

July 13, 2022

Mr. Amine Daouk
Brummana High School Cultural Society

Dear Mr. Daouk,

We recently concluded the 2021-22 academic year with glorious in-person Commencement and faculty award ceremonies on campus. These occasions were especially enjoyable for all of us given the challenges of recent years due to the financial and economic collapse of Lebanon, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the August 4, 2020 explosion in the Beirut port. Through it all, as President Khuri noted in his eloquent Commencement address, our students have continued to excel academically and professionally as they “receive and grasp opportunities for a better tomorrow.”

The **Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture** award ceremony on **Monday, June 6, 2022** was a wonderful celebration of student excellence. It was an especially memorable occasion for **Jason Halabi** who was selected to receive the **Brummana High School Cultural Society Award** that you so generously support. Being selected to receive a student award is a great honor for our students – an occasion they and their families will remember for the rest of their lives.

Student achievement awards are also important to our university as we seek to enrich the educational and research experience of our students. This is one of the goals of BOLDLY AUB: The Campaign to Lead, Innovate, and Serve, the \$650 million fundraising campaign that AUB launched in January 17 on the occasion of the university’s 150th anniversary. Thanks to the support of thousands of alumni and friends around the world, we surpassed our original target of \$650 million – an extraordinary accomplishment during these most challenging times. Because of the urgent needs in Lebanon and at our university, however, we are continuing our fundraising campaign until at least 2024.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Imad B. Baalbaki, PhD
Vice President for Advancement and Business Development

cc: Dean Alan Shihadeh, Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture