2002 Hall of Fame Inductee

Carl Dennis

Class of 1957

Carl Dennis won this year’s Pulitzer Prize in poetry for his most recent book of poems, “Practical Gods.” He is the third graduate of University City high School to receive this distinguished award. His first poetry collection was published when he was 35.

Over the years, his work has appeared widely in magazines, and he has been awarded fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, and a residency at the Rockefeller Study Center in Bellagio, Italy. In 2000 he was awarded the Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize by Poetry Magazine and the Modern Poetry Association for his contribution to American poetry. In 2001 he published a book of prose on the craft of poetry, “Poetry as Persuasion,” addressed to apprentice writers.

He now holds the title of Artist-in-residence after having taught at the State University of New York at Buffalo for over 35 years.