

**SCREENING OF LUCIE AUBRAC: SHINING LIGHT OF THE  
RESISTANCE on November 17, 2012**

Directors: Barbara P. Barnett & Wendy Li

*Lucie Aubrac: Shining Light of the Resistance*, the 16-minute documentary by Barbara P. Barnett, Head of Modern Languages, The Agnes Irwin School, and Wendy Li, sophomore at Princeton University and 2011 graduate of the Agnes Irwin School, will be screened in Philadelphia on Saturday November 17 by AMOPA (American Society of French Academic Palms) in conjunction with the ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) annual convention. Mme Barnett was decorated *Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques* in 2007. Ms Li received a scholarship from this prestigious organization (the only high school recipient) to travel to Paris and study at the Sorbonne in the summer of 2011. The *Ordre des Palmes Académiques (Order of Academic Palms)*, founded by Napoleon Bonaparte, honors educators and scholars for their contributions to the intellectual and cultural life of France.

The film is a tribute to Lucie Aubrac, one of the most important figures of the French Resistance and certainly the leading woman. In the courtyard of the *Invalides*, former French President Jacques Chirac, in his eulogy for Lucie Aubrac in 2007, referred to her as a "shining light of the Resistance". In the documentary, this heroine of World War II speaks of the ideals with which she was raised and relates experiences with such prominent figures as Charles de Gaulle, Jean Moulin and Anna Marly. She also describes her dealings with Klaus Barbie, the "Butcher of Lyon." Lucie's devotion to human rights, bearing witness, and defending liberty and equality has endured for decades. "Lucie Aubrac, we do not forget your message!" Chirac stated at her eulogy, "We must keep the flaming fight for liberty alive in our hearts."

After the screening of the documentary on November 18, there will be a discussion and Q & A with the directors Barbara P. Barnett and Wendy Li. The film is the result of a year -long collaboration between Ms. Li, at that time a senior at Agnes Irwin School, and her French teacher Mme Barnett. The documentary *Lucie Aubrac: Shining Light of the Resistance* is available in French with or without subtitles through Beach Lloyd Publishers [www.beachlloyd.com](http://www.beachlloyd.com).

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