

## Gladys Mouro Scholarship for nursing students announced

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The Gladys Mouro Scholarship was announced on October 5, 2010, during the recent visit of the Board of Trustees to the American University of Beirut, at a dinner hosted by Dr. Mohamed Sayegh, the Raja N. Khuri Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Vice President for Medical Affairs.

The Gladys Mouro Scholarship was established in honor of veteran AUB nurse Gladys Mouro, who has been AUBMC's assistant hospital director for Patient Care Services since 1995.



The Gladys Mouro Scholarship is a full merit scholarship provided by AUBMC that will be awarded every year to the top nursing student at the Rafic Hariri School of Nursing and will cover his/her tuition expenses until graduation.

“For 32 years Ms. Mouro dedicated herself to taking nursing at AUBMC to unprecedented heights and there is no better way to honor her before she leaves on Dec 31, 2010, than by maintaining her commitment to nursing and excellence through this scholarship,” said Dr. Sayegh. “Although it will be difficult to find someone with Ms. Mouro’s passion, commitment, and qualifications, the search is currently ongoing to fill the position of Director of Nursing.”

“We are delighted that the AUBMC administration has established this well-deserved scholarship in recognition of the dedicated services of our colleague Gladys Mouro,” said Professor Huda Huijer, the director of the Hariri School of Nursing. “We look forward to having many outstanding nursing students compete for this prestigious scholarship.”

American-born Mouro, who earned her undergraduate nursing degree from the American University of Beirut in 1976, one year after the 15-year Lebanese civil war broke out, built an impressive career for herself under tough and dangerous conditions, rising through the ranks to lead the AUB Medical Center's nurses and nursing services from 1982 (after receiving her master's in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania) until 2010.

Mouro has written a book about her experiences as a nurse during the war, *An American Nurse Amidst Chaos*.

Mouro has received several awards for her nursing accomplishments. This year she won the 2010 Ministry of Health Award for promoting the practice of nursing in Lebanon after achieving Magnet Designation for AUBMC, the first hospital in the Middle East to do so. A Magnet hospital is one that has met the specific standards set forth by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). These standards define the highest quality of nursing practice and patient care.