

Angelou just one of many black women to recognize

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In this, a month celebrating the history, accomplishments and achievements of blacks, the focus at a women's college leans more toward black women. From Rosa Parks and Toni Morrison to Harriet Tubman and Alice Walker, black women have been a major presence in society.

In particular, a black writer, who works at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. and who read a poem at the 1992 inauguration of President Bill Clinton, is Maya Angelou.

World renowned for her inspirational work as a poet, historian, author, actress, playwright, civil-rights activist, producer and director, Angelou is more than deserving of the title of a "Phenomenal Woman."

From early in her childhood, Angelou was forced to learn how to survive. Born in segregated Arkansas in 1928 as Marguerite Johnson, Angelou

learned early to defy social norms.

After being raped by her mother's boyfriend at a young age, Angelou withdrew from society and was mute for five years. However, her talent gradually emerged after her grandmother introduced her to literature.

During the 1960s, Angelou spent much time focusing on her writings. This worked paid off, for in 1970, her first autobiographical work *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* became a national best seller.

Angelou's talent, however, is not solely limited to writing. She is also known for her involvement in politics. During the Civil Rights Movement, Angelou assisted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in coordinating the Northern and Southern Christian Leadership Conferences.

Angelou's role in the film industry has helped pave the way for many aspiring black females. She has made count-

less appearances in movie and on television. Angelou was nominated for an Emmy Award for her acting in *Roots*, and her screenplay *Georgia, Georgia* was the first by a black woman to be filmed.

Her honors are numerous, and some include an appointment to the National Commission on the Observance of International Woman's Year and the American Revolutionary Bicentennial Advisory Council.

Angelou reveals that her inspiration develops through her belief in God. In her book, *Wouldn't Take Nothing For My Journey Now*, Angelou speaks warmly of this belief.

"That knowledge (of God) humbles me, melts my bones, closes my ears and makes my teeth rock loosely in their gums. And it also liberates me. I am a big bird winging over high mountains, down into serene valleys. I am ripples of waves on silver seas. I'm a spring leaf trembling in anticipation."



Wednesday Worship
10:00 a.m.
Jones Chapel

February 23	AIDS Awareness
March 1	Dr. David Heining-Boynton, <i>Professor of Psychology</i> Alicia Thompson - <i>worship leader</i>
March 8	Ash Wednesday - Sam Carothers, <i>Campus Minister</i>
March 15	Spring break
March 22	Bach Festival

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IN ITALY & SWITZERLAND (2 SPACES)
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