

Baccalaureate Speakers

*indicates speaker received an honorary degree

Year	Speaker
Prior to 1910	College President
1910	Prof. Edward I. Bosworth
1911-1925	College President
1926	Rev. Dr. Thomas Wesley Graham
1927	College President
1928	Dr. D. F. Bradley '82
1929	Dr. J. B. Hayden '09
1930	Dr. Harold C. Phillips
1931	Dr. Francis J. McConnell
1932	Dwight J. Bradley '12
1933	President W. J. Hutchins
1934	Dr. Carl S. Patton '88
1935	Dr. J. T. Stocking
1936	Douglas Horton
1937	Raymond Calkins
1938	John Edgar Park
1939	Albert W. Palmer
1940	Albert Buckner Coe
1941	Walter William Van Kirk
1942	Norman Vincent Peale
1943	Douglas Horton
1944	Boynton Merrill
1945	Frank Halliday Ferris
1946	Charles Whitney Gilkey
1947	Rev. Chester B. Emerson
1948	Rev. Thomas W. Graham
1949	Dr. Harold Cooke Philips
1950	Dr. Clarence Tucker Craig
1951	Dr. Roland Herbert Bainton

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1952	Dr. Leonard Albert Stidley
1953	Dr. Karl Heath Kopf
1954	Dr. Douglas Erin Steere
1955	Dr. Albert Jacob Penner
1956	Dr. Harry Hitt Crane
1957	Dr. Theodore Otto Wedel
1958	Dr. Jesse Edward Thomas
1959	Dr. Joseph Ferguson King
1960	Dr. Walter Marshall Horton
1961	Dr. Victor Obenhaus
1962	Rev. Stephen Trowbridge Crary
1963	Rev. Herbert Ensign Van Meter
1964	Rev. Lawrence Lazelle Durgin
1965	R. H. Edwin Espy
1966	Rev. Robbins Strong
1967	Rev. Paul William Wedgewood Green
1968	Rev. B. Whitman Dennison
1969	Rev. Paul R. Dettman
1970	Donald K. Swearer
1971	David Mechem Byers
1972	Edward LeRoy Long, Jr.
1973	David Mechem Byers
1974	George Simons
1975	Rev. Peter Beebe
1976	Rev. Dr. Eleanor Jeannetta Woodcock
1977	Clyde A. Holbrook
1978	Dean Carl H. Marbury
1979	Rev. Dr. Howard Schomer
1980	Robert Rankin
1981	Rev. O. Eugene Pickett
1982	Rev. James M. Lawson, Jr.
1984	Rev. John A. Kruse
1985	Rev. Dr. George A. Parsons

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1986	Rev. Richard A. Thompson
1987	Rev. Dr. Harvey G. Cox
1988	Rev. Albert Ladue Jeandheur
1989	Rev. Dr. Major J. Jones
1990	Rev. Lloyd E. Gressle
1991	Rev. Dr. John Dixon Elder '53
1992	Alda Marsh Morgan
1993	Rev. Dr. Fred L. Steen
1994	Rev. Susan E. McGarry
1995	Rabbi Daniel Dorfman
1996	Rev. Dr. William F. Schulz '71
1997	Jane Redmont '72
1998	Rev. Dr. John Dixon Elder '53
1999	Johnnetta Betsch Cole '57
2000	Rev. Jim Wallis
2001	Bishop Anthony Pilla
2002	Charles M. Sennott
2003	Rabbi Zalman M. Schachter-Shalomi
2004	Imam Dr. Ahmad Sakr
2005	Sharon Daloz Parks
2006	Dr. Joseph E. Lowery
2007	Dr. David W. Orr
2008	Gilbert C. Meilaender, Jr.
2009	Rev. Prof. Peter J. Gomes
2010	Rabbi David Saperstein
2011	James Carroll
2012	Daisy Khan
2013	Dr. Tarunjit Singh Butalia
2014	Mary Evelyn Tucker
2015	Johnnetta B. Cole '57
2015	Marian Wright Edelman
2015	Alan B. Wachtel
2015	Harris L. Wofford

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2016	Rev. Frank Chikane*
2017	Rabbi Jill Jacobs
2018	Su'ad Abdul Khabeer
2019	Matthew Fox
2020	Student Panel on the Coronavirus Pandemic