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## **AUB Celebrates Founders' Day Ceremony on Monday**

Beirut, Lebanon- 3/12/2010 - The annual AUB Founders' Day ceremony will be held on December 6, 2010 at 12:00 noon in Assembly Hall, to mark 144 years on the University's establishment. The guest speaker will be UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon Michael Williams.

AUB President Peter Dorman will also speak at the ceremony, in which the three winners of the Founders Day Student Essay Contest will be announced, with the first winner reading his/her essay.

The topic of the contest was: "In 2010, what is AUB's relationship to its place, its Ras Beirut neighborhood, and what should it be?"

This is the twelfth AUB Founders' Day student essay contest. The first competition was held in 1999, and its results were announced during the Founders' Day ceremony on December 3 that year. The first competition was won by student Lamia Halabi. She was the only winner. This annual competition continued in the same format until 2008 when it started having a first, second and third winners.

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Note to Editors

### **About AUB**

Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, AUB has more than 600 full-time faculty members and a student body of more than 7,000 students. AUB currently offers more than 100 programs leading to the bachelor's, master's, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full service 420-bed hospital.

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