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March 23, 2006

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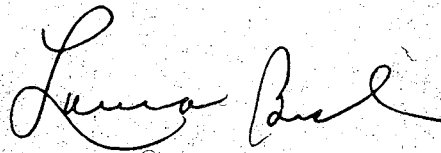
Dear Professor Aruna,

The process of making guava cheese is quite interesting! I am happy to have seen firsthand the success of your outreach to women in rural areas to expand their education. Clearly, their new skills enrich their lives and enhance their opportunities.

Please express my gratitude to Ms. Suguna for the demonstration and the marvelous basket of cheese.

I am happy to have met both of you and send my best wishes and appreciation.

Sincerely,



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**EVENT CLOSURE
WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT EVENT**

Visit to Home Science Lab

Roundtable on Women Empowerment

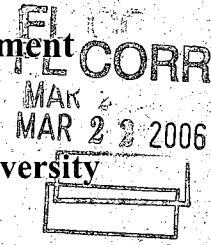
Friday, March 3, 2006

11:45 am – 12:40 pm

Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University

Hyderabad, India

Lindsey Lineweaver



Professor Vijaya Khader, *Dean Faculty of Home Science, Acharya N.G., Ranga Agricultural University* Mrs. Bush was greeted on arrival by Professor Khader. During Mrs. Bush's visit, she had a brief tour of the Home Science School and she viewed a demonstration on making guava cheese. The school has an innovative program that takes technology and craftsmanship to the rural communities to teach women skills that help them earn a living and improve their quality of life. Please thank Professor for hosting the visit and commend him for the university's outreach efforts to women in rural villages.

"Dear Professor Khader,"
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Professor Aruna [Ah-roon-aa] Kattragadda [Cut-raa-ga-dda], "**Professor Aruna**", *Department Head, Professor of Foods and Nutrition* Professor Aruna stood next to Ms. Sunaganti Suguna as she demonstrated the process of making guava cheese. Professor Aruna's students went to Ms. Suguna's village to teach this process to the local women. After the demonstration, Ms. Suguna presented Mrs. Bush with a small basket of the cheese. Please thank Professor Aruna for the interesting demonstration and please thank Ms. Suguna (via Professor Aruna) for the basket of cheese. Please commend Professor Aruna for expanding their education outside of the university to reach out to women in rural communities.

“Dear Professor Aruna,”

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MODERATOR. After the Home Science School demonstration and tour, Mrs. Bush went to the Information Center of the university to participate in a women’s roundtable discussion with government, business, and civic Indian leaders. Mrs. Bush had a very lengthy, thorough conversation with the women about their goals, achievements, and challenges as women in Indian society. This was a very distinguished group of ladies and the conversation was very insightful about the culture, education, and values, and it highlighted the similarities that all of these women from diverse sectors of India share...they are all pioneers and role models and area all have a common goal of raising the bar for women in India. Please thank Dr. Gangadharan for moderating the very insightful, interesting roundtable and please thank her and the ladies for the lovely cloth presented to Mrs. Bush with shell details.

“Dear Dr. Gangadharan,”

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PURPOSE

To highlight the Administration’s commitment to advancing democracy and women’s rights, the importance of education, the empowerment of women and the advancements being made in HIV/AIDS treatment by participating in a roundtable with a cross-section of women leaders.

MESSAGE

- I’m honored to meet some of India’s women leaders. Women make tremendous contributions to society, and regardless of where they live, all women should be encouraged to use their talents to improve their lives and the lives of those around them.
- Education is the foundation of a happy and healthy life. An educated child learns the skills to find work, even as the world becomes more complex. An educated child learns how to stay healthy in the face of HIV/AIDS. An educated child will have the opportunity to make a lasting contribution to his or her country.