

Math-Science Network Gets Grant For Minority Pilot Program

Chapel Hill - The University of North Carolina Mathematics and Science Education Network has received a \$250,000 grant from Carnegie Corp. of New York to create a pilot program for pre-college minority and women students.

The grant will support the two-year pilot phase targeting students in grades six through nine, the middle school period when crucial enrollment decisions are made that can determine whether or not students take a college-bound track. The program will follow the students through high school graduation.

The project is designed to increase the number of black, American Indian and female high

school graduates prepared for and interested in pursuing careers in math- or science-related fields. Participants will take at least four years of mathematics, three years of science and four years of English courses during the program.

Students will receive academic support such as tutoring, study groups, participation in summer enrichment programs and science-math competitions, scholarships and other incentives. Also, teachers will participate in in-service training programs to motivate minority and female students toward math- and science-based careers.

The pilot model incorporates the best aspects of a variety of suc-

cessful academic projects, said Dr. Bernard Charles, program officer for Carnegie Corp. These include the California Junior Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement model, Saturday Academy and the activities of the Southeast Consortium for Minorities in Engineering.

"The program is a statewide effort to integrate all sectors - business, schools and universities working together," he said. The UNC Mathematics and Science Education Network, headquartered on the University system's Chapel Hill campus, will administer the pilot. The network is a comprehensive program consisting of nine teacher training centers - located at UNC-Chapel

Hill, UNC-Charlotte, Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, Fayetteville State University, the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics, UNC-Wilmington, Western Carolina University and a combined unit for N.C. A&T State University and UNC-Greensboro - and one research and development center at N.C. State University.

Possibly half the sites will be involved in the pilot phase, eventually expanding to all 10. At least 1,000 students will be involved in the pilot phase, which will begin with teacher recruitment and training July 1. Students could begin the project in the fall.

"We have confidence in the ability of the network to build a

strong program in North Carolina," Charles said. For more information, call Dr. Vinetta Jones, network coordinator, at 919-966-3256.

Volunteer Luncheon

A Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon hosted by Family Outreach Adult Care Center will be held on Saturday, May 3, at the Double Oaks Community Service Center at noon. The luncheon is the program's way of saying thanks to the volunteers who have helped at the Center.

For more information, call Donna M. Patterson or Ann Brooks at 332-7037 weekdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Author, Educator Delivers UNC-G Graduation Address

Greensboro - Maya Angelou, a woman of many talents who is especially well-known as an author, playwright and educator, will deliver the commencement address during the 94th annual graduating exercises of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on May 11.

The University's commencement will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Greensboro Coliseum. Degrees will be awarded at the undergraduate, master's and doctoral levels.

Ms. Angelou teaches at Wake Forest University where she holds the position of Reynolds Professor of American Studies. She has held this appointment since 1981.

With just a high school education, she has been a singer, educator, dancer, author, historian, lecturer, actress, producer, editor, songwriter, and playwright. Random House has published four autobiographical best-sellers by Ms. Angelou. They are: "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," "Gather Together in My Name," "Singin' and Swingin' and Gettin' Merry Like Christmas" and "The Heart of a Woman." Random House also has published four books of her poetry. They are: "Just Give Me a Cool Drink of Water 'fore I Dille," "Oh Pray My Wings Are Gonna Fit Me Well," "And Still I Rise" and "Shaker, Why Don't Your Sing?"

In the 1960s, at the request of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Ms. Angelou became the Northern coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. For this and other endeavors, she is well-known for her civil rights support.

She has made over 150 television appearances on network and local talk shows, and was the subject of an hour interview by Bill Moyers on Public Broadcasting System. Her renowned autobiographical accounting of her youth, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," was aired as a two-hour special for CBS in 1979. She wrote the 1983 stage play, "On a Southern Journey," and served as writer and producer for "Sisters, Sisters," for 20 Century Fox, her initial full-length film effort. Other television credits include the mini-series "Three Way Choice," for CBS, for which she was author and executive producer, and "Afro-American in the Arts" for PBS, for which she received the coveted Golden Eagle Award.

Her articles have appeared in such publications as The New York Times, Redbook, and Cosmopolitan. In 1976, she was accorded the Ladies Home Journal award and "Woman of the Year in Communication," and was among the magazine's "Top 100 Most Influential Women."

Over the years, she has received many honorary doctorates, as well as the Chubb Fellowship from Yale University.

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