



Commencement Speaker History

1877	Hon. John W. Hoyt
1878	Rev. C. F. Allen
1894	Hon. Edwin Willits
1895	Hon. Fred Gowing
1896	Rev. A. E. Winship
1897	Prof. E. H. Higley
1898	Pres. E. Benjamin Andrews, Brown University
1899	Pres. G. Stanley Hall, Clark University
1900	Rev. Edward Everett Hale
1901	Rev. George W. Moore
1902	Thomas Wentworth Higginson
1903	Hon. J. H. Gallinger
1904	Prof. Thomas N. Carver Ph.D.
1905	Pres. W. O. Thompson, Ohio State University
1906	Andrew Sloan Draper, New York Commissioner of Education
1907	Walter H. Page, Editor, <i>World's Work</i>
1908	Norman Hapgood, Editor, <i>Collier's Weekly</i>
1909	Hon. Allen T. Treadway, President of Massachusetts Senate
1910	Pres. Richard C. MacLaurin, Massachusetts Institute Technology
1911	Rev. Alan A. Stockdale, Pastor Union Congregational Church, Boston, MA
1912	Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary USN
1913	Bliss Perry, Prof. of English Literature, Harvard University
1914	Rev. George A. Gordon, Pastor, New Old South Congregational Church, Boston, MA
1915	Rabbi Stephen S. Wise Ph.D., Free Synagogue, New York, NY
1916	Dr. Charles R. Brown, Dean of the Yale School of Religion, New Haven, CT
1917	Dr. Albert Bushnell Hart, Prof. of Government, Harvard University
1918	Rev. Albert Parker Fitch, Prof. of History of Religion and Biblical Literature, Amherst College
1919	Rev. Samuel McChord Crothers
1920	Raymond Robins
1921	Rev. A. Z. Conrad Ph.D., Pastor, Park Street Church, Boston, MA
1922	Prof. Frederick Jackson Turner Ph.D., Prof. of History, Harvard University
1923	Prof. Franklin Henry Giddings Ph.D., Prof. of Sociology and History of Civilization, Columbia University
1924	Prof. Irving Fisher Ph.D., Prof. of Political Economy, Yale University
1925	Rabbi Harry Levi, Temple Israel, Boston, MA



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1926	William F. Anderson, Bishop, Methodist Episcopal Church, Boston, MA
1927	Charles Reynolds Brown, Dean, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT
1928	Dallas Lore Sharp, Author, <i>The Hills of Hingham</i>
1929	Charles Stelzle, Industrial Counselor, New York, NY
1930	Rev. Garfield Morgan, Pastor, Central Congregational Church, Lynn, MA
1931	Pres. William Oxley Thompson, President Emeritus, Ohio State University
1932	Rev. S. Parker Cadman, Pastor, Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn, NY
1933	Pres. Hamilton Holt, Rollins College
1934	Merle Thorpe, Editor, <i>Nation's Business</i>
1935	Hon. Robert Lincoln O'Brien, Chairman, United States Tariff Commission
1936	Pres. Kenneth C. M. Sills, Bowdoin College
1937	Pres. Fred Engelhardt Ph.D., President of the University
1938	Pres. George F. Zook Ph.D., American Council on Education
1939	Pres. Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, Rockefeller Center
1940	Prof. Lillian Moller Gilbreth Ph.D., Prof., Purdue University; Pres., Gilbreth, Inc.
1941	Pres. Fred Engelhardt Ph.D., President of the University
1942	Pres. Ralph E. Flanders, New England Council
1943	Pres. John Schoff Mills Ph.D., University of Vermont
1944	Pres. Carl Raymond Woodward Ph.D., Rhode Island State College
1945 (w)	Pres. Harold W. Stoke Ph.D., President of the University
1945 (s)	Pres. Albert N. Jorgenson Ph.D., University of Connecticut
1946	Dr. George Dinsmore Stoddard, New York Commissioner of Education
1947	Dr. John Sloan Dickey, President of Dartmouth College
1948	Pres. Arthur Stanton Adams, President of the University
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1951	Harold Walter Stoke
1952	Pres. Robert F. Chandler
1953	Pres. Arthur Stanton Adams, American Council on Education
1954	Gov. Hugh Gregg, Governor of the State of New Hampshire
1955	Arthur S. Flemming, Director, Office of Defense Mobilization
1956	Edward Weeks, Editor, <i>The Atlantic Monthly</i>
1957	Sen. John Sherman Cooper, United States Senator of Kentucky
1958	Dr. Mark Van Doren, Prof. of English, Columbia University
1959	Dr. John A. Hannah, President, Michigan State University
1960	Sinclair Weeks, former U.S. Secretary of Commerce
1961	Dr. Alan Simpson, Dean of the College, University of Chicago



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1962	Mildred McAfee Horton
1963	Pres. John W. McConnell, President of the University
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1965	Pres. G. Keith Funston, New York Stock Exchange
1966	Dr. James B. Conant, President Emeritus, Harvard University
1967	Pres. John W. McConnell, President of the University
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1969	Pres. Roger P. Sonnabend, Hotel Corporation of America
1970 (w)	Dr. Arthur S. Adams, Consultant, New England Center
1970 (s)	Edmund S. Muskie, United States Senator of Maine
1971 (w)	Royden C. Sanders Jr., Sanders Associates
1971 (s)	John G. Stoessinger, Acting Director, Political Affairs Division, United Nations
1972 (w)	Pres. John G. Kemeny, Dartmouth College
1972 (s)	Marcel Cadieux, Canadian Ambassador to the United States
1973 (w)	Mrs. Douglas Horton, Chairman of the USNH Board of Trustees
1973 (s)	Pres. Robert Woodward, University of Massachusetts
1974 (s)	Fred W. Hall Jr., Attorney and Former Chairman, USNH Board of Trustees
1974 (w)	Bradford E. Cook '70, Attorney
1975 (s)	Prof. Milton Friedman, Prof. of Economics, University of Chicago
1975 (w)	Bruce R. Poulton, Chancellor, University System of New Hampshire
1976 (s)	Pres. Peter Magrath '55, President, University of Minnesota
1976 (w)	Prof. Edward C. Banfield, Prof. of Government, Harvard University
1977 (s)	Pres. Joseph E. Slater, Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies
1977 (w)	Pres. Jill Conway, Smith College
1978 (s)	Pres. Thomas P. Mullaney '54, Dart Industries, Inc.
1978 (w)	Pres. David C. Knapp, University of Massachusetts
1979 (s)	Pres. Robert J. Glasser M.D., The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation
1979 (w)	Pres. Jere A. Chase '36, Interim Pres. and Member, USNH Board of Trustees
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1980 (w)	Pres. Timothy S. Healy, Georgetown University
1981 (s)	Warren B. Rudman, United States Senator of New Hampshire
1981 (w)	Pres. Thomas H. Whyman, Pres. and C.E.O., C.B.S., Inc.
1982 (s)	Paul A. Volcker, Chairman, Federal Reserve Board
1982 (w)	William J. Bennett, Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities
1983 (s)	Elizabeth Hanford Dole, Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation
1983 (w)	Gov. John H. Sununu, Governor of the State of New Hampshire
1984 (s)	Helene Von Damm, U.S. Ambassador to Austria



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1984 (w)	Stephen E. Merrill, Attorney General-Elect, State of New Hampshire
1985 (s)	Arthur Schlesinger Jr., Albert Schweitzer Chair in the Humanities, City University of New York
1985 (w)	Pres. Ernest L. Boyer, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching
1986 (s)	Susan Stamberg, Journalist, National Public Radio
1986 (w)	Robert J. Dole, U.S. Senator from Kansas, Senator Majority Leader
1987 (s)	Vice Pres. George Bush, Vice President of the United States
1987 (w)	Ellen Goodman, Columnist, <i>The Boston Globe</i>
1988 (s)	Marcy Peterson Carsey '66, Carsey-Werner Television
1988 (w)	Pres. Eugene Summer Mills, Whittier College
1989 (s)	Alex Haley, Author, <i>Roots: the Saga of an American Family</i>
1989 (w)	Admiral William J. Crowe Jr., United States Navy (retired), Former Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
1990 (s)	Natalie Jacobson '65, Co-anchor, News Center 5
1990 (w)	Kenneth L. Burns, Documentary Filmmaker
1991 (s)	Lamar Alexander, U.S. Secretary of Education
1991 (w)	Henry Louis Gates Jr., Director, W. E. B. DuBois Institute for African-American Research
1992 (s)	Gov. Madeline May Kunin, Radcliffe Distinguished Public Policy Visitor
1992 (w)	Donald Andrew Hall, Distinguished Writer, Poet
1993	David G. McCullough, Distinguished Historian, Author
1994	John Lewis, United State Congressman of Georgia
1995	Pres. Arthur E. Levine, Teacher's College, Columbia University
1996	Pres. Marian Wright Edelman, Founder and Pres., Children's Defense Fund
1997	Prof. Robert B. Reich, University Prof. and Maurice B. Hexter Prof. of Social and Economic Policy at Brandeis University and its Heller Graduate School, former U.S. Secretary of Labor
1998	George J. Mitchell, Former U.S. Senator of Maine
1999	Vice Pres. Albert Gore, Vice President of the United States
2000	David R. Gergen, Editor-at-large, <i>U.S. News and World Report</i> , former White House Presidential Advisor
2001	Gwenn Ifill, Moderator and Managing Editor, <i>Washington Week in Review</i>
2002	Richard Linnehan '80, NASA Astronaut
2003	Meryl Streep, Actress
2004	Mae Jemison, First African-American Female Astronaut
2005	Tom Werner, Red Sox Owner, Emmy-Winning Producer
2006	Mike O'Malley '88, TV Actor
2007	Pres. George H. W. Bush, Former U.S. President
2007	Pres. William Jefferson Clinton, Former U.S. President
2008	Michael Brown, Co-Founder, City Year



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2009	Gary Hirschberg, CE-YO, Stonyfield Farm
2010	Bert Jacobs, Co-founder and Chief Executive Optimist, Life is good Company
2011	David Cote '76, CEO at Honeywel;
2012	Ronald K. Noble '79, INTERPOL Secretary General
2013	Mary A. Legere '82, retired Lieutenant General and former Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence of the United States Army
2014	Jennifer Lee '92, film director, screenwriter and CEO of Walt Disney Animation Studios
2015	Ryan M. Pitts '13, United States Army soldier, ninth living recipient of the Medal of Honor
2016	Richard Haass, President of Council on Foreign Relations
2017	General Lori Robinson '81, Commander, United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command
2018	Shawn Gorman '89, Chairman LL Bean
2019	David Brooks, Journalist

***During the years where two ceremonies were held, they are marked (w) for winter commencement and (s) for spring commencement*