

Honorary Degree and Citation Recipients – Chron Order

| Year | Last Name | First Name | Ceremony | Conferred Degree or Award | HU Degree |
|------|--------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2025 | Bowser | Muriel | Charter Day (Orator) | Presidential Medal of Achievement | |
| 2024 | Mason | Mark A. L. | Opening Convocation (Orator) | (See 2017) | BAA 1995 |
| 2024 | Barr | Epsy Campbell | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2024 | Duckett | Thasunda Brown | Commencement (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 2024 | Glover Jr. | Victor J. | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 2024 | Gray, Esq. | Fred D. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 2024 | Marriott Sr. | J. Willard | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2023 | Biden | Joseph Robinette | Commencement (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 2023 | Clyburn | James E. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2023 | Karsh | Bruce A. | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 2023 | Karsh | Martha L. | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 2023 | Robinson | Gregory L. | Charter Day (Orator) | D.Sc. | BSEE 1983 |
| 2023 | Rowley | Keith Christopher | Commencement | D.Litt. | |
| 2023 | Washington | A. Eugene | Commencement | D.Sc. | BA1972 |
| 2023 | Wiley | Benaree Pratt | Commencement | D.H.L. | BA 1968 |
| 2022 | Clark-Lewis | Elizabeth | Commencement | D.H.L. | BA 1971, MA 1973 |
| 2022 | Curry II | Wardell Stephen (Steph) | Special Event, June | Presidential Medal of Achievement | |
| 2022 | Henson | Taraji P. | Commencement (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 2022 | Lumpkins | Robert L | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2022 | Meeks | Gregory Weldon | Charter Day (Orator) | D.H.L. | JD 1978 |
| 2022 | Mobley | Stacey J. | Commencement | LL.D. | BSP 1968, JD 1971 |
| 2022 | Monteiro | D. Paul | Special Event, June | Presidential Medal of Achievement | |
| 2022 | Procopé | Jonelle | Commencement | D.H.L. | BA 1972 |
| 2021 | Bloomberg | Michael Rubens | College of Medicine Commencement (Orator) | D.H. | |
| 2021 | Stevenson | Bryan | Commencement (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 2020 | Morse | Laurence C. | Commencement (Orator) | Presidential Medal of Achievement | BA 1973 |
| 2020 | Hale | Leslie D. | Charter Day (Orator) | Presidential Medal of Achievement | |
| 2019 | Bisignano | Frank J. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2019 | Francis | Norman C. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2019 | King | Charles D. | Charter Day (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 2019 | Leggett | Isiah | Opening Convocation (Orator) | Presidential Medal of Achievement | |

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| 2019 | Reed | M. Kasim | Commencement (Orator) | Presidential Medal of Achievement | BA 1991, JD 1995 |
| 2019 | Sinkford | Jeanne Craig | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 2019 | Winston | Michael R. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2018 | Boseman | Chadwick Aaron | Commencement (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 2018 | Giddings | Paula J. | Charter Day (Orator) | D.Litt. | BA 1968 |
| 2018 | King | Colbert I. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2018 | King | Gwendolyn Stewart | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2018 | Pinn | Vivian Winona | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 2017 | Bunyan | Maureen | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2017 | Comey | James | Opening Convocation (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 2017 | Harris | Kamala D. | Commencement (Orator) | D.H.L. | BA 1986 |
| 2017 | Mason | Mark A. L. | Charter Day (Orator) | Presidential Medal of Achievement | BAA 1995 |
| 2017 | Murray | Pauli | Commencement | LL.D. (Posthumous) | |
| 2017 | Traylor | Eleanor W. | Commencement | D.Litt. | |
| 2016 | Britt | L.D. | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 2016 | Coates | Ta-Nehisi | Charter Day (Orator) | Presidential Medal of Achievement | |
| 2016 | Dawson | Horace G. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 2016 | Obama | Barack Hussein | Commencement (Orator) | D.Sc. | |
| 2016 | Tyson | Cicely | Commencement | D.Litt. | |
| 2015 | Brown | C. Sylvia | Commencement | D.H. | BS 1962 |
| 2015 | Brown | Eddie C. | Commencement | D.H.L. | BSEE 1961 |
| 2015 | Burns | Ursula M. | Commencement (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 2015 | Freeman | Morgan | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 2015 | Lewis | John | Charter Day (Orator) | Presidential Medal of Achievement | |
| 2015 | Lewis | John | Opening Convocation (Orator) | | |
| 2015 | Tatum | Beverly Daniel | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2014 | Blitzer | Wolf | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2014 | Callender | Clive O. | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 2014 | Combs | Sean | Commencement (Orator) | D.H. | |
| 2014 | Dimon | Jamie | Charter Day (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 2014 | Golson | Benny | Commencement | D.Mus. | |
| 2014 | Nooyi | Indra K. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2013 | Baker III | Rushern L. | Opening Convocation (Orator) | LL.D. | BA 1982, JD 1986 |
| 2013 | Clinton | William Jefferson | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 2013 | Johns | Marie Collins | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2013 | Johnson | Sheila Crump | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 2013 | Kemp | Jack F. | Commencement | LL.D. (Posthumous) | |

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| 2013 | McGuire | Patricia | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2012 | Duncan | Arne | Commencement (Orator) | Special Citation of Achievement | |
| 2012 | Harris | Kamala D. | Charter Day (Orator) | LL.D. | BA 1986 |
| 2012 | Legend | John | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 2012 | Matthews | Christopher | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2012 | Richardson | Julieanna L. | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 2012 | Wilkerson | Isabel | Commencement | D.Litt. | |
| 2011 | Friedman | Thomas L. | Commencement | D.Litt. | |
| 2011 | Higginbotham | Evelyn Brooks | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2011 | Morial | Marc H. | Commencement (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 2011 | Reed | M. Kasim | Charter Day (Orator) | LL.D. | BA 1991; JD 1995 |
| 2011 | Slaughter | John Brooks | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 2010 | Carson Sr. | Benjamin S. | Opening Convocation (Orator) | D.Sc. | |
| 2010 | Driskell | David C. | Commencement | D.H. | BA 1955 |
| 2010 | Ford Jr. | Harold | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 2010 | Harper | Hill | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 2010 | Hobson | Melody | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 2010 | Roberts | Robin | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2010 | Sotomayor | Sonia | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 2009 | Brown | Ewart F. | Opening Convocation (Orator) | LL.D. | BS 1968, MD 1972 |
| 2009 | Cole | Johnnetta Betsch | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2009 | Fishburne III | Laurence John | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 2009 | Ifill | Gwen | Commencement (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 2009 | Mogae | Festus G. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 2009 | Rashad | Phylicia | Charter Day (Orator) | D.H. | |
| 2009 | Williams | Ronald A. | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 2008 | Chenault | Kenneth I. | Commencement (Orator) | Special Citation of Achievement | |
| 2008 | McDonald | Gabrielle Kirk | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 2008 | Oliver | David | Opening Convocation | Special Citation of Achievement | |
| 2008 | Ribeau | Sidney A. | Opening Convocation (Orator) | | |
| 2008 | Stringer | C. Vivian | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 2008 | Swygert | Haywood Patrick | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 2008 | Tyson | Neil deGrasse | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 2007 | Earls | Julian M. | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 2007 | Gates Jr. | Henry Louis | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2007 | Leggett | Isiah | Charter Day (Orator) | Special Citation of Achievement | |
| 2007 | Massey | Walter E. | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 2007 | Obama | Barack Hussein | Opening Convocation (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 2007 | Pollin | Irene Sue | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 2007 | Winfrey | Oprah | Commencement (Orator) | D.H. | |

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| 2006 | Cummings | Elijah E. | Commencement (Orator) | Special Citation of Achievement | BA 1973 |
| 2006 | de Passe | Suzanne | Charter Day (Orator) | D.H. | |
| 2006 | Jackson | Shirley Ann | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 2006 | Lucy | William (Bill) | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 2006 | McKenzie | Floretta Dukes | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2006 | Richardson | Bernard L | Opening Convocation (Orator) | Special Citation of Achievement | BA 1975 |
| 2006 | Robinson | William (Smokey) | Commencement | D.Mus. | |
| 2005 | English | Richard Allyn | Charter Day (Orator) | Special Citation of Achievement | |
| 2005 | Ford Jr. | Harold E. | Opening Convocation (Orator) | | |
| 2005 | Hughes | Catherine Liggins | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2005 | Mfume | Kweisi | Commencement (Orator) | Special Citation of Achievement | |
| 2005 | Payton | Benjamin Franklin | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2005 | Savage | Frank | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 2004 | Davis | Ossie | Charter Day (Orator) | Special Citation of Achievement | |
| 2004 | Dugas | Julian R. | Charter Day | LL.D. | JD 1949 |
| 2004 | Duncan | Charles T. | Charter Day | LL.D. | |
| 2004 | Frist | William H. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 2004 | Fudge | Ann M. | Commencement (Orator) | Citation of Achievement | |
| 2004 | Harvey | William R. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2004 | O'Neal | Stan | Opening Convocation (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 2004 | Wilson | August | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 2003 | Burns | Kenneth L. | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 2003 | Cochran Jr. | Johnnie L. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 2003 | Cummings | Elijah E. | Charter Day (Orator) | LL.D. | BA 1973 |
| 2003 | DeVeaux | William P. | Commencement (Orator) | D.Div. | BA 1962 |
| 2003 | Graves | Earl Gilbert | Opening Convocation (Orator) | | |
| 2003 | Johnson | John Harold | Opening Convocation | Special Citation of Achievement | |
| 2003 | Jones | Thomas W. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2003 | Novello | Antonia C. | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 2002 | Brown | Lee P. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 2002 | Dean | Mark E. | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 2002 | Franklin | Shirley Clarke | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 2002 | Jamison | Judith A. | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 2002 | Lewis | John | Opening Convocation (Orator) | | |
| 2002 | Raines | Franklin Delano | Charter Day (Orator) | D.H. | |
| 2002 | Williams | Venus Ebony Starr | Commencement | Special Citation of Achievement | |
| 2001 | Belafonte | Harry | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 2001 | Dove | Rita | Commencement | D.Litt. | |

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| 2001 | Franklin | John Hope | Charter Day (Orator) | Special Citation of Achievement | |
| 2001 | Gumbel | Bryant Charles | Commencement (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 2001 | Porter | John Edward | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 2001 | Swygert | H. Patrick | Opening Convocation (Orator) | | |
| 2001 | Weill | Sanford I. | Charter Day | D.H. | |
| 2000 | Abdulazziz | Prince Bandar bin Sultan bin | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 2000 | Baldwin | James Arthur | Commencement | D.H.L. (Posthumous) | |
| 2000 | Bassett-Vance | Angela | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2000 | Evers-Williams | Myrlie | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2000 | Kennard | J. William | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 2000 | Llewellyn | J. Bruce | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 2000 | McKenzie | Vashti Murphy | Opening Convocation (Orator) | | |
| 2000 | Swygert | H. Patricik | Charter Day (Orator) | | |
| 1999 | Annan | Kofi | Commencement (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 1999 | Farmer | James L. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1999 | Jackson Sr. | Jesse Louis | Opening Convocation (Orator) | Special Citation of Achievement | |
| 1999 | Johnson | James A. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1999 | Kersee | Jacqueline Joyner | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 1999 | Slater | Rodney E. | Charter Day (Orator) | | |
| 1999 | Ture (Carmichael) | Kwame (Stokely) | Commencement | D.H.L. (Posthumous) | |
| 1998 | Chenault | Kenneth I. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1998 | Clinton | Hilary Rodham | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1998 | Fudge | Ann M. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1998 | Gordon | Edmund W. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1997 | Garrett Jr. | Thaddeus | Commencement | D.Div. | |
| 1997 | Gray III | William H. | Charter Day (Orator) | Special Citation of Achievement | |
| 1997 | Kenney | John A. | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 1997 | Mark | Reuben | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1997 | Marsalis | Wynton | Commencement | D.Mus. | |
| 1997 | Rand | Addison Barry | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1997 | Simpson | Carole | Commencement (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 1996 | Catlett | Mora Elizabeth | Commencement | D.H. | BS 1935 |
| 1996 | Days | Drew S. | Charter Day (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1996 | Hightower | Dennis F. | Commencement (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 1996 | Mora | Elizabeth Catlett | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 1996 | Schneider | Roy L. | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 1996 | Simmons | Ruth J. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1996 | Smith III | Wayman F. | Commencement | LLD. | |
| 1995 | Carter | Robert L. | Commencement | LL.D. | LL.B. 1940 |
| 1995 | Hunter-Gault | Charlayne | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1995 | Leffall Jr. | LaSalle D. | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 1995 | Parsons | Richard D. | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |

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| 1995 | Turner | R.E. (Ted) | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1994 | Annenberg | Walter H. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1994 | Cheek | James E. | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 1994 | Powell | Colin L. | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1993 | Allen | Debbie | Commencement | D.H.L. | BFA 1972 |
| 1993 | Brown | Ronald Harmon | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1993 | Comer | James Pierpont | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 1993 | Lewis | Reginald F. | Commencement | LL.D. (Posthumous) | |
| 1992 | Cornely | Paul Bertau | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 1992 | Dinkins | David Norman | Opening Convocation (Orator) | LL.D. | BS 1950 |
| 1992 | Hooks | Benjamin Lawson | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1992 | Landers | Ann | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 1992 | Manley | Michael Norman | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1992 | Turner | Carmen Elizabeth | Commencement | D.H.L. (Posthumous) | |
| 1991 | Bryant | Wayne Richard | Commencement | LL.D. | BA 1969 |
| 1991 | Dees Jr. | Morris Seligman | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1991 | Dixon | Sharon Pratt | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | BA 1965, JD 1968 |
| 1991 | Hawkins | Augustus Freeman (Gus) | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1991 | Sullivan | Louis Wade | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1991 | Yancey Sr. | Asa Greenwood | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 1990 | Blackwell | David Harold | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 1990 | Clay | William Lacy (Bill) | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1990 | Edelman | Marian Wright | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1990 | Jenifer | Franklyn G. | Opening Convocation (Orator) | | |
| 1990 | Taylor | Ivan Earle | Commencement | D.Litt. | |
| 1989 | Cosby | William Henry (Bill) | Charter Day (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1989 | Graves | Earl Gilbert | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1989 | Leffall Jr. | LaSalle Doheny | Opening Convocation (Orator) | | |
| 1989 | Neuharth | Allen Harold | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1989 | Procope | Ernesta G. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1989 | Rockefeller | Mary Clark | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 1989 | Woods | Geraldine Pittman | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 1988 | Banner | William Augustus | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1988 | Conte | Silvio O. | Opening Convocation | LL.D. | |
| 1988 | Gregory | Richard Claxton (Dick) | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 1988 | King S. | Dearine Edwin | Commencement | D.Div. | |
| 1988 | Lindsay | Gilbert William | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1988 | Minnis Sr. | Frederick Gillam | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1988 | Morgan | Edward Paddock | Commencement (Orator) | D.Litt. | |
| 1988 | Rangell | Charles Bernard | Opening Convocation (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1987 | Broady | Earl Clifford | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1987 | Bush | Barbara Pierce | Commencement | D.H. | |

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| 1987 | Cosby | Camille Hanks | Commencement (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 1987 | Dorsey | Thomas Andrew | Commencement | D.Mus. | |
| 1987 | Fitzhugh | Howard Naylor | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1987 | Pierre-Noel | Lois Mailou Jones | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 1987 | Sanford | Terry | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1986 | Davis Jr. | Sammy | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1986 | Gray III | William Herbert | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1986 | Johnson | John Harold | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 1986 | Koppel | Edward James (Ted) | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1986 | Natcher | William Huston | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1986 | Tate | Merze | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1986 | Tyson | Cicely | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1985 | Angelou | Maya | Commencement (Orator) | D.Litt. | |
| 1985 | Bradley | Thomas | Opening Convocation (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1985 | Hayward | Jacqueline (J.C.) | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1985 | Jones Jr. | Quincy Delight | Opening Convocation | D.Mus. | |
| 1985 | Lawrence | Jacob A. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1985 | Meyer | Stanley | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1985 | Pierre-Louis | Raoul | Opening Convocation | D.H.L. | |
| 1985 | Snowden | Frank M. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1985 | Syphax | Burke | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 1985 | Tandon | Sirjang Lal | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1984 | Davis | Arthur Paul | Commencement | D.Litt. | |
| 1984 | Dunham | Katherine | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1984 | Hawkins | Walter Lincoln | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 1984 | Lewis | William Arthur | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1984 | Robinson | Max | Commencement (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 1984 | White | Robert Lee | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1983 | Bellson | Pearl Bailey | Commencement | D.Mus. | |
| 1983 | Bennett Jr. | Lerone | Charter Day (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 1983 | Chisholm | Shirley A. St. Hill | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1983 | Eklund | Coy Glenwood | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1983 | Foster | Luther Hilton | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1983 | Greene | William Henry | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 1982 | Blake | Eubie | Commencement | D.Mus. | |
| 1982 | Bradley | Edward Rudolph | Commencement (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 1982 | Dee | Ruby | Charter Day | D.H.L. | |
| 1982 | Lindsay | Inabel Burns | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1982 | Norman | Jessye | Commencement | D.Mus. | |
| 1982 | Richardson | Elliot Lee | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1982 | Richardson | Scovel | Commencement | LL.D. (Posthumous) | |
| 1982 | Vaughan | Sarah | Commencement | D.Mus. | |
| 1981 | Bush | George H.W. | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1981 | Jordan | Vernon E. | Opening Convocation (Orator) | | |
| 1981 | Nabrit Jr. | James Madison | Commencement | LL.D. | |

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| 1981 | Obasanjo | Olusegun | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1981 | Robinson III | Spottswood W. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1980 | Cobb | William Montague | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1980 | Collins | Marva N. | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 1980 | Hatfield | Mark Odom | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1980 | Higginbotham Jr. | A. Leon | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1980 | Mackey | Howard Hamilton | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1979 | Horne | Lena | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1979 | Kennedy | Edward Moore | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1979 | Martin | Louis Emmanuel | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1979 | Mitchell Jr. | Clarence Maurice | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1979 | Terrell | Richard Lee | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1978 | Califano Jr. | Joseph A. | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1978 | Coleman Jr. | William T. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1978 | Jones | R. Frank | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 1978 | Norton | Eleanor Holmes | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 1978 | Stevland (Stevie) | Morris (Wonder) | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1977 | Berry | Mary Frances | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1977 | Jones | Reginald Harold | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1977 | McCree | Wade H. | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1977 | Wright | Stephen J. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1977 | Young | M. Wharton | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 1977 | Zahedi | Ardeshir | Commencement | D.H. | |
| 1976 | Dargans | Louise Maxienne | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1976 | Jackson | Maynard H. | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1976 | Smith | Kelly Miller | Commencement | D.Div. | |
| 1976 | Spaulding | Asa T. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1976 | Wells | Herman B. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1975 | Burger | Warren E. | | LL.D. | |
| 1975 | Flack | Roberta | Commencement | D.Mus. | |
| 1975 | Height | Dorothy Irene | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1975 | Hooks | Benjamin Lawson | Commencement (Orator) | D.H.L. | |
| 1975 | Kountz | Samuel Lee | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 1974 | Graham | Katharine Meyer | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1974 | Jordan | Barbara | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1974 | Keith | Damon Jerome | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1974 | Quarles | Benjamin Arthur | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1974 | Washington | Walter Edward | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1973 | Brooks | Gwendolyn | Commencement | D.Litt. | |
| 1973 | Davis | Ossie | Commencement (Orator) | D.H. | |
| 1973 | Haley | Alex | Commencement | D.Litt. | |
| 1973 | LaFontant | Jewel Stradford | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1972 | Evans | Melvin Herbert | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1972 | Hamer | Fannie Lou | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1972 | Jordan Jr. | Vernon E. | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1972 | Logan | Rayford Whittingham | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1972 | Scott | Arleigh Winston | Commencement | LL.D. | |

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| 1971 | Bond | Julian | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1971 | Brown | Sterling A. | Commencement | D.Litt. | |
| 1971 | Ellington | Edward Kennedy | Commencement | D.Mus. | |
| 1970 | Ferguson | Lloyd N. | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 1970 | Garrison | Lloyd K. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1970 | Jackson | Jesse Louis | Commencement (Orator) | D.H. | |
| 1970 | Wesley | Charles H. | Commencement | D.Litt. | |
| 1969 | Chisholm | Shirley A. St. Hill | Commencement (Orator) | (See 1983) | |
| 1969 | Koontz | Elizabeth Duncan | Commencement | D.Ed. | |
| 1969 | Thomas | Julius Albert | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1969 | Walsh | William Bertalan | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 1968 | Franklin | John Hope | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1968 | Shearer | Hugh Lawson | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1968 | Welcome | Verda Freeman | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1967 | Brooke | Edward W. | Charter Day (Orator) | LL.D. | BS 1941 |
| 1967 | Brooks | Angie Elizabeth | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1967 | Hammerstein | Franz Von | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1967 | Mays | Benjamin Elijah | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1967 | Robinson | James H. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1966 | Borders | William Holmes | | LL.D. | |
| 1966 | Nabrit Jr. | James Madison | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1965 | Davis | Michael Marks | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1965 | Gomillion | Charles Goode | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1965 | Johnson | Lydon Baines | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1965 | Wilkins | Roy W. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1964 | Jenkins | Martin David | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1964 | Rowan | Carl Thomas | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1964 | Wright | James Skelly | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1963 | Edgerton | Henry White | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1963 | Hughes | Langston | Commencement | D. Litt. | |
| 1963 | Nabrit | Samuel Milton | Commencement (Orator) | D.Sc. | |
| 1962 | Myrdal | Gunnar | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1962 | Price | Leontyne | Commencement | D.Mus. | |
| 1962 | Weaver | George L.P. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1960 | Dumpson | James Russell | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1960 | Kripalani | Acharya J.K. | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1960 | Mitchell | Howard | Commencement | D.Mus. | |
| 1960 | Somerville | Wendell Clay | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1959 | Cadbury | Henry Joel | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1959 | Hall | Lloyd Augustus | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 1959 | Maynor | Dorothy | Commencement | D.Mus. | |
| 1959 | Mboya | Tom | Commencement (Orator) | LLD. | |
| 1958 | Cooper | John Sherman | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1958 | Kindelberger | James Howard | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1958 | Lawless | Theodore K. | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 1958 | Patterson | Frederick D. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1957 | King Jr. | Martin Luther | Commencement | LL.D. | |

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| 1957 | Malin | Patrick Murphy | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1957 | Robinson | Jack R. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1956 | Bolton | Frances Payne | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1956 | Brokenburr | Robert Lee | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1956 | Duncan | Todd | Commencement | D.Mus. | |
| 1956 | Finney | Edward Clingan | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1955 | Alexander | Archibald Alphonso | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1955 | Davies | A. Powell | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1955 | Hastie | William Henry | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1955 | Thurman | Howard | Commencement | D.Div. | |
| 1954 | Azikiwe | Nnamdi | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1954 | Bornn | Roy Williston | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1954 | Bowles | Chester | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1954 | Marshall | Thurgood | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1953 | Locke | Alain L. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1953 | Radhakrishnan | Sarvepalli | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1953 | Rickey | Branch | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1952 | Eisenhower | Dwight D. | Commencement | | |
| 1952 | Waring | J. Waties | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1952 | Williams | Paul R. | Commencement | D.Arch. | |
| 1951 | Bellegarde | Dantes | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1951 | Jernagin | William Henry | Commencement | D.Div. | |
| 1951 | Julian | Percy Lavon | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 1951 | Lindley | Ernest K. | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1950 | Hayes | Roland | Commencement | D.Mus. | |
| 1950 | Smith | Lillian | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1949 | Bunche | Ralph J. | | LL.D. | |
| 1949 | Chapman | Oscar L. | | LL.D. | |
| 1948 | Myrdal | Gunnar | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1947 | Bailey | Ulysses Grant | | D.Sc. | |
| 1947 | Dailey | Ulysses Grant | Commencement | D.Sc. | |
| 1947 | Manley | Norman W. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1947 | Meyer | Agnes E. | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1947 | Woodson | Carter Godwin | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1946 | Alexander | Archibald Alphonso | Commencement | D.Eng. | |
| 1946 | Brownlee | Fred Lesley | Commencement | D.H.L. | |
| 1946 | Manley | Norman W. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1945 | Cramton | Louis C. | | LL.D. | |
| 1945 | Mays | Benjamin Elijah | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1945 | Murray | Peter Marshall | Opening Convocation (Orator) | | |
| 1944 | Brown | Charlotte Hawkins | Commencement | D.Ed. | |
| 1944 | Dun | Angus | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1944 | Murray | Philip | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1943 | Hungate | Thad Lewis | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1943 | Silver | Abba Hillel | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1943 | Work | Monroe N. | Commencement | D.Litt. | |
| 1942 | Bethune | Mary McLeod | Commencement | LL.D. | |

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| 1942 | Buck | Pearl S. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1942 | Carney | Mabel | Commencement | Ed.D. | |
| 1942 | Childers | Lulu Vere | Commencement | D.Mus. | |
| 1942 | Wilkerson | Garnett Crummel | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1940 | Davis | John W. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1940 | Gallagher | Buell Gordon | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1940 | Paige | Myles Anderson | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1940 | Randolph | Asa Philip | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1939 | Clement | Rufus | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1939 | Hale | William J. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1939 | Henson | Matthew Alexander | Commencement | M.Sc. | |
| 1939 | White | Walter | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1938 | Anderson | Marian | Commencement | D.Mus. | |
| 1938 | Dillard | James Hardy | | | |
| 1938 | Holmes | Dwight Oliver Wendell | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1938 | Lee | J.R.E. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1938 | Patterson | Frederick D. | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1937 | Boas | Franz | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1937 | Gandy | John Manuel | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1937 | Jones | David D. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1937 | Studebaker | John Ward | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1936 | Bowling | Richard Hausher | Commencement | D.Div. | |
| 1936 | Morris | Edward H. | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1936 | Nelson | William Stuart | Commencement | LL.D. | |
| 1936 | Zook | George Frederick | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1935 | Branch | Mary Elizabeth | | LL.D. | |
| 1935 | Kelly | Fred J. | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1934 | Sweet | William E. | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1933 | Embree | Edwin R. | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1932 | Johnson | Mordecai Wyatt | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1931 | Stokes | Anson Phelps | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1930 | Carter | Edward Randolph | | D.Div. | |
| 1930 | DuBois | W. E. Burghardt | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1929 | Wilbur | Ray Lyman | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1928 | Carter | Edward Randolph | | D.Div. | |
| 1928 | Wise | Stephen S. | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1927 | Johnson | Mordecai Wyatt | Commencement (Orator) | Inauguration of the 11th President | |
| 1926 | Atkins | Simon G. | | LL.D. | |
| 1926 | Boyer | Charles Benjamin | | M.A. | |
| 1926 | Call | Arthur Deerin | | LL.D. | |
| 1926 | Clarke | Alfred Theophilus | | D.Div. | TH DIP 1895 |
| 1926 | Slosson | Edwin E. | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1925 | Balloch | Edward A. | | D.Sc. | MD 1960 |
| 1925 | Branch | Mary Elizabeth | | LL.D. | |
| 1925 | Shephard | James E. | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1924 | Alleyne | Cameron Chesterfield | | D.Div. | |
| 1924 | Booth | Fenton Whitlock | | LL.D. | |

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| 1924 | Coolidge | Calvin | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1924 | Dett | R. Nathaniel | | D.Mus. | |
| 1923 | Bowen | J.W.E. | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1923 | Charlton | Melville | | D.Mus. | |
| 1922 | Slosson | Edwin E. | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1921 | Bentley | Charles E. | | D.Sc. | |
| 1921 | Lewis | William H. | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1920 | Burleigh | Harry T. | | D.Mus. | |
| 1920 | Hillis | Newell Dwight | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1919 | Lane | Franklin K. | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1918 | McDowell | William F. | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1916 | Daniels | Josephus | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1915 | Barrett | John | Commencement (Orator) | LL.D. | |
| 1914 | Bryan | William Jennings | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1913 | Lane | Franklin K. | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1912 | Doney | Carl G. | | LL.D. | |
| 1912 | Lewis | William H. | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1911 | Baker | Henry Moore | | LL.D. | |
| 1911 | Stafford | Justice Wendell Phillips | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1910 | Brooks | Walter T. H. | | D.Div. | |
| 1910 | Clair | M.W. | | D.Div. | |
| 1910 | Clarke | George B. | | D.Div. | |
| 1909 | Taft | William Howard | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1908 | Hanly | J. Frank | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1907 | Giles | William D. | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1906 | Brown | Sterling N. | Commencement | D.Div. | |
| 1906 | Burton | Theodore E. | Commencement (Orator) | | |
| 1900 | Brainerd | Ezra | | D.Div. | |
| 1899 | Crooke | A.A. | | M.A. | |
| 1898 | Bascom | William S. | | LL.D. | |
| 1897 | Barrows | Samuel J. | | D.Div. | |
| 1896 | Clark | Isaac | | D.Div. | |
| 1896 | Cook | Joseph | | LL.D. | |
| 1896 | Cuney | N.W. | | M.A. | LL.B. 1903 |
| 1894 | Butler | H.E. | | D.Div. | |
| 1894 | Clarke | G.V. | | M.A. | |
| 1893 | Bruce | B.K. | | LL.D. | |
| 1892 | Cheevers | H.T. | | D.Div. | |
| 1892 | Cook | Joseph | | LL.D. | |
| 1888 | Bundy | James F. | | M.A. | PR CERT 1880, BA 1884, LLB 1886, LLM 1887, MA 1888 |
| 1881 | Bulkley | C.H.A. | | D.Div. | |
| 1880 | Bischoff | J.W. | | D.Mus. | |
| 1874 | Avingling | Thomas W. | | D.Div. | |

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| 1872 | Douglass | Frederick | | LL.D. | |
| 1871 | Augusta | Alexander T. | | M.A. | |
| 1869 | Augusta | Alexander T. | | D.Med. | |