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NAACP Selects Angelou as Spingarn Medalist

BALTIMORE.— The National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People (NAACP) has named Dr. Maya Angelou, world renowned poetess, writer, educator and lecturer as the 1994 recipient of the NAACP's most prestigious award - the Spingarn Medal. The announcement was made by Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., the NAACP's Executive Director.

More than 10,000 persons will be on hand for the presentation of the Spingarn Medal to Angelou at the NAACP's National Freedom Fund/Spingarn Awards Dinner Thursday, July 4th, 7:30 p.m. at the Chicago Sheraton Hotel, 310 E. North Water Street.

In his announcement Chavis said: "The Spingarn Medal was instituted in 1914 by the late Joel E. Spingarn, then NAACP Chairman. The medal is presented annually to the man or woman of African American descent and citizenship for the highest and noblest achievement during the preceding year or years in any honorable field of human endeavor. Angelou was chosen by the Spingarn Award Committee

from a list of nominees submitted by the public."

Angelou's most recent endeavor was the national broadcast of her reading an original poem written for the Presidential Inaugural Address "On The Pulse of Morning" January, 1993. Her work in the literary field is considered to be one of the great voices of contemporary literature from a remarkable Renaissance woman.

As an author, actress, playwright, civil-rights activist, producer and director, she continues to travel the world making appearances on college campuses, spreading her legendary wisdom.

Dr. William F. Gibson, chairman, NAACP National Board of Directors stated: "The NAACP is pleased to bestow its highest honor upon a person who has made such tremendous contributions to America and the world through her literary works."

In the 60s, Angelou worked with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as the northern coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. She was appointed by Presi-



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dent Gerald Ford to the Bicentennial Commission and by President Jimmy Carter to the National Commission on the Observance of International Women's Year.

As an author, Angelou has 10 published best sellers including "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," "All God's Children Need Traveling Shoes," and "And Still I Rise." Her most current work is entitled "I Shall

Not Be Moved."

She has made hundreds of television appearances on network and local talk shows and has served as author and executive producer of a five-part mini-series "Three Way Choice" of full-length films including a PBS series entitled "Afro-American in the Arts" for which she received the coveted Golden Eagle Award.

Rupert Richardson, president, NAACP National Board of Directors commented: "Angelou is a woman of character and strength and through her writings she exemplifies womanhood."

The NAACP is proud to honor Angelou for her outstanding contributions to society.

As the 79th recipient of the prestigious medal, Angelou joins a distinguished roster of African Americans who have received the Award including last year's winner Dorothy Height. Other medalists include Barbara Jordan, General Colin L. Powell, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Bill Cosby and former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley.

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The Crosby Scholars Community Partnership is an alliance between the Crosby Fund, The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School system, and the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust. Its purpose is to increase educational opportunities for young people. Students in the program commit to maintain high scholarly standards, remain drug free, and participate in extra-curricular activities. In return, the students receive help from mentors and volunteers in seeking post-secondary education and the funds to provide it.

At the symposium, Ravonda Dalton-Rann, Director of the Crosby Scholars program, will discuss the program and its accomplishments since it began in 1993. Additional speakers include Cory Hodges and Katrina Turner, two students who have benefited from the program; Jim Whilhelm, Director of the Division of High Schools; Jane Suitt, a guidance counselor from Glenn High School; Carolyn Kearns, a parent with two students at East Forsyth High School; and Winston-Salem Urban League president Delores Smith.

The Crosby Drug Symposium will begin at 8 a.m. today, at Bermuda Run Country Club in Davie County.

The Crosby is June 2-5 at Bermuda Run Country Club in Davie County. Winners designate their share of the purse to non-profit organizations of their choice. Since 1987, the Crosby has focused its charitable work on the fight against drug abuse.

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