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Dear Alumni and Friends,

First, let me express to all of you my best wishes for a joyful and peaceful holiday season. This is my first semester at The American University in Cairo (AUC), and it's been a turning point in my life.

A few months ago, I saw the advertisement in an Egyptian newspaper announcing the availability of full scholarships for Egyptian students from public schools to attend AUC. Although I had not yet finished my *Thanawiya Amma* exams, I applied immediately. Attending AUC had long been a dream – one that I thought I had little chance of realizing.

I scored very well on the exam and could have entered any national university in Egypt. My happiness was complete when I received a telephone call informing me that I had been awarded a full five-year public school scholarship to AUC. I was thrilled at the thought of the opportunity that lay before me.

Though still a freshman, I've come to appreciate more fully what AUC offers its students, beyond an outstanding education and excellent facilities. I belong to a culturally active and vibrant campus, with student activities and organizations that are providing me with new experiences and new ideas every day. I am now an active member of the Help Club, which works with the underprivileged in Egypt, the political committee of the Arab Youth Development Conference (AYDC) and the Student Union, where I am negotiating with area businesses for discount cards for students.

Because of the generosity of friends and supporters of AUC, **I am now enjoying an opportunity that would have been otherwise inaccessible to me. My professors' priority is to educate me.** Small-size classes allow me to learn quickly, interact with my classmates more smoothly and more importantly, there is time for discussions. I feel that my input in my own education is essential and is being taken seriously.

One of the major challenges AUC faces is raising the funds it needs to ensure the superior quality of education it delivers to the region. In the past and today, at AUC and private, non-profit universities every-

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where, tuition fees are not intended to cover all the costs of a first-rate education. By making a gift to the AUC Fund, **you will help make it possible for more students like me to enjoy a truly unique academic experience.**

### Your gift to the AUC Fund can make a difference in:

- Providing financial assistance for outstanding students
- Helping develop the university's facilities such as classrooms, labs and buildings
- Supporting student clubs and other co-curricular activities
- Making research opportunities available for faculty members
- Expanding the library collections
- Helping AUC build its beautiful new campus outside of Cairo

Undoubtedly, you can point to someone during your university years that helped shape your life or career. This is your opportunity to express your appreciation and to be part of a tradition of "giving back." You may think of giving in terms of financial assistance only, but you may also like to consider its collaborative aspect: the way AUC alumni and friends reach out to help each other and to help promote the university. **Your participation is essential.** You can empower AUC to continue its course – a course as unique as the alumni and friends who have made the university what it is today. **In this season of sharing, please make your gift now.** Be part of a tradition that celebrates and empowers excellence.

*Have a Wonderful Holiday Season!*

Yours very truly,

*Tamer Abdul Aziz*

Tamer Abdel-Aziz

Freshman student, AUC

***P.S. Be sure to send AUC your e-mail address! AUC is sending out an e-newsletter to all alumni and you don't want to miss it. You can send your e-mail address and ask any questions regarding your gift to [develop@aucegypt.edu](mailto:develop@aucegypt.edu). You can also make your tax-deductible gift at their new secure online giving site at [www.aucegypt.edu](http://www.aucegypt.edu) – it's fast, easy and secure. Happy Holidays!***

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