

THE POET SPEAKS  
*A Special Program for Students*



**Local poet visits alma mater today**

STOCKTON - Stockton native poet, author and screenwriter Terry A. O'Neal will kick off a new speaking tour today at Franklin High School.

The Franklin High School alumna will talk about her experiences publishing several books of poetry, her novel "Sweet Lavender" and a screenplay for an upcoming film being made from the book.

O'Neal is the founder and executive director of Lend Your Hand, Educating the World's Children, a nonprofit organization that supports disadvantaged students by providing supplies and financial contributions.

Best Selling Author & Poet Terry A. O'Neal who has been listed on "The Top 100 Most Admired African American Women in Literature" and is now being called a "Literary Diva" comes back to her hometown of Stockton to speak with Franklin High School students during a two day writing program. Students will have the opportunity to share some of their writings and talk one-on-one with the author.

**October 12-13, 2006**  
**7:45 am - 2:30 pm**  
**Franklin Senior High School**