



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. MaLaurin, 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 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

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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

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

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, *U.S. News and World Report*, former White House Presidential Advisor

2001 Gwenn 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*