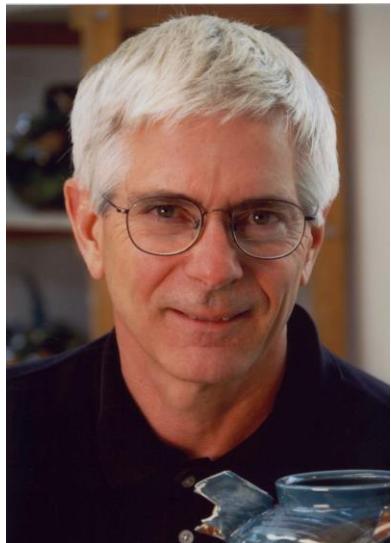


Pioneer Hall of Fame: Thomas L. Kendall, class of 1967



Tom Kendall '67 is being presented with the Pioneer Hall of Fame Award due to his significant contributions in the field of ceramic art. In addition to his creations – which are in several national collections – he has actively passed on his knowledge and techniques by teaching a wide variety of classes and workshops. He has also been selected as a judge for many art fairs and exhibitions.

Many aspects of U-High were important to Kendall, as he notes:

"I attended U-High for only two years, but the brief experience was pivotal. My family moved to Normal in the summer of 1965 and I applied for admission to U-High late; even so, Director Dr. Harry Lovelass allowed me to enroll.

At the time, my main reason for wanting to attend U-High was so that I could continue competitive swimming and U-High had a good swimming team led by Coach Jim Scott. Once school began however, I knew U-High was very special in many other ways.

Sciences and arts would be central to my later life and it was at U-High where I began to tie the two together. With the encouragement of Mr. Duncan Miller and Mr. Lawrence Connolly, I began to explore creativity through the theater productions of Carousel and Noah. My studies in math and science were furthered by the dedication and patience of Dr. DeVerne Dalluge, Mr. Michael Macesich and Mr. Conrad Carroll.

But beyond all the teaching and learning, I found a close knit school filled with diverse and accepting students who welcomed me as a late comer in their midst."

After graduation, Kendall completed both bachelor and master degrees in ceramics from Illinois State University. During this time, he began his ceramic competition exhibition career. Kendall has called himself a "studio potter" since 1973. His works have been included in several permanent corporate collections, including the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, Smithsonian Institution (housed at the Andrew Carnegie Mansion, New York City), the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts (Kalamazoo, MI), Pharmacia & Upjohn, Citicorp, and the States of Illinois and Michigan. Kendall also created a porcelain and bronze U-High seal, which was dedicated in September 2006 and is hung in the School near the library.

At the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kendall served as chair of the Ceramics Department for 23 years and director of the School for 16 years. Kendall has authored an article and a computer program on computer glaze calculations. He has served as a visiting

artist, coordinated a summer institute of arts and sciences for seven years, and has provided many workshops and demonstrations.

Congratulations to Thomas Kendall on his 2008 induction into the University High School Pioneer Hall of Fame!