

Commencement Speakers

*indicates speaker received an honorary degree

Year	Speaker
1893	Frank W. Gunsaulus
1894	Hamilton Mabie
1895	Woodrow Wilson
1896	Lyman Abbott
1897	Newell Dwight Hillis
1898	Edward Everett Hale
1899	Franklin H. Giddings
1900	Robert M. Wenley
1901	Albion W. Small
1902	S. Parkes Cadman
1903	St. Clair McKelvey
1904	Professor G. Santayana
1905	James B. Dill
1906	George Herbert Palmer
1907	William Allen White
1908	Samuel Walker McCall*
1909	Charles E. Jefferson
1910	Rollo Ogden
1911	Edwin Emery Slosson
1912	Charles R. Brown*
1913	George E. Vincent
1914	Charles Austin Beard
1915	Charles E. Jefferson
1916	Francis J. McConnell
1917	Hugh Black
1918	S. Parkes Cadman
1919	William C. Sharp*
1920	Oswald Garrison Villard

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1921	Hamilton Holt*
1922	Marion LeRoy Burton
1923	Paul Elmer More
1924	Ian Campbell Hannah
1925	Newton D. Baker
1926	Robert A. Millikan
1927	Roscoe Pound
1928	Harry Emerson Fosdick
1929	Rollo Walter Brown
1930	Edwin Montefiore Borchard
1931	Kemper Fullerton
1932	Lane Cooper
1933	Robert Andrews Millikan
1934	Robert Maynard Hutchins
1935	Lewis Mumford
1936	John Erskine
1937	Robert Frost
1938	Alan Valentine
1939	James Lukens McConaughy
1940	William Allan Neilson
1941	Hendrik Willem van Loon
1942	President Wilkins
1943, Feb.	President Wilkins
1943, June	President Wilkins
1944, June	President Wilkins
1944, Oct.	Lawrence E. Cole
1945, Feb.	President Wilkins
1945, June.	President Wilkins
1945, Oct.	President Wilkins
1946, Feb.	Thomas W. Graham
1946, June	President Wilkins
1946, Oct.	Prof. Thomas Kepler
1947, Feb.	President William E. Stevenson

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1947, June	Howard Foster Lowry*
1948, Feb.	Professor Paul B. Sears
1948, June	President Francis Stephenson Hutchins*
1949, Feb.	Professor Clarence Ward
1949, June	Dr. Ralph Johnson Bunche*
1950, Feb.	President Arthur Sherwood Flemming*
1950, June	Sir Oliver Shewell Franks*
1951, June	Dr. Paul Howard Douglas*
1952, June	Dr. Thornton Niven Wilder*
1953, June	Dr. Raymond Tyson Moyer*
1954, June	Dr. Buell G. Gallagher
1955, June	Adlai Ewing Stevenson*
1956	John Marshall Harlan*
1957	Chester Bowles*
1958	Paul Bigelow Sears*
1959	McGeorge Bundy*
1960	Robert Eugene Cushman
1961	Henri Maurice Peyre*
1962	J. Irwin Miller*
1963	Ralph Emerson McGill*
1964	Percy Lavon Julian*
1965	Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*
1966	Seabury Cone Mastick
1967	Roy Wilkins*
1968	Margaret Clapp*
1969	Richard Gordon Hatcher
1970	Rev. Jesse L. Jackson*
1971	William Edgar Stafford*
1972	Pete Seeger
1973	Michael Harrington
1974	Florynce R. Kennedy
1975	Harvey Gallagher Cox
1976	Alex Haley

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1977	Morris King Udall
1978	Marcus C. Raskin
1979	Nancy Hays Teeters*
1980	Louis Stokes*
1981	George Stanley McGovern*
1982	Andrew Young*
1983	Maya Angelou*
1984	Francine du Plessix Gray*
1985	William Weil Goldman
1986	Flora Lewis
1987	Archbishop Desmond Tutu*
1988	Gardner Calvin Taylor*
1989	Audre Lorde*
1990	Bronislaw Geremek*
1991	Faye Wattleton*
1992	Antonia Hernandez*
1993	June E. Osborn*
1994	Romulus Zachariah Linney*
1995	Johnnetta Betsch Cole*
1996	Robert Coles*
1997	Allan Henry Spear*
1998	Damon Jerome Keith*
1999	John J. Sweeney*
2000	Oscar Arias Sanchez*
2001	William H. Gray III*
2002	Judah M. Folkman*
2003	Anthony Lewis
2004	Margaret H. Marshall
2005	William Frederick Schulze III
2006	Juan Guzman Tapia*
2007	Connie Schultz*
2008	Fareed Zakaria*
2009	Dr. Richard N. Haass*

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2010	Julie Taymor*
2011	Helene D. Gayle*
2012	Thomas R. Frieden*
2013	Tracy Chevalier
2014	Thomas Perez
2015	Marian Wright Edelman, Michelle Obama*
2016	Jessye Norman*
2017	Darren Walker*
2018	David Sedaris*
2019	Lisa Jackson
2020	College President and Trustees Chair