

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
COMMENCEMENT/CONVOCATION SPEAKERS**

1907	Theodore Roosevelt, U.S. president
1914	Thomas Mott Osborn
1915	David Starr Jordan, Chancellor, Leland Stanford Junior University
1916	William Oxley Thompson, president, Ohio State University
1917	Samuel M. Crothers
1918	Liberty H. Bailey
1919	Robert M. Wenley, University of Michigan
1920	Harry Luman Russell, dean, University of Wisconsin
1921	Woodridge N. Ferris
1922	David Friday, MSU president
1923	John W. Laird
1924	Dexter Simpson Kimball, dean, Cornell University
1925	Frank O. Lowden
1926	Francis J. McConnell
1931	Charles R. McKenny, president, Michigan State Normal College
1933	W.D. Henderson, director of university extension, University of Michigan
1934	Ernest O. Melby, professor of education, Northwestern University
1935	Edwin Mims, professor of English, Vanderbilt University
1936	Gordon Laing, professor, University of Chicago
1937	William G. Cameron, Ford Motor Co.
1938	Frank Murphy, governor of Michigan
1939	Howard C. Elliott, president, Purdue University
1940	Allen A. Stockdale, Speakers' Bureau, National Assoc. of Manufacturers
1941	Raymond A. Kent, president, University of Louisville
1942	John J. Tiver, president, University of Florida
1943	C.A. Dykstra, president, University of Wisconsin
1944	Howard L. Bevis, president, Ohio State University
1945	Franklin B. Snyder, president, Northwestern University
1946	Edmund E. Day, president, Cornell University
1947	James L. Morrill, president, University of Minnesota
1948	Charles F. Kettering
1949	David Lilienthal, chairperson, U.S. Atomic Commission
1950	Alben W. Barkley, U.S. vice president

(For subsequent years: S-spring; F-fall; W-winter)

1951-S	Nelson A. Rockefeller, chairperson, International Advisory Board
1951-F	W.W. Whitehouse, president, Albion College
1952-W	C.L. Anspach, president, Central Michigan College
1952-S	Paul G. Hoffman, director, Ford Foundation
1952-F	John S. Evert, president, Kalamazoo College
1953-W	Paul V. Sangren, president, Western Michigan College
1953-S	Frederick L. Hovde, president, Purdue University

1953-F Eugene Elliott, president, Eastern Michigan College
1954-W John S. Harker, president, Alma College
1954-S Arthur S. Adams, president, American Council on Education
1954-F Harry Newburn, president, Education, Television and Radio Center
1955-W James W. Miller, controller, state of Michigan
1955-S Admiral Arthur W. Radford, chairperson, Joint Chiefs of Staff
1955-F Jon A. Dawson, president, Adrian College
1956-W Welmer K. Hicks, president, Kalamazoo College
1956-S Virgil M. Hancher, president, State University of Iowa
1956-F Charles E. Odegaard, dean, University of Michigan
1957-W L. Dale Faunce, vice president, Western Michigan College
1957-S Richard M. Nixon, U.S. vice president
1957-F The Rev. Robert D. Swanson, president, Alma College
1958-W John Van Pelt, president, Michigan College of Mining and Technology
1958-S Adlai E. Stevenson
1958-F Edgar Harden, Northern State College
1959-W Gus Turbeville, president, Northland College
1959-S John G. Diefenbaker, prime minister of Canada
1959-F Irwin J. Lubbers, president, Hope College
1960-W Victor F. Spathelf, president, Ferris Institute
1960-S Harry S. Truman, former U.S. president
1960-F A.L. Knoblauch, president, Western Illinois University
1961-W Louis W. Norris, president, Albion College
1961-S Douglas MacArthur, U.S. Army general
1961-F George Romney, president, American Motors Corp.
1962-W Stephen S. Nisbet, president, Constitutional Convention
1962-S Michael J. Mansfield, U.S. senator, Montana
1962-F Samuel Miller Brownell, superintendent of public schools, Detroit
1963-W The Very Rev. Laurence V. Britt, president, University of Detroit
1963-S Frederick Russell Kappel, chairperson of the board, AT&T
1963-F Durward B. Varner, chancellor, Oakland University
1964-W Walter P. Reuther, president, UAW, and vice president, AFL-CIO
1964-S John W. Gardner, president, Carnegie Corp.
1964-F Philip A. Hart, U.S. Senator, Michigan
1965-W Gerald R. Ford, U.S. representative, Michigan
1965-S Earl Warren, U.S. chief justice
1965-F John C. Mackie, U.S. representative, Michigan
1966-W Martha W. Griffiths, U.S. representative, Michigan
1966-S Hubert H. Humphrey, U.S. vice president
1966-F Stephen J. Wright, president, United Negro College Fund
1967-W O. Meredith, Wilson, president, University of Minnesota
1967-S John A. Hannah, MSU president
1967-F Robben W. Fleming, president-designate, University of Michigan
1968-W Logan Wilson, president, American Council of Education
1968-S Benjamin Eligah Mays, president emeritus, Morehouse College
1968-F The Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, president, Notre Dame University
1969-F Clifford M. Hardin, U.S. secretary of agriculture
1969-S Calvin Hastings Plimpton, president, Amherst College, Massachusetts
1969-F Kingman Brewster Jr., president, Yale University
1970-W William David McElroy, director, National Science Foundation
1970-S Esther Peterson, legislative representative, Amalgamated Clothing
Workers of America, AFL-CIO
1970-F Durward V. Varner, chancellor, University of Nebraska

1971-W Wade H. McCree Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals judge
 1971-S Alan Pifer, president, Carnegie Corp.
 1971-F John Kenneth Galbraith, Warburg professor of economics, Harvard University

 1972-W Vernon E. Jordan Jr., executive director, National Urban League
 1972-S Osborn Elliott, chairperson of the board, *Newsweek*
 1972-F Elliot Richardson, U.S. secretary of health, education and welfare
 1973-W Nancy Hanks, chairperson, National Endowment for the Arts
 1973-S Walter Cronkite, managing editor, CBS Evening News
 1973-F Barbara Ward, international economist
 1974-W Robben W. Fleming, president, University of Michigan
 1974-S Edward W. Brooke, U.S. senator, Massachusetts
 1974-F Van Cliburn, pianist
 1975-W James G. O'Hara, U.S. representative, Michigan
 1975-S Katharine Graham, publisher, *Washington Post*
 1975-F Clark Kerr, chairperson, Carnegie Council on Policy Studies in Higher Education

 1976-W Russel E. Train, administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
 1976-S George W. Ball, partner, Lehman Brothers Inc., and former U.S. under secretary of state

 1976-F Martha Griffiths, attorney and former U.S. representative, Michigan
 1977-W John A. Meyers, Publisher, *Sports Illustrated*
 1977-S Andrew J. Young, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations
 1977-F Clifton R. Wharton Jr., MSU president
 1978-W Thomas A. Bartlett, president, Assoc. of American Universities
 1978-S. Thomas S. Foley, U.S. representative, Washington
 1978-F Richard C. Atkinson, director, National Science Foundation
 1979-W Gene F. Jankowske, president, CBS Broadcast Group
 1979-S John A. Hannah, MSU president emeritus
 1979-F Walter Adams, MSU president emeritus and distinguished professor of economics

 1980-W Eric John Berglund, 1978 honors graduate, and Diane Ellen Adunczyk, 1979 honors graduate

 1980-S Edgar L. Harden, MSU president emeritus
 1980-F William D. Ford, U.S. representative, Michigan
 1981-W Peter S. Carlson, Hannah professor, MSU
 1981-S Francis James McDonald, president, General Motors
 1981-F Benjamin Streeter III, 1976 honors graduate and Ann Waldron, 1980 honors graduate

 1982-W David K. Scott, Hannah professor of nuclear science, MSU
 1982-S William G. Milliken, governor of Michigan
 1982-F Steven A. Polio, 1977 and 1980 honors graduate, and Susan Finkbiner Bartz, 1980 honors graduate

 1983-W Guy L. Bush, Hannah professor of evolutionary biology, MSU
 1983-S James J. Blanchard, governor of Michigan
 1983-F Craig A. Fedore, 1978 honors graduate, and Pamela K. Withrow, 1975 honors graduate

 1984-W Linda Wagner, professor of English, MSU
 1984-S Peter McPherson, Administrator, Agency for International Development
 1984-F Judith Brown-King, 1983 graduate, and Steven P. Spivey, 1977 graduate
 1985-W Daniel R. Ilgen, Hannah professor of management, MSU
 1985-S Richard H. Austin, secretary of state, Michigan
 1985-F Michael McConnell, 1976 honors graduate, and Mary Norton McConnell,

1977 honors graduate

1986-W Martin J. Bukovac, distinguished professor of horticulture, MSU

1986-S John DiBiaggio, MSU president

1986-F Valente Espinoza, 1985 graduate, and David Hales, 1984 graduate

1987-W Ruth Hamilton, distinguished professor of sociology, MSU

1987-S Joe H. Stroud, editor, *Detroit Free Press*

1987-F Harold T. Shapiro, president, University of Michigan

1988-W The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson

1988-S Robert L. Clodius, president, National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges

1988-F Clifton R. Wharton, chairperson and chief executive officer, Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and College Retirement Equities Fund

1989-W Darlene Clark Hine, Hannah professor of history, MSU

1989-S Lauro F. Cavazos, U.S. secretary of education

1989-F Stevland Morris (Stevie Wonder)

1990-W Abel B. Sykes Jr., president, Lansing Community College

1990-S Lee A. Iacocca, chairperson of the board and chief executive officer, Chrysler Corp.

1990-F Molly K. Brennan, 1982 graduate and Rhodes Scholar

1991-W Gordon Hirabayashi, professor emeritus, University of Alberta, Canada

1991-S John M. Engler, governor of Michigan

1991-F Walter Adams, MSU president emeritus and distinguished professor of economics

1992-W Harold (Red) Poling, chief executive officer and chairperson of the board, Ford Motor Co.

1992-S Walter E. Massey, director, National Science Foundation

1992-F Dick Beals, voice actor

1993-S Clifton R. Wharton Jr., U.S. deputy secretary of state

1993-F Mary Fisher, founder, Family Aids Network

1994-S Ernest Green, managing director, Lehman Brothers Inc., and member of the "Little Rock Nine"

1994-F Peter Seligmann, chairperson and chief executive officer, Conservation International

1995-S Bill Clinton, U.S. president

1995-F Frederik G.H. Meijer, executive committee chairperson, Meijer, Inc.

1996-F David C. Hollister, Mayor, Lansing, Michigan

1996-S Helen Thomas, Washington Bureau Chief, UPI

1997-S William Gray, president and chief executive officer, The College Fund/United Negro College Fund

1997-F John Smith, Chairman, CEO and President of GM Corporation and Branford Marsalis, jazz musician

1998-S Greg Kelsner, All-American sports analyst, and Vernon J. Ehlers, the first physicist in congress

1998-F Doris Kearns Goodwin, television commentator and author; Lawrence S. Eagleburger, former U.S. secretary of state

1999-S Elie Wiesel, Nobel laureate, human rights advocate and world-renowned Jewish scholar; Jean Chretien, Canadian prime minister

1999-F Stephen Jay Gould, evolutionary biologist; George F. Vande Woude, expert in molecular oncology and first director of the Van Andel Research Institute

2000-S James D. Wolfensohn, president of the World Bank Group, and Rita R. Colwell, director of the National Science Foundation

2000-F Raymond Kurzweil, founder, chairman and CEO of Kurzweil Technologies Inc., and Alejandro Junco de la Vega, publisher of Mexico's newspaper *El Norte*

- 2001-S Wendy Baldwin, deputy director of extramural research at the National Institutes of Health, Tom Izzo, MSU's men's basketball head coach, and Ron Mason, MSU's ice hockey head coach
- 2001-F Lee Bollinger, president of the University of Michigan; Clark Bunting, executive vice president and general manager of the Discovery Channel; and Robert Beachy, president and director of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center
- 2002-S Richard B. (Dick) Cheney, U.S. vice president; and Peter C. Doherty, Nobel Prize recipient, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital
- 2002-F Eli Broad, chairperson of AIG SunAmerica Inc.; Eleanor Josaitis, chief executive officer of Focus: Hope; and Mark Malloch Brown, administrator of the United Nations Development Programme
- 2003-S Jennifer Granholm, governor of the State of Michigan; and Jane Lubchenco, Valley Professor of Marine Biology and Distinguished Professor of zoology at Oregon State University
- 2003-F Bernie Kerik, former NYC police commissioner and former Iraq interim minister of interior; Sen. Debbie Stabenow, member of the U.S. Senate, and Lewis W. Coleman, president of the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
- 2004-S Condoleezza Rice, national security adviser; and Hernando de Soto, president of the Institute for Liberty and Democracy
- 2004-F U.S. Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan; Dan DeGrow, former state senator from Michigan; and Barbara Masekela, South African ambassador to the U.S.
- 2005-S Maya Angelou, poet and author; and Elias Zerhouni, director of the National Institutes of Health
- 2005-F Jared Diamond, Pulitzer Prize-winning author; Mary R. Dawson, paleontologist; and Jonathan Choi, Hong Kong philanthropist and entrepreneur
- 2006-S Berry Gordy, founder of Motown Records; and Paul Ehrlich, environmental scientist, pioneer researcher in global overpopulation
- 2006-F Deborah L. Wince-Smith, president of the Council on Competitiveness; Andrea Van de Kamp, former chairperson of Sotheby's art auction house on the West Coast; and Kay Koplovitz, founder of USA Network
- 2007-S Mathematics teacher Jaime Escalante, inspiration for "Stand and Deliver"; and Julie Gerberding, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2007-F Ian Wilmut, pioneer biologist; Peter Löscher, president and CEO of Siemens AG; and Winston Scott, former NASA astronaut
- 2008 -S Gro Harlem Brundtland, former director general of the World Health Organization and former prime minister of Norway; botanist Peter Raven, president of the Missouri Botanical Garden
- 2008 - F Steven Squyres, principal investigator of NASA's Mars Rover project; John McCoy, former chairman and CEO of Bank One; and Jack Epps Jr., award-winning filmmaker and chair of University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts' Writing Division
- 2009 - S Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a 1984 Nobel Peace Prize recipient and South African anti-apartheid activist; Dan Rather, host of "Dan Rather Reports" and former "CBS News" anchor and "60 Minutes" correspondent