



November 28, 2014

Dear AUB community members,

I am pleased to announce the winners of the annual Founders Day Student Essay Contest:

First prize is awarded to senior **Majd Salim Nassan**, majoring in Political Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, for his essay, "Never Forget Passion."

Second prize is awarded to **Norma Zoghbi**, a freshman student in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, for her essay, "The Harmonious Cure."

Third prize is awarded to **Rayan Al Barry**, a sophomore Biology major in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, for his essay, "A Summer to Live."

I encourage you to join us in Assembly Hall at Noon on Monday, December 1st for the Founders Day Ceremony when these student writers will be recognized and Majd Nassan will read the winning essay. Please note that classes are suspended from 12:00-1:00pm on Monday, December 1, 2014 to allow all members of the AUB community to attend the ceremony.

My special thanks to all the students who took the time to write an essay this year. I also want to thank the faculty committee who reviewed and judged the submissions: Dr. Amy Zenger, Associate Professor in the English Department and Director of the Writing Center; Dr. Issam Srour, Assistant Professor in the Engineering Management Program; and Dr. Emily O'Dell, Visiting Professor in the Civilization Studies Program.

Best regards,

Peter Dorman  
President