

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS, 1892-2009

- 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)
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)

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- 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
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)
 - Peter Traber (Feinberg Convocation)
 - Alex Ross (Music Convocation)
 - Susan Goldberg (Medill Convocation)
- 2007 Julia Louis-Dreyfus (speaker at general commencement ceremony)
 - Eddie 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)