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## **AUB mourns death of alumnus Halim Daniel**

Halim Daniel was born in Tartous, Syria on February 28, 1928. He started his primary education at Mission laïque française in Tartous and later completed his high school studies at the Tripoli Boys School in Lebanon where he graduated in 1948. He then attended the American University of Beirut (AUB) where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree in 1952. His brother, Atef, was also an AUB alumnus graduating in 1952 with a bachelor's degree in political science.

Mr. Daniel had a long and distinguished career in banking and trade and was instrumental in important multi-sector investment and development projects in the Levant, Europe, and the United States. He was a generous philanthropist who supported many educational and religious initiatives. He was also a strong proponent of intercultural dialogue. Mr. Daniel was nominated in 1986 for the Archonte Deputatus by the Oecumenic Patriarchate.

He will be especially remembered at the American University of Beirut, where his son, Jamal, made a transformative gift in 2018 to name the Halim and Aida Daniel Academic and Clinical Center, a stunning 14-story building that houses a variety of outpatient centers as well as major academic centers for teaching and clinical research in areas including psychiatry, oncology, ophthalmology, heart and vascular diseases, and otolaryngology. The building is also home to an outpatient day surgery and a simulation center for education.

“I was privileged to be able to meet Mr. Halim when he visited our university for the dedication of the Halim and Aida Daniel Academic and Clinical Center, a milestone event at our university as it creates a state-of-the-art space for world class clinical care and research.” said AUB President Fadlo R. Khuri. “His pride in doing good was inspiring, and Halim Daniel will not be forgotten at his alma mater. On that same occasion, I met Halim’s brother, Salah, who came all the way from Tartous to attend the building dedication ceremony. Salah passed away in Tartous three days after the passing of his late brother, Halim. His life was also blessed with equal accomplishments. May both their souls Rest in Peace.”

Mr. Halim Daniel passed away in Paris on November 4, 2021. He is survived by his wife Aida and their four children, Ramzi, Jamal, Roualla, and Rami, and their families.

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