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Press Release

**The National Urban Alliance Honored
Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond in D.C. Reception to
Celebrate the Inauguration of President Obama**

***Reception Promoted
Promise of Urban Education***

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Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond

~Pictures Available Upon Request~

Syosset, NY January 21st- To mark the historic inauguration of President Barack Obama, the National Urban Alliance for Effective Education (NUA), with the support of McGraw-Hill Education, honored **Dr. Linda Darling Hammond** for her leadership in promoting the Promise of Urban Education.

The NUA is dedicated to substantiate in the public schools of urban America an irrefutable belief in the capacity of all children to reach the highest levels of learning & thinking demanded by our ever-changing global community. The reception and honors serve to promote the promise of urban education in what promises to be an exciting and critical time for national education reform.

Notable guests at the reception included New York City Schools Chancellor, **Joel Klein**, **Dr. Morton Sherman**, Superintendent of Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS), **Daniel A. Domenech**, Executive Director of the America Association of School Administrators, **Bob Wise**, President of Alliance for Excellent Education and Former Governor WVA, **Michael Casserly**, Executive Director of Council of the Great City Schools, **Walter Isaacson**, Aspen Institute President and CEO, **Richard Long**, Director, Intergovernmental Office of IRA, **Cliff Janey**, Newark PS superintendent, **Jerry Weast**, Superintendent, Montgomery County, **Diana Daniels**, President of National Council on Educating Black Children, **Arlene Ackerman**, Superintendent, Philadelphia, **Anne Bryant**, President, National School Boards, **Larry Leveritt**, Executive Director, Panasonic Foundation, **Dr. George Wood**, Director of The Forum for Education & Democracy, **Ronald Blackburn-Moreno**

President & CEO of ASPIRA, and **Jan Harp Domene**, PTA National President, among others.

*"They say there's one camp here and another camp there [in education reform]," he said. "Well let me tell you, in education sometimes people don't even agree with what they [themselves] are saying," remarked **Joel Klein** evoking good natured laughter and agreement among the invited 200+ people at Chef Todd English's restaurant, which opened for this event in Washington, D.C.*

Dr. Darling-Hammond commented in her acceptance of the NUA/McGraw-Hill award, "This is an administration [President Obama's incoming administration] that gets education, ... it understands how to leverage improvement and reform while dealing with fiscal needs. We need to celebrate what can happen to urban education. These kids have been undereducated and underserved. The NUA is an amazing organization and I love them because of their thinking curriculum and focus on teacher development. These models help kids achieve their potential and they (NUA) and others represented in this room have delivered on the promise in city after city throughout the country."

NUA president and founder, Dr. Eric Cooper commented, "The NUA works with adults in classrooms, in schools, in district offices and in communities. We are oriented to advocate for those students who we call school dependent -- i.e., students challenged by poverty. Borrowing from MLK and the President - Elect, we and educators here and throughout the nation feel the "fierce urgency of now" inherent in the interests of schoolchildren and youth."

For more information and to schedule an interview please contact
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Thank You for Attending the Reception



Pre-Inauguration Party

Honoring President-Elect Barack Obama's
Education Advisor

Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond
*Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education
at Stanford University*

*Presented by the National Urban Alliance
& McGraw-Hill Education*

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