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  Prof. 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, *World’s Work*
1908  Norman Hapgood, Editor, *Collier’s Weekly*
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
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, The Hills of Hingham
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, Nation's Business
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, The Atlantic Monthly
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
1962  Mildred McAffee Horton
1963  Pres. John W. McConnell, President of the University
1964  Pres. John W. McConnell, President of the University
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
1968  Pres. John W. McConnell, President of the University
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
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
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, The Boston Globe
1988 (s) Marcy Peterson Carsey '66, Carsey-Werner Television
1988 (w)  Pres. Eugene Summer Mills, Whittier College
1989 (s)  Alex Haley, Author, *Roots: the Saga of an American Family*
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
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
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
2001  Gwen Ifill, Moderator and Managing Editor, *Washington Week in Review*
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
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
2020  No ceremony due to Covid-19
2021  Wolf Blitzer, Journalist
2022  Martin Kimani, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary - Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations

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