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MAROUN SEMAAN

2017 Recipient of the First Annual
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NAJWA KARAM

Lebanese Multi-Platinum Singer and Songwriter

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Lebanese-Armenian Composer and Musician

Master of Ceremonies

RICARDO KARAM

Journalist and Television Personality

Saturday, October 14, 2017
6:30PM

The Beverly Hilton
Beverly Hills, California

Black Tie

2017 Education Hero Award

Lebanese philanthropist and entrepreneur Maroun Semaan is the first recipient of the AMIDEAST Education Hero Award for his significant contributions to the advancement of education in Lebanon. Mr. Semaan's deep belief in the power of education to transform lives and prepare citizens to be effective leaders was inspired by his own experience as a scholarship recipient. He is an exemplar through his dedication to helping others pursue a world-class education. The Semaan Foundation, which he established, has supported the goals of a number of educational institutions. Of particular note, in early 2017 it gave the American University of Beirut (AUB) the largest financial donation of AUB's history exceeding the former largest gift of \$32 million. The Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture was named after him in honor of his vision and support to the university. Mr. Semaan passed away in May 2017. The award will be accepted by his daughter, Nour, in the presence of his wife, Tania, and daughters, Tala and Maya.

"Mr. Semaan was chosen for his commitment to making quality education accessible to deserving students and for his abiding interest in philanthropy to bring positive and lasting change. He built an enduring legacy that will continue to transform countless lives for the better."

- Harry H. Nadjarian
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