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## Spotlight

### Opening Ceremony 2016

The AUB annual Opening Ceremony 2016-17 will be held on September 5, 2016, at 12:00 noon, in Assembly Hall. AUB's President, Fadlo R. Khuri, will be speaking on "A Legacy of Service." No classes will be held between 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm. All are welcome!

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### Legacy of the man behind the vision - A tribute to Daniel Bliss on the centennial of his passing

One hundred years ago, founder of AUB, Dr. Daniel Bliss, completed 60 years of service to education in Lebanon and the region when he passed away in 1916.

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### Making History Today

AUB is celebrating not just a distinguished past, but a promising future. Read about some of the groundbreaking work being done by AUB's faculty today.

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### Alumni Legacy Ceremony

As part of the AUB 150 celebrations, WAAAUB is holding a historic all-generation Legacy Ceremony on September 14, 2016! New AUB students and alumni family members are invited to join us at West Hall at 6:00 pm for this special event.

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### 'Darwin, AUB and the Arab World'

This conference will examine AUB's pivotal role in the introduction and dissemination of the ideas of Charles Darwin in the Arab and Islamic worlds, including the famous 19th-century "Lewis Affair."

September 25-27, 2016

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## News

### Richer with diversity - AUB welcomes students from 58 countries

The International Student Orientation Week concluded by welcoming to AUB a diverse group of 493 students from 58 countries worldwide.

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## Events

### Upcoming Events

- **Molaeb Festival for Chamber Music and Fine Arts classical concert**, August 30, 7pm, Assembly Hall  
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### 'El Cheikh to *Annahar*: To strengthen arts majors to link it to the market'

*Annahar* reports on the appointment of Nadia El Cheikh as first woman dean of FAS.

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### 'Humanities research absent at Lebanese universities'

*The Daily Star* reports on the scarcity of humanities research at Lebanese universities and interviews AUB Professor Abdul Rahim Abu-Husayn on the matter.

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### AUB departments collaborate to guide incoming graduate students

Five hundred and five new graduate students joined AUB this semester and were invited to attend the fall 2016-17 Graduate Orientation which took place on Tuesday.

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### Top baccalaureate achievers aim for more success at AUB

Fourteen out of 28 top-scoring students in the official Lebanese Baccalaureate eligible for full scholarships in higher education chose to study at AUB.

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### New faculty members say AUB is the place to make a difference "here and now"

AUB welcomed 48 new faculty members joining the University this fall 2016-17 with high and diversified expertise.

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- **The Health and Wellness Center forum 'The World of Health and Wellness,'** August 31, 11am-10pm, Phoenicia Hotel, Beirut  
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- **Zaki Nassif Program for Music concert 'Tripoli and Beirut Chant our Heritage' by Fayha Choir, guest of honor Oumeima El-Khalil,** September 16, 8pm, Assembly Hall  
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#### Announcements

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