Dominican's Institute for Leadership Studies Presents

Isabel Allende and Friends

Bring your lunch and enjoy the conversation with this world-renowned author.

Lunchtime Forum
Tuesday, October 28, 2003
12-1:30 p.m. • Creekside Room

Isabel Allende, one of the world's foremost writers, (her novels include *The House of the Spirits*, *Daughter of Fortune*, *Aphrodite*, and *Portrait in Sepia*) is also a Dominican honorary degree recipient and a philanthropist.

Allende's best-selling book *Paula* is a soul-searing memoir written while her daughter Paula Frias was in a year-long coma before she died in 1992. Profits from the book go to the Isabel Allende Foundation and its Esperanza Grants which are given in memory of Paula, a school teacher who's motto was "We only have what we give."

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Allende will speak about the mission of her non-profit foundation and feature one of its recipients, a center for women's initiatives in Bangladesh called Nari Uddog Kendra (NUK). She will be joined by Mashuda Khatan Shefali, executive director of NUK who has traveled from Bangladesh to be a part of this forum.

Today in Bangladesh, 35 percent of the women marry at age 11, usually to men 20 to 40 years older than they. NUK provides educational opportunities for these young girls, leading to future change in the status of women in Bangladesh.

Joining the discussion are international artist Tabra Tunoa and Pamela Barrientos, two Marin businesswomen who contribute their time and resources in support of NUK. Together, the four will discuss women's iniatives, leadership education for women in developing countries, philanthropy, and how we all can make a difference.

Join these four remarkable women in thoughtful discussion.

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