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GRADUATION RECEPTION AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Congrats FAFS class of 2026!





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Congratulations! **HASSAN MROUEH**

Recipient of

**The Penrose Award and The Dean Thomas
Sutherland Prize for Undergraduate Excellence**

Penrose Award is granted to outstanding undergraduate students based on scholarship, character, leadership, and contribution to university life. The Dean Thomas Sutherland Prize for Undergraduate Excellence is granted to the recipient of the Penrose Award.





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Congratulations!
LEILA NAJA 

Recipient of

Director Fawwak Sleiman - Dean
John Fischer Endowed Award

The Director Fawwak Sleiman - Dean John Fischer Endowed Award is given to undergraduate students who demonstrate academic promise in the fields of agriculture, food, or water security in the Middle East region or Africa.





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Recipients of

Ali Nehme Nesr Student Award

The Ali Nehme Nesr Student Award is granted to the student or team with the best selected proposal on emerging markets in Africa preferably sub-Saharan Africa related to the agricultural aspects of relevant commodities, value chain, processing, marketing, product innovation, or any related topic.

Congratulations! 🎓

LYNN FAKIH

ABDUL RAHMAN MIKATI

PETER JOE ABOU FADEL

AHMAD EL JIZI

KARIM KOUZI





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Congratulations!

SARA EL SROUJI 

Recipient of

**Abdul Hadi Debs Endowed Award
for Academic Excellence**

The Abdul Hadi Debs Endowed Award for Academic Excellence is granted to candidates with outstanding academic records who have demonstrated their research capabilities through a manuscript, project, or thesis.





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Congratulations! **SOPHIE SALEH AZZAM**

Recipient of

The Dean Thomas Sutherland Prize
for Graduate Excellence

The Dean Thomas Sutherland Prize for Graduate Excellence is awarded to an MS graduate with the thesis judged best overall for design, research, presentation, and contribution to its field.





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Congratulations! **DANA KISSERWAN**

Recipient of

**Nahla Hwalla Endowed Award
in Nutrition and Dietetics**

The Nahla Hwalla Endowed Award is granted to a graduating master's student in Nutrition, Nutrition and Dietetics Program, or Public Health Nutrition who demonstrates outstanding academic performance, collegiality, leadership, and active engagement in promoting health and well-being.





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Congratulations! **JOY ATTALLAH**

Recipient of

**Dean Nuhad Daghir FAFS
Graduate Student Award**

The Dean Nuhad Daghir FAFS Graduate Student Award is granted to a graduating student with a master's degree in Poultry Science or Animal Science who has accumulated the highest average over their graduate studies at AUB.





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Congratulations! **CLARA HATAB** **MONA JOUMAA**



Recipient of

Dean Nuhad Daghir FAFS
Undergraduate Student Award

The Dean Nuhad Daghir FAFS Graduate Student Award is granted to a graduating student with a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture who achieves the highest average in their animal science courses at the faculty.





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Congratulations! **MOHAMAD MAADARANI**



Recipient of

Rabi and Samia Mohtar Award

The Rabi and Samia Mohtar Award is granted to a graduating student who demonstrates leadership and potential to impact the food and agriculture system.





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Congratulations! **ABDUL RAHMAN MIKATI**



Recipient of

**Dr. Musa Najib Nimah Endowed
Award for Academic Excellence**

The Dr. Musa Najib Nimah Endowed Award for Academic Excellence is awarded to a graduating student at the undergraduate level from the Agriculture Program who has the highest cumulative GPA.





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Congratulations!
KAWTHAR FAWZ 

Recipient of

The Joana Haidar Award

The Joana Haidar Award is granted to an AREC student who is environmentally aware and interested in agricultural practices and development.





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Congratulations! **TALA EL OUD** **YARA MOURAD**



Recipient of

**The Aiman Suleiman Student
Development Fund Award**

The Aiman Suleiman Student Development Fund Award is granted to the student(s) or team(s) with the highest ranking in community support building, resource deployment, student success, experiential learning, data gathering, and practical solutions to real-life challenges.





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Congratulations! 
ALI AKKOUCHE

Recipient of

Kashadurian Award

The Kashadurian Award is granted to an AREC student who has shown outstanding performance in farm skills and practices, and appreciation for farm life at AREC.





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Congratulations! **ABDUL RAHMAN MIKATI**



Recipient of

Dean Edgecombe Memorial Award

The Dean Edgecombe Memorial Award is awarded to an outstanding graduating student from the Agriculture Program.





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Congratulations! **CLARA HATAB** **MABELLE EL MEKDAD**

Recipient of

**Dr. Yusuf Abou Jawdah
Endowed Award**

The Dr. Yusuf Abou Jawdah Endowed Award is awarded to a 3rd or 4th year AGRI student with the highest average in at least three plant protection courses, knowledge in food safety and sustainable agriculture, and the ability to innovate environmentally safe solutions for plant pests.





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Congratulations!
HALA CHEHADI 

Recipient of

**The WAAAUB - Abu Dhabi Chapter
Student Endowed Award**

The WAAAUB - Abu Dhabi Chapter Student Endowed Award
Is awarded to a student graduating from an Abu Dhabi high school with the
highest GPA.





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Congratulations!

NOURHAN EL HASSANIEH
SALMA ZAYTOUN



Recipient of

**Dr. Hassan Abbas Endowed Award
in Citizenship and Social Justice**

The Dr. Hassan Abbas Award in Citizenship and Social Justice is awarded this year to FAFS students completing an undergraduate degree. Recipients should demonstrate academic excellence, a commitment to citizenship, social justice, and freedom, outstanding character, and the promotion of tolerance and inclusivity.





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Recipients of

**Prize for ESDU's Keepers of the
Land Student Competition**

Supported by "AUB President's Club"

The Prize for the Keepers of the Land's Student Competition is awarded to the teams that received the highest ranking in the following areas: innovative nature of the project, benefits to the community, technical merit of the business plan.

Congratulations! 🎓

**SALMA ZAYTOUN
TALA EL OUD
GHADI ZAHERDDINE
ALI SAOULI
WAEEL MOHAMAD**





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The Prize for the Keepers of the Land's Student Competition is awarded to the teams that received the highest ranking in the following areas: innovative nature of the project, benefits to the community, technical merit of the business plan.

Congratulations! 🎓

ROSALINE AL LAKKIS

MABELLE EL MEKDDAD

YARA MOURAD

MOHAMMAD HAJJ HASAN

FADI NASSERDDINE





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Supported by "Beit el Baraka" and "AUB Keepers of
the Land Award"

The Prize for the Keepers of the Land's Student Competition
is awarded to FAFS student(s) for a project offering innovative
solutions for sustainable food systems and food sovereignty in
Lebanon, with tangible impact on social, economic, health, or
environmental challenges.

Congratulations! 🎓

**NOEMI AOUD
ANNA BELLA AWADA
YARA AL HAGE**





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Recipients of

**FAFS Three Minute Thesis
(3 MT[®]) Competition**

Supported by Rentokil Boecker[®]

The Three Minute Thesis is an international competition that celebrates the exciting research conducted by graduate students. Developed by the University of Queensland in 2008, the competition challenges participants to condense their research into a three-minute presentation with one slide, aimed at a non-specialist audience.

Congratulations! 🎓

MOHAMMED SAFIYANU

FIRST PLACE WINNER

LOURD ABD AL AHAD

SECOND PLACE WINNER

CYNTHIA FAWAZ

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD WINNER

