

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS, 1892-2016

- 1892 Bishop John P. Newman
1893 Theodore Roosevelt
1894 Bishop Charles B. Galloway
1895 Rev. Lyman Abbott
1896 D.H. Chamberlain
1897 Rev. Bishop Henry W. Warren
1898 James H. Canfield
1899 Rev. James Monroe Buckley
1900 Cyrus Northrup
1901 James Roscoe Day
1902 Jonathan P. Dolliver
1903 Rev. Matt. S. Hughes
1904 Rev. Albert Carman
1905 Rev. Bishop William Fraser McDowell
1906 Stewart Lyndon Woodford
1907 Charles Warren Fairbanks
1908 George Record Peck
1909 Herbert Spencer Hadley
1910 Ira Edward Westbrook
Ernest Palmer
Blaine Kirkpatrick
Glenn Newton Merry
1911 Douglass Montgomery Johnson
Charles Anderson Pace
Robert Gregory Piper
Robert William Schupp
1912 Jay Leroy Chestnutt
Glenn Frank
Horace Bruner Sellers
Raymond S. Pruitt
1913 Samuel Eugene Whiteside
Charles Lewis Carr
Harry Lumm Wells
Alexander Hamilton Marshall
1914 Eliza May Honnold
Evelt Dorrell Hester
Merle Leslie Wright
Daniel Anderson
1915 Adolph Maurice Wickman
Dean Lake Traxler
Owen Lewis Coon
Andrew Nedessen Johnson
1916 Joseph James Lemen
Victor Hugo Pelz
Clyde Frank DeWitt
Mabel Applegate Mason

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- 1917 William Renwick Riddell
1918 Rev. Bishop Francis John McConnell
1919 Frank Orren Lowden
1920 Sir Robert Falconer
1921 Glenn Frank
1922 Chase Salmon Osborn
1923 Henry Sherman Boutell
1924 William Emmet Dever
1925 Walter Dill Scott (for the University)
Irving Samuel Cutter (for the Medical School)
John Henry Wigmore (for the Law School)
Arthur Davenport Black (for the Dental School)
Ralph Emerson Heilman (for the Commerce School)
1926 Rev. John Timothy Stone
1927 Chancellor Ernest Hiram Lindley
1928 Edward Price Bell
1929 Frederic Campbell Woodward
1930 Alexander Grant Ruthven
1931 Rufus Cutler Dawes
1932 Shelby Millard Harrison
1933 Sir Josiah Charles Stamp
1934 Harold L. Ickes
1935 Lotus Delta Coffman
1936 Walter Albert Jessup
1937 William Allen White
1938 Edward Raymond Burke
1939 Walter Dill Scott
1940 Franklyn Bliss Snyder
1941 Malcolm William Wallace
1942 RADM Wat Tyler Cluverius, USN (Ret.)
1943 March 21 (Commencement for Medical and Dental Schools and the Wesley Hospital
Training School for Nurses): Ralph A. Bard
1943 Frank Knox
1943 December 18: Kenneth F. Burgess
1944 February 22 (for Members of the Naval Training Units Leaving for Active Service):
CAPT Benyaurd B. Wygant, USN (Ret.)
1944 Virgil M. Hancher
1944 September 14: Maj. Gen. George Lull, USA
1944 October 24: Commodore Robert R.M. Emmet, USN
1945 Bishop Edwin F. Lee
1945 October 26: Franklyn B. Snyder
1946 Evan A. Evans
1947 John Foster Dulles
1948 Franklyn B. Snyder
1949 Franklyn B. Snyder
1950 Fred Dow Fagg, Jr.

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- 1951 Louis S. St. Laurent
1952 James Lewis Morrill
1953 Henry T. Heald
1954 Robert B. Anderson
1955 Clarence B. Randall
1956 Harlan H. Hatcher
1957 Christian A. Herter
1958 Cornelis W. De Kiewiet
1959 Kenneth F. Burgess
1960 Frederick L. Hovde
1961 Otto Kerner, Jr.
1962 Marguerite Stitt Church
1963 Gen. Lauris Norstad, USAF (Ret.)
1964 James A. Perkins
1965 Francis Keppel
1966 W. Willard Wirtz
1967 Charles H. Percy
1968 Elvis Stahr
1969 Bergen Evans
1970 Raymond W. Mack
1971 Margaret Chase Smith (Remarks by Eva L. Jefferson, NU Student)
1972 Orion H. Stuteville (Dental Convocation)
Victoria Moriarty and James R. Neal (Education Convocation)
W. Clement Stone (Evening Divisions Convocation)
John A. Barr (Management Convocation)
John Cooper (Medical Convocation)
Ben Bagdikian (Journalism Convocation)
Newton N. Minow (Speech Convocation)
Gustave J. Rath (Technological Institute Convocation)
1973 Merlin K. DuVal (Medical Convocation)
1974 Fred W. Friendly (Journalism Convocation)
Robert S. Stone (Medical Convocation)
Walter Kerr (Speech Convocation)
1975 Newton N. Minow (Arts and Sciences Convocation)
Lloyd N. Morrisett (Journalism Convocation)
Michael Bakalis (Evening Divisions Convocation)
William Lowe (Management Convocation)
Harold B. Gotaas (Technological Institute Convocation)
Lindley J. Stiles (Education Convocation)
Ashley Montagu (Medical Convocation)
1976 Buckminster Fuller (Arts and Sciences Convocation)
Richard Wiley (Speech Convocation)
William Jones (Journalism Convocation)
William O. Baker (Technological Institute Convocation)
Gustave Reese (Music Convocation)
William P. Longmire, Jr. (Medical Convocation)

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- 1977 George Wald (Arts and Sciences Convocation)
Lee Ellis (Evening Divisions Convocation)
Christian J. Lambertsen (Medical Convocation)
John J. Nimrod (Technological Institute Convocation)
John Gartley (Speech Convocation)
Richard B. Stolley (Journalism Convocation)
Stephen J. Miller (Dentistry Convocation)
Jessie Bernard (Education Convocation)
Ned Rorem (Music Convocation)
- 1978 CAPT Grace M. Hopper, USN (Technological Institute Convocation)
Charlton Heston (Speech Convocation)
Karl D. Bays (Management Convocation)
R. Eugene Pincham (Law Convocation)
Newton Minow (Journalism Convocation)
B.J. Chandler (Education Convocation)
Danny Newman (Music Convocation)
Edithe Levit (Medical Convocation)
Donald E. Casey (Dental Convocation)
Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. (Arts and Sciences Convocation)
- 1979 Michael J. Davies (Medill Convocation)
Shirley Chisholm (Arts and Sciences Convocation)
Patricia Neal (Speech Convocation)
Alex Mair (Technological Institute Convocation)
Walter J. McNerney (Medical Convocation)
Raymond W. Mack (Music Convocation)
Kenneth Follmer (Dental Convocation)
Daniel T. Carroll (Management Convocation)
Irving Younger (Law Convocation)
John E. Toerge (Medical: Programs in Physical Therapy)
- 1980 Abner J. Mikva (Arts and Sciences Convocation)
Naomi Bluestone (Medical Convocation)
David Zarefsky (Speech Convocation)
Stanton Cook (Technological Institute Convocation)
James Hoge (Journalism Convocation)
Lawrence N. Liebauer (Continuing Education Convocation)
B.J. Chandler (Dental Convocation)
B. Claude Mathis (Education Convocation)
Nicolas Slonimsky (Music Convocation)
Thomas A. Murphy (Management Convocation)
John E. Toerge (Medical: Programs in Physical Therapy)
Barry A. Shapiro (Medical: Programs in Respiratory Therapy)

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- 1981 Philip Handler (Arts and Sciences Convocation)
Solomon H. Snyder (Medical Convocation)
Richard Gephardt (Speech Convocation)
Warren J. Hayford (Technological Institute Convocation)
George Gallup (Journalism Convocation)
Arthur J. Massolo (Continuing Education Convocation)
Michael Bakalis (Education Convocation)
John Houlihan (Dental Convocation)
Fred Hartley (Management Convocation)
Phyllis Curtain (Music Convocation)
- 1982 Sarah Weddington (Arts and Sciences Convocation)
John Powers (Speech Convocation)
Ludwig Eichna (Medical Convocation)
John A. Kennedy (Technological Institute Convocation)
Martin J. Alier (Dental Convocation)
Bob Wallace (Continuing Education Convocation)
Dan Lewis (Education Convocation)
Georgie Anne Geyer (Journalism Convocation)
Samuel Hope (Music Convocation)
James L. Dutt (Management Convocation)
- 1983 Richard C. Atkinson (Arts and Sciences Convocation)
Studs Terkel (Medical Convocation)
George H. Bodeen (Technological Institute Convocation)
Frank J. Galati (Speech Convocation)
Robert S. Miller (Continuing Education Convocation)
Robert H. Griffiths (Dental Convocation)
Bernice Neugarten (Education Convocation)
James R. McManus (Management Convocation)
Ardis Krainik (Music Convocation)
Nan Robertson (Journalism Convocation)
James R. Thompson (Law Convocation)
- 1984 Jack E. Brown (Speech Convocation)
John A.D. Cooper (Medical Convocation)
Robert C. McFarlane (Arts and Sciences Convocation)
Wallace B. Behnke (Technological Institute Convocation)
Burton H. Press (Dental Convocation)
Thomas D. Cook (Education Convocation)
Linda J. Gartley (University College Convocation)
Benjamin H. Baldwin (Journalism Convocation)
Willard Lee Boyd (Music Convocation)
James J. O'Connor (Management Convocation)
Fred Graham (Law Convocation)
- 1985 James P. Gorter (Management Convocation)
Richard W. Haney (Journalism)
Leon Forrest (University College Convocation)

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- Dale Bumpers (Law Convocation)
- 1986 George P. Shultz (made remarks after receiving honorary degree at Commencement)
Sen. Paul Simon (Arts and Sciences Convocation)
Bruno A. Boley (Technological Institute Convocation)
Dwight L. Conquergood (Speech Convocation)
John L. Bomba (Dental Convocation)
Henry Fogel (Music Convocation)
Rance Crain (Journalism Commencement)
Roger B. Smith (Management Convocation)
Newton N. Minow (Law Convocation)
Louis Lapham (Medical School)
William Settles, Jr. (Education Convocation)
Jack C. Thompson (University College Commencement)
- 1987 Steve Bell (Journalism Convocation)
William DeVries (Medical Convocation)
Abraham Kobren (Dental Convocation)
James F. Gibbons (Technological Institute Convocation)
James E. Avery (Arts and Sciences Convocation)
Erwin Chemerinsky (Speech Convocation)
John R. Snarey (Education Convocation)
Raymond W. Mack (University College Convocation)
Newton N. Minow (Management Convocation)
- 1988 Arthur Levitt, Jr. (Arts and Sciences Convocation)
Sue Shellenbarger (Journalism Convocation)
James A. Rahl (Law Convocation)
David Zarefsky (Speech Convocation)
Constance Cook (University College Convocation)
Robert Kustra (Education Convocation)
Donald N. Frey (Technological Institute Convocation)
Milton B. Babbitt (Music Convocation)
William D. Smithburg (Management Convocation)
James Sadoris (Dental Convocation)
Loret Miller Ruppe (Medical Convocation)
Murray H. Finley (speaker at general commencement ceremony)
- 1989 Anne Firor Scott
- 1990 Frank Galati
- 1991 Ingvar Carlsson
- 1992 Richard A. Gephardt
- 1993 Georgie Anne Geyer
- 1994 Charles R. Johnson
- 1995 Henry S. Bienen
- 1996 Robert Redford
- 1997 William H. Cosby
- 1998 Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- 1999 Walter E. Massey

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- 2000 Robert Pinsky
- 2001 Scott Turow
- 2002 Kofi A. Annan
- 2003 Wendy J. Chamberlin
- 2004 Thomas J. Brokaw
- 2005 John S. McCain III
- 2006 Barack Obama (speaker at general commencement ceremony)
Henry Binford (WCAS Convocation)
Shinae Chun (SESP Convocation)
Peter Traber (Feinberg Convocation)
Alex Ross (Music Convocation)
Susan Goldberg (Medill Convocation)
- 2007 Julia Louis-Dreyfus (speaker at general commencement ceremony)
Edie Bostic (SESP Convocation)
Ara Guzelimian (Music Convocation)
Cathleen Black (Medill Convocation)
Richard L. Rapport (Feinberg Convocation)
Renetta McCann (Communication Convocation)
- 2008 Richard M. Daley (speaker at general commencement ceremony)
Donald E. Wesson (Feinberg Convocation)
Susan H. Fuhrman (SESP Convocation)
Anna D. Shapiro (Communication Convocation)
John Adams (Music Convocation)
Bill Emmott (Medill Convocation)
- 2009 Wynton Marsalis (speaker at general commencement ceremony)
Richard C. Tallman (Law Convocation)
Katharine Weymouth (Medill Convocation)
David Downs (Communication Convocation)
Wynton Marsalis (Music Convocation)
Jeanne Brooks-Gunn (SESP Convocation)
James R. Webster, Jr. (Feinberg Convocation)
- 2010 Michael R. Wilbon (speaker at general commencement ceremony)
Pat Quinn (School of Law Convocation)
Matthew Winkler (Medill School of Journalism Convocation)
David D. Federman (Feinberg School of Medicine Convocation)
Laverne McKinnon (School of Communication Convocation)
Deborah F. Rutter (Bienen School of Music Convocation)
Claude M. Steele (School of Education and Social Policy Convocation)
- 2011 Stephen Colbert (speaker at general commencement ceremony)
Gloria Ladson-Billings (School of Education and Social Policy Convocation)
Evan Smith (Medill School of Journalism Convocation)
Joseph Staten (School of Communication Convocation)
Sherwin Nuland (Feinberg School of Medicine Convocation)
John Paul Stevens (School of Law Convocation)
Jessye Norman (School of Music Convocation)

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- 2012 Paul Farmer (speaker at general commencement ceremony)
Fay Hartog Levin (WCAS Convocation)
Roslyn Brock (KSM Full and Part-time MBA and PhD Convocation)
Joseph M. DePinto (KSM EMBA Convocation)
Michael J. Gottlieb (School of Communication)
Diana Mendley Rauner (School of Education and Social Policy)
Michael Wilbon (Medill School of Journalism Convocation)
Paul M. Rand (Medill Part-Time Integrated Marketing Communications Convocation)
Samuel Their, M.D. (Feinberg School of Medicine Convocation)
Jerry Reinsdorf (School of Law Convocation)
Lorin Maazel (Bienen School of Music)
Peter Barris (McCormick School of Engineering Convocation)
Fred Koller (McCormick School of Engineering Professional Master's Degree Recognition Ceremony)
Samuel I. Stupp (McCormick School of Engineering Master's Degree Recognition and PhD Hooding Ceremony)
Rami Khouri (NU-Qatar Graduation)
- 2013 Mikhail Baryshnikov (speaker at general commencement ceremony)
Larry Irving (alumnus) (WCAS Convocation)
Dwight McBride (Dean) (The Graduate School PhD and MFA Hooding Ceremony)
Ellen Kullman (alumna) (KSM)
Lydia Diamond (alumna) (School of Communication)
Kelly O'Keefe-Boettcher (School of Education and Social Policy)
Paul Tash (Medill School of Journalism and Integrated Marketing Communications Convocation)
Elizabeth G. Nabel, MD (Feinberg School of Medicine Convocation)
Mark R. Walter (JD '85) (School of Law Convocation)
Claire Chase (Bienen School of Music)
Matt Levatich (alumnus) (McCormick School of Engineering Convocation)
Richard H. Tilghman (alumnus) (McCormick School of Engineering Master's Degree Ceremony)
Joseph Schofer (alumnus/faculty) (McCormick School of Engineering PhD Hooding Ceremony)
Ryan Bank (alumnus) (School of Continuing Studies: Undergraduate Convocation)
Timothy Dohrer (alumnus) (School of Continuing Studies: Graduate Convocation)
- 2014 Riccardo Muti (speaker at general commencement ceremony)
Daniel Pink (alumnus) (WCAS Convocation)
Dwight McBride (Dean) (The Graduate School PhD and MFA Hooding Ceremony)
Robert Eckert (alumnus) (KSM)
Emily Gerson Saines (alumna) (School of Communication [Communication Studies & Communication Sciences Convocations])
Gary Kosman (alumnus) (School of Education and Social Policy)
Christine Brennan (alumna) (Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications Undergraduate and Graduate Convocations)

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2014, continued

- Robert Alpern, MD (alumnus) (Feinberg School of Medicine Convocation [May 22, 2014])
- Carter G. Phillips (alumnus) (School of Law Convocation [May 16, 2014])
- Jonathan Biss (Bienen School of Music)
- Alicia Boler-Davis (alumnus) (alumna) (McCormick School of Engineering Undergraduate Convocation)
- J. Edward Colgate (faculty) (The Graduate School Master's Degree Ceremony)
- Iqbal Arshad (alumnus) (McCormick School of Engineering Professional Master's Degrees)
- Milan Mrksich (faculty) (McCormick School of Engineering PhD Hooding Ceremony)
- Rodrigo Sierra (alumnus) (School of Continuing Studies, BPhil, BPhilCom, BSGS, MALS, MCW, MFA, LIT, MSRC, CRRA, QARS & MSA degrees)
- Louis Kishkunas (alumnus) (School of Continuing Studies MSIS, MMI, MSPA & MPPA degrees)
- Jehane Noujaim (Qatar [May 4, 2014])

- 2015
- Virginia Rometty (general Commencement ceremony)
 - Sheri Phillips Prentiss (WCAS Convocation)
 - Dwight McBride (The Graduate School PhD and MFA Hooding Ceremony)
 - Miles White (KSM)
 - Margaret Nagle (School of Communication Convocations)
 - Margaret Beale Spencer (School of Education and Social Policy)
 - LZ Granderson (Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications Undergraduate and Graduate Convocations)
 - Barry Collier (Feinberg School of Medicine Convocation [May 18, 2015])
 - Tina Tchen (School of Law Convocation [May 15, 2015])
 - Denyce Graves-Montgomery (Bienen School of Music)
 - John "Mac" McQuown (McCormick School of Engineering Undergraduate Convocation)
 - William Woodburn (The Graduate School Master's Degree Ceremony)
 - Shahid Ahmed (McCormick School of Engineering Professional Master's Degrees)
 - L. Catherine Brinson (McCormick School of Engineering PhD Hooding Ceremony)
 - Thomas Gibbons (School of Professional Studies, all programs)
 - Shiza Shahid (Qatar [May 3, 2015])

- 2016
- Seth Meyers (General Commencement Ceremony)
 - Paula B. Pretlow (WCAS Convocation)
 - Makola M. Abdullah (The Graduate School PhD and MFA Hooding)
 - Bill McDermott (Kellogg School of Management)
 - Adam Tucker (School of Communication)
 - Arnoldo Rivera (School of Education and Social Policy, undergraduate)
 - Nichole Pinkard (School of Education and Social Policy, graduate)
 - Nancy Utley (Medill School of Journalism, undergraduate)
 - David Callaway (Medill Journalism /Integrated Marketing Communications, graduate)
 - Paul Rothman (Feinberg School of Medicine, May 22, 2016)

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2016, continued

Howard A. Tullman (Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, May 13, 2016)

Tom Machover (Bienen School of Music)

Chelsea Stoner (McCormick School of Engineering & Applied Science, undergraduate)

Deepak Ahuja (McCormick School of Engineering & Applied Science, Master's degree)

Mark Hersam (McCormick School of Engineering & Applied Science, PhD hooding)

Hugh Ekberg (McCormick School of Engineering & Applied Science, Professional Master's degree)

Lisa Caputo (School of Professional Studies)

Lyse Doucet (Northwestern in Qatar, May 1, 2016)