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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 Finkbinder 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

2011 – F Emilio Moran, anthropology professor, Indiana University; Mitch Albom, best-selling author and radio and television broadcaster; Roy Roberts, emergency manager, Detroit Public Schools

2012 – S Mary Robinson, president, Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice; Subra Suresh, director, National Science Foundation

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