Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy and the City of Aurora Youth Services Department

Present
"An Afternoon with Maya Angelou"

Third Annual
James R. Thompson Leadership Lecture
December 2, 1993
2:00 p.m.

featuring Maya Angelou
Maya Angelou, a nationally renowned poet, educator, historian and author, is one of the great voices of contemporary literature. In addition, she is an accomplished actress, playwright, producer and director. Dr. Angelou received an emmy nomination for best supporting actress in the television series *Roots* and received the coveted Golden Eagle Award for the PBS documentary “Afro-American in the Arts.” However, she is perhaps best known to the public for her autobiographies and books of poetry.

Born in St. Louis in 1928, Dr. Angelou attended public school in Stamps, Arkansas where she graduated with honors from Lafayette Country Training School in 1940. At the request of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Angelou became the northern coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. She also was appointed by President Gerald Ford to the Bicentennial Commission, and by President Jimmy Carter to the National Commission on the Observance of International Women’s Year. Most recently, she delivered the inaugural poem for President Clinton.

Maya Angelou has authored more than 10 best selling books and numerous articles in publications such as *Life, Cosmopolitan, Harper’s Bazaar* and *The New York Times*. She has received a wide variety of honors and awards including a Pulitzer Prize nomination for poetry, the Horatio Alger Award and 30 honorary Doctorate degrees from schools such as Smith College and Lawrence University. Today, she continues to lecture throughout the country and abroad, sharing the black experience and educating her audience on the human condition.
Welcome and Recognition of Guests ........................................Jocelyn M. Logan
President, Student Council
Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy
David Pierce
Mayor, City of Aurora
Stephanie Pace Marshall, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy

Introduction of Speaker .......................................................Joan W. Harris
Harris Foundation

James R. Thompson Leadership Lecture.................................Dr. Maya Angelou
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Presentation to Dr. Maya Angelou .........................................Stephanie Pace Marshall, Ph.D.

Non-flash photography will be allowed during the first five minutes of Dr. Angelou's speech only.
The Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy is the nation's only three-year public residential high school for talented mathematics and science students. IMSA also serves as an educational laboratory for developing and testing innovative programs to share with other schools, school districts, teachers and students throughout Illinois and the nation.

The James R. Thompson Leadership Lecture Series was established in 1990 following a gift to the IMSA Fund for Advancement of Education. The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, chose to honor Mr. Thompson for his service as governor of Illinois (1977-1991) and his leadership in establishing the Academy. As governor, Mr. Thompson established task forces, evaluated recommendations, proposed legislation and successfully urged passage of the Education Reform Act of 1985 which included creation of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy.

In December, 1989, the Academy was formally dedicated to the people of Illinois in honor of Mr. Thompson and Dr. Leon M. Lederman. Mr. Thompson, an honorary member of IMSA's charter class, serves as president of the IMSA Fund board of directors.