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**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. Everto, 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  
1951-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

2009 – F Robert Tjian, president of Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Chevy Chase, Md.; Edward Minskoff, president of Edward J. Minskoff Equities Inc., a New York-based real estate acquisition and development company; Nancy G. Brinker, founder of Susan G. Komen for the Cure

2010 – S Joseph Kennedy II, president of Citizens Energy Corp.; Daniel Nocera, Henry Dreyfus Professor of Energy at Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2010 – F Elinor Ostrom, Arthur F. Bentley Professor of Political Science and senior research director of the Workshop in Political Theory and Political Analysis at Indiana University – Bloomington; Earvin "Magic" Johnson Jr., chief executive officer of Magic Johnson Enterprises; Jeff Immelt, ninth chairman of General Electric Co.

2011 – S Steve Wozniak, Apple Computer Inc. co-founder; Roger Ferguson, president and CEO of TIAA-CREF

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