

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS, 1892-2018

- 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)
Dale Bumpers (Law Convocation)

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS, 1892-2018

- 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 [revoked]
1998 Ruth Bader Ginsburg
1999 Walter E. Massey
2000 Robert Pinsky

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- 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)
Rikki Klieman (School of Communication 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)

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- 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)
- 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**
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| Mikhail Baryshnikov | (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) |

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2014

Riccardo Muti	(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)
Robert Alpern (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 (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, MALIS, 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 Coller	(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])

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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)
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)

2017

Billie Jean King	(General Commencement Ceremony)
Matthew Forti	(WCAS Convocation)
Dwight A. McBride	(The Graduate School PhD and MFA Hooding)
Edith Cooper	(Kellogg School of Management)
Scott Santi	(Kellogg School of Management, EMBA)
E. Patrick Johnson	(School of Communication)
Deborah Bial	(School of Education and Social Policy, undergraduate)
Jane DiRenzo Pigott	(School of Education and Social Policy, graduate)
Kelly McEvers	(Medill School of Journalism, undergraduate)
Paul Cuadros	(Medill Journalism /Integrated Marketing Communications, graduate)
Nancy Andrews	(Feinberg School of Medicine, May 22, 2017)
Justice Richard Bernstein	(Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, May 12, 2017)
Jake Heggie	(Bienen School of Music)
Joe Zadeh	(McCormick School of Engineering & Applied Science, undergraduate)
Mike Walsh	(McCormick School of Engineering & Applied Science, Master's degree)
Charlie Kuehmann	(McCormick School of Engineering & Applied Science, PhD hooding)
Bob Gariano	(McCormick School of Engineering & Applied Science, Professional Master's)
Steve Pemberton	(School of Professional Studies)
Derek Thompson	(Northwestern in Qatar, April 30, 2017)

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2018

Renee Fleming	General Commencement Ceremony
Cody Keenan 2002	WCAS Convocation
No Speaker	The Graduate School PhD and MFA Hooding
Charlie Baker 1986	Kellogg School of Management
Thomas Hoegh 1992	School of Communication
Janice Jackson and Subra Suresh	School of Education and Social Policy, undergraduate and graduate
Sheinelle Jones 2000	Medill School of Journalism, undergraduate
Rachel Nichols 1995	Medill Journalism /Integrated Marketing Communications, graduate
David Skorton 1974	Feinberg School of Medicine, May 22, 2018
Sharon Y. Bowen 1982	Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, May 11, 2018
Jane Chu	Bienen School of Music
Daryl Morey 1996	McCormick School of Engineering & Applied Science, undergraduate
Ted Karwoski 1981	McCormick School of Engineering & Applied Science, Master's degree
Priscilla Lu 1980	McCormick School of Engineering & Applied Science, PhD hooding
Ed Chen 1993, 1998	McCormick School of Engineering & Applied Science, Professional Master's degree
Jon Suarez-Davis 1997	School of Professional Studies
Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy	Northwestern in Qatar, May 8, 2018