: www.balsam-lb.org

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AUBMC

The Mamdouha El-Sayed Cancer Center of Tripoli

“These types of arrangements – they are changing the profile of AUBMC. They are enabling us to build capacity – to reach more patients, to attract more doctors, which then enables us to treat more patients and better serve the community. They are also so important to our mission to serve the people of Lebanon and the

region. This mission – this goal – it is at the heart of AUB.” That was the first response from Associate Dean for External Medical Affairs Fadi Bitar, MD, when we stopped by to ask him about the recent announcement that AUBMC would be working with the Elmer and Mamdouha Bobst Foundation and the New Mazloum Hospital to establish an affiliated outpatient cancer center in Tripoli.

The “arrangements” Dr. Bitar was referring to are the ones AUBMC now enjoys with the Keserwan Medical Center (KMC) in Ghazir and the New Mazloum Hospital in Tripoli. Signed in September 2011, the agreement with KMC calls for AUBMC medical staff to oversee the development of its educational, clinical, and research capacities. The agreement with the New Mazloum Hospital (NMH) is to establish a state-of-the-art ambulatory cancer center in Tripoli, Lebanon. The Mamdouha El-Sayed Cancer Center of Tripoli (MSCC) will be equipped with a linear accelerator, Pet CT scan, MRI, mammography, and ultrasound, and will provide comprehensive cancer treatment

Reaching out:

Some recent agreements and activities at AUBMC

- **Keserwan Medical Center:** Complete medical affiliation
- **Mamdouha El-Sayed Cancer Center of Tripoli at New Mazloum Hospital:** Affiliated with AUBMC
- **KidzMondo Project** in Lebanon: learning center for kids
- **Women's Health Heart Center** with the first lady of Lebanon: External Medical Affairs is leading the pre-commissioning and implementation of the project; FM/AUBMC will be involved in clinical care and academic and research activities
- Affiliation agreement with the **University of Toledo**, United States: Education, student exchange, establishing a diabetes center for the region; dual appointment of faculty; setting up continuing medical education programs including simulation center
- Cooperation agreement with the **Medical City Teaching Hospital of Baghdad**, Iraq: Share expertise in the fields of health care, clinical services, training, and research
- Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT) contract signed with **Iraq Ministry of Health (MOH)**: About 50 Iraqi patients expected to receive BMT at AUBMC per year
- Affiliation with the **University of Maryland**, Baltimore, United States: Education and research in the areas of bioethics and public health
- **Training agreements:** Continuing Medical Education services were provided to the Bone Marrow Transplantation team from Iraq, Lebanese military forces, Lebanese International University, Beirut Arab University, UNRWA, University of Maryland, Ministry of Health Family Medicine Course, Bellevue Hospital – Anesthesia, Quds University resident training, and LAU pharmacy students training.

including radiotherapy and oncology services mainly for patients living in north Lebanon. "These are people who cannot for whatever reason travel to Beirut and be treated at our Medical Center. Thanks to this agreement, we are now able to go to them," explains Bitar.

The Mamdouha El-Sayed Cancer Center of Tripoli, named for a longtime generous supporter of AUB (see *MainGate* winter 2007, pages 12-13; also spring 2012, pages 18-19), is expected to open

in spring 2014. It will include not just clinical services but educational and research collaboration as well. "This center has been something we have all been working towards for a long time," says Bitar. "Really, it's like a dream come true – not just for me, but for AUBMC and the donor as well."

Over the past two and a half years, the establishment of local, regional, and international strategic partnerships and collaborations such as those with KMC and NMH has been a priority for AUBMC. It is one of the

six "paths" that VP for Medical Affairs Mohamed Sayegh and his colleagues are traveling to reach AUBMC 2020. These arrangements are making it possible not only for AUBMC to cater to many more patients, but also to share complementary diagnostic services and equipment. "It's truly a win-win situation," says Dr. Bitar. "More patients can be treated by AUBMC doctors and staff. The reverse brain-drain strategy adopted by VP Sayegh will be supported through securing various sites and a larger number of patients for the considerable number of new doctors attracted to AUBMC from renowned institutions in the United States and Europe. Moreover, we will benefit from the opportunity to treat these patients – and also...[from] the chance to work with colleagues at these different medical facilities in Lebanon." Bitar is quick to point out that these are only two of many relationships AUBMC enjoys in Lebanon, in the region, and around the world. (See, for example, *MainGate*, fall 2012, pages 24-26 about AUB's long relationship with the Cleveland Clinic.)

HSON

Through the Eyes of a Nurse

Five BSN students decided to take their knowledge and skills beyond HSON. Nadine Bashashi, May-Lee Melki, Pamela Bou Zeid, Elsa Jarawan, and Clara Abou Samra founded "Through the Eyes of a Nurse" to offer nursing services to the community and raise health awareness. Here, the founders speak about the organization, its goals, visions, and mission.

Ten abiding goals:

1. To stand as one
2. To spread love and care
3. To promote nursing
4. To prevent illnesses and help restore health
5. To diminish the stereotypes about the nursing profession
6. To aid in shaping the nursing identity from a society's perspective
7. To enhance nurses' role in the community
8. To appreciate nurses' efforts
9. To achieve optimal patient care
10. To shed light on proper and legal nursing care

We started with a vision to advocate health within the community and challenge the perception of the role of nursing in a society's well-being. With help and encouragement from Director Huda Huijer and the faculty and staff at HSON, we started in summer 2012 to form health-care teams that reach out to people in rural and urban areas, providing primary health care, and introducing holistic treatment beyond hospitals. We offer patient-teaching sessions, immunizations, primary assessment, disease prevention, and equipment to dispensaries for "underserved" outpatient clinics.

After launching our organization during a reception at HSON, we held several fundraising events on the AUB campus and helped support the Ashrafieh neighborhood following the October bomb, the "Food Blessed" NGO, and poor families near AUB.

Our goal is to create a mobile clinic that serves all of Lebanon. This represents the essence of community nursing and civic engagement. It is where we, being privileged to have studied at HSON, give back to society.

To offer support, volunteer, or learn more, call + 961-71-13542 or email throughtheeyesofanurse(at)hotmail.com

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Student News

With a Little Help From My Friends

Arriving at AUB for the first time may be exciting but for overseas students, it can also be daunting and confusing. The Babel of languages, the reams of paperwork, and even trying to make sense of Bliss, Nicely, and Post, names that sound more like nouns or adverbs than university buildings, can make for a baffling start.

AUB is home to approximately 1,500 international students (holders of non-Lebanese passports) from over 64 different countries. The University recognizes that international students, whether degree-seeking or incoming study abroad visitors, whether graduate, post-doctoral or undergraduate, whether from Jordan or Japan, have special issues and concerns.

Each semester there will be over 70 international visiting students threading their way around campus, picking up *saj* on Bliss Street, or hanging out on the steps of West Hall. Most settle in quickly, in large part thanks to the Office of International Programs (OIP)'s welcome week Mentor Program.



Luzan Al Munayer, a freshman from Palestine, found the Mentor Program to be “An outstanding way to introduce new students to life at AUB. New students get integrated through the experiences of current AUB students who are ready to lend a hand at all times.” Multicultural students who have excellent communication skills and are actively engaged in the AUB community are highly encouraged to apply. Other criteria for becoming a mentor include a good knowledge of Lebanon and a zest for life. As mentor Jude Faour puts it, “It’s a great opportunity to represent your University to people from outside Lebanon, not to mention to be a part of a great tradition of AUB ambassadors.”

Mahmood al Jaroodi’s experiences as an international student at AUB and elsewhere were seminal in his decision to become a mentor: “I still remember my first week in Beirut in 2009, everything was different and new. The same thing happened when I decided to do a semester at the American University in Washington, DC. However, the first week in Beirut (and Washington) was unexpectedly amazing!

The reason for this was the mentors. They showed us

the city and took us places, told us where to buy a SIM card, and pillows. They made the transition very smooth. Because of this I decided to help other students going through the same phase to make sure that they have the time of their lives here.”

Successful mentor applicants undertake a number of training sessions including intercultural communication, team building exercises, event planning, and campus tour training to help them prepare for the overseas students’ arrival and the challenges ahead. This includes anything from planning a cross cultural Thanksgiving dinner to touristic trips around Lebanon; from providing a shoulder to cry on, to helping sort out confusion over papers and bureaucracy.

Mentor Patricia Abdul Karim says: “I was excited because working with OIP would give me the chance to meet new people, help them, and make sure they didn’t feel alone. I knew it would also help me develop my people skills and expand my social circle. I needed a good non-academic experience to take away from AUB. I got so much more than that though :).”

So what are the hopes and expectations of other mentors like Patricia and Jude? What do they strive to get from a program that takes up a serious portion of their time and puts their communication skills to the test?

“I know it sounds philosophical and somewhat cliché, but I never had the chance to contemplate the kind of person I am. I guess this is one of the drawbacks of living in a place like Yemen where there is relatively no such thing as having hobbies and sometimes even a good education is hard to find. So far, working with OIP, I have learned that I’m not shy about speaking out.” **Yasmin Kassem (Business Administration, Yemen)**

“I wanted to improve my communication with students/citizens from different parts of the world and to become a “worldly” kind of guy. I expected my planning and teamwork skills to improve in the process. I also expected to have fun.” **Meer Ali (Economics, Iraq)**

“When I was a new AUB international student I got valuable help from my mentors. I have always been interested in getting to know people from other countries, I believe that these encounters have a big impact on how we perceive other cultures and they contribute to bridge building between people. The work with the OIP team is a great experience; At the end of the semester, knowing that most of the international students will be leaving is bittersweet. We developed solid friendships, they successfully integrated into AUB, and they will be missed.” **Marwen Mechergui (Business Administration, Morocco)**

When you work with people coming from around the world you realize how small this world is and how we all share common things. If I summarize my experience with OIP in two words: It’s FUN!” **Mahmood Al Jaroodi (Economics, Bahrain)**

“I hope being a mentor helps me to become more social and outgoing and to meet lots of cool people (which I’ve already done), and gain a bit more responsibility.” **Jihane Abou Zeid (Chemistry, Lebanon)**

“Exposure to international people gives you great communication skills... When you approach a new person in class, ordinarily you can break the ice relatively fast because you share a close mentality, values, and language. But when you grew up in different places and think differently, it is interesting to be able to communicate with other people of diverse backgrounds.” **Jude Faour (Electrical and Computer Engineering, Palestine)**

“I would say that I wanted to improve my leadership skills and show that I am an asset to have in a team-based environment. I believe that the most important trait a leader should have is credibility/trust, in addition of course to confidence, charisma, and courage.” **Ahmad Nasser (PSPA, United States)**





And what of our visitors, has the program helped them?

"I met some fantastic people (the mentors) who also became good friends. I still go to them for advice [about things] that I haven't figured out when it comes to living in Lebanon or dealing with the administrative aspects of getting paperwork processed at AUB... I had mentors and staff checking up on me all the way through the middle of the semester. Having been an orientation counselor at my undergraduate institution I am familiar with the hardships that this job entails. It's much more than campus tours and good times. There's a great deal of responsibility and accountability that comes with being a mentor for any kind of student, especially international ones, because we have a whole other set of potential problems! I plan to apply for a [AUB] mentor position for next year. **Richard A. Kline (Graduate PSPA, United States)**

The mentors befriended me and made me feel very welcome. The events were well organized and fun and it helped me connect with both locals and other foreign students." **Saba Ijadi (Political Science, United States)**

"I like the Mentor Program because it is the human part of the whole exchange, at least at the beginning. When you arrive to a new country and you don't know anybody, everything seems chaotic. I received emails from my mentor before arriving, and then we met for coffee before orientation week, so he was the first to show me the campus and resolve a lot of doubts about registration and paper work. The Mentor Program helped international students get to know each other through the welcome dinner on the first day. We started meeting people and getting to know Lebanese culture." **Alana Mejia Gonzalez (Liberal Arts, Spain)**

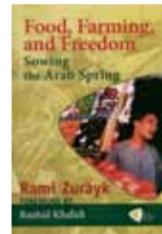
"The mentor helped me look for a place to stay. OIP and its excursions are a great opportunity to meet people from different countries. They did a wonderful job organizing orientation week when I got the opportunity to meet the people with whom I was to spend most of my time in Beirut." **Pierre Della Bianca (International Affairs, Switzerland)**

"The mentors really make an effort to get to know you, help international students get to know their way around Lebanon, and make sure their time here is enjoyable. My time in Lebanon definitely would have been different without them. **Bethany Warnock (Graphic Design, United States)**

—M.A.



The Department of Landscape Design and Ecosystem Management held a book signing showcasing work by Professors Rami Zurayk and Jala Makhzoumi. We went on-line to learn what the blogosphere is saying.



"It is very appropriate that Rami Zurayk's *Food, Farming, and Freedom: Sowing the Arab Spring* should appear at a moment when the entire Arab world is being shaken by an upheaval directed against, among other things, the global neoliberal economic order that is one of this book's main targets... Through his careful and detailed examinations of food and farming issues in Lebanon and other Arab countries, Zurayk helps us to understand where this flame comes from... Rami Zurayk has made a major contribution to our understanding of the roots of this unprecedented upsurge of Arab youth, Arab energy, and Arab political maturity."

Rashid Khalidi, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, www.justworldbooks.com

Food, Farming, and Freedom: Sowing the Arab Spring (Just World Books, 2011) by Rami Zurayk



"An agronomist at the American University of Beirut, veteran leftist activist and the son of a Shi'a family from South Lebanon, Zurayk was in Lebanon throughout the war trying to organize food supplies for the local population, and his diary is a wonderful and essential chronicle of this horrendous and criminal assault.

"Alternately angry, poignant, blackly comic, despairing and humane, his diary provides a very personal perspective on the war, on Israel, and on Lebanese and Arab politics that was-and is-almost entirely absent in the Western media."

Matt Carr, www.infernalmachine.co.uk

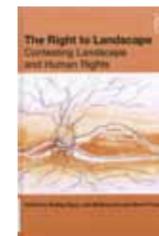
War Diary: Lebanon 2006 (Just World Books, 2011) by Rami Zurayk



"Comrade Rami sent me a copy of *From 'Akkar to 'Amel: Lebanon's Slow Food Trail* by Rami Zurayk, Sami Abdul Rahman, and photographed by Tanya Traboulsi. It is a tribute to small producers in Lebanon and the food that they make. It is delicious but made me hungry and eager for food that I can't find here in the US. Next time, comrade Rami, send me the book with all the food featured in it, otherwise deal with my wrath."

As'ad AbuKhalil, <http://angryarab.blogspot.com>

From 'Akkar to 'Amel: Lebanon's Slow Food Trail (Slow Food Foundation for Biodiversity, Bra/Italy and Slow Food Beirut, 2008) by Rami Zurayk, Sami Abdul Rahman; photography by Tanya Traboulsi



"The Right to Landscape promises to transform 'landscape' from a concept in cultural geography and landscape architecture to a concept indispensable to the probing of human nature and human well-being, drawing on and cross-fertilizing such diverse fields as the study of nature, history, anthropology, psychology, politics, and law." Yi-Fu Tuan, University of Wisconsin-Madison, www.ashgate.com

The Right to Landscape. Contesting Landscape and Human Rights (Ashgate, 2011) ed. Shelley Egoz, Jala Makhzoumi, Gloria Pungetti



"Horizon 101 is a personal story that is captivating, poetic, and moving, a humble and candid representation of the author's passion for landscape and compassion for human beings that underpin her practice and scholarly work. The sensuality of landscape is captured in watercolor as seen from the author's residence on the AUB campus. Painting the everyday landscape of the waterfront becomes a ritual, a daily engagement with the horizon, a time to reflect on war, displacement, and identity that is captured in Arabic and English prose. Printed on quality textured paper, with a soft cover and binding, the book feels like a hand-made original diary."

Shelley Egoz, Lincoln University, New Zealand, www.journals.lincoln.ac.nz/index.php/lr/article/download/678/504

Horizon 101 (Dar Onboz, 2010) Jala Makhzoumi, direction and design: Nour Saab



How 2 b SocBterfly

[How to be a Social Butterfly]

With so much of our lives on-line, where better to get a glimpse of life on campus than by checking in with student activity on social media? And just in case you don't find life on-line as easy as 1-2-3, we've included a simple guide to explain why three of the biggest platforms are useful and how you can sign up. Painlessly.

[LOL]



Facebook

Facebook—the world's largest social network—allows registered users to create profiles, upload photos and video, send messages, and keep in touch with friends, family, and colleagues.

The AUB Facebook page provides members with information about upcoming events on campus, student and campus news, safety information, and photo albums. You need to “like” the AUB Facebook page to receive news and updates.

 www.facebook.com/aub.edu.lb

The WAAAUB Facebook pages provide alumni with information about chapter and WAAAUB events, campus news, alumni in the news, photo albums, and alumni chapter information.

 “Like” us. www.facebook.com/WAAAUBAlumni



Sign up for Facebook

Go to www.facebook.com, enter in your information, click the **Sign Up** button, and then type the message that appears.

Step 1 You will be given the option of downloading your email address book. If you do this, all of your contacts will get an email saying that you're on Facebook.

Step 2 Add information about yourself, such as your alma mater or employer. This type of information helps you connect with “friends.”

> Save, then go through the Facebook list of potential “friends” and click to make them your “friends.”

Step 3 Upload your profile picture or some other visual. This is what everyone will see when they search for you or when you post information on your Facebook page. You can use your webcam to take a photo of yourself.



Kholoud Sukkarieh Darwish American University of Beirut Official Page
In AUB :) thanx for offering us a place to do all the good for this country :)



Mahdy Al Moussawi posted to American University of Beirut Official Page
October 11
If I can get 150+ likes on my post, would you solve the issue of the annoying flies at AUB?



Edrees Elrachidi posted to American University of Beirut Official Page
October 15
FREE PIZZA

WHAT: Research for an AUB professor involving a group discussion that aims at understanding people's travel patterns and their opinions about public transportation and the environment in Lebanon.

WHO: AUB students that commute to school using a car ("service" cabs/taxis don't count)

WHEN: Today at 5 PM | DURATION: ~60 minutes | WHERE: BECHTEL Room 503

This will be an attempt to understand people's travel patterns/opinions in order to assess the feasibility of potential solutions to Lebanon's transportation problems.

If that's not enough for you to come, then maybe free pizza will be.

Twitter

A "twitterer" (or user) tweets very short messages (140 characters or fewer) to their followers, such as family and friends, who can then reply with their own "tweets." The University and individual alumni have Twitter feeds (called "handles") that you can follow to get news and information about events, safety information on campus, and stories about the AUB community. If you have a question for AUB or WAAAUB, send a tweet. It's a great place to ask a question.

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To be a twitterer

- Step 1 Go to www.twitter.com. Enter your name, email address, and a password. Click **Sign Up >**
- Step 2 Select a username. This is how you will be known on Twitter. If it's available, consider using your real name so other twitterers know who you are.
- Step 3 Click on **Create my account**
- Step 4 To get started, Twitter will explain what a tweet is and give you the opportunity to **Follow** a few friends, popular personalities, or brands (sure, you can follow Starbucks).
- Step 5 Twitter will also give you a chance to see if some of your friends are on Twitter by checking your on-line address book.

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AUBite in the News! Dr. Hassan Michael Fakh (BS '81): one of the most in-demand doctors in reproductive medicine.
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Nominate yourself to study at one of #AUB's exchange partner universities during Fall 2013. Deadline is this Friday. aub.edu.lb/hr/awards/Page...

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Registered students for Spring 2012-13 are required to get their ID set for Spring. ID Center is located at Fisk Hall, Ground Floor. #AUB

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#AUBMC Blood Drive at @ABC_Lebanon Achrafieh, on Feb. 3, 2-10pm. Donate blood, save a life! facebook.com/events/5006450...

Karim Tabaja @karimtab
Ball Game against #LAU #Beirut today at 5 at CHSC at @AUB_Lebanon #AUB

Peter Dorman @peterdorman
Rehearsals have resumed for #AUB performances on May 1 and 2

Worldwide Trends - Change

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#SmaltzysSurgery
#SiPudieraPedirInDesoSeria
#UnfollowsuzTanipBasar
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@AUB_Lebanon Comedy Night at Issam Fares Hall, what a show!
- Laura Homs** @LauraHoms
@AUB_Lebanon Spiderman in #AUB! Very impressive! pic.twitter.com/tzpw95rP
- PCC - AUB** @PCC_AUB
Had a great first dabkeh class today. Discovered some good talents with our new members!! #AUB
- Bee** @JessyBissal
There's some random guy, playing his guitar here by the writing center at #AUB. keep jamming dude, keep jamming.
- Carl Farra** @carlfarra
Jafet library is becoming way too loud and overpopulated #AUB
- Huda Bejani** @HudaBejani
"#AUB has already taken necessary measures to reduce the number of flies on campus." LOOOOOOOOOL this oddly made my day :)

The mission of WAAAUB shall be to strengthen the ties between the American University of Beirut and all its alumni and to engage all alumni in advancing and supporting the goals and the educational, research, and service mission of the University. WAAAUB shall foster the educational, career, and social interests of the University's alumni and shall work to preserve and promote the rich heritage and values of the University.

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LinkedIn



LinkedIn is a professional networking social media outlet. Members interact with networks of people they know professionally.

On the WAAAUB-AUB Alumni LinkedIn group, for example, you can post job openings to recruit AUBites, inquire about employment opportunities, ask alumni for professional advice, and read articles and news.

[WAAAUB-AUB Alumni LinkedIn groups
 www.linkedin.com/groups/WAAAUBAUB-Alumni-4050450/about](http://www.linkedin.com/groups/WAAAUBAUB-Alumni-4050450/about)

Once you have joined the WAAAUB group, you have the option of joining your faculty subgroup to get information about your specific field from other graduates. To find your faculty subgroup, join the WAAAUB-AUB Alumni LinkedIn group, click on the "more" tab and click on "subgroups"; then select your faculty.

You can also join the AUB LinkedIn page, which is regularly updated with news from campus.

AUB Company Page
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Register on LinkedIn

- Step 1** Go to www.linkedin.com. Enter your name, email, and create a password. Click on [Join Now](#)
- Step 2** Answer a series of questions to create a basic professional profile.
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- Step 7** Congratulations, you're on LinkedIn.

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 Thx 2 Nidal Mawas & Marissa Gawloski 4wrking on this!

Mastering the FUTURE

In November 2011, The MasterCard Foundation partnered with AUB's Faculty of Health Sciences for an eight-year, \$9 million program to provide 60 full undergraduate scholarships to students living in Lebanon majoring in medical laboratory sciences or environmental health.

The first cohort of 15 scholars arrived on campus in fall 2012. They were selected from among 187 applicants based on their academic standing, financial need, and commitment to public health values and community service.

The MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program is a unique educational program, one that is dedicating itself to creating links among young people from developing countries, their communities, and educational institutions. Strong FHS links to communities across Lebanon and the faculty's commitment to social justice were key reasons it was chosen as one of the first global partners in the program.

The AUB program offers young men and women from economically disadvantaged backgrounds who are dedicated to making a difference in their communities a chance to learn and develop leadership skills through comprehensive financial, academic, and social support. Scholars are guided through their transitions from their school systems to AUB as well as from AUB to the job market. They are also provided with regular workshops and training to help them build twenty-first century skills and become part of a global network of MasterCard Foundation scholars who share a common ethos for social transformation.

Program officer Maha Makki is dedicated full time to the program and coordinates recruitment efforts as well as follow-up with the scholars. Scholars are also supported by Dr. Michael El-Khoury, psychologist and

lecturer at the FHS Department of Health Promotion and Community Health, who offers them professional counseling and psychosocial support.

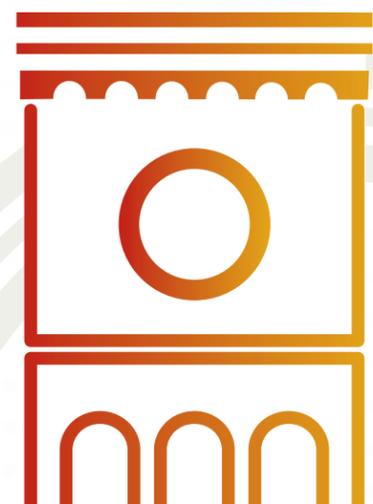
Much is expected from these young men and women. As Makki explains, "Our scholars are required to give back to their communities throughout the program. They will be engaged in a community project giving them the chance to make an impact during

their stay at AUB as well as after their graduation. These expectations require that we look at much more than grades when selecting the 'right' scholars for this program."

This AUB program is part of The MasterCard Foundation's \$500 million global Scholars Program announced at a UN Special Session on September

26, 2012 under the UN Education First Initiative and includes a global network of universities and non-profit institutions. The program seeks to develop leaders of change by enabling access to secondary and university education for academically bright, socially conscious

We look at much more than grades when selecting the "right" scholars for this program.





young people from economically disadvantaged communities in developing countries, with a particular focus on Africa.

The other universities in the network include Arizona State University, Duke University, Michigan State University, Stanford, UC-Berkeley, and Wellesley College in the United States; the University of Toronto, University of British Columbia, and McGill University in Canada; Ashesi University College in Ghana; and EARTH University in Costa Rica. EARTH University also targets students from Latin America, while AUB focuses on Lebanon. Secondary school partners include Camfed in Ghana and BRAC in Uganda. Makki says, "We have a lot in common with these institutions as we share a commitment to the scholars and to what we call education for social transformation."

Although they have only just arrived on campus, we want to introduce you to these young men and women. You'll be hearing more from them and about this extraordinary program in future issues of *MainGate* magazine. You will find more information about the program at www.aub.edu.lb/fhs/fhs_home/pages/mcfsp.aspx.

MOHAMAD ALI AMER ABDUL AZIZ

Hometown: Sibline, Mount Lebanon
Major: Medical Laboratory Sciences



Since the death of my grandfather in 2005, I have been caring for my diabetic grandmother. I have learned about her medicines and have made her a schedule to ensure that she takes them on time. I would like to develop a health

program for the elderly and the needy, similar to the

Medicaid program in the US. I also hope to develop other programs to improve the quality of health in my country.

RASEEL MAHMOUD ADAWI

Hometown: Majdel Anjar, Beqa'a
Major: Environmental Health



I chose this major because I have a great interest in the environment and a strong desire to protect our health. Our environment is our big home. We should be aware of it. I love to study topics like air quality, water supply, waste

management, and community health. I hope to do a master's in public health in the future.

SAHAR MOHAMMAD AL FERESH

Hometown: Kaskas, Beirut
Major: Environmental Health



Being an environmental health professional will enable me to help people affected by environmental factors. Finding the link between nature, the environment, and our health will help us understand the causes of diseases, find the

right medications, and decrease human suffering. This will give me the opportunity to do what I have always hoped to do, which is ease suffering.

I would like to develop a health program for the elderly and the needy.

MOHAMMAD AHMAD BAWAB

Hometown: Harouf, South Lebanon
Major: Medical Laboratory Sciences



Nowadays the most complicated problem facing humanity is pollution. My country suffers from this disease: black smoke, bad odors, garbage on the shore, etc. Society must be warned about how pollution affects

people's health. I dream of becoming a laboratory scientist so that I can help patients. When I graduate I also want to get involved in the world of theater as I like to act and to write short stories and poems.

AMENA BASSAM EL-HARAKEH

Hometown: Haret Hreik, Mount Lebanon
Major: Environmental Health



I think we can all make a significant change in the world... I might dream of being a doctor saving lives, someone else might wish to become an agriculturalist who improves food quality, a third person might want to be an environmental specialist to

reduce pollution. These are all different careers but they have the same aim: change for the better.

I want to encourage people to be responsible for their deeds and to have the courage to believe in themselves.

IBRAHIM MORTADA HASHIM

Hometown: Saida, South Lebanon
Major: Medical Laboratory Sciences



I once accompanied my aunt to her work at a hospital medical lab. I was really fascinated there, felt interested, and admired the way she and the other employees were working. I aspire to becoming a public health practitioner or a medical

doctor, which is my ultimate dream... As a society, I think it's vital that we all work on increasing people's awareness of public and environmental issues.

MAJD IBRAHIM KARZOUN

Hometown: Al Abbasieh, Tyre
Major: Medical Laboratory Sciences



I would like to help patients by alleviating their pain and relieving their suffering. I am also very interested in helping patients overcome their diseases psychologically and want to contribute to developing and improving the

hospitalization and medication sectors in Lebanon.



REEM HASSAN KAWTHARANY

Hometown: Saida, South Lebanon
Major: Environmental Health



I will work to raise people's awareness of the environment and the importance of protecting animals because I believe that they have rights that should be respected.

I want to encourage people to be responsible for their deeds and to have the courage to believe in themselves.

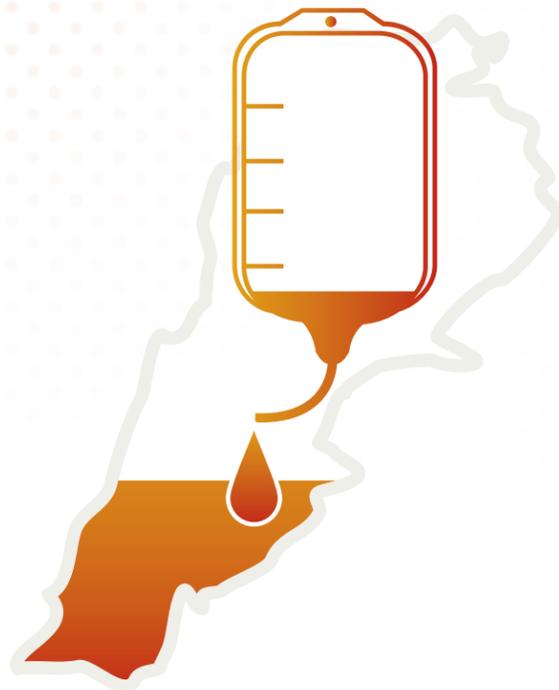
I have a strong interest in developing the medical sector in Lebanon.

YASSMINE AHMAD LAWZI

Hometown: Tripoli, North Lebanon
Major: Environmental Health



I really care about my country and especially the neighborhood near my house where there is a souq. It is supposed to be only for perfume and spices, but instead there is garbage piled everywhere—garbage mixed with animal bones. And there are all sorts of vegetables and meat there too. The market is over-crowded and there is so much bacteria. I want to help my generation change this souq and other places like this.



NOURHAN WALID MORSIL

Hometown: Zahle, Beqa'a
Major: Environmental Health



I would like to help young people overcome their problems and urge them to protect their environment, serve their communities, and think and behave in a healthy manner. I will also do my best to establish a charity for elderly people who

have been through tough experiences.

RAMI SAMIR ABOUNACCOUL

Hometown: Sin El Fil, Mount Lebanon
Major: Medical Laboratory Sciences



For me, a life with no ambition and future goals is meaningless. Such a person will leave the world without making any difference. I'd like to be able to help society and my village. I have a strong interest especially in enhancing and

developing and changing the medical sector in Lebanon so that there are fewer medical mistakes.

LUCIENNE IBRAHIM NADER

Hometown: Sin El Fil, Mount Lebanon
Major: Medical Laboratory Sciences



After my father's death from cancer six years ago, I made a promise to myself to help people who are suffering. No matter what my career will be, I know I will help people live in a better community and that I will improve the environment.

I would like to be involved in performing laboratory tests and analyses with professionals to help diagnose medical disorders in order to find treatments for health problems.

REEM MAAROUF SALAMEH

Hometown: Bourj Al Barajneh, Beirut
Major: Environmental Health



I have always belonged to a community full of environmental problems that I did not create. Pollution was everywhere I went from smoking at home, to the generators all around us, and the cars making noise and

giving off poisonous gases. I feel that I'm responsible for helping solve these problems for providing a safe environment for myself and for my children in the future.

No matter what my career will be, I know I will help people live in a better community and that I will improve the environment.

LAMIS ZIAD SILKA

Hometown: Hasbaya, South Lebanon
Major: Medical Laboratory Sciences



I am full of hope and faith—hope to achieve my goals and faith that by determination and hard work I will succeed. I have long dreamed of studying health. My sister wanted so much to be a doctor but because of my father's sickness, she was

unable to take entrance exams to go to medical school. She always looked to me as the person who would fulfill her dreams. Her dream grew in me and became my dream too.

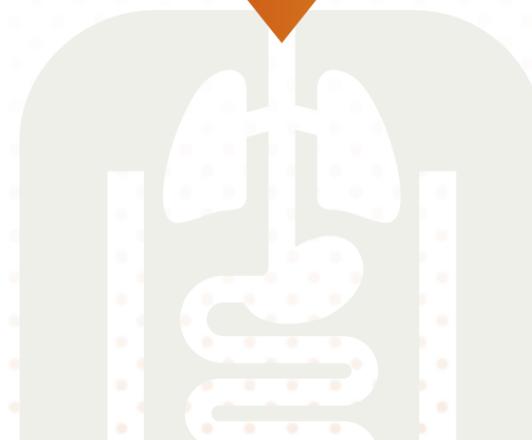
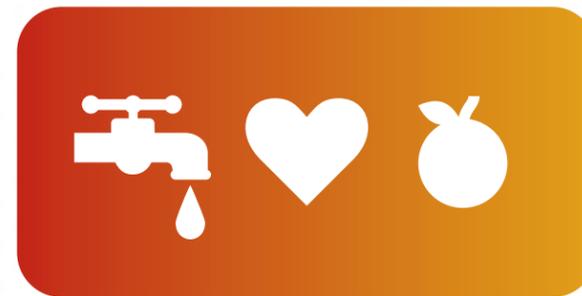
ALI HUSSEIN YOUSSEF

Hometown: Saida, South Lebanon
Major: Medical Laboratory Sciences

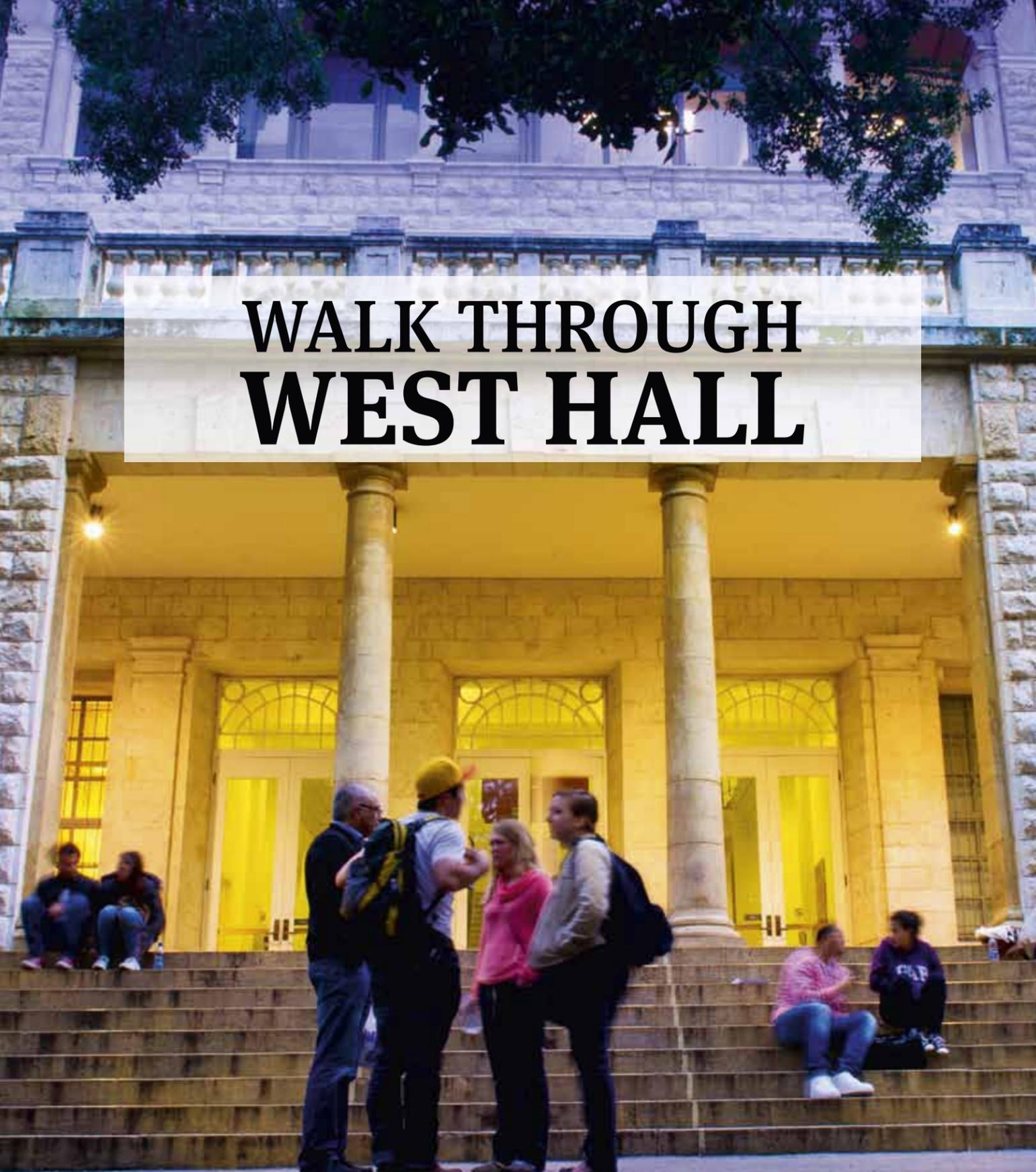


Everyone has someone special who has a direct effect on his/her heart. My uncle was such a person, but he is gone. His symptoms appeared, and the cancer killed him after 20 days of pain. Because there were no advanced medical centers and

laboratory equipment close to where we live, we did not get a diagnosis until five days before he died. When I think of the future, I think of working in a laboratory that works on the diagnosis of cancer and on finding effective therapies to deal with tumors.



WALK THROUGH WEST HALL



It all began with a shovel! When Howard Bliss broke ground for the building of West Hall in 1911, a legend was born. Since then this hallowed hall has been the hub of student life for generations of AUBites. Named after Robert Haldane West (who arrived on campus in 1884) the building has evolved with its

students over the years, witnessing plays, concerts, lectures, exhibitions, receptions, and demonstrations. Once upon a time it had a bowling alley and a roller skating rink; the great and the good, including the president of the Republic, once arrived wearing tuxedos and evening dresses for gala openings in the then auditorium. Today West Hall is busier than ever, home to an impressive array of student clubs and offices. From morning until late into the evening West Hall remains the epicenter of student activities. Take a walk through and see for yourself. How much has it changed, how much remains the same?



—M.A.



A center for fun, music, and movement, the performances in West Hall may not be as grand as they once were but they still capture the imagination and challenge perceptions. Theater Club, Music Club, Latin American Dance Club, Folk Dance Club, West Hall reverberates with the rhythms of diverse student tastes. Today as before this is surely a building worth making a song and dance about.





International pennants welcome new arrivals to the Office of International Programs; a much-loved teddy bear waits to bring joy to a disadvantaged child thanks to the student recycle program. And talking of recycling, the sculpture (top left) entitled *shouf 7alak bhl zbele* (Your trash mirrors your pride) is made from garbage, its mirrors reflecting its challenge back at the viewer. Colorful wall posters bear testimony to the fun and creativity that go into conceiving each new Outdoors theme; while in the Red Cross office work never stops.



The AUB—TFL Connection



Sometime in April or May, every soon-to-graduate AUB student starts hearing the same questions.

“So, what’re you going to do with that engineering degree, son?”

“Congratulations! Gonna start makin’ the big bucks with that business degree?”

“Habibti, are you planning on med school right away, or will you wait?”

Every now and then—actually, in more than 100 cases over the past four years—the grad’s response has been something like, “Well, I’m thinking about Teach For Lebanon.”

“Teach For Lebanon? What’s that? Some kind of summer internship or something?”

“Not exactly,” the grad responds, maybe a bit defensively, “It’s a two-year program where I’d get some training, then get paid to work in a poor school out in the boonies for two years, and...”

Of course, it doesn’t always work out. Not all of the more than 100 AUB grads who have applied to Teach For Lebanon since 2008 have followed through. Of those who did, only nine have been accepted, trained, and gone into the field.

That nine, though, is a pretty respectable figure, since each year more than 200 graduates from almost a dozen Lebanese universities apply, and, since 2008, only 32 have been sent to work in schools like Saida Generations—the educational arm of the Sidon Orphan Welfare Society—or public schools in Maaroub and Bakhoun, or semi-private ones in Jebrayal and Rashaya.

It’s no surprise that Teach For Lebanon—TFL to its fellows—is so attractive to AUB grads. After all, its founder and CEO, Ali Dimashkieh, is himself an AUB grad: mechanical engineering, class of ’97. There was something about Dimashkieh’s AUB experience, as there has been for almost everyone who has joined TFL, that made him consider sacrificing the big bucks and status for something else, something more meaningful.

However the specifics may differ from fellow to fellow, it always boils down to something like what motivated Dimashkieh in the first place: “I just wanted to do something to help my country. I wanted to make a difference.”

After graduation, Dimashkieh dabbled here and there before working as a cultural affairs specialist for the US Embassy, which introduced him to young people from all

around Lebanon. What these contacts taught him about the state of Lebanese education led him to contact Teach For All (TFAll), the recently established off-shoot of Teach For America, which has been sending recent graduates to teach in disadvantaged schools since 1990.

In 2008 TFL was born. Its mission was—and remains—pretty simple: to reduce educational inequality by sending passionate, well-trained recent graduates to teach in needy schools and work as “change agents,” creating innovative extracurricular programs for students and even community members.

Dimashkieh created a nine-person board of trustees (that includes AUB President Peter Dorman and two other AUB-connected members) and raised money from banks, charitable organizations, and individuals. Nuhad Dagher, then dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, was the first chairman of the TFL board. In 2008, the first cohort of 13 fresh graduates spent six weeks being trained at the Summer Institute, then dispersed to schools throughout the country.

Among the AUB grads in this cohort was Youssef Simaan. This biology major (BS ’08) headed to Halba, Akkar, where he spent two years teaching elementary school French, science, and art and working as an after-school tutor.

Was there anything about his AUB experience that set him up to apply to Teach For Lebanon?

Like many, Simaan learned some of his most valuable lessons at AUB outside the classroom, including an inspiring extracurricular opportunity the University provided: the Insight Club. The compassion and concern for others expressed by members of this club for Muslim students (which he joined although he had been raised a Christian) impressed him.

But he was also inspired by a course in the Civilization Sequence Program taught by Professor Syrine Hout.

“We talked about medieval philosophy and discussed controversial issues. I sat in the front row of every class. She made you think that teaching is so important. She was full of passion and excitement.

“My last semester, I read about TFL on Facebook. I was ready to do something for others. I’d experienced a model teacher. I applied.”

Having finished his two-year stint, Simaan is now studying for his MS in biology at the University of



AUB, **Ali Dimashkieh** says, showed him Lebanon. TFL gave him the opportunity to do something with what he had learned about his country.

“AUB has always been a small Lebanon from a political perspective. It has the whole spectrum.

“I lived in the dorms since I’m from Chtaura. This was the most intriguing part of my life. I met everybody—extreme Muslims, liberal westerners. I got a scholarship from the Hariri Foundation like many students, so we were a socio-economic mix.

“I attended the meetings of all the political parties—I decided I couldn’t work with any party, but I had to get along with all of them. I knew I didn’t want to join politics, but I wanted to do something that mattered.

“I came to AUB in ’92. We didn’t know what we wanted, but the civil war was over, and everything was fresh and hopeful.”

Years later, while working with youth from all around Lebanon as cultural affairs specialist for the American Embassy, he decided that improving education could be a way to implement some of the ideals he had picked up at AUB.

“Just after the 2006 war, I got the idea of Teach For Lebanon. I tried to find someone to launch the program, but couldn’t find anyone. So I did it myself.”

Balamand while teaching science part-time at a nearby school.

Another first-cohort member, Riham Miri, has come full circle. This environmental health major taught math and English at Saida Generations School and has returned to AUB to work on her MS in health promotion and community health.

Miri also was inspired by many aspects of AUB life. At the Latino Club she learned enough about dancing to integrate it into her teaching. A local needs assessment conducted for a health behavior and education course got her interested in kids and education.

Her TFL work now informs how she thinks about her studies.

“I’ve had three courses from the head of the department, Jihad Makhoul, and she has changed

my whole outlook. She’s helped me see that if you want to solve a health problem, you have to address the larger social issues.”

Miri wants to stay in Lebanon and help a school deal with its problems in a holistic fashion, assessing student and community needs, then developing programs that address such complex realities.

Then there’s Nadim Haidar. After a gap year, this 2011 political studies graduate recently headed off to Jebrayel, Akkar, where he’s teaching English (grades 3, 4, and 11), writing (grades 9-11), and music (grades 1-6).

A 2010 Penrose Award winner, Haidar is no stranger to idealism. At AUB he was involved in several activities including protests against tuition hikes and, off-campus, in efforts to protect domestic workers’ rights.

A number of AUB professors influenced Haidar, including political science Professor Bashir Saade, who, Haidar says, “challenged a lot of traditional theories. He changed how I see myself as a Lebanese. I realized that I had rejected myself, and had to come to terms with the tensions between different aspects of myself.”

Deciding that time in the United States would help him further clarify such issues, he worked as a janitor in a small café in Montana and participated in several “Occupy” actions. Somewhere along the way, he decided two things: 1) to come back to Lebanon; and 2) to narrow the focus of his efforts.

“I decided to do something where I could see progress, to accept that progress might be small, but it would be real.”

So there he is, just south of the Syrian border, trying to “make a difference.”

Just as 2010 public administration graduate Hassan Issa was inspired to do in the same school for two years after being



Riham Miri



Nadim Haidar

“At AUB,” **Farah Bayoumi** says, “we all had this urge to change something. We wanted to actually do something, to work to improve the society. AUB is a microcosm of Lebanon, and it welcomes the victims of corruption and oppression.

“I had seen, as a child in public school, how poverty and corruption could affect education.

“Then I studied corruption in the public sector in my classes. My professor [Hiba Khodor] compared what was in the books with reality, not just theory. She told us to do things in the real world, asking how we could actually change things.

“TFL came along and said, ‘We want to deal with corruption and the problems in the schools.’ So I decided to try it.”

confronted by AUB political science Professor Mara Kolessas. She criticized his wearing a Ché Guevara T-shirt without understanding, as Issa says, “that this shirt was probably made in China in factories just like the ones Ché was fighting.

“AUB,” he continues, “helped me think about ideas like equality and human rights. The TFL concept of helping others who can’t help themselves fit with that.”

So, just as AUB prepared many of its graduates to consider taking on the kind of work TFL offered TFL has influenced how these young people think about their next steps.

AUB’s influence on 2008 public administration graduate Farah Bayoumi was direct. Following public administration Professor Hiba Khodor’s admonition that her students work to reform the “real world,” rather than lingering in the world of theory, she joined TFL, worked at Saida Generations School, taught there for another year, and now works as head of the Human Resources Department for the school’s parent organization, the Sidon Orphan Welfare Society.

Rana Saleh, a 2008 nutrition and dietetics graduate, is working on her MBA at AUB after spending two years teaching science and math in Maaroub.

“TFL provided me with lots of experience,” she says. “I had never expected to like teaching. I enjoyed teaching and am surprised that while I was searching for jobs before starting my graduate studies, I kept on looking for careers that combined teaching and nutrition.”

Bayoumi is still working in her TFL school, doing her best to implement the ideals she picked up at AUB; Haidar has moved from battling in the streets of Ras

Since 2011, the AUB-Teach For Lebanon Graduate Scholarships have provided full tuition support to graduate students recommended by TFL who meet AUB admission requirements. Graduate students must have served two years in TFL.

Beirut and Oakland to the classrooms of Jebrayel; Miri and Issa and all the others are doing their best to integrate that desire to “make a difference” into their adult lives, and the lives of those with whom they work.



—Nicholas Boke

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Minerva Faddoul, who began her master’s in clinical psychology at AUB after finishing her two years with TFL, grew up in Jos, Nigeria. Moving to her family’s northern village after graduating from high school, she earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Balamand.

“After graduating, I applied to AUB’s Clinical Psychology Program. Then I heard about TFL, and thought, why not go into something where I could get some experience, and also get to know my country better, get involved, make a difference?”

“I got into TFL, went to teach in Bakhoun, and realized this was the thing to do.

“Now I’ve picked up where I left off, except that I don’t want to be a clinical psychologist; I want to be a school psychologist. The conditions I saw in Bakhoun can be generalized all across Lebanon—many academic problems have psychological roots.

“I’m enrolled in Research 301 now, as preparation for my thesis. I’m looking into children and the problems of rural education. I’m hoping to do some research in the school where I taught.

“The AUB program is helping me see the flaws in what I did as a teacher, in the way I assessed, the things I didn’t understand. I always used to remind myself of the needs of the kids, but now I’m seeing more of what I might have done to meet those needs.”

Top photo, left to right: Touma Yaghnem, Kamal Kurani, Samir Jabbour, Michel Awad, Teddy Abdo, William Nahhas, Nadim Homs, Ismail Al-Husseini, Mervyn Smith, John Makhul, Hratch Boyadjian, Saïd Sukkar, Sami Salibi conducting.



Seated, left to right: Teddy Abdo, Kamal Kurani, Michel Awad, Nadim Homs, Hratch Boyadjian, Saïd Sukkar, Samir Jabbour, Ismail Al-Husseini, Touma Yaghnem

The Janissaries

In 1959 the late Professor Kamal Salibi would occasionally abandon his books to indulge his love of music. While Kamal Salibi mastered four-part harmonies and trained members of the a capella group he named the Janissaries (also known as the AUB Men’s Chorus), his brother Sami Salibi led them in official performances. *MainGate* received a rare 1960 recording of the group singing the AUB alma mater, which was recorded at Baalbeck Studios in Sin El Fil. Listen to it in *MainGate* on-line. (Special thanks to Ramsay Bisharah for sending in the photos and recording, and to Saïd Sukkar, Teddy Abdo, and Nadim Homs for their great memories!)

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The Problem Solver

Emeritus Professor Peter Yff, holding an MS from the University of Chicago, joined AUB's Mathematics Department in 1951 as an assistant professor while still studying for his PhD. After four years at AUB he returned to the United States and earned his PhD from the University of Illinois in 1958, after which he taught for one year at Fresno State College, before returning to AUB as associate professor of mathematics in 1958. He became full professor in 1964, a position he held until 1989. On leaving wartime Beirut in 1986, Professor Yff taught part time at a number of universities in Illinois and Kentucky before becoming full time at Ball State University in Indiana, from where he retired in 1997. Professor Yff has since been living in Chicago, where he continues his research in mathematics. In 1998 he was named AUB professor emeritus.

MainGate: When did you first arrive at AUB?

Professor Yff: In 1951 while working toward my PhD at the University of Illinois, I saw a notice about teachers needed at AUB, and the idea of working overseas appealed to me. After I applied I met President Stephen Penrose in Chicago and was soon offered a three-year contract as assistant professor.



My plan had been to return to the United States in 1954 to complete my PhD studies. But the University and what it stood for inspired me, and I began thinking of making AUB my lifetime career. I later accepted the chairmanship of the Mathematics Department for three years, a difficult task because the department had no location and no secretary.

What were your first impressions?

My first impression was that of a family. Everyone knew everyone else. My wife and I first stayed a few days with Professor Byron Smith. His wife Alice, a granddaughter of Daniel Bliss, showed us how to use the tram, how to buy blue alcohol and needles for the Primus kerosene stove, and other useful knowledge. I was also impressed by the students, who were more serious about their education than most

students in the United States.

Where did you teach most of your classes?

At first all my classes met in College Hall. I even taught engineering students there, because the Engineering Building was still under construction. I also taught many classes in Bliss Hall, Nicely Hall, and the Agriculture Building when the Mathematics Department was given a floor.

What was the biggest change you noticed while at AUB?

Of course, the biggest change was the war in Lebanon, which disrupted classes, made attendance by many students and faculty members dangerous, and later led to the Off-Campus Program. AUB became more modernized and businesslike. All new buildings were equipped with central heating,

and eventually the old buildings such as College Hall were modernized. Cars became more common on campus.

What do you think your students would most remember about your classes?

One, now a retired doctor, is grateful for my giving partial credit for partial solution of a problem. In general, I trust that students would remember me as one always available to help them, and that I encouraged them to seek help only after attempting to solve problems on their own. They might also recall that I said they would learn more from their own studying than from listening to me.

Are you still in touch with any of your former students?

Not many, but I correspond with Professor Faruk Abi-Khuzam, a 1967-68 MS student, and I see him almost every year. He is still an active member of the department. I also keep in touch with a retired pathologist, a student in 1954, and I see a few others whenever I visit Beirut. Several are or have been professors and deans (and even trustees). Hanna Nasir, my student in 1954, later became president of Birzeit University.

Do you have something you would like to say to your former students?

I would like to thank them for a successful and enjoyable AUB career. Even during the worst of times we were able to continue the educational process.

Did you stay at AUB throughout the war (1975-90)?

I stayed as long as I could. In the summer

of 1986 my wife and I were in the United States when Joe Cicippio was abducted from campus, and we decided it would be risky to return. Shortly afterward the US State Department forbade Americans to travel into, through, or out of Lebanon, and I did not have the courage to defy my government.

I might add that in 1985 I was a candidate for another three-year term as chairman, but my wife was opposed because it might make me more conspicuous. However, the department was so depleted by the war that I was the best qualified person for the job. I held the post for one year without incident before I had to leave.

Do you have any particular memories from those years?

Yes, the sickening sounds of war with its devastation and inconsolable sorrow will always remain with me. I think of the many friends I lost, especially my son Eric, who disappeared when he was almost 19. I was told his scores in the sophomore entrance exams were the highest ever seen, so the loss is not only my own but also that of many who might have benefited from his life.

One result of the fighting in Beirut was the opening of the Off-Campus Program on the eastern side, ostensibly to protect former fighters who might be recognized in Ras Beirut. I complained to the dean that AUB should not be an accomplice in the division of Lebanon, but he advised me to stay out of this political debate. Eventually the OCP was discontinued.

There are also heartwarming memories, such as when we were warned by our embassy of evidence of a planned terrorist attack on campus. We were advised to stay home,

which I did, but my engineering students came to tell me they would personally escort me to class the next day. Which they did.

When did you leave AUB? Have you been back?

In 1955 I left AUB without knowing whether I would return. In 1958, when conditions were unsettled in Lebanon, I was invited back with a promotion. I found that the department actually had a location and a secretary, who was to remain until 1976. Soon we had an entire floor in the Agriculture Building, and later moved to our "permanent" home in Bliss Hall. I finally left AUB in 1986, but after ten years my wife and I returned for our first visit. Although the State Department travel ban still existed, Lebanon had no objection. In 1999 as emeritus professor I marched in the academic procession at commencement. Since then we have tried to return to Lebanon almost every year.

What impact has AUB had on your life?

AUB has impacted my life in many ways. Significantly it enabled me to form a strong appreciation for Middle Eastern society and culture. My contacts with various nationalities and faiths have given me a broader outlook on international affairs and tensions. I am more capable than most Americans of recognizing my country's faults as well as its virtues. Relative proximity to Europe led to visiting many countries I would otherwise not have seen. The impact continues, as evidenced by my grandson recently completing a term of service with the Peace Corps in Malawi. 

—J.M.C.

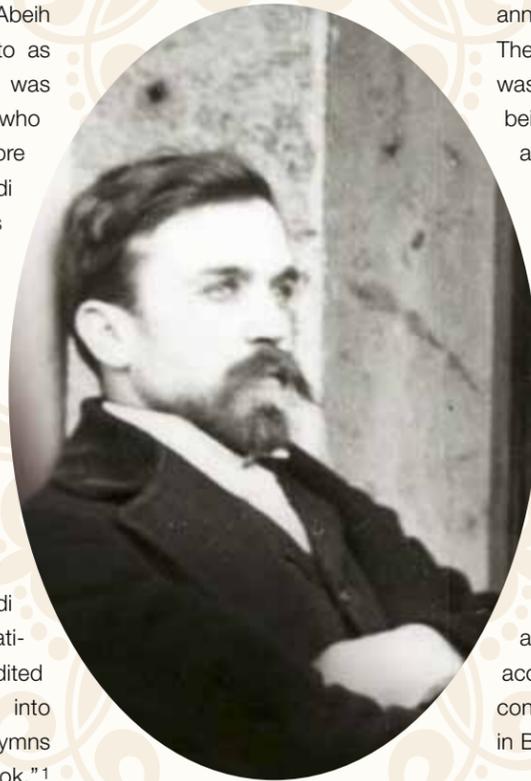
Well Versed

Asad al-Shadudi (1826-1906) was a member of the faculty when the Syrian Protestant College opened its doors for the first time on December 3, 1866. Born in Aley, al-Shadudi attended elementary school in Kafr Shima before transferring to the Abeih Academy (sometimes referred to as the "Abeih Seminary"), which was led by Cornelius Van Dyck, who was one of SPC's founders. Before joining SPC in 1866, al-Shadudi taught at a number of schools including the Abeih Academy, a school in Suq al Gharb, and the Davidic School, a Druze boarding school in Abeih, where he was also the first principal.

Hired by SPC as the "house tutor," al-Shadudi also taught natural philosophy, science, and mathematics, an area in which he was particularly skilled. (Bliss described al-Shadudi at one point as "a born mathematician.") Al-Shadudi is also credited with composing or translating into Arabic "some of the sweetest hymns found in our Arabic hymn-book."¹ Writing many years later, former AUB President Stephen B. L. Penrose, Jr. noted that at least some of his "simple and beautiful Arabic translations of English hymns were still being sung in the Arab world in the 1940s."²

One book of al-Shadudi's hymns, available in the Jafet Archives at AUB, includes a poem he wrote on the occasion of German

Emperor Wilhelm II's visit to Beirut on November 11, 1898. The emperor was sufficiently impressed with the poem that he made a donation to enable Adabia Press to publish the



book of poems and translated hymns in 1899. Al-Shadudi authored several other important books including a textbook on elementary natural philosophy in 1873.

Despite the praise he earned for his scholarship and mathematical skills, al-Shadudi and the College soon parted ways. Although the

reasons are not totally clear, Bliss did complain in a letter he wrote to his wife on November 10, 1873, al-Shadudi "was worse than nothing in the matter of discipline. My own orders last year were more or less annulled by his wishy washy ways." There are also reports that al-Shadudi was not happy with what he was being paid for the work he was being asked to do. Whatever the reason, when the College changed the terms of his employment in 1873, al-Shadudi resigned.

While his tenure at the College was short, al-Shadudi taught several young men who would go on to make names for themselves in the emerging Arab nationalist movement: Yaqub Sarruf (BA 1870) and Faris Nimr (BA 1874). He also edited and wrote extensively for several leading newspapers and journals and gained increasing acclaim for his poetry and musical contributions. Asad al-Shadudi died in Beirut in 1906.

Thanks to Samar Mikati Kaissi and Jafet Library Archives and Special Collections for their assistance. 

¹ *The Reminiscences of Daniel Bliss: Edited and Supplemented by His Eldest Son*, Fleming H. Revell Company, 1920, page 189
² Stephen B. L. Penrose, Jr., *That They May Have Life: The Story of the American University of Beirut, 1866-1941*, page 20



Watching Over Earth from Space

Ulaby contributed to the design and operation of the 12-meter long antenna of the Shuttle Imaging Radar in the shuttle's bay, which was used to image most of the planet Earth.



In an experiment performed under the guidance of one of his AUB physics instructors, Fawwaz Ulaby locates the source of his own enduring confidence in science.

“When you think about it, it’s like magic,” says Ulaby (BS ’64), now the Emmett Leith Distinguished University Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Michigan and author of some of the world’s most popular electrical engineering textbooks. “There’s all these theories that tell you crystals are arranged in hexagonal fashion and... you can actually do an experiment and establish what that structure looks like at a molecular level.”

That experiment epitomizes the rigor that underpins Ulaby’s own groundbreaking work in remote sensing and THz (terahertz) technology. “What you’re learning is not just people’s imagination,” he explains. “It’s real. That gives you a sense of confidence, and you take it with you for the rest of your career. Every time you’re pursuing something, you want to find results that confirm things with the same degree

of confidence in your own research as you had felt and experienced when you did that experiment many years back.”

This way of thinking also draws on earlier events in Ulaby’s life, in particular, a setback from which he ultimately sprang forward at an accelerated

rate. Ulaby spent his first few years in Damascus, after which the family moved to Lebanon and then to Saudi Arabia where he studied at home. When they returned to Beirut after four years, he enrolled in second grade—at the age of 10.

“I was sort of like the dummy in the class,” he says. “Over the next few years, I skipped grades, but it stayed with me, this drive to accomplish, to prove that I was as good as everyone else.” Merely catching up failed to satisfy Ulaby; he wanted to speed ahead. Unwilling to spend five years in pursuit of an electrical engineering degree at AUB, he resolved to study physics, a fortunate choice given the favorable faculty-student ratio at the time and the rapport it enabled.

From mostly international professors, he learned not only about the discipline itself but also about research and its practice across countries and cultures. “You can’t help wanting to pursue a dream similar to the dreams they’re sharing with you,” he says. Even personal relationships, however, couldn’t slow his pace: He graduated

in three years, having taken 26 credits per semester. “I had some fun too,” he concedes. “Every once in a while.”

For his master’s degree, he ultimately chose the University of Texas at Austin, because he could enroll one semester sooner than at other institutions and because it had the least expensive tuition in the United States: \$200 a semester for non-residents and only \$50 for residents.

An assistantship and two degrees in electrical engineering—master’s and PhD—quickly followed, as well as a post-doctoral fellowship, also at Austin, and then his first job offer at the University of Kansas. “The first thing I did after receiving the offer was go to the library to get an atlas to find out where Kansas was,” he recalls. Dismayed to find it landlocked, he nevertheless accepted the job and went on to become the youngest faculty member ever to receive a chaired professorship.

Ulaby had elected to specialize in microwave astronomy at a time when contemporary applications were less than a glimmer in a young scientist’s eye. “When I started out... it was all very basic science, it didn’t have much of an applied nature,” he says. “Over time it grew into designing systems and techniques that would use an imaging radar from satellite platforms to observe the earth and extract from those observations information about the earth’s environment.”

In other words, the field he’d chosen would experience an acceleration similar to his own. A former Michigan colleague, close friend, and AUB Trustee **Gabriel Rebeiz** (BS ’82), calls him “a truly eminent scholar” and “one of the fathers of remote

sensing.” Now the Wireless Industry Communications Endowed Chair at the University of California San Diego, Rebeiz explains that Ulaby’s work has crucially enabled “instruments flying above us that measure the sea levels, how many trees we have, how much water and snow depth, so as to determine whether we are going to have a drought or not, and how much forest we have left in the world.”

One anecdote makes it clear just how much Ulaby’s story and the story of microwave astronomy is also our story: “It started out at a NASA meeting some 30 years ago,” Ulaby recounts. “Someone stood up and said, ‘Sooner or later, we as humans have to deal with global warming and we’re going to have to figure out how to create a system whereby people who produce carbon dioxide and methane have to pay for it... and we have to figure out how to reward land owners who do not cut down their trees.’” He explains: “Because trees suck up carbon dioxide from the air and transport it as solid carbon to their roots.”

“At the time, someone raised the question, how are we going to do this?” Ulaby goes on. “So I came home and designed and built and made some measurements by looking at a single leaf from a tree.” Over the next 10 years, that leaf became a branch and the measuring tools ascended into airplanes and then up into space. “It sounds so unbelievably outlandish, but that’s how things happen,” he sums up. “You start out small and sometimes you succeed.”

In the time since that meeting he’s started small from a larger and larger platform, directing NASA-funded

interdisciplinary projects, overseeing research over seven years as a vice president at the University of Michigan (1999-2005), and establishing degree programs and hiring dozens of faculty as the founding provost at the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (2007-09) in Saudi Arabia.

He chose to return to the University of Michigan in 2009 because he missed the partnership of research and teaching. He’s begun working on an ambitious new project, moving

He advises engineers and scientists to take classes in literature and philosophy, so they can fully immerse themselves in the life they’re tasked with making possible.

in one leap from the macrocosm to the microcosm. “The idea is that you would put on the chest of an individual, a whole bunch of tiny little antennas... and they will be able to focus many beams of a microwave that go through the body, each beam carrying a very small amount of energy but at their intersection point it’s a whole lot of energy. The idea is those are focused onto a tumor and they end up burning the tumor.” It’s a long way, he says, from any application, but... you start



Image of earth’s waterways acquired by the Spaceborne Imaging Radar-C

small and sometimes you succeed.

In the classroom, he wants to do more than pass on skills. “You try to help students grow as individuals and see the bigger picture and their role in it,” he says. “Even though I teach courses in electronics now, my very first lecture is a chart that shows the increase in world population expected over the next 50 years.”

He points out that in that time, the population on earth will balloon from seven to 10 billion people. “Then I ask the question: How are those additional three billion people going to live? Who’s going to make it possible? I remind them that if you divide three billion by the number of engineers who are going to graduate, then each student has to assume responsibility for about 250 individuals.”

With that awesome responsibility in mind, he advises engineers and scientists to take classes in literature and philosophy, so they can fully immerse themselves in the life they’re tasked with making possible. It’s about appreciating the parts that make up the whole. It’s about a kind of magic that’s outlandish and unbelievable and yet entirely real.



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NORTH AMERICA

Atlanta | 01 At a dinner on October 30, 2012, the chapter welcomed FM Dean **Mohamed H. Sayegh** (BS '80, MD '84). Left to right: **Ziad Kazzi** (BS '95, MD '99), **Mikhael El-Chami** (BS '96, MD '00), Mohamed H. Sayegh, **Julia Massaad** (BS '98, MD '02), and **Mohammad Wehbi** (BS '91, MD '96).

Houston | 02 Houston-area alumni held a get-together at the French Corner Restaurant in Houston, Texas on November 14, 2012. Around 45 alumni dined and fêted **Hagop M. Kantarjian** (BS '75, MD '79) who received the 2012 WAAAUB Distinguished Alumni Award, presented to him by **Aline El Zakhem** (BS '01, MD '05) and **Joseph El Khoury** (BEN '92). Kantarjian is the chairman of the Leukemia Department at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.



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Michigan | 03 On October 17, 2012, the chapter held an elegant dinner to welcome visiting AUB professors. Consul General of Lebanon **Bilal Kabalan** (BA '91) is pictured at center with HSON Director **Huda Abu-Saad Huijer** (BS '71) on his right, FHS Dean **Iman Nuwayhid** (BS '80, MD '84) on his left, and FHS Professor Samer Jabbour directly behind Kabalan and Nuwayhid. Chapter President **Manal Assi** (BS '91, MD '95) is seated second from right.

Midwest | Around 40 alumni and friends attended a chapter gathering at the Athena Greek Restaurant in Chicago on November 10, 2012.

Montreal | 04 Last September, chapter members hiked up Mont Saint-Bruno east of Montreal before enjoying a well-deserved meal together. | The chapter held a *cinq à sept* on November 1, 2012. 05 Left to right (sitting): **Nagham Sayour** (BS '06, MA '09), **Wissam Shaar** (BEN '02), **Grace Aoun** (BA '08), Stephanie Aoun (friend). Left to right (standing): Murad Hannoush (friend), **Nada Sayegh** (BA '82) | 06 On December 8, 2012 the chapter held a Christmas lunch at Daou restaurant. Left to right: **Mohamad**

Abdallah (BBA '02), **Hiba Tabbara** (BS '96), Zeina Chbaklo (friend), and **Georges Adib** (BS '87)

New York-Tristate | 07 On September 27, 2012, alumni from the New York-Tristate area participated in a networking event hosted by New York's Consul General of Lebanon, Majdi Ramadan, at his residence. The event welcomed recent Lebanese graduates living in the northeastern United States.

Philadelphia/Delaware Valley | On November 18, 2012, chapter members participated in a Lebanese Independence Day dinner for younger members of the Lebanese community.

North Carolina | 08 On October 21, 2012, the chapter celebrated the fall season with hayrides and pumpkin picking at Ganyard Hill Farms in Durham, North Carolina. | On November 18, 2012, Chapter President **Raja Khalifah** (BS '62) and Treasurer **Frank Haidar** (BA '85) spoke about the chapter at the Lebanese Independence Day celebration organized by the Triangle Lebanese Association. Dr. **Moise Khayrallah** (BA '81) was presented with an award by TLA President Dr. **Bisharah Libbus** (BS '67, MS '71). | 09 On December 8, 2012, the chapter celebrated the Christmas season with a dinner at Manchester's Grill in Raleigh, North Carolina. Current chapter president **Raja Khalifah**, PhD (BS '62) thanks former president **Ghada Rabah** (BS '89) for her service to the chapter.



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North Texas-Dallas | On October 21, 2012, chapter alumni and friends got together for great food and music at Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant. A photo booth captured all the fun. 10 Left to right: **Nina Salhab** (BS '90), **Lara Hassan** (BS '91), Ally Abbasi (friend), Tiffany Forsberg (friend), and Karen Kanaan (friend) | 11 Left to right: **Lina Shalak Ibrahim** (BA '88, MA '92), **Hisham Ibrahim** (BS '92, MD '96), **Nina Salhab** (BS '90), Vivian Noaman (friend), **Abed Noaman** (BS '69, MD '74)



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Recently Elected

WAAAUB North Carolina Chapter
 Raja Khalifah (BS '62), President
 Tony Louca (BEN '97), Vice President
 Farazdak (Frank) Haidar (BA '85), Treasurer
 Jack Zeidan (BS '04), Secretary
 Member at Large: Sana Al-Khatib (BS '88, MD '93), Sherene Wehbe Bitar (BS '99, MPH '01), Ghada Rabah Daunch (BS '89, TD '90), Maya Kahwagi Roberts (MD '06)

WAAAUB Southern California Chapter
 Hisham Hamadeh (BS '95), President
 Dilara El-Assad (BS '78, MS '80), Vice President
 Nicolas Haddad (BEN '02), Treasurer
 Caroline Moujabber Kaba (BBA '77, MA '80), Co-Secretary
 Nora Sarkissian (BAR '80), Co-Secretary
 Member at Large: Samir Kafity (BA '57), Lydia Nassoura (BS '82, MS '87)



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Ottawa | 12 The chapter's Christmas party held on December 7, 2012, attracted over 150 guests. Sponsored by Skaff



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Marketing Group and the KATASA Group, entertainment included a performance by Dunia El-Dick who charmed everybody with her Fairouz-like voice. Left to right: **Elie Abou Hamd** (BBA '80), **Elias Absi** (BS '75), **Jihad Abdunour** (BS '77, MS '80), and **Nada Hamade** (BA '99)

MIDDLE EAST

Abu Dhabi | 13 The chapter held a masquerade party on November 7, 2012. | 14 The chapter held

its Annual Family Day Out event at the Armed Officers Club Garden on December 7, 2012.

WAAAUB Eastern Province Chapter | 15 The chapter held a reception on November 25, 2012 to



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welcome FEA Dean **Makram Suidan** (BEN '71) and to announce the recently elected committee members. Left to right: **Hassan Al Hussein** (BA '67, MA '69), Dean Suidan, **Tawfik El Zein** (BS '73, MD '77), **Marwan Gholmieh** (BA '69), **Salma Oueida** (BEN '92), **Dimitri Nasra** (BA '85), **Simon Salameh** (BEN '95, MEN '98), and **Marwan Frem** (BEN '04)

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 Marwan Gholmieh (BA '69), President
 Marwan Frem (BEN '04), Vice President
 Simon Salameh (BEN '95, MEN '98), Committee Chairman
 Dimitri Nasra (BA '85), Treasurer
 Hassan Al-Husseini (BA '67, MA '69), Secretary

WAAAUB Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences Chapter | 16 On November 16, 2012, the chapter hosted a symposium entitled "Career Trends and Opportunities in Agriculture, Nutrition and Landscape Management." The one-day event included a conference, job fair, and gala dinner. | 17 Front row, left to right: **Salwa Sabbagh** (BS '11), **Reem Fayyad** (BS '10), Dean **Nahla Hwalla** (MS '74, PhD '77), **Rouba Dagher** (BS '12), **Hani Shucair** (BS '76, MS '78); Back row, left to right: **Salim Idriss** (BS '82), **Said El Kaissi** (BS '83, MS '85), **Arabia Mohammad Ali** (MS '87), **Abbas Yaghi** (BS '82, MS '84), and **Nadim Farajallah** (BS '85).

Jeddah | 18 The chapter hosted a gala dinner with President Dorman on November 28, 2012.



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Recently Elected: Executive Committee 2012–14
WAAAUB Engineering and Architecture Chapter
 Samir Traboulsi (BEN '73, MEN '75, MBA '80), President
 Rima Srour Hussein (BAR '83), Vice President
 Hadi Fathallah (BEN '09), Treasurer
 Wissam Yaacoub (MEN '94, MBA '01), Secretary
 Member at Large: Joe Akhras (BEN '74), Nesrine Akkari (BEN '89), Rabih Kamel Hassan (BS '94, BEN '98)

WAAAUB Health Sciences Chapter
 Wissam Doudar (MPH '09), President
 Nabil Hassan (MPH '08), Vice President
 Jessica Said (MPH '07), Treasurer
 Bashayer Madi (BS '10, MS '12), Secretary
 Member at Large: Kassem El Saddik (BS '96, MS '02), Tala Kardas (BS '11), Mike Sarkis (BS '02)

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Riyadh | 19 The chapter held a roundtable meeting and gala dinner on November 29, 2012, at the Ritz-



Carlton Hotel in Riyadh. | 20 Current and former chapter presidents with President Peter Dorman. Left to right: **Eddy Mufarrej** (BBA '99), **Abdul Fattah Ghali** (BS '79), Peter Dorman, and **Jamal el Zein** (BS '79, MPH '81)

EUROPE

Germany | 21 More than 40 AUB alumni and their families met for a weekend in Munich November 24-25, 2012. Activities included a walking tour of the city from Marienplatz, a traditional dinner at ZumFranziskaner, and a Lebanese brunch at Leonrod restaurant. WAAAUB President **Nabil Dajani** (BA '57, MA '60) and his wife **Huda Sabri Shurbaji** (former student, 1970-74) are pictured at center.



Switzerland | 22 The Swiss Alumni Chapter held an end of the year Mix & Mingle "M&M" cocktail gathering on December 11, 2012.



United Kingdom | 23 On November 15, the chapter held a lively talk and Q&A with Amir Taheri, a prominent Iranian-born journalist and author.



WAAAUB Christmas Party | The first annual WAAAUB Christmas party was held on December 15, 2012 in the AUB cafeteria. Santa presided over an abundance of fun and games.

WAAAUB New Year's Eve Party | WAAAUB hosted its annual New Year's Eve Party at the Gefinor Rotana.



**Attention
AUB Alumni!**

2013 WAAAUB Alumni Council and Alumni Trustee Elections

On February 1 the call went out to all alumni to submit their nominations for the **2013 WAAAUB Alumni Council and Alumni Trustee elections**. As per the WAAAUB bylaws revised in 2011, council members will then elect the members of the WAAAUB Board of Directors and standing committees. All WAAAUB leadership will take office on July 1, 2013. If you or a friend would like to be a candidate in the 2013 Council and Alumni Trustee elections, please send your name, year, and degree information to nominations-committee@waaaub.org. The deadline for submitting nominations is **February 28, 2013**.

Write to us today. Your participation will ensure the continued success of your alumni association.

1950s

Suzette Fattal Blair (BS '53) Following graduation Fattal Blair received a Rockefeller Scholarship to pursue a



master's in nursing education at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York. With her master's degree she returned to AUH in 1958 for four years. In 1962, she moved back to the United States for clinical teaching assignments and in 1966 she joined the US Army Nurse Corps as a nurse practitioner, retiring after 20 years as a lieutenant colonel. She then served as state director for the Long Term Care Compliance Review Program of South Carolina for 10 years. Fattal Blair is married to Colonel James D. Blair, MD. They have three children and seven grandchildren and live in Atlanta, Georgia.

Muhammad Anwar Malas (BS '53) retired in 2001 as a civil engineer with his own business designing and supervising mostly residential buildings. He was secretary of the Syrian Syndicate for Engineers (1963-64) and served as a board member in 1967-68 and as head of the committee for private engineers' offices from 1967 to 1971. [Malasmahij(at)hotmail.com]

1960s

Sabih El-Kukhun (BS '63) After graduation, El-Kukhun joined Bristol Myers as a medical representative in Kuwait. He was promoted to sales supervisor for the Middle East based in Lebanon and sales manager for the Middle East based in Greece. In 1983, he became general manager for the Middle East based in Amman, Jordan. Four years later he relocated to Brussels to be a marketing director for the Middle East and Africa. In 1989 he moved to Cairo as a senior director for Middle Eastern regulatory affairs. He took early retirement in 1998 and returned to Amman where he opened his own drugstore, AlSahl. During his many years of moving around, he was accompanied by his wife Raja. They have three children: Lina who graduated with a pharmacy

degree, Samer who received an MBA, and Hani who graduated with a degree in computer engineering.

Mamdouh Salameh, PhD (BA '63) is an international oil economist and a consultant to the World Bank on oil and energy. Salameh has authored three books on the economics and geopolitics of oil and energy. He is director of the Oil Market Consultancy Service in the United Kingdom, where he lives with his wife Judy. They have two sons and a daughter:



George, who has a PhD and is working in the aerospace industry; Alice, who has a master's degree and works in marketing; and Rami, who has a bachelor's in business

administration and works in the travel industry. Salameh writes, "My best memories of AUB are its beautiful campus, Professor Mohammed Diab, my outstanding economics tutor, the tennis courts, and my daily cinnamon roll at the Milk Bar."

Omar Abdallah Itani, MD (BS '68, TD) was chief resident in surgery at AUBMC in 1979 and consultant general surgeon at De Havilland Canada Saudi Aramco from 1979 to 2006, when he retired. He is currently acting chairman of surgery at Rafik Hariri University Hospital.

Nicholas Xitas (BBA '68) writes, "Last summer I invited AUB and Beirut College for Women (now Lebanese American University) graduates from the 1960s to a reunion party which was a great



Hassan Yamout (BEN '66, BEN '68, MEN '78) earned his AUB degrees in civil and electrical engineering. Yamout lives in Beirut with his wife Randa. They have three daughters: **Dania** (BBA '01), **Nadine** (BGD '03), and **Hala** (BS '03, MD '07). On work and education, he writes:

Learned at FEA: Be practical; don't forget that engineering is a profession and not a science.

Three Years after Graduation: I worked with C.A.T. Company on Aramco projects. The client insisted that contractors' construction management be headed by engineers, yet its own project director told me that he had a degree in mathematics, not engineering. Noticing my surprise, he added, "You

need a degree to get a job, then you learn how to do it on the job."

Ten Years after Graduation: Old habits die hard. I studied mechanical engineering by correspondence and later earned a master's degree in civil engineering at AUB.

Retirement: The more I learned the less costly mistakes I made on multidisciplinary projects.



success. Graduates also came from abroad. Skype contact with other 1960s AUB alumni and friends in North America filled in the gaps."

1970s

Fathi (Frank) Abou-Sayf (MA '72, MS '73) With master's degrees in education and chemistry, Abou-Sayf pursued a career in academia as a professor and administrator at the University of Hawaii. Upon retirement he moved to San Diego, California. [abousayf(at)hawaii.edu]

Walid Said Nasrallah (BA '72, MA '78) writes, "I am a 1972 PSPA graduate with 21 credits of graduate work at American University's School of Public Affairs in Washington, DC, and a master's degree in public administration from AUB. My higher education was funded by the Lebanese Army, in which I served from October 1967 to November 1974. From 1975 to 1980, I worked for a number of Lebanese contracting and industrial firms. In 1980 I joined Middle East Airlines (MEA) as personnel manager for outstations. By 1991 I was transferred to

MEA's Training Center as a senior manager and instructor. In 2001 I was appointed director of the MEA Training & Development Department which included its Training Center. I spent almost 12 years in that position, retiring in April 2012. I am married to Hoda Fakhreddine and have two sons: Adham, born in 1984, and Sary, born in 1985. [walhuda(at)hotmail.com]

Muhammad Asef Gardezi (BS '73) has just retired as assistant health coordinator at the International Committee of the Red Cross in Afghanistan. He and his wife Falaknaz have 12 children and live in Kabul, Afghanistan. [asef_gardezi(at)yahoo.com]



Issa Kawar (BEN '73)



earned his degree in mechanical engineering. He is currently a licensed professional engineer in Ontario, Canada, where he immigrated after a long career in the Middle East in Lebanon, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia. Kawar has worked in the construction

industry as a HVAC contractor and consultant, and has also dabbled in sales and the restaurant business. At present he is project manager at Black and McDonald, Ltd., a prime contractor in the mechanical and electrical fields serving a diverse international client base. Kawar's wife, May, is a senior account manager at the Royal Bank of Canada. They have four children: Nayef, who holds a BS from York University; Bassel, who is in his last year at York pursuing a BA in business economics; Luma, who has a BA in psychology; and Leen, who has a BS in kinesiology.

Douglas Magrath (MA '73) earned his master's in Arabic studies. He currently teaches English as a second language at Arizona State University. Magrath has published several articles in his field and presented extensively at state conferences. His daughter, who resides in Florida, has a new baby girl. [magrathd(at)yahoo.com]



Tarek Mitri (BA '74) was recently appointed head of the UN Support Mission in Libya. Mitri held several ministerial portfolios in Lebanese governments between 2005

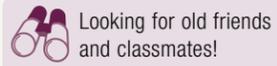
and 2011. He has served as the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) chair on dialogue at Saint Joseph University and as a senior fellow at AUB's Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs.

Amal Watfa Karaki (MPH '78) is currently head of the Economic and Social Planning Unit of the Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR), a public authority connected to the Lebanese Council of Ministers.



After graduation, Karaki joined Save the Children in Lebanon where she held increasingly more responsible positions. In 1996, she was appointed a World Bank consultant working on a health sector reform program for Lebanon's Ministry of Public Health. In 1997, she was offered the position of senior sector specialist for social development at CDR and in October 2005, she joined the Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Lebanon as a senior coordination support adviser. Karaki returned to CDR in May 2006, where she continues to be an advocate for human development. She is proud of her two children, **Zeinab Najib Karaki** (MBA '06) and **Mohammad Najib Karaki**

(BEN '04), both of whom are pursuing their careers outside Lebanon. Karaki would love to hear from MPH classmates at [amal.watfa(at)gmail.com]



Looking for old friends and classmates!

1980s

Robert R. Rouda (BS '80, MS '83) earned his BS in agriculture and his master's degree in animal sciences. He is a senior policy officer

at the Western Australian Department of Agriculture and Food. In 1989 Rouda earned a doctorate in range animal nutrition at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. He has taken up dancing and is the vice president of the local RnR (Rock-n-Roll) club. Rouda and his spouse **Mary Tabet** (BA '80) have three children and live in Bunbury, Western Australia. [robert.rouda(at)agric.wa.gov.au]



Ohaness Nersissian (BA '78) writes that he is grateful for the remarkable AUB teachers who shaped, reformed, and nurtured generations of students. They include **Adnan Iskandar** (BA '51, MA '52), **Elie Salem** (BA '50), **Sami Makarem** (BA '54, MA '57), **Maroun Kisirwani** (BA '59, MA '64), and many more. Nersissian is a human resources manager. He is the proud husband of **Sossy Doumanian** (DIPLM Nursing '80), and the proud parent of Raffi, who at 27 is a chief lab technician, and Sevan, who at 22 is a graphic designer. He says that AUB's Main Gate is the door you enter to do your best, and the door you exit to do even better. [onersissian(at)hotmail.com]

Fouad Najjar (BBA '87) and **Sally Kaya** (BA '91, MA '02) were married on August 24, 2012. After completing his degree in business administration, Najjar became a certified public accountant (CPA) in the United States. He has international experience in finance, audit, and risk management, and is currently chief internal auditor at Al Jaber Group in Abu Dhabi. Kaya earned her degrees in sociology and philosophy. She started her career as a book translator at the AUB Office of Communications before moving to her current position overseeing the production of major university publications.



Nabil Bukhalid (BEN '81, EMBA '05) joined AUB's Medical Engineering Department immediately after graduating with a degree in electrical engineering. In 1990 he was charged with the monumental task of building AUB's Computer Networking System Department with two other engineers. When Bukhalid left his position at AUB in fall 2012, his friends and colleagues gathered to celebrate him and his achievements which continue to enrich the lives of the AUB community to this day. **Bassam Tabshouri** (BEN '78, MEN '81) told a gathering of his colleagues and friends that Bukhalid's hard work, modesty, and dedication made him a valued colleague and an inspiring role model, and urged him to "keep on growing

in knowledge and wisdom, and in giving in dedication and love."

Jacques Wehbe (CERT



MLAB '83) is a director of physician services at Saint Vincent Medical Group in Worcester, Massachusetts. He is married to Mireille Osko Wehbe, and they have three young boys: Trestin, Dillane, and Taj. The family lives in North Providence, Rhode Island. [jacquestw(at)gmail.com]

Khalil Yousef (BS '84, MD '88) is married to **Rima Nader** (BS '86, MD '90).



He is an interventional radiologist working for Sanford Healthcare in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The couple has three children: Mira (15), Amin Michael (10), and James (8). They always enjoy spending some time with Jiddo, **Amin Khalil Yusuf** (BA '48, MD '52) in Bishmizzine, El Koura at

Christmas. The family is pictured on a zip line adventure in Hawaii.

Amjad Kaissi (BBA '88) is the general manager of General Transportation Services, SAL, an international shipping and forwarding/customs clearance company. He is happily married to Dania Kamal Kara, who holds an MBA from the Lebanese American University. They have two children: Yasmina, born in 2001, who is in the 6th grade at International College, and Mohammad, born in 2003, who is in the 3rd grade at Eastwood College, Mansurieh. Kaissi lives and works in Beirut. [amjadkaissi(at)gmail.com]

Hana Ghannoum Sinno



(BA '88) is an intern at the Psychiatry and Psychotherapy Clinic, Charité Universitätsmedizin in Berlin, Germany. In 1990, she earned an MA and an MEd in psychology from Teachers College, Columbia University in New York. She worked as a psychologist at the Federation Employment and Guidance Service, Inc. (better known as FECS), a large mental health services

agency in New York. In 1997 she joined AUB as an instructor in the Psychology Department. Ghannoum Sinno and her husband **Karim A. Sinno** (former student, 1980s) have three children. They have lived in Berlin since July 2012. [hanagsinno(at)yahoo.com]

1990s

Sally Kaya (BA '91, MA '02) Please see **Fouad Najjar** (BBA '87)



Hiba Chaaban (BEN '93) is a human resources director at International College.

In 2006, she earned a Professional in Human Resources (PHR) certification from the National Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM®). Chaaban has three children and lives in Beirut. [hchaaban(at)ic.edu.lb]

Nader Imad (BEN '93) works for Trad Hospital and Medical Center. He participated in the BLOM Beirut 2012 marathon. [nader_imad(at)yahoo.com]

Tony Louca (BEN '97) and **Serena Badran Louca** (BEN '97) welcomed their new baby girl Rafaella. Louca is vice president of the WAAAUB North Carolina Chapter. Pictured are broth-



Sawsan Z. Yamout (BS '97) and Cory Overton were married last August 11 in Davis, California. Yamout earned her DVM from the University of Veterinary Sciences in Budapest in 2002. Overton earned a BS from Colorado State University in 1998 and an MS from Oregon State University in 2004. Yamout completed an equine surgery residency at the University of California, Davis and now works as a veterinarian in Davis. Overton completed his

master's degree in wildlife biology and now works with the United States Geological Survey. He is currently finishing a PhD at the Department of Ecology at the University of California, Davis.



2000s



Nathalie Dagher (BBA '03) is a consultant at Booz

er Stephano, Tony, baby Rafaella, and Serena.

Peter Chamlian (BA '99)



has been appointed chief executive of Crédit Agricole

Suisse (Lebanon). A Crédit Agricole employee since 2006, Chamlian developed the commercial side of the company's banking activities in the Middle East. From 2002 to 2006 he headed the Fixed Income, Funds and Structured Products Division of Libano-Française Finance SAL in Beirut.



Zeina El-Hoss (BAR '03) is a copywriter and editor at

Dar Al-Hekma College in Saudi Arabia. She writes that teaching in a college and serving as a journalism club adviser put her in constant

contact with students, prompting her to reminisce about her own college experience at AUB. Apart from her personal publishing plans, she looks forward to enhancing her marketing skills through training next year. El-Hoss and her spouse, Samer Jabr, have a son and live in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Brock Bevan (MA '04) welcomed the birth of his first son, Joaquin, in April 2012. After receiving his master's degree from CAMES, Bevan



Abdel Latif Moghrabi Marini (BSN '06) is happy to announce his marriage to Noura Al Murad, which took place on June 28, 2012 at the Beirut-Lancaster Suites. The couple currently resides in Riyadh.



earned a juris doctor from Drexel University in May in 2012. He currently works at a law firm that specializes in immigration issues. [blb64(at)drexel.edu]

Loubna El Amine (BA '04) has earned a PhD from the Department of Politics at Princeton University, where



she completed a dissertation, "The Confucian Conception of the Political." She is currently a Mellon Post-doctoral Fellow at the Whitney Humanities Center at Yale University. [loubna.elamine(at)yale.edu]

Houssam Fawaz (BEN '04) has been appointed director of a new training and development department of SUKAD (Success through Unique Knowledge, Attitude and Development), a project management and learning consultancy founded in Dubai with offices in Lebanon. Fawaz holds a master's degree in business administration from Davenport University in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mohammed Al Masri (BSN '05) Last January Al Masri

was appointed chief operating officer of Total Care Saudi Third Party Administrators (a multi-million dollar third party administration company in Saudi Arabia). He was also recently appointed a committee member on the Saudi Ministry of Health Certification Commission Steering Committee of the Saudi Health Insurance Business National Project, which was created to automate health insurance transactions across the kingdom. [mohammed.masri(at)tcsksa.com]

William N. Watfa (BS '06) joined the University of Balamand Faculty of Medicine and Medical Sciences where he earned his MD in 2011. He



has completed his second year as a resident in plastic surgery at Saint George Hospital University Medical Center in Beirut. His interest in aesthetic and reconstructive surgery was piqued by his previous medical elective training in London. [williamwatfa(at)gmail.com]



Randa Adra (BA '08) is currently an associate

at Crowell & Moring, LLP in New York. In 2012, she earned a doctor of law with a specialization in international legal affairs and a concentration in business law and regulation from Cornell University Law School. In her new position, she hopes to handle numerous legal matters related to the Middle East.

Mohammad Abou Assali (BEN '08) majored in civil and environmental engineering and minored in IT. He



is a senior contracts officer at Boom Construction Company in Qatar. In 2011 he earned a Purchasing Management Association of Canada diploma for Supply Chain Management, and in October 2012, he completed the Project Management Program at the College of North Atlantic Qatar. Assali is currently living in Doha, Qatar. He is preparing for the Project Management Professional Certification exam and planning to earn an MBA abroad in the near future. [mra19ce(at)gmail.com]

Akram Ayache (former student, '08) recently left his job as a product engineer at Chrysler to pursue a career on Wall Street. In

preparation for this career move, he enrolled in the Carnegie Mellon University Tepper School of Business graduate program in computational finance at its satellite campus in New York City. Ayache looks forward to a career in trading after graduation.

Daad Bachir (BS '08) is a high school chemistry teacher at the Glenelg School of Abu Dhabi-Abu Dhabi National Oil Company. In 2009, she earned her MS in financial services management at the University of Surrey, United Kingdom. Bachir



has taken up dance classes and tries to make the most of her time as "life is too short!" She currently lives in Abu Dhabi with her family. [daadbachir(at)gmail.com]

Joseph Debs (BBA '08) graduated with a degree in business administration with an emphasis on finance. He is currently working as a project manager at Gamma International GmbH in Munich, Germany. [joseph.debs(at)gmail.com]

Anthony Eid (BEN '08) is an iOS/Android software developer at Walking Thumbs. He completed a semester of



graduate studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and enjoys playing jazz guitar in his spare time. Eid currently lives in Jal el Dib, Lebanon after four years in Europe and the United States. [aie06(at)mail.aub.edu]

Mohammad Basman El-Khatib (BEN '08) earned his degree in mechanical engineering. He works at Petrofac International in the United Arab Emirates as a project control engineer. El-Khatib recently married



his lovely wife Lina Arrabi.

He writes, "Current plans would be tourism around Europe in the company of my wife. Things I miss at AUB are endless, but to mention some: the wonderful campus, the engineering workshops, the late nights working with friends for a final-year project, and the generally happy atmosphere in AUB."

Joe El-Khoury (BS '08) is a post-doctoral clinical biochemistry fellow at Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. In 2012, he earned a doctorate



in clinical and bioanalytical chemistry at Cleveland State University. He is currently busy preparing for his clinical chemistry board exams. El-

Khoury still remembers (and saved) all 18 parking tickets he received while a student at AUB. And yes, he paid them all! [elkhoury(at)ccf.org]

Mark Lteif (BS '08) holds a BS in biology and BEN in civil engineering. He is a civil engineer at Contracting and Construction Enterprises based in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Brian Shell (BS '08) is a data analyst and project manager at IBM. He is an



avid cyclist and rock climber. Shell and his spouse Emma Zimmerman live in Phoenix, Arizona. [brian.mark.shell(at)gmail.com]

Sana Tannoury Karam (MA '10) **Jeffrey Karam** (MA '10)



Sana writes: "Jeffrey and I both studied for our master's degrees in political studies at AUB. Although we did not originally meet at AUB, this institution offered us a place to learn, grow, and love. During our final year in 2010, Jeff proposed to me behind the observatory after taking me on a long treasure hunt across the entire campus. When we were married a year ago last Christmas, we wanted to include AUB in some way in our wedding because it was such an integral part of our love story. So we took our wedding

photos on the AUB campus and we made sure to capture the spaces in which we spent our student days together, from West Hall, to Assembly Hall, the Green Oval, and, of course, Jesup Hall where our department was. Today we are both part of WAAAUB's Council, and we still cling to AUB as much as we can by giving back to this great institution in every possible way. Recently Jeffrey was elected to the New England Chapter leadership. We currently reside in Boston where we are both pursuing our PhD degrees (Sana, in history at Northeastern University, and Jeffrey, in political science at Brandeis University)." [sanatannoury(at)gmail.com]

RECENTLY HONORED

Avedis K. Khachadurian (BA '49, MD '53) was recognized with the Distinguished Achievement Award for 2012 by the National Lipid Association (NLA) for his outstanding contributions to the field of clinical lipidology. Khachadurian conducted much of the groundbreaking work in the field at AUB where he began his career. He earned his MD



with distinction and completed postdoctoral training in internal medicine at AUB, the Postgraduate School of Medicine in London as a British Council Scholar, and at Harvard Medical School and Joslin Clinic in Boston as a research fellow in biochemistry. Khachadurian taught at

AUB (1959-72), where he was chairman of the Metabolic Unit and a biochemistry professor. Since leaving AUB, he has held positions at Northwestern University Medical School and McGaw Medical Center, the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Rutgers University, and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick, New Jersey, where he is professor of medicine emeritus in the Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Nutrition. At UMDNJ he has been honored with the naming of the UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School's Avedis and Laura Khachadurian Metabolic Research Laboratory, as well as an annual award in his name given to the best graduating medical resident of the university. Other honors include the American Medical

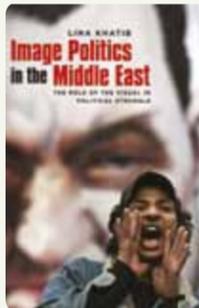
Association's Goldwater Professorship, the American College of Clinical Pharmacology's McKean Cattell Award, and the American Diabetes Association's Outstanding Leadership Award.

Thomas L. Khoury (BS '77, MD '82) was recognized by the Society of Clinical Vascular Surgery for his findings on busting blood clots. He will give a presentation on the topic at the group's annual national meeting in March. After graduating from AUB, Khoury trained at the University of Miami. He then moved to Harvard University's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center where he completed his surgical training in 1993 after several fellowships, including a dedicated year in vascular surgery at Tufts University Baystate Medical Center. Khoury joined the staff of Southern Ohio Medical Center, where he is currently professor of surgery.

Lena Kelekian (BS '81) and her husband **Hagop Sulahian** (BAR '84) won gold



medals at the "Creative Cities Collection," a fine arts exhibition staged in tandem with the London 2012 Olympics and juried by representatives from the UN, the International Olympic Committee, the Culture Ministry of the People's Republic of China, the London Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games, the Greater London Authority, and prominent art theorists and critics. The exhibition featured more than 500 international works selected from some 15,000 entries. Kelekian is the only artist from the Arab world to win gold Olympiads.

PUBLISHED AND PRODUCED

Lina Khatib (BA '98) heads the Program on Arab Reform and Democracy at Stanford University's Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law. In 2003, she earned a PhD in political communication at the University of Leicester, UK. She has just published her third book, *Image Politics in the Middle East: The Role of the Visual in Political Struggle* (2012), which deals with the power of the visual image as a political tool. She is also the author of *Filming the Modern Middle East: Politics in the Cinemas of Hollywood and the Arab World* (2006) and of *Lebanese Cinema: Imagining the Civil War and Beyond* (2008). Khatib lives in California. [lkhatib(at)stanford.edu]

FORMER FACULTY

Assem Salam passed away on November 4, 2012, at the age of 88 at his home in Zuqaq al Blat, Lebanon. He was a visionary architect who was instrumental in legitimizing the design elements of architecture, a discipline which had previously been dominated regionally by engineering concepts. After graduating from Cambridge University in 1950, Salam returned to Lebanon to help found AUB's School of Architecture in the 1960s. Widely regarded as the guiding light in the development of modern Lebanese architecture, Salam also worked to preserve Lebanon's vernacular and traditional architecture, founding the Association pour la Protection des Sites et Anciennes Demeures. He served as president of the Order of Engineers and Architects in Beirut in the 1990s. Salam is survived by his wife **Vassiliki Laïos** (BAR '72) and four children.

The Rt. Rev. **Albert Kenneth Cragg** passed away on November 13, 2012, at the age of 99. A distinguished scholar who promoted religious tolerance and understanding, Cragg was the author of some 40 books, two of which became classics: *The Call of the Minaret* (1956) and *Sandals in the Mosque* (1959). An assistant professor of philosophy at AUB from 1942 to 1947, he also taught at the Hartford



Theological Seminary in Connecticut, at London University's School of Oriental and African Studies, and at Cambridge University. His many appointments in the Middle East included chaplain of All Saints' Beirut, assistant bishop in the Anglican Church's Jerusalem archbishopric, residentiary canon of St. George's Collegiate Church in Jerusalem, and overseer of Anglican communities in Egypt. Cragg was born in Blackpool, England and attended Jesus College, Oxford where he read modern history and earned a doctorate in philosophy. After retiring from full-time ministry in 1982, he served for many years as an honorary assistant bishop in the Oxford diocese and taught at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. Somewhat belatedly, in his 90th year he was awarded a Lambeth Doctor of Divinity. He is survived by three sons.

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Gabriel (Gabi) Baramki (BS '49, MA '53) passed away on August 30, 2012, at the age of 82. A highly-respected Palestinian intellectual and political activist, Baramki received his PhD in chemistry from McGill University in

Montreal, Canada. He was passionate about Palestinian education and instrumental in the growth of Birzeit University where he developed the first degree-granting program and served as vice president, acting president, and trustee. Baramki was a founding member of the Palestinian Council for Higher Education and its chairman for several years, and of the PEACE Program (Palestinian European Academic Cooperation in Education), a cooperative project between Palestinian and European universities. He served as a council member of the Nobel Peace Prize winning organization, the



Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs. Among his many honors were the Palme Académique (Officier) medal from the French Ministry of Education in 1993, and the posthumously awarded Palestinian presidential medal of the first order. In 2009, Baramki published *Peaceful Resistance: Building a Palestinian University Under Occupation*, which included a forward by former US President Jimmy Carter.

Wadad Shaya (DIPLM '51, BS '52) passed away on

November 22, 2012, at the age of 88. She earned a master's degree in nursing education from Syracuse University before returning to Lebanon to become a public advocate for the advancement of the nursing profession in Lebanon and the region. Shaya held a number of high level administrative and faculty positions at the AUB School of Nursing. She worked to unify nursing school curricula and upgrade the licensing examinations for nurses, served on the World Health Organization's Regional Advisory Panel, and helped establish the Federation of Nursing Associations in Lebanon in 1986. Prior to the establishment of the federation, she served as president of the Preparatory Committee that led to the founding of the Lebanese Order of Nurses in 2002. Shaya received the Lebanese Merit Award from the president of the Republic of Lebanon in 1983 in recognition of her service to the profession of nursing.

See *MainGate*, winter 2005, vol. 3, no. 2 Reflections for "An Interview with Two Nurses Who Made a Difference"

Albert E. Hazbun (BEN '59), who was born in Bethlehem, Palestine in 1935, passed away on November 13, 2012. A successful civil engineer with a wide range of community and philanthropic interests, Hazbun moved to

California following graduation. He worked there and in Brazil, France, and the Middle East for Bechtel Corporation, Kaiser Engineers, and Consolidated Contractors Company before establishing his own consultancy. In the 1980s, he returned to California where he helped create the state's standards on water resource management and recycled water systems. At AUB, Hazbun was editor of the Engineering Yearbook and editor-in-chief of *Outlook*. He established the George Issa Hazbun



(now Regions Hospital) in St. Paul, Minnesota and a fellowship in family medicine at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center in Tucson. He was in private practice in Tucson until 1996 when he relocated to Phoenix. Khouri is survived by his mother, Yvette Nammour Khoury; his brother, Ramzi Khoury; and his niece, Chanel Khoury.



Wajih Ajouz (former student, 2006) tragically lost his life on September 14 while driving home through the coastal town of Jal al-Dib, Lebanon. He was a researcher at the Samir Kassir Eyes Foundation and a producer for Al-Arabiya's Studio Beirut program. Ajouz will be remembered as a passionate advocate for political and press freedoms.

Endowed Scholarship for Palestinian students in his father's name. Hazbun is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Lily Mansour, their three children: Randa Memo, Maya Strawick, and Waleed A. Hazbun, a professor in political studies at AUB, and five grandchildren.

Nabil N. Khouri (BS '75, MD '80) passed away on November 14, 2012, at the age of 58 in Tempe, Arizona. Khouri completed his residency in family practice at St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center

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Former Student '02

Cynthia Assad El Khoury

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When we asked AUB students to send us photos that capture what they most enjoy about student life, architecture major Monya Riachi sent us this photo that focuses on her favorite part of the AUB experience—the beauty of our campus.