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**California Poet Laureate Al Young Presents His Literary Work at
Santa Ana College on May 14**

(Santa Ana, CA) – The distinguished writer, poet and professor Al Young will present his poetry and views on creative writing at Santa Ana College on Monday, May 14, 10:00 a.m., Phillips Hall Theatre, located at 1530 W. 17th Street in Santa Ana. This one-time presentation is free of charge and open to the public. Seating is limited.

“It’s not often that a nationally recognized poet comes to Santa Ana College and offers a lecture and public reading of his or her renowned work,” said Erlinda J. Martinez, Ed.D., Santa Ana College president. “On Monday students and community members will have the opportunity to meet Al Young and hear first hand about his prolific career as a writer.”

Young is best known for his poetry, novels and musical memoirs. Some of his books and publications include: “The Song Turning Back into Itself,” “Who is Angelina?,” “Sitting Pretty,” and “Drowning in the Sea of Love.” He has also written numerous screenplays such as “Bustin’ Loose” for Richard Pryor and edited anthologies and literary journals.

In recognition of his writing, Young has received numerous awards throughout his distinguished career, which include an American Book Award from The Before Columbus Foundation; New York Times Notable Book of the Year citations in 1970, 1980 and 1988; Outstanding Artist Award from the San Francisco Arts Commission; and numerous others. In addition, Young was named poet laureate of California by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on May 12, 2005.

Young travels internationally and extensively, reading, lecturing and often performing with musicians. His poetry and prose have been translated into more than 10 different languages and read across the world.

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He graduated from the University of California (U.C.) at Berkeley with a degree in Spanish. Young has taught poetry and fiction writing at more than two dozen universities across the country, including U.C. Santa Cruz, U.C. Berkeley, Stanford University and Rice University.

This presentation is sponsored through Santa Ana College's Foundation Office. For more information regarding this event, please contact Sharon Whelan at (714) 564-6500.

About Santa Ana College

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