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Lincoln University's Faculty Member Speaks About America's Education Crisis

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, PA --On Wednesday, October 15, 2008, Dr. Patricia Joseph, professor and chair of the Sociology and Anthropology Department, was the invited guest speaker at the Friends of the Delaware County Women's Commission Women's Leadership Breakfast. She presented on the topic of "America's Education Crisis: Where Are We Now?"

"Are We Still a Nation at Risk Two Decades Later?" was one of the topics for discussion. Joseph's presentation was based on the premise that more American youth are going to college and graduating than ever before. At the same time, proportionately more are failing to complete high school.

Dr. Patricia Joseph's presentation also encompassed a three-prong analysis of the current educational status in America. After identifying the problem, Joseph and her audience dialogued on sociological causes and solutions.

"Once we began dialoguing, the women began to present their own solutions or other solutions they were familiar with or willing to advance," said Joseph.

Some of the solutions Joseph presented were: to establish a system of public education in which all children achieve at high levels and reach their full potential; to read to children everyday; to implement federal support at all levels of education; and to study and mimic those programs that work, such as the Harlem Children's Zone.

"She was wonderful," said Carol Goertzel, president and CEO, PathWays PA. She was skilled, professional and addressed the concerns of present day education."

"A combination of a few things helped put me in a position to speak to the group with research, as well as practical experience," said Joseph. The foundation of her research dates back to her doctoral dissertation on determining the effects of social support on the academic development of African American male college students. While at Lincoln, Joseph also coordinated the First Year Experience program, which helps high school students transition into college. Serving as Academic Director of the Fulbright program at the University added to her knowledge of education on a global scale.

To learn more about Dr. Patricia Joseph's presentation, contact her at joseph@lincoln.edu.