The Academy of American Poets is the leading champion of poets, poetry, and poetry organizations in the United States. In the past twelve months, with the support of our members, donors, Board of Directors, Chancellors, and staff we reached tens of millions of readers with our free programs and publications.

Poets.org, one of the most popular poetry destinations online, was visited close to 70 million times. In addition to adding hundreds of poems to our curated collection, we forged new partnerships with a number of literary journals, including Harper’s Ferry, the Southern Review, and Words Without Borders. Each month we featured a sampler of poems recently published in these journals, extending their reach to thousands more readers.

Poem-a-Day was the first place of publication for 260 new poems by today’s poets. No other publication presented new work by poets daily to more readers.

“Poem-a-Day is brilliant because it makes space in the everyday racket for something as meaningful as a poem.”

Tracy K. Smith, U.S. poet laureate

National Poetry Month in April kept poets busy with thousands of readings, workshops, and book signings. As the founder of the occasion, we served as the official online information hub throughout the month. We also engaged readers with many initiatives, including Poem in Your Pocket Day, on which people carried and shared poems with one another. The Dear Poet project invited students to write letters to our Chancellors after reading their poems—more than 1,000 students from thirty states participated. We also distributed posters designed by Paula Scher and accompanying educational resources to 100,000 classrooms, libraries, and bookstores reaching all fifty states.

Poetry & the Creative Mind, our annual reading at Lincoln Center’s Alice Tully Hall, was held on April 25, 2018. This special event celebrated the influence of poetry on other disciplines and in the lives of readers. More than 1,000 audience members enjoyed poems presented by luminaries including Tim Daly, Patty Griffin, Terrance Hayes, Christine Lahti, Janna Levin, Krista Tippett, Lorna Simpson, Uma Thurman, and Bill Yosses. The gala after-party, which raised funds for our Education Program, was hosted by twenty poets.

We were pleased to award the Academy of American Poets Prizes providing over $200,000 to talented poets at all stages of their careers, including the Walt Whitman Award given in partnership with Graywolf Press and the Civitella Ranieri Foundation; the Wallace Stevens Award for proven mastery in the art of poetry; the Academy Fellowship given for the first time in partnership with the T. S. Eliot Foundation; and the Ambroggio Prize for a manuscript of poems written in Spanish and English. We also celebrated more than 200 talented student poets, the winners of our University and College Poetry Prizes, all of which are named for the generous donors who have endowed them.

Our season of live events and readings included conversations between Richard Blanco and Jacob Hessler, and Kimiko Hahn
and Janna Levin; readings with Catherine Barnett, Shane McCrae, and Craig Morgan Teicher; and a special weekend of events with our Chancellors that included a reading and conversation in partnership with the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. Our annual Blaney lecture on contemporary poetics was given by Alicia Ostriker at the Lillian Vernon Creative Writers House in partnership with the NYU Creative Writing Program.

We partnered with the Association of Writers and Writing Programs to host a reading with Mark Doty, Khaled Mattawa, and Layli Long Soldier during the annual conference in Tampa, Florida.

Our Education Program continued to deliver on our decades-long commitment to inspire the next generation with poetry and assist K–12 teachers by providing a monthly Educator Newsletter, a classroom calendar, and essays about teaching poetry. Our Education Ambassador, Richard Blanco, taught two classes on teaching poetry, one at Colby College and another at Florida International University. Our weekly Teach This Poem series, which includes timely classroom activities prepared by our Educator in Residence Mady Holzer, was awarded the 2018 Innovations in Reading Prize from the National Book Foundation.

“Poetry provides distinct opportunities to influence the way we see and think about our world, and the thoughtful, inventive work the Academy of American Poets is doing to celebrate and uplift poetry is nothing short of essential.”

David Steinberger, National Book Foundation Chairman

We were pleased to lead the Poetry Coalition, a new alliance of twenty-plus nonprofit poetry organizations across the United States working together to increase the visibility of poetry and demonstrate the artform’s unique ability to promote empathy and contribute to public debate. To support this work, the Academy of American Poets received a $200,000 grant from the Ford Foundation, which underwrote a convening at the University of Arizona Poetry Center and March 2018 programming on the theme, “Where My Dreaming and My Loving Live: Poetry & the Body,” which reached more than 250,000 individuals in eleven cities.

As a supporter of the Academy of American Poets, you are helping increase the audience for today’s poets, celebrate artistic excellence, inspire the next generation of poets and readers, and advocate for the important place the art of poetry has in our culture. ★

In January 2018, we thanked Marilyn Nelson and Claudia Rankine for their six years of service and welcomed new Chancellors Joy Harjo and Natasha Trethewey. Our Chancellors provide artistic guidance on our programs, participate in our education projects, judge our largest prizes, and serve as ambassadors for poetry to the world at large. Established in 1946, the Board of Chancellors of the Academy of American Poets has been composed of distinguished poets who are among the leading poetic voices of their day.
2018 University & College Poetry Prize Recipients

Established in 1955, the University & College Poetry Prize program began with ten schools. Today the Academy of American Poets sponsors more than two hundred annual poetry prizes at colleges and universities across the United States and has awarded cash prizes to nearly ten thousand student poets since the program’s inception. Many of our most esteemed poets won their first recognition through an Academy of American Poets University & College Poetry Prize, including Toi Derricotte, Mark Doty, Louise Glück, Jorie Graham, Kimiko Hahn, Joy Harjo, Robert Hass, Li-Young Lee, Heather McHugh, Gregory Orr, Robert Pinsky, Sylvia Plath, Mark Strand, and Charles Wright.

We are pleased to announce the winners of our 2018 University & College Poetry Prizes. Each of these winning student poets receive a cash prize, a free, year-long membership to the American of American Poets and subscription to American Poets, and publication of their winning poem on Poets.org. In addition, University & College Poetry Prize recipients twenty-three years old or younger are eligible for the Aliki Perroti and Seth Frank Most Promising Young Poet Award.

Agnes Scott College
Janet Preston Poetry Prize
Donor: Agnes Scott College

University of Alabama
Hill-Kohn Prize
Donor: University of Alabama
Winner: J.Lyte, “Workshoppin”

Amherst College
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Trustees of Amherst College
Winner: Irisdelia Garcia, “To the 4,645 Dead In Puerto Rico After Hurricane Maria or Dear Maria”

Aquinas College
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Mrs. Linda Nemec Foster
Winner: Kirsten Fedorowicz, “Wednesdays at Camp”

University of Arkansas
C.D. Wright/Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Geoffrey Davis
Winner: Peter Mason, “Water, Water Everywhere”

Auburn University
Robert Hughes Mount Jr. Prize in Poetry
Donor: Mrs. Frances Mayes
Winner: Nick Stanovich, “Survivors Guilt”

Augsburg College
John R. Mitchell Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Mrs. Jeanette Mitchell
Winner: Matt Peckham, “Grid System”

Bard College
The Flow Chart Foundation/Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: David Kermani, The Flow Chart Foundation
Winner: Yuma Carpenter-New, “In Eras”

Beloit College
Beloit Poetry Journal Prize
Donor: Ms. Marion Stocking
Winner: Sean Beckford, “When My Father Hits a Crosscourt Forehand”

Bennington College
The Green Prize for Poetry
Donor: Kelly Green and Forrest MacGregor
Winner: Luciana Arbus-Scandiffio, “Little Iceberg”

Bergen Community College
The Steven W. Chung Poetry Prize
Donor: Steven W. Chung
Winner: Charlie Orlando Leppert, “Birds & G-d Over New Jersey Turnpike”

Boston University
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Boston University Creative Writing Program
Winner: Daniel Hardisty, “Exit Wound”

Bowdoin College
The Academy of American Poets
Colette Inez Poetry Prize
Donor: Mr. Jack Miller
Winner: June Duowen Le, “Isotope”

Bradley University
Sipple Poetry Prize
Donor: Bradley University
Winner: Megan Nicole Landre, “henrichemont”
Brandeis University
The Ramon Feliciano Poetry Prize
Donor: Marian McDonald
Winner: Sarah Terrazano, “Self-Portrait With Rescue Inhaler”

Brigham Young University
Ethel Lowry Handley Poetry Prize
Donor: Ethel Lowry Handley
Winner: Lindsey Keller, “Everyone Is Making Love”

Brooklyn College, CUNY
Burton A. Goldberg Poetry Prize
Donor: Mr. Burton Goldberg

Brown University
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Mr. and Mrs. Leander McCormick
Winner: Victoria Yin, “1997”

Bryn Mawr College
Prize in Memory of Marie Bullock
Donor: Mrs. Peter McCormick
Winner: Peyton Moriarty, “Wax Hand Holding”

California State University, Fresno (Undergraduate)
Larry Levis Memorial Prize
Donor: The Friends of Larry Levis
Winner: Aidan Steele Castro, “Hospital”

California State University, Fresno (Graduate)
Ernesto Trejo Memorial Prize
Donor: The Friends of Ernesto Trejo
Winner: Jessica Turney, “Forgiveness”

California State University, Los Angeles
Henri Coulette Memorial Award
Donor: California State University, Los Angeles
Winner: Amy Nicole Robb, “Saturday Morning”

California State University, Northridge
George Dillon Memorial Award
Donor: California State University, Northridge
Winner: Jesse Clemens, “Psalms of the Son”

University of California, Berkeley
Harold Taylor Prize
Donor: The New Hope Foundation
Winner: Mary Wilson, “Untitled”

University of California, Davis
Celeste Turner Wright Poetry Prize
Donor: Prof. Celeste Turner Wright
Winner: Kristin George Bagdanov, “unfield”

University of California, Irvine
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Mr. Walter J. Thomson
Winner: Inez Tan, “Sanctuary”

University of California, Los Angeles
Fred and Edith Herman Memorial Prize
Donor: Ms. Joan LaBombard
Winner: Jesslyn Whittell, “’Read this after the feast’”

California Polytechnic State University
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: California Polytechnic State University
Winner: Morgan Condict, “To an Old Coworker”

Calvin College
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Calvin College
Winner: Ethan Hohn, “the water seems murkier now”

Carnegie Mellon University
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Carnegie Mellon University
Winner: Summer Jade Leavitt, “Carol”

Central Michigan University
Eric Torgersen Poetry Prize
Donor: Phillip Sterling
Winner: Rui Wang, “Looking Back at Mountains After Mountains”

Central Pennsylvania College
Geraldine G. Britcher Poetry Prize
Donor: Mr. Raymond B. Britcher
Winner: Malcolm Fox, “Little Man”

Centre College
Paul Cantrell Poetry Prize
Donor: Mr. Phillip Sterling
Winner: Aja Leachman, “Black Porcelain”

Chatham University
The Laurie Mansell Reich Poetry Prize
Donor: Laurie and Henry Reich
Winner: Hannah Highsmith Continger, “Baiting”

University of Cincinnati (Undergraduate)
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: The George Elliston Poetry Foundation
Winner: Danny Rader, “A Little Taste of Home”

University of Cincinnati (Graduate)
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: The George Elliston Poetry Foundation
Winner: James Ellenberger, “The World Below”

Cleveland State University
Alberta Turner Poetry Prize
Donor: Cleveland State University
Winner: Xan Schwartz, “Coop Song (n., n., n.)”

Colorado State University
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Colorado State University Faculty and Administration
Winner: Katherine Indermaur, “BEFORE: An Aubade”

Columbia College Chicago
Eileen Lannan Poetry Prize
Donor: The Lannan Foundation
Winner: Leonard Morrison, “California State Route 1”

Columbia University (Undergraduate)
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Anonymous
Winner: Rebecca Teich, “Ananimal”

Columbia University (Graduate)
Bennett Poetry Prize
Donor: The New York Times Advertising Department
Winner: Coco Wilder, “The Problem of Patience”

Connecticut College
Charles B. Palmer Poetry Award
Donor: Connecticut College
Winner: No prize awarded

Cooper Union
Elizabeth Kray Prize
Donor: Cooper Union
Winners: Saige Hopkins, “There is a hot light”; Amanda Lombardo, “In the Elevator”

Cornell College
Prize in Memory of Clyde and Jewell Bothwell Tull
Donor: Ms. Alice Louise Haug
Winner: Adriana Pacha, “Chile”
Creighton University
Oscar M. Macelliao Poetry Prize
Winner: Isabelle Senechal, “Kassandras”

Dartmouth College
Academy of American Poets Prize
Recipient: Courtney Niamh McKee, “Apollo”

University of Delaware
Harold Taylor Prize
Recipient: The New Hope Foundation
Winner: Jasmine Edwards, “Love in Color”

Dickinson College
Academy of American Poets Prize
Recipient: Dickinson College
Winner: Kayleigh Rhatigan, “My Grandmother’s Teeth”

Drew University
Academy of American Poets Prize
Recipient: Susan Vartanian Barba
Winner: Kerenn Irias, “Before I Sleep”

Duke University
Academy of American Poets Prize
Recipient: The Biddle Foundation
Winner: Caroline Fernelius, “Girls”

Emerson College
Academy of American Poets Prize
Recipient: Emerson College
Winner: Brandon Melendez, “serpent crown lined with marrow”

Emory University
Academy of American Poets Prize
Recipient: The Friends of Creative Writing

Florida International University
Christopher F. Kelly Award for Poetry
Recipient: John Bond
Winner: Bertha Isabel Crombet, “The Library”

Florida State University
Academy of American Poets Prize
Recipient: Florida State University
Winner: Tanya Grae, “Lethe”

Fordham University
Academy of American Poets Prize
Recipient: Fordham University
Winner: Ellis Light, “Bird Boy”

Franklin & Marshall College
Academy of American Poets Prize
Recipient: Mr. and Mrs. C. Hunter Boll
Winner: Sarah Summersorn, “It’s easier to empty a body here”

Georgetown University
Ora Mary Phelm Poetry Prize
Recipient: The Lannan Foundation
Winner: Lisa Tibbetts, “An English Remix”

Georgia Perimeter College
Academy of American Poets Prize
Recipient: The Chattahoochee Review
Winner: Jesus Hernandez, “Summer”

Georgia College & State University
(Undergraduate)
Franky Davis Mayes Prize
Recipient: Mrs. Frances Mayes
Winner: Becca Fallon, “Kitchen, 2009”

Georgia College & State University
(Graduate)
Franky Davis Mayes Prize
Recipient: Mrs. Frances Mayes
Winner: Isabel Acevedo, “The Shipwreck”

Gettysburg College
Marion Zulauf Prize
Recipient: Mr. Sander Zulauf
Winner: Ivy-Rose Kramer, “Catawissa Creek Bridge”

Grinnell College
Prize in Memory of Lorabel Richardson
Recipient: Ms. Alice Louise Haug
Winner: Christine M. Rains, “Enovid”

Hamilton College
Ralph and Doris Hansmann Poetry Prize
Recipient: Hamilton College
Winner: Amy Heqing Zhang, “Small Poems for Persistent Nostalgia”

Harrisburg Area Community College
Dale T. Guhl Memorial Prize
Recipient: Mr. Raymond W. Britcher
Winner: Kierra Coutts, “Wine Glass”

Hartwick College
Anna Sonder Prize
Recipient: Dr. Otto Sonder
Winner: Catherine Lomoe-Thompson, “Fruit Queen”

Harvard University
Academy of American Poets Prize
Recipient: Harvard University
Winner: Martine Thomas, “The Sky Tonight”

University of Hawai’i at Manoa
Harold Taylor Prize
Recipient: The New Hope Foundation
Winner: Zoe Kamalei Finn, “Kupuna in the Sleeping Grass”

Hofstra University
Nancy P. Schnader Award
Recipient: Hofstra University
Winner: Kaitlyn Yonamine, “Monday Sunrise”

University of Houston
Brazos Bookstore/Academy of American Poets Prize
Recipient: Mr. W. Graham Claytor, Jr.
Winner: Adriana Rewald, “Playing Chopin in Chisinau”

Hollins University
Gertrude Claytor Poetry Prize
Recipient: Dominick Lepore
Winner: Olivia Paolo, “Fully Submerged”

College of the Holy Cross
Dominick Lepore Poetry Award
Recipient: Dominick J. Lepore
Winner: Stacy Boe Miller, “My Church Called Their Exorcism Program Healing House”

Illinois Wesleyan University
Arthur W. Hinniers & Louise Hinniers Sipfile Prize
Recipient: Friends and Family of Louise Hinniers Sipfile
Winner: Grace McGovern, “life in excess”

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Ruth Llewellyn Baird Prize
Recipient: Robert D. Wood
Winner: Autumn Schraufnagel, “Girlhood is Formed on the Playground with an Invitation to Play Double Dutch”

Indiana University Bloomington
The Vera Meyer Strube Poetry Prize
Recipient: Jean Meyer Aloe
Winner: Wendy Lee Spacek, “Poem in the form of Anger”
Indiana State University
The Madeline DeGaetano Memorial Poetry Prize
*Donor:* Dr. Elaine L. Kleiner
*Winner:* Mustafa E. Mustafa, “Red and white, green and black”

University of Iowa Writers’ Workshop
Harold Taylor Prize
*Donor:* The New Hope Foundation
*Winner:* Tasia Trevino, “Drought Tolerance”

Johns Hopkins University
The Laureen Rita Schipsi Poetry Prize
*Donor:* Mr. Thomas Newton Bolling
*Winner:* Teja Dupree, “Delta Venus”

Kenyon College
Academy of American Poets Prize
*Donor:* Kenyon College
*Winner:* Sylvie Robinson, “Halal Ohio”

Keystone College
Edward M. Cameron IV Poetry Prize
*Donor:* The Lyric Foundation for Traditional Poetry
*Winner:* Zoe Stephens, “The Symphony of Snow”

Lafayette College
Jean E. Corrie Poetry Prize
*Donor:* The Lyric Foundation for Traditional Poetry
*Winner:* Mario Sanchez, “Poem About a Flower”

Lewis & Clark College
Academy of American Poets Prize
*Donor:* Lewis & Clark College
*Winner:* Eva Gellman, “I Wish I Had One Hundred Eves”

Long Island University, C. W. Post Campus
John & Agnes McCarten Memorial Award
*Donor:* Ms. Jeanne Marie Scott
*Winner:* Michaela Elise Fox, “Paper Clip”

Loyola University Maryland
Academy of American Poets Prize
*Donor:* Loyola University Maryland
*Winner:* Miranda Nolan, “In the Time it Takes”

Lynchburg College
Miriam T. and Jude M. Pfister Poetry Prize
*Donor:* Miriam T. and Jude M. Pfister
*Winner:* Samash Rash, “Tea”

Macalester College
Academy of American Poets Prize
*Donor:* Macalester College
*Winner:* Charlie Pham, “one day I’ll stop writing about my family”

Marietta College
The Stephen Schwartz Prize in Poetry
*Donor:* Laura Baudo Sillerman
*Winner:* Samantha Welch, “Nightly Routine”

University of Maryland, College Park
Prize in Memory of Anaïs Nin
*Donor:* Mr. Robert W. Newcomb
*Winner:* Ayesha Shibli, “Roadkill”

University of Mary Washington
Academy of American Poets Prize
*Donor:* The Poetry Society of Virginia
*Winner:* Kaitlin Lamb, “Dear Persephone”

University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Joseph Langland Prize
*Donor:* University of Massachusetts, Amherst
*Winner:* Tom McCauley, “People Are Not Lights”

University of Massachusetts, Boston
Harold Taylor Prize
*Donor:* The New Hope Foundation
*Winner:* Hope Jordan, “At the Confluence”

University of Memphis
The Deborah L. Talbot Poetry Award
*Donor:* Deborah L. Talbot
*Winner:* Sarah Lucille Cozort, “A Spell for My Mother’s Memory”

Messiah College
Carrie A. Guhl Poetry Prize
*Donor:* Mr. Raymond W. Britcher
*Winner:* Noah Perrin, “The Lot”

Miami-Dade College
Fred Shaw Poetry Prize
*Donor:* Miami-Dade Community College
*Winner:* Vilma Alvarez, “White Heron”

Miami University (Undergraduate)
Harris S. Abrams Poetry Prize
*Donor:* Mr. Jeffrey Abrahams
*Winner:* Sam Phillips, “pick about, lick about”

Miami University (Graduate)
Betty Jane Abrahams Memorial Poetry Prize
*Donor:* Mr. Jeffrey Abrahams
*Winner:* Dameion Wagner, “Momma’s Boy”

University of Miami
Alfred Boas Poetry Prize
*Donor:* University of Miami
*Winner:* Maria Esquinca, “El Sapo”

Millersville University
Louis Darrell Sage Poetry Prize
*Donor:* Mr. Raymond W. Britcher
*Winner:* Misty Matesig, “Empty Garden”

University of Michigan (Graduate)
Academy of American Poets Prize
*Donor:* Mrs. Sharon A. Galley
*Winner:* Daniel Neff, “Flight”

University of Michigan (Undergraduate)
Academy of American Poets Prize
*Donor:* Mrs. Sharon A. Galley
*Winner:* Caroline Rothrock, “Seacucumbers”

University of Minnesota
James Wright Prize in Poetry
*Donor:* University of Minnesota

University of Missouri at Columbia
Academy of American Poets Prize
*Donor:* University of Missouri

University of Montana
Academy of American Poets Prize
*Donor:* University of Montana
*Winner:* Maren Schiffer, “Can’t Sonnet”

Mount Holyoke College
Gertrude Claytor Poetry Prize
*Donor:* Mr. W. Graham Claytor, Jr.
*Winner:* K. Clark, “At 14 I start bleeding”

Muskingum College
Beulah Brooks Brown Award in Poetry
*Donor:* Muskingum College
*Winner:* Matthew Early, “Perspective”

Naropa University
The Margaret Randall Academy of American Poets Prize
*Donor:* Friends of Margaret Randall
*Winner:* Camille E Craig, “Franz Kline’s Opustena”
University of Nebraska, Lincoln
Wilbur Gaffney Poetry Prize
Donor: Professor Emeritus Wilbur Gaffney
Winner: Katie Schmid, “Location”

University of Nebraska, MFA
Helen W. Kenefick Poetry Prize
Donor: Mr. John C. Kenefick
Winner: Genevieve N. Williams, “Parking Lot Rocks”

New Jersey City University
The Walter Glospie Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: New Jersey City University
Winner: Hia Chakraborty, “Slow”

University of New Orleans
Andrea Saunders Gereighty Poetry Award
Donor: Ms. Andrea S. Gereighty
Winner: Betsy Houston, “Touch and Go”

New Mexico State University
Ruth Scott Poetry Award
Donor: Judith N. Scott
Winner: Jill Mceldowney, “Babygrave”

New York University
Judith Lobel Arkin Poetry Prize
Donor: The Arkin Family
Winner: Carson Lee, “Scenes from a Marriage”

North Carolina State University
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: North Carolina State University
Winner: Jane Craven, “Asphodel”

University of North Texas
Paul R. Voertman Prize
Donor: University of North Texas
Winner: Megan J. Arlett, “Turn of the Millennium”

University of Notre Dame
The Billy Maich Award
Donor: Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Jessica Maich
Winner: Katie Campbell, “Can We Live Without Cosmos?”

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
The Anne Williams Burrus Prize in Poetry
Donor: Mrs. Ann W. Burrus
Winner: Shannon Grand

University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Noel Callow Poetry Award
Donor: Anonymous
Winner: Forrest Rapier, “Appaloosa Rider Unchained”

Northeast Ohio Master of Fine Arts
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Northeast Ohio Master of Fine Arts
Winner: Sony Ton-Aime, “Coumbite”

Northwestern University
Jean Meyer Aloe Poetry Prize
Donor: Jean Meyer Aloe
Winner: Celia Hauw, “Merdeka”

Ohio State University
Arthur Rense Prize
Donor: Ms. Paige Rense
Winner: Emmalee Hagarman, “When I Visit Emily Dickinson’s Grave”

Oklahoma State University
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Oklahoma State University
Winner: Colin Pope, “Prayer to Enter Heaven Alive, Once”

Old Dominion University (Undergraduate)
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: The Poetry Society of Virginia
Winner: Donya Price, “Hues of Blackness”

Old Dominion University (Graduate)
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: The Poetry Society of Virginia

Oregon State University
Weaver Undergraduate Poetry Award
Donor: Oregon State University
Winner: Charles Clark, “A Remark in Passing on Life Undelivered”

Pace University
David A. Bickimer—Promise of Learnings Poetry Prize
Donor: The Promise of Learnings Inc.
Winner: Mollie Murtagh, “Red”

Pennsylvania State Harrisburg
Staff Sergeant Robert J. Miller Prize
Donor: Mr. Raymond W. Britcher
Winner: Emily Dempsey, “Saturn Devours His Son”

Pennsylvania State University
Leonard Steinberg Memorial Prize
Donor: Mrs. Pearl Steinberg
Winner: Danielle Fruehan, “In Yesterday”

University of Pennsylvania
William Carlos Williams Prize
Donor: University of Pennsylvania
Winner: Julia Kolchinsky Dasbach, “For War and Water”

Piedmont College
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Barbara Brown Taylor
Winner: Hadley Cottingham, “Lighly”

University of Pittsburgh
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: University of Pittsburgh
Winner: Jennifer Nguyen, “Lunar New Year”

University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
The Colleen M. Brown Prize
Donor: Mr. Raymond W. Britcher
Winner: Kristen Hayes, “inosculation”

Portland State University
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: The Portland State University Foundation
Winner: Autumn Sharp, “Up”

Pratt Institute
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Pratt Institute
Winner: Bridget Hawkins, “Anemic”

Princeton University
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Drs. William F. and Jerene Hewitt
Winner: Eunice Lee, “Castles in the Ampersand”

Purdue University
The Thomas H. Scholl and Elizabeth Boyd Thompson Poetry Prize
Donor: Thomas H. Scholl
Winner: Megan Ray, “A Crown of Sonnets for Emily”

University of Redlands
Jean Burden Award
Donor: Ms. Virginia Everett Smith
Winner: Emily Mains, “Misericordia”

Reed College
The Mary Barnard Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Reed College
Winner: Emma McNeel, “Preservation”

University of Richmond
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: The Poetry Society of Virginia
Winner: Alexander Balsamo, “Clandestine”
University of Rochester
Marion Devendorf Van Laak
Poetry Prize
Donor: University of Rochester
Winner: Aaron Banks, “Exhume”

Rockford University
Colleen Holmbeck Poetry Prize
Donor: Rockford University
Winner: Bailey Murphy, “A Dangerous Delusion”

Rollins College
Arden Goettling/Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Family and Friends of Arden Goettling
Winners: Kallahan Stanley, “A Memorandum to the Gunloving” and an Embrace to the Newest Members of the Survival Club”; Jihye Shin, “Maggie”

Rutgers University
Enid Dale Memorial Poetry Prize
Donor: Jeannie Marie Beaumont
Winner: Julia Terranova, “Pierce”

St. Lawrence University
James Ligon Price III Memorial Prize in Poetry
Donor: St. Lawrence University
Winner: Peter Eckhardt, “The Wreck in the Grasse”

Saint Mary’s College of California
Russell & Yvonne Lannan Poetry Prize
Donor: The Lannan Foundation
Winner: David Zumwalt, “Poem for Love Written on a Perfect Friday on this Doomed Planet”

San Francisco State University
The William C. Weathers Memorial Prize
Donor: Ms. Melissa Morpew
Winner: Haven Gomez, “In the Family”

San Francisco State University
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Friends and Family of Piri Thomas
Winner: Brittany Nguyen, “Kinh Te Moi”

San Francisco State University
Harold Taylor Prize
Donors: The New Hope Foundation
Winner: Kimberly Reyes, “The Body”

University of San Francisco
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: University of San Francisco
Winner: Amie Scroggins, “One in the Morning”

San Jose State University
Virginia de Araujo Prize
Donor: Virginia de Araujo Trust
Winner: Kinny Martinez, “Big Brother”

Santa Clara University
Tamara Verga Poetry Prize
Donor: Victoria Verga Logan and Frank Verga Jr.
Winner: Shelley Valdez, “Love and Other Fire Hazards”

Sarah Lawrence College (Graduate)
The John B. Santoianni Award for Excellence in Poetry
Donor: Joseph McCrindle and Charmaine Ferenczi
Winner: Corinne Santiago, “Ode to My Thighs”

Shimer College
Ruth Cooley Poetry Prize
Donor: Mr. Peter Cooley
Winner: E. M. Billington, “Now: A Short Story in Verse”

Shippensburg University
Laura A. Rice Poetry Prize
Donor: Laura A. Rice Poetry Prize
Winner: Karen Mason-Breen, “all dogs”

Smith College
Anne Bradstreet Prize
Donor: Smith College
Winner: Janelle Tan, “Prayer for Forgiveness Before Bed”

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (Graduate)
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Carolyn Forman Moe
Winner: Teresa Dziegielewicz, “Baking Bread as Oceti Sakowin is Raided”

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (Undergraduate)
Academy of American Poets Prize
Donor: Mr. Rodney Jones
Winner: Jay Livingston, “fall/’11”

Spelman College
Edith A. Hambie Poetry Prize
Donor: Anonymous
Winner: Eva Dickerson, “August 20th 2017”

Spring Hill College
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Against the backdrop of the Great Depression, twenty-three-year-old Marie Bullock launched the Academy of American Poets in 1934 and began lecturing on poetry, raising funds, and organizing radio broadcasts to encourage more support for poets.

“Let us ask poetry to portray us as we are, our times, our ways of life. Who but our poets can give these supreme word-pictures to our descendants? How shall these children of our children visualize our era if our poets are silent?” —Marie Bullock

1940s

To ensure that the Academy of American Poets would always be an organization guided by distinguished poets, the Board of Chancellors was established in 1946. With their guidance, we launched the Academy of American Poets Fellowship, the first award of its kind that awarded a poet a substantial sum in honor of their artistic achievement.

1950s

To inspire the next generation of poets, the Academy created the University & College Prizes to recognize and encourage student poets. Winners have included Diane Ackerman, Toi Derricotte, Mark Doty, Jorie Graham, Kimiko Hahn, Joy Harjo, Robert Hass, Li-Young Lee, Robert Pinsky, Sylvia Plath, Mark Strand, and Ocean Vuong.

1960s

“Get poetry into high schools,” Robert Frost suggested to Marie Bullock, and she took his words to heart. In 1966 we organized the nation’s first Poets in the Schools program and have remained the leading poetry organization providing resources to help teachers share poetry with their students.

1970s

Honoring the memory of poet, novelist, and political activist Lenore Marshall, we established the Marshall Prize to recognize the most outstanding book of poetry published in the United States in the previous calendar year. This $25,000 award is still the largest prize given in support of a poet’s book.
1980s
For helping to champion the creation of this alcove, Marie Bullock was named the Honorary Chairman of the American Poets’ Corner in the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City, modeled after a similar corner at Westminster Abbey in London.

“She was a gallant, devoted, and generous champion of a cause that had few champions before her, and none so successful. American poets and their readers are all in her debt.”
—Anthony Hecht, in tribute to Marie Bullock

1990s
With the launch of Poets.org in 1996, the Academy of American Poets became the first organization to bring poems, comprehensive poet biographies, and free resources for teachers online. That same year, we established National Poetry Month, now the largest literary celebration in the world.

2000s
To raise needed funds, we organized a reading of poems by prominent artists and leaders in fields outside of poetry. Poetry & the Creative Mind, a multidisciplinary celebration at Lincoln Center’s Alice Tully Hall, continues today.

2010s
Poem-a-Day was relaunched as the first place of publication for 260 poems by today’s poets, making the Academy of American Poets one of the most prolific publishers of contemporary poetry. We launched the Poetry Coalition in 2016 in partnership with twenty-five nonprofit poetry organizations across the country, serving millions of readers in all fifty states. To honor poets appointed to serve in civic positions and enable them to undertake meaningful projects in their communities, we will be awarding $1 million to poets laureate across the country with the Academy of American Poets Laureate Fellowships in 2019, making our organization the nation’s largest grantor to poets.
Heading to 2020, the Academy of American Poets reflects Marie Bullock’s goal of supporting poets, and her inventiveness in finding new ways to share poetry. Proud of our past, we are committed to a future as America’s foremost advocate for poets, poetry, and the work of poetry organizations. Thank you for making our work possible.

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# Financial Summary

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<th>JULY 1, 2017–</th>
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<td>JUNE 30, 2018</td>
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<td>Contributions and grants</td>
<td>$1,180,300</td>
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<td>Program services</td>
<td>167,498</td>
<td>153,663</td>
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<td>Investment income</td>
<td>241,505</td>
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<td>Other revenue</td>
<td>26,595</td>
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<td>TOTAL REVENUE</td>
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<td>Grants paid</td>
<td>$230,200</td>
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<td>Salaries and benefits</td>
<td>671,120</td>
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<td>Other expenses</td>
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<td>895,806</td>
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<td>TOTAL EXPENSES</td>
<td>$1,907,827</td>
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<td>Revenue less expenses</td>
<td>-$291,929</td>
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<td>Total assets</td>
<td>10,233,485</td>
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<td>Total liabilities</td>
<td>160,658</td>
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<td>Net assets</td>
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<td>Program expenses</td>
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<td>Fundraising and membership</td>
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<td>Management and general</td>
<td>218,020</td>
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