



# AMERICAN UNIVERSITY *of* AFGHANISTAN

## President's Message

**T**he Greek philosopher Heraclitus taught us that “Change is the only constant.” Here at the American University of Afghanistan, we see vivid reminders of that lesson nearly every day. AUAF is such a dynamic and constantly changing institution that it’s sometimes helpful to stop for a moment to appreciate just how far we have come and how much we have accomplished.

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The President congratulates Nasria Pashtun at graduation 2011.

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The 2013 academic year has certainly been a good time to assess our progress. In the fall semester we began offering courses in our new mass communication program, and in the spring we expanded the law certificate program into a full law degree program operated with our partners at Stanford Law School. In the fall we welcomed our first group of AUAF Women Scholars, funded by a grant from the US Embassy, with a second group entering in the spring. Those scholarship programs helped the university reach a record enrollment of 958 full-time students in the spring, with 31 percent female students, also a record.

In May we opened our International Center for Afghan Women's Economic Development, and in the coming year the center will become a hub of activity, not just for AUAF, but for a variety of public, private, and academic institutions working to strengthen the role of women in the country's economy.

In a vigorous and fast-developing country like Afghanistan, it takes a university with those same characteristics to meet the educational needs of the nation's next generation of leaders. It is gratifying to see the continuing evidence that AUAF is doing just that.

**C. Michael Smith, Ph.D.**  
**President**



# Reflecting on the Vision

## A Message from the Chairman

As I near the completion of my second three-year term as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the American University of Afghanistan, it seems an excellent time to comment on AUAF's remarkable record of growth and success since opening its doors in 2006.

The university would not exist without the vision of our founder, Dr. Sharif Fayezi, who first spoke so convincingly about the benefits of establishing an American university to serve the people of Afghanistan. He was assisted

by Dr. Zalmay Khalilzad, the US ambassador, who still serves as a trustee, and by a dedicated group of Afghans and Americans serving on the board who understood the importance of higher education for the growth and the stability of a developing nation.

But this university also owes much to the quality and commitment of its faculty, most of whom have left their native lands for the chance to make a difference to the people of Afghanistan, and for an equally dedicated administrative

staff whose support helps the university succeed in its mission. Thanks to their hard work, AUAF has set an enviable record for academic quality. On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees, I offer them my deepest thanks.

**Akram Fazel, Ph.D.**  
**Chairman of the Board**

# Building the Future



Ambassador Cunningham meets with scholarship students

AUAF students are critical to the future of Afghanistan. I am proud that the US Embassy has been able to support AUAF's mission to train exceptional leaders for Afghanistan's institutions, both private and public. I am especially proud that we have been able to support 100 outstanding young women studying at the university through our five-year Women Scholars Program. When I spoke at this year's student convocation, it was wonderful to see so many young women in the audience as part of the AUAF student body, and I know that they will make an important difference in Afghanistan's future.

**James B. Cunningham**  
U.S. Ambassador

**W**hen I first came here and had the chance to talk with some of the students, I could tell how talented and ambitious they were and how concerned they were for the future of their country. I thought to myself, what a difference this university is making in their lives.... Let me assure you on behalf of USAID and the US government that there is a full understanding of how much this university will mean over the years to come in producing future generations of leaders—men and women—for Afghanistan.

**Ken Yamashita, Mission Director**  
USAID Afghanistan



Mission Director Yamashita and Noorullah Delawari, AUAF trustee and governor of the Central Bank of Afghanistan

# Quality



When I arrived at AUAF in 2011, the university was just undertaking its Strategic Plan 2011-16, which outlined academic and administrative goals for the coming five years. At the time, the plan looked quite ambitious, and I recall hoping we wouldn't find ourselves falling short of the lofty goals we had set for ourselves.

Now, as we move into the 2013-14 academic year, it is clear that we will far surpass nearly every goal in the plan – in fact, we have already exceeded five-year goals in

some areas. President Smith provides in his message on page 1 a summary of some of these accomplishments, and I share with the entire campus community a deep sense of pride in all that AUAF has achieved.

For me as provost, the growth of our programs is gratifying, but I am even more proud of their quality. Our MBA program is widely accepted as the best in the country, we have a long waiting list for our English language training, and we are constantly approached by outside organizations urging us to offer

new programs – in medicine, engineering, transportation, education, and many other disciplines. It is clear that we are not the only ones who believe that AUAF is the best university in Afghanistan.

Thanks to the hard work of our faculty and staff, AUAF has not only demonstrated a remarkable record of growth and success, but it is well positioned for an even more impressive future.

**Dawn Dekle, Ph.D.**  
**Provost**





“While studying business and law at AUAF I not only acquired skills, but also studied ethics, leadership, strategic planning, management, communication, and delegation. Our studies extended to theory including motivation, innovation, and how to build strong relations between business and society. Expectations are high for AUAF graduates. I’m now a director in the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum. My employer trusts me and my ability.”

Fazel Rahel, 2012  
BA and Legal Studies



## Ministries Step Forward



AUAF’s MBA program, already regarded as the finest in Afghanistan, has gained wide interest since its launch in 2011.

Now the program is poised to take a significant advance not only as a program for business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs, but also as a program for increasing government capacity and accountability.

The Ministry of Finance recently signed a \$1.3 million contract under which it will select a total of 90 ministerial employees to be enrolled in MBA study at AUAF in the fall of 2013. The program is being tailored to be particularly relevant to the needs of those in government finance.

AUAF is optimistic that the program will attract other ministries wanting to sponsor employees in a top-quality MBA program...and indeed, additional ministries have already approached the university.

“Higher education will be instrumental in socio-economic development post 2014 in Afghanistan. Higher education will build a base for human capital that will lead the country toward sustainable economic development and prosperity.”

Fardin Mohammadi  
Junior

# MBA



“In the MBA program, I gained motivation in taking leadership roles, along with attaining a wide breadth of understanding of general management. I am now equipped with the tools required to make informed decisions. The mix of theory and practical assignments were highly engaging. I can say I am prepared to lead any kind of domestic or international business.”

Daud Shah  
MBA, 2013

With Afghanistan on the cusp of economic transformation, the country needs guidance from a professionally trained cadre of business leaders, in both the public and private sector, to ensure a stable future. AUAF’s Master of Business Administration (MBA) program has ambitiously set out to produce just such captains of industry. The AUAF MBA is the first western-style graduate business degree offered in Afghanistan. We anchor all our programs on 21st century value creation – including business re-engineering and financial innovation - which are essential for promoting opportunity and prosperity in Afghanistan. Guided by an international faculty, students experience the intricacies of global business firsthand, with an emphasis on ethics and integrity. The advanced analytical, strategic, and leadership skills imparted to students during the course of the program will prepare them for success anywhere in the world. With AUAF’s first graduating class of MBAs receiving degrees in May 2013, expect to see our alumni contributing to their institutions, communities, and country.

Patrick Asea, Ph.D.  
Director, MBA Program

# LAW



AUAF's newly launched law program, developed in conjunction with Stanford Law School and funded by a \$7.2 million dollar grant from the State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, is intended to cultivate a professional class of lawyers ready to navigate Afghanistan's challenging legal landscape. The five year program will offer courses ranging from International and Business Law to Islamic and Customary Afghan Law, with graduates receiving a Bachelor of Arts and Laws degree. With this intensive, diverse curriculum, AUAF hopes to produce leaders who will contribute toward strengthening the rule of law in Afghanistan's fledgling democracy.

"The formal legal system is underdeveloped here in Afghanistan, and it is difficult to find sources clarifying each and every ambiguity in the legal code. In the Constitution itself, which is the main source of law in Afghanistan, we see articles that contradict each other. It is up to us, the next generation of Afghan lawyers, to help remove some of this ambiguity and build the public's trust in the system."

Abdul Waris Hakim Syal  
Junior, BA-LLB

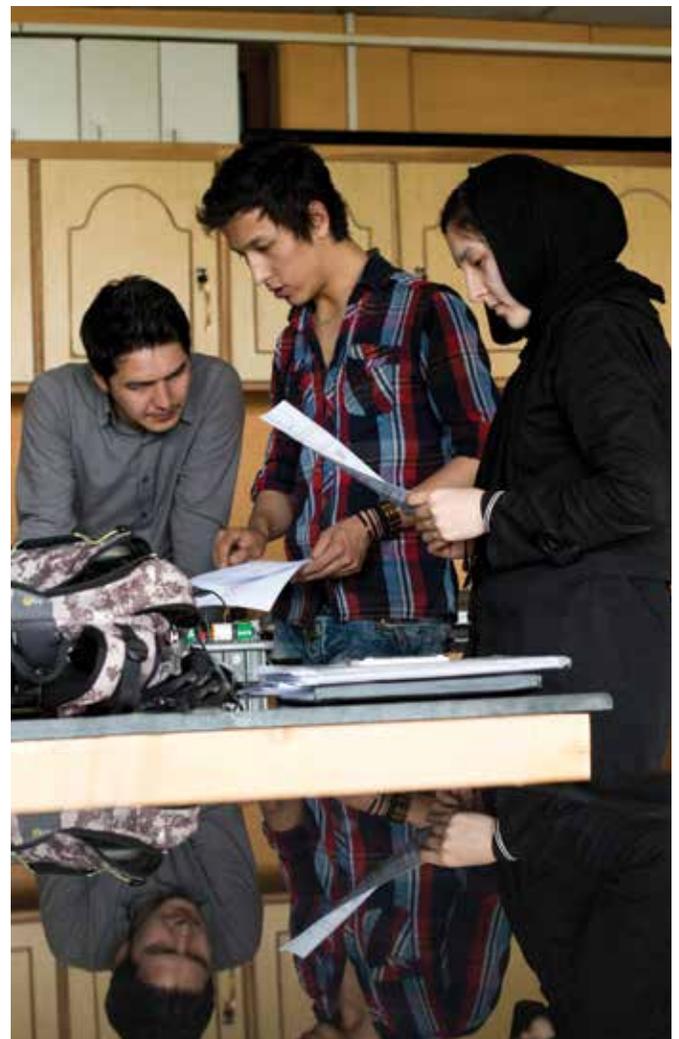
“In order to rebuild Afghanistan’s institutions, and particularly its legal institutions, the country must have a generation of lawyers who have been trained in a rigorous way. The creation of the BA-LLB program at the American University of Afghanistan ensures that such training is available. We at Stanford Law School are excited and privileged to play a meaningful role in supporting the law program’s efforts.”

**Dean Liz Magill  
Stanford Law School**



“Students of AUAF, do not underestimate your global reach as you shape your future and, eventually, that of your country. You have inspired my law students at Stanford and many faculty. We at Stanford are so pleased that you now have a full law-degree granting program at AUAF.”

**Professor Erik Jensen, Faculty Advisor  
Afghanistan Legal Education Project  
Stanford Law School**



I believe this is the best time in the history of Afghanistan to study and practice law. Even the humblest efforts today toward building the rule of law and effective governance will yield abundant fruit in the future.

Graduates of the new law program at AUAF will be critical in this project, not only because they will know the law and how to practice it better than anyone else in Afghanistan, but because they will be dedicated to professional responsibility and the public good. The opportunities for young Afghans to effect lasting, positive change in both the public and private spheres are boundless.

**Taylor Strickling  
Chair, Department of Law**

# GROWTH

AUAF is proud to be a university serving the needs of all Afghanistan and attracting students from every province to the Kabul campus. Now the opening of regional centers is expanding the university's reach to an even wider audience and making high-quality programs even more accessible.

AUAF's regional center in Herat began offering Professional Development Institute courses in English and accounting during the 2013 academic year. The university also secured a donation property in Mazar-e Sharif for a regional center, in addition to property

already donated in Kandahar.

During the coming year, the university plans to offer PDI classes in both Mazar and Kandahar, and to use the regional centers as a focal point for recruiting for degree programs in Kabul. If enrollment growth of PDI courses in the regional centers progresses as expected, introductory undergraduate courses will also be offered.

Next in line is Jalalabad, where AUAF hopes to secure property for a fourth regional center that will give the university a presence in all four quadrants of the country.



The university's Professional Development Institute (PDI) has worked directly with nearly every ministry and with many Afghan businesses and international contractors to offer a range of training programs. For example, PDI offers Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) courses and certification as well as Microsoft and Cisco certifications. PDI is the only ACCA gold member and approved learning partner in Afghanistan. Most important to the



country's recovery, PDI has developed customized training to meet specific needs in business skills, municipal governance, English language, and leadership. PDI also offers open enrollment courses for the general public including English, Information Technology and Business. In less than four years PDI has trained 6,776 applicants and the number increases every semester.

**Reshad Popal**  
Executive Director, PDI

"The future economy of our country is based on science and technology, so we need people to help sustain this forward progress. The business and IT curriculum in place at AUAF is going to prepare me not only for domestic jobs here in Afghanistan, but international jobs as well."

Edris Lutfi  
Sophomore

"I'll never forget the first day when I entered the AUAF campus with very little knowledge in the field of management, with most of the country's higher education system falling far short of international standards. This school gave me the hope that my country will move forward after a difficult period in our national history. Here I am after those four years of study at AUAF, establishing myself professionally, and determined about what I want for my future. Thanks, AUAF."

Lida Nadery  
BA, 2011

"If I can be president of the Women's Leadership Club, I can be president of all Afghanistan."

Maryam Amini  
Freshman

# Achievement



## The International Center for Afghan Women's Economic Development

April 2013 will mark yet another historic event for AUAF, the opening of the International Center for Afghan Women's Economic Development. The state-of-the-art facility will function as a national headquarters for the training of businesswomen and female entrepreneurs, as well as an accelerator for businesses with a focus on the professional development of female employees. By tapping into the energy and ingenuity of Afghanistan's women and empowering them with advanced

technological resources and expert training, the center is expected to make a significant contribution towards the full integration of women into the Afghan economy. Funded through a \$5 million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Defense Task Force for Business and Stability Operations, AUAF envisions the center pursuing its mission with distinction for decades to come.

“The purpose of the International Center for Afghan Women’s Economic Development is to unite all of the various entities within the country that are dedicated to women’s economic empowerment, and to provide them a place to collaborate. As resources diminish, this will be a place to leverage those resources. We must commit ourselves to make sure Afghan women never return to their plight of the Taliban era.”

**Leslie Schweitzer**  
AUAF Board of Trustees  
Friends of AUAF

“I want to be a pioneer in managing organizations that work for women to help them get an education, jobs and protect their rights. I am sure being a student of this university I can reach my goals.”

Suraya Yosufi  
Freshman



At far left, the new women’s center, at far right, the destroyed Darulaman Palace

Afghanistan needs economic growth to lead the country in a more stable direction and provide better lives for future generations. With women making up more than 50% of the country’s population, it makes sense to empower them and make them central to solutions to the country’s many economic challenges. To reach this goal, a multipronged approach is required. The International Center for Afghan Women’s Economic Development -- with its focus on strong research, training and education programs, disseminating

information on the benefits of greater equality in the workplace -- provides women the opportunity to participate in decision-making and play a prominent role in the economic growth of Afghanistan.



**Nilofar Sakhi**  
Executive Director  
International Center for  
Afghan Women’s Economic Development



"I have decided to study political science in order to be actively involved in the political process and decision-making of my country. I consider this scholarship as a golden chance for me. I hope these kinds of opportunities continue for other Afghan girls as well."

Humaira Rahbin  
Freshman

"I am the first person in my family to attend university, so I feel a responsibility towards them. I have four sisters and two brothers and my father is a strong supporter of our education. This scholarship can help me to be a good businesswoman and help support my sisters' and brothers' university education."

Azada Ahmad  
Freshman

# Transforming Futures

AUAF has made unprecedented strides in female enrollment. In the government university system, 19 percent of the students are women. At AUAF, the fall 2012 freshman class was 50 percent.

The university's progress can be measured by its commitment to recruit and enroll the country's best and brightest future women leaders from across Afghanistan. Each semester AUAF actively recruits around the country, from Herat to Kandahar, and everywhere in between. One of the biggest

hindrances to enrolling females is often financial. As a result, special efforts are focused on raising scholarship funds.

These efforts were bolstered in the late summer of 2012, when the US Embassy in Kabul issued a grant valued at \$2.8 million, allowing for the enrollment of 45 women and girls for a five-year undergraduate course of study beginning in the fall, followed by a grant for 55 additional females entering in spring 2013.

“Education for both men and women is a critical investment in any country. In Afghanistan, where women were once denied access to education, it’s even more essential to helping the country move forward. We are honored that, through funding the AUA Women’s Scholarship program, the Embassy is able not only to change the lives of the scholarship recipients, but contribute to the future of Afghanistan.”

**Jean Manes, Counselor for Public Affairs  
US Embassy, Kabul**



“We are confident that the new generation of educated Afghan women will proudly continue to lead our historic journey to peace and prosperity started by our pioneer brave women leaders such as Rabia Balkhi, Nazo Ana and Queen Soraya.”

**Shamim Jawad, Founder  
Ayenda Foundation**

“I always had this wish to study at the American University of Afghanistan. It was like a dream and with the help of your generosity my dream has come true. My mother and father couldn’t continue their education and my educational improvement was their greatest wish. I want all people to be proud of me and not a burden on my family or society.”

**Fatima Rezayee  
Freshman**

“Many Afghan girls have talent, but they cannot reach their dreams of education because of cultural obstacles and financial problems. Giving them scholarships will reveal their talents to the world, and they’ll reach their goals. I am honored to be one of the recipients of the U.S. Embassy gift.”

**Maryam Kamal  
Freshman**



**Angela Niazmand  
BA, 2013**

When Angela Niazmand's baby was 11 months old, her husband died unexpectedly. She was a teenager and the Taliban ruled. But the tragedy only ignited her courage and resolve. While living at her in-law's she secretly operated an underground school for children in a secluded building on her mother's property. For five years she taught reading, writing and math. The students carried no school supplies, evidence which could have exposed

the hidden enterprise.

At the war's end, Angela began high school and went on to Kabul University. To provide for her family, she worked part-time at AUAF, and after graduating from KU became a full-time AUAF employee. An AUAF degree was significant: "... it could transform my life to a prosperous future". So she enrolled, working



all day, attending classes at night. The decision was a daring one since traveling after dark posed risks: kidnapping, assault, and possibly murder. Women outdoors after nightfall were fair game.

Angela will receive her BA in 2013. But she isn't done yet. She is hoping to get a grant for graduate studies in the US. In the meantime, her daughter follows close behind -- she too is now an AUAF student. Both share the same virtues and goals -- determination, persistence and the desire to help educate Afghan women.

# Their Stories

**Reza Sarwar  
BA, 2013**

As a youth, Reza Sarwar watched the family's flock of sheep while his elder brother studied. He too wanted to be in school, but his job was the sheep.



In 2001, during the reign of the Taliban, the shepherding ended

when he fled, alone, to Pakistan. At least there, unlike Afghanistan or Iran, he could attend school, a conservative Islamic madrassa with free room and board. During his four years at the madrassa, he kept a dangerous secret: he was studying English. He believed this forbidden language was the gateway to a better future.

After returning home in 2006, Reza landed a job at the International Chamber of Commerce. The prerequisite --

English. A few years later he was at AUAF, not as a student, but as an assistant to the then-president of the university. But soon enough the lure of a quality, secular education won out: he enrolled.

Perseverance, resilience and tenacity seem to be embedded in Reza's DNA. He graduates in 2013, with a BA in political science. The next chapter? A diplomat, specializing in US-Afghan relations.

**Soraya Afzali  
BA, 2013**

In 2009 Soraya Afzali spent her sophomore year in New Hampshire as a Youth and Study (YES) student. The program, funded by the Department of State, provides one-year scholarships to students from countries with large Muslim populations to study in the US.

On her return to Afghanistan she

put her new language skills into action, working for the American Councils for International Education and as a translator for Solace

for the Children, an international organization providing medical care and education to Afghan children.



In 2013 Soraya won a coveted five year scholarship to AUAF awarded by the US Embassy. "I love it here," she says. Already she's a member of the Women's Leadership Club. Off-campus she's deeply involved with Afghan Voices, an award winning media development program that produces documentaries and short films.

"I want to help people," she says. "I believe in leaving Afghanistan a better place for the next generation."

**Hossain Qorbani**  
**BA, 2013**

From the time he was eight years old, Hossain Qorbani worked in a tailor's shop. He was an Afghan refugee in Iran and glad to have a job. For four years after finishing high school he continued the 13-hour days, seven days a week. But while cutting and stitching, his ambitions were elsewhere. He longed to return to Afghanistan and get an education in his home country.

Qorbani's older brother would chide him that his nightly English studies couldn't even get him a chocolate bar at the local Iranian grocery store. "I knew I would never have been able to pursue my dream of a university education in Iran where we were discriminated against as refugees, so I left on my own for



Afghanistan," he recalled. "I had to leave my family behind, but I knew all along what my talents were --- I just needed others to see them and extend some opportunities."

In his final year at AUAF, Hussain has worked diligently on his rhetorical skills – and exceeded his own expectations. After rigorous and determined training, Qorbani led the AUAF Debate Team to victory at an international tournament hosted on Skype. And the triumph was especially gratifying – AUAF defeated four American teams!

**Ihsan Taheri**  
**BA, 2012**

Within a year of his graduation in 2012, Ishan Taheri was realizing the rewards of four years of dedicated academic work. He had found himself a position at the Presidential Palace, no small feat for any young newcomer to the world of business and government. Well equipped with managerial



skills and political acumen acquired in his undergraduate days along with his own innate enthusiasm, Ishan was impressive. "The president of AUAF always told us that the young generations studying at AUAF are the future leaders of this country," he recalls. "And I am certain they are."

Ihsan now serves as the Director of the Government of Afghanistan's Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, a formidable challenge requiring exacting attention to detail, astute analytical skills and the ability to synthesize information. When the

president or his cabinet issue official decrees or governmental directives, Ihsan heads the team that ensures the mandates are accurately and thoroughly carried out.

Returning to AUAF recently, Ihsan is struck by the dramatic changes from the campus of his freshman year. "I cannot compare the 2007 campus to today's campus," he says. "From the ground to the sky everything is different." Wait till he sees the new International Campus!

**Zakia Solaiman**  
**BA, 2011**

When Zakia Solaiman enrolled at AUAF in 2006, she was one of 52 students, all taking a leap of faith. At the time there was barely a campus and only a handful of classrooms. But it was a friend at the US Embassy who persuaded Zakia that despite its unimpressive setting, this university offered an outstanding education, unlike anything available elsewhere in the country.

Five years later, as a member of the university's first graduating

class, Zakia indeed had what few other young Afghans could claim – a world-class education.

Her career trajectory in the development sector has been nothing short of extraordinary. Starting at entry level at an international NGO while still an AUAF student, her performance led to ever increasing responsibilities. Today Zakia oversees a multi-million dollar



women's empowerment program and is concurrently the General Director of the Afghan Youth Coordination and Development Organization, an initiative aimed at engaging youth networks in economic, social, cultural, and political affairs.

It was her time as an AUAF student that led to her interest in educating and mobilizing youth. "I want to see the youth become united," she says." It's this generation she believes will bring necessary and enduring change to Afghanistan. And she's ready to lead the way.

# FUTURE

AUAF is undeterred in its commitment to offering the highest quality education in Afghanistan well beyond 2014. The university's first building on the new international campus opened in May 2013, with more buildings scheduled to open in the 2013-14 school year. The university has built a growing network of supporters who believe in AUAF's vision of educating and empowering Afghanistan's next generation of leaders.

The 2013-14 academic year will mark AUAF's largest physical expansion to date as the new International Campus becomes fully operational. The 80-acre campus was donated to AUAF on a 99-year lease from the Afghan government.

The opening of the first buildings is making a dramatic change in campus life. The International Center for Afghan Women's Economic Development, the first structure to open, will soon be followed by the first unit of faculty-staff housing. The women's center will not only be the site for classes, but will also host conferences and other special events beginning in the summer and running throughout 2014.

Progress on the Bayat ICT Building will move into high gear, with completion expected in 2014. Opening of the Bayat Building will permit the university to move most classes in degree programs onto the International Campus, with the original campus serving as the site for the English language studies and the Professional Development Institute.

Still to come: A cafeteria, library/student activities center, gymnasium, an additional building for the law and business programs, a second residential facility, and the first student residence halls.

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# APPRECIATION

AUAF has been fortunate to receive a number of generous gifts from businesses, foundations, and individual donors interested in supporting private higher education in Afghanistan. Listed below are some of the donors who have made gifts to AUAF of

more than \$5,000. (In some cases donors have also pledged additional amounts that have not yet been received.) We deeply appreciate our donors' belief in AUAF's mission and their desire to help the people of Afghanistan.



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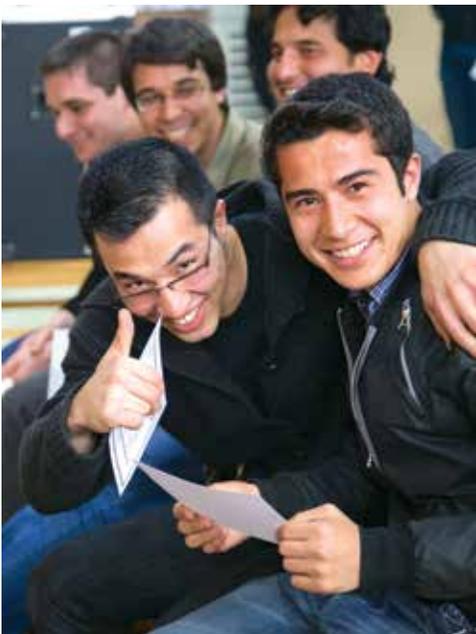
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# Determination

Since opening its doors with just 53 students in March 2006, AUAF has made tremendous strides in a remarkably short time. Many factors have contributed to this impressive record of accomplishment: A compelling vision for higher education in Afghanistan, strong support from government and individual donors, a faculty and staff committed to making a difference for Afghanistan, and motivated and energetic students who understand that high-quality education is the surest

path to achieving their personal and professional dreams.

Afghanistan is unquestionably a country with rich potential for a bright future. While questions remain about what lies ahead for the next few years, AUAF believes that the young people studying here today will soon be making major contributions to that bright future, and we remain dedicated to preparing tomorrow's leaders to meet Afghanistan's needs.

## Thanks to Our Generous Donors

AUAF is the grateful beneficiary of two major gifts that are making the university possible:

- A five-year, \$42 million grant from the **U.S. Agency for International Development**
- A donation of 80 acres of land from the **Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan**

In addition, the following donors have made gifts in excess of \$1 million in cash and gifts in kind:

- **The Department of Defense Task Force for Business and Stability Operations**, for construction of the International Center for Afghan Women's Economic Development, funded by a grant to the Friends of AUAF.
- **The US Embassy** in Kabul, for supporting 100 full five-year scholarships for women to attend AUAF.
- **The Bayat Foundation**, for construction of the main academic building on the new campus.
- **AFCO International**, for a donation of land in Kandahar for construction of a regional outreach center.
- **Harakat**, for support of the accounting program at AUAF.
- **Governor Ata Mohamed** and **Khaled Amiri** for donation of land in Mazar-e Sharif for construction of a regional outreach center.
- **Governor Daud Saba** for donation of land in Herat for construction of a regional outreach center.

# Alumni

## **Class of 2011**

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