

# Sadat: Education creates democracy

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Jehan Sadat believes that the United States needs to be involved in the Israeli and Palestinian peace process and that Islam is not discriminatory toward women.

These are some of the points made when Sadat spoke to an attentive crowd at Truckee Meadows Community College on Tuesday, Oct. 27, about peace in the Middle East and women's rights as part of the school's Distinguished Speaker series.

Sadat spoke for 30 minutes about her desire to continue her late husband Anwar Sadat's goal of peace in the Middle East. According to Jehan Sadat, there can be comprehensive peace in the Middle East, but only if Israelis and Palestinians can solve their conflicts.

Jehan Sadat addressed the need for the U.S. to be involved in the process, noting that Jimmy Carter's involvement in the Camp David treaty was an important part of the process.

Jehan Sadat spoke about women's rights, particularly in the Middle East. She said she was elated to hear President Barack Obama speak about women's rights.

"Islam," Jehan Sadat said, "has never been an obstacle for women."

A question-and-answer segment followed Jehan Sadat's speech. Her answers included her belief that Americans need to be better educated about the Muslim faith, the need to curb terrorism and the responsibility of parents to instill a desire for peace in their children.

In response to a question about the importance of the U.S. in the Middle East, Jehan Sadat said



*Photo by Chris Westin*

Jehan Sadat addresses TMCC

that the U.S. is the strongest country in the world. If the U.S. is sincere about peace in the Middle East, she said, then Israel will listen to it.

"You cannot force democracy," Jehan Sadat

said in reference to the U.S.'s military actions during the last eight years. "Education creates democracy."

Dianne Cheseldine, professor of foreign language, welcomed the attendees to the event.

"It was marvelous," Cheseldine said in reference to the speech. "She was warm and gra-

acious," Cheseldine said, "and she shares her heart with us."

TMCC President Maria Sheehan introduced Sadat, talking about Sadat's academic credentials and experience.

Sheehan, after the speech, said Sadat's words were "helpful as we look to the future."

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