

**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

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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

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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

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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

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- 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

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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

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