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Worldwide Alumni Association of AUB gets its first woman president: Wafa Saab

Beirut, Lebanon- 23/07/2015 - The Worldwide Alumni Association of the American University of Beirut (WAAAUB) has made history by electing its first woman president, Wafa Saab (EMBA '07), CEO and board member of Tinol Paints International Co., sal.

Saab succeeds Media Studies Professor Nabil Dajani who served as WAAAUB president from 2011 to 2015.

"I am a firm believer in the role of AUB in the lives of its alumni," said Saab. "Having served as president of the WAAAUB Executive MBA Chapter, I fully appreciate the responsibility and the importance of strengthening and promoting this remarkable association. As President, I look forward to expanding the huge potential for growth of this powerful network."

Wafa Saab heads her family-owned business, Tinol Paints International, which was founded in 1956. She is also president of the WAAAUB EMBA chapter, VP of the International School of Choueifat AA (SABIS), board member of AMIDEAST, BIA (LAU Board of International Advisors), CIH (Civic Influence Hub), Beiteddine Festival, Baalbeck Festival, and the Lebanese Red Cross. Saab received her undergraduate degree from the Lebanese American University in 1991 with a BA in Human Development and her EMBA from AUB in 2007.

Saab will be collaborating with her fellow board members and other leadership bodies from around the world in charting the course of the alumni association. The membership of the new Board of Directors reflects AUB and WAAAUB's commitment to ensuring a truly global representation of its 55,000 alumni. The board members are:

Randa Bdeir, Lebanon (BBA '79, MBA '93); Hiba Bitar, Lebanon (BEN '99, MEN '05); John Richard Childress, UK (Former Student 1968-1969); Irene Cordahi, North America (BEN '05), Amer Daouk, France (BA '85); Loutfi Echhade, Saudi Arabia (BBA '73); Marwan Hayek, Bahrain (BA '72, MS '74); Haya Imam, Jordan (BBA '99); Ricardo Karam, Lebanon (BS '91); Sana Tannoury Karam, USA (MA' 10); Ghassoub Kawar, Jordan (BS '72); Fadi A. Makki, Lebanon (BA '89); Mariam Mohanna, Lebanon (BEN '99); Hind Moussa, USA (BS '99, MD '03); and Wafa Saab, Lebanon (EMBA '07)

Complete results of the 2015 WAAAUB elections, including Council and Standing Committee members can be viewed at: <http://www.aub.edu.lb/alumni/about/Pages/alumni-leadership.aspx>

WAAAUB was established in 2007 by the AUB Board of Trustees. The mission of WAAAUB is 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.

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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 700 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 8,000 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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