

Honorary Degree and Citation Recipients – Alpha Order

Year	Last Name	First Name	Ceremony	Conferred Degree or Award	HU Degree
2000	Abdulazziz	Prince Bandar bin Sultan bin	Commencement	LL.D.	
1955	Alexander	Archibald Alphonso	Commencement (Orator)		
1946	Alexander	Archibald Alphonso	Commencement	D.Eng.	
1993	Allen	Debbie	Commencement	D.H.L.	BFA 1972
1924	Alleyne	Cameron Chesterfield		D.Div.	
1938	Anderson	Marian	Commencement	D.Mus.	
1985	Angelou	Maya	Commencement (Orator)	D.Litt.	
1999	Annan	Kofi	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.L.	
1994	Annenberg	Walter H.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1926	Atkins	Simon G.		LL.D.	
1871	Augusta	Alexander T.		M.A.	
1869	Augusta	Alexander T.		D.Med.	
1874	Avingling	Thomas W.		D.Div.	
1954	Azikiwe	Nnamdi	Commencement	LL.D.	
1947	Bailey	Ulysses Grant		D.Sc.	
1911	Baker	Henry Moore		LL.D.	
2013	Baker III	Rushern L.	Opening Convocation (Orator)	LL.D.	BA 1982, JD 1986
2000	Baldwin	James Arthur	Commencement	D.H.L. (Posthumous)	
1925	Balloch	Edward A.		D.Sc.	MD 1960
1988	Banner	William Augustus	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2024	Barr	Epsy Campbell	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1915	Barrett	John	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
1897	Barrows	Samuel J.		D.Div.	
1898	Bascom	William S.		LL.D.	
2000	Bassett-Vance	Angela	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2001	Belafonte	Harry	Commencement	D.H.	
1951	Bellegarde	Dantes	Commencement	LL.D.	
1983	Bellson	Pearl Bailey	Commencement	D.Mus.	
1983	Bennett Jr.	Lerone	Charter Day (Orator)	D.H.L.	
1921	Bentley	Charles E.		D.Sc.	
1977	Berry	Mary Frances	Commencement	LL.D.	
1942	Bethune	Mary McLeod	Commencement	LL.D.	

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2023	Biden	Joseph Robinette	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.L.	
1880	Bischoff	J.W.		D.Mus.	
2019	Bisignano	Frank J.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1990	Blackwell	David Harold	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1982	Blake	Eubie	Commencement	D.Mus.	
2014	Blitzer	Wolf	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2021	Bloomberg	Michael Rubens	College of Medicine Commencement (Orator)	D.H.	
1937	Boas	Franz	Commencement	LL.D.	
1956	Bolton	Frances Payne	Commencement (Orator)		
1971	Bond	Julian	Commencement	LL.D.	
1924	Booth	Fenton Whitlock		LL.D.	
1966	Borders	William Holmes		LL.D.	
1954	Bornn	Roy Williston	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2018	Boseman	Chadwick Aaron	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.L.	
1923	Bowen	J.W.E.	Commencement (Orator)		
1954	Bowles	Chester	Commencement	LL.D.	
1936	Bowling	Richard Hausher	Commencement	D.Div.	
2025	Bowser	Muriel	Charter Day (Orator)	Presidential Medal of Achievement	
1926	Boyer	Charles Benjamin		M.A.	
1982	Bradley	Edward Rudolph	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.L.	
1985	Bradley	Thomas	Opening Convocation (Orator)	LL.D.	
1900	Brainerd	Ezra		D.Div.	
1935	Branch	Mary Elizabeth		LL.D.	
1925	Branch	Mary Elizabeth		LL.D.	
2016	Britt	L.D.	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1987	Broady	Earl Clifford	Commencement	LL.D.	
1956	Brokenburr	Robert Lee	Commencement	LL.D.	
1967	Brooke	Edward W.	Charter Day (Orator)	LL.D.	BS 1941
1967	Brooks	Angie Elizabeth	Commencement	LL.D.	
1973	Brooks	Gwendolyn	Commencement	D.Litt.	
1910	Brooks	Walter T. H.		D.Div.	
2015	Brown	C. Sylvia	Commencement	D.H.	BS 1962
1944	Brown	Charlotte Hawkins	Commencement	D.Ed.	
2015	Brown	Eddie C.	Commencement	D.H.L.	BSEE 1961
2025	Brown	Emery N.	Commencement	D.Sc.	

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2009	Brown	Ewart F.	Opening Convocation (Orator)	LL.D.	BS 1968, MD 1972
2002	Brown	Lee P.	Commencement	LL.D.	
1993	Brown	Ronald Harmon	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
1971	Brown	Sterling A.	Commencement	D.Litt.	
1906	Brown	Sterling N.	Commencement	D.Div.	
1946	Brownlee	Fred Lesley	Commencement	D.H.L	
1893	Bruce	B.K.		LL.D.	
1914	Bryan	William Jennings	Commencement (Orator)		
1991	Bryant	Wayne Richard	Commencement	LL.D.	BA 1969
1942	Buck	Pearl S.	Commencement	LL.D.	
1881	Bulkley	C.H.A.		D.Div.	
1949	Bunche	Ralph J.		LL.D.	
1888	Bundy	James F.		M.A.	PR CERT 1880, BA 1884, LLB 1886, LLM 1887, MA 1888
2017	Bunyan	Maureen	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1975	Burger	Warren E.		LL.D.	
1920	Burleigh	Harry T.		D.Mus.	
2003	Burns	Kenneth L.	Commencement	D.H.	
2015	Burns	Ursula M.	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.L.	
2025	Burton	LeVar	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.L.	
1906	Burton	Theodore E.	Commencement (Orator)		
1987	Bush	Barbara Pierce	Commencement	D.H.	
1981	Bush	George H.W.	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
1894	Butler	H.E.		D.Div.	
1959	Cadbury	Henry Joel	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1978	Califano Jr.	Joseph A.	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
1926	Call	Arthur Deerin		LL.D.	
2014	Callender	Clive O.	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1942	Carney	Mabel	Commencement	Ed.D.	
2010	Carson Sr.	Benjamin S.	Opening Convocation (Orator)	D.Sc.	
1930	Carter	Edward Randolph		D.Div.	
1928	Carter	Edward Randolph		D.Div.	
1995	Carter	Robert L.	Commencement	LL.D.	LL.B. 1940

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1996	Catlett	Mora Elizabeth	Commencement	D.H.	BS 1935
1949	Chapman	Oscar L.		LL.D.	
1923	Charlton	Melville		D.Mus.	
1994	Cheek	James E.	Commencement	D.H.	
1892	Cheevers	H.T.		D.Div.	
2008	Chenault	Kenneth I.	Commencement (Orator)	Special Citation of Achievement	
1998	Chenault	Kenneth I.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1942	Childers	Lulu Vere	Commencement	D.Mus.	
1983	Chisholm	Shirley A. St. Hill	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
1969	Chisholm	Shirley A. St. Hill	Commencement (Orator)	(See 1983)	
1910	Clair	M.W.		D.Div.	
1896	Clark	Isaac		D.Div.	
1926	Clarke	Alfred Theophilus		D.Div.	TH DIP 1895
1894	Clarke	G.V.		M.A.	
1910	Clarke	George B.		D.Div.	
2022	Clark-Lewis	Elizabeth	Commencement	D.H.L.	BA 1971, MA 1973
1990	Clay	William Lacy (Bill)	Commencement	LL.D.	
1939	Clement	Rufus	Commencement (Orator)		
1998	Clinton	Hilary Rodham	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
2013	Clinton	William Jefferson	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
2023	Clyburn	James E.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2016	Coates	Ta-Nehisi	Charter Day (Orator)	Presidential Medal of Achievement	
1980	Cobb	William Montague	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2003	Cochran Jr.	Johnnie L.	Commencement	LL.D.	
2009	Cole	Johnnetta Betsch	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1978	Coleman Jr.	William T.	Commencement	LL.D.	
1980	Collins	Marva N.	Commencement	D.H.	
1993	Comer	James Pierpont	Commencement	D.Sc.	
2017	Comey	James	Opening Convocation (Orator)	LL.D.	
1988	Conte	Silvio O.	Opening Convocation	LL.D.	
1896	Cook	Joseph		LL.D.	
1892	Cook	Joseph		LL.D.	
1924	Coolidge	Calvin	Commencement (Orator)		

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1958	Cooper	John Sherman	Commencement (Orator)		
1992	Cornely	Paul Bertau	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1987	Cosby	Camille Hanks	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.L.	
1989	Cosby	William Henry (Bill)	Charter Day (Orator)	LL.D.	
1945	Cramton	Louis C.		LL.D.	
1899	Crooke	A.A.		M.A.	
2006	Cummings	Elijah E.	Commencement (Orator)	Special Citation of Achievement	BA 1973
2003	Cummings	Elijah E.	Charter Day (Orator)	LL.D.	BA 1973
1896	Cuney	N.W.		M.A.	LL.B. 1903
2022	Curry II	Wardell Stephen (Steph)	Special Event, June	Presidential Medal of Achievement	
1947	Dailey	Ulysses Grant	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1916	Daniels	Josephus	Commencement (Orator)		
1976	Dargans	Louise Maxienne	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1955	Davies	A. Powell	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1940	Davis	John W.	Commencement	LL.D.	
1965	Davis	Michael Marks	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1973	Davis	Ossie	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.	
1984	Davis	Arthur Paul	Commencement	D.Litt.	
2004	Davis	Ossie	Charter Day (Orator)	Special Citation of Achievement	
1986	Davis Jr.	Sammy	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2016	Dawson	Horace G.	Commencement	LL.D.	
1996	Days	Drew S.	Charter Day (Orator)	LL.D.	
2006	de Passe	Suzanne	Charter Day (Orator)	D.H.	
2002	Dean	Mark E.	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1982	Dee	Ruby	Charter Day	D.H.L.	
1991	Dees Jr.	Morris Seligman	Commencement	LL.D.	
1924	Dett	R. Nathaniel		D.Mus.	
2003	DeVeaux	William P.	Commencement (Orator)	D.Div.	BA 1962
1938	Dillard	James Hardy			
2014	Dimon	Jamie	Charter Day (Orator)	D.H.L.	
1992	Dinkins	David Norman	Opening Convocation (Orator)	LL.D.	BS 1950
1991	Dixon	Sharon Pratt	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	BA 1965, JD 1968

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1912	Doney	Carl G.		LL.D.	
1987	Dorsey	Thomas Andrew	Commencement	D.Mus.	
1872	Douglass	Frederick		LL.D.	
2001	Dove	Rita	Commencement	D.Litt.	
2010	Driskell	David C.	Commencement	D.H.	BA 1955
1930	DuBois	W. E. Burghardt	Commencement (Orator)		
2024	Duckett	Thasunda Brown	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.L.	
2004	Dugas	Julian R.	Charter Day	LL.D.	JD 1949
1960	Dumpson	James Russell	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1944	Dun	Angus	Commencement (Orator)		
2012	Duncan	Arne	Commencement (Orator)	Special Citation of Achievement	
2004	Duncan	Charles T.	Charter Day	LL.D.	
1956	Duncan	Todd	Commencement	D.Mus.	
1984	Dunham	Katherine	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2007	Earls	Julian M.	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1990	Edelman	Marian Wright	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
1963	Edgerton	Henry White	Commencement	LL.D.	
1952	Eisenhower	Dwight D.	Commencement		
1983	Eklund	Coy Glenwood	Commencement	LL.D.	
1971	Ellington	Edward Kennedy	Commencement	D.Mus.	
1933	Embree	Edwin R.	Commencement (Orator)		
2005	English	Richard Allyn	Charter Day (Orator)	Special Citation of Achievement	
1972	Evans	Melvin Herbert	Commencement	LL.D.	
2000	Evers-Williams	Myrlie	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1999	Farmer	James L.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1970	Ferguson	Lloyd N.	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1956	Finney	Edward Clingan	Commencement	LL.D.	
2009	Fishburne III	Laurence John	Commencement	D.H.	
1987	Fitzhugh	Howard Naylor	Commencement	LL.D.	
1975	Flack	Roberta	Commencement	D.Mus.	
2010	Ford Jr.	Harold	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
2005	Ford Jr.	Harold E.	Opening Convocation (Orator)		
1983	Foster	Luther Hilton	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2019	Francis	Norman C.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2001	Franklin	John Hope	Charter Day (Orator)	Special Citation of Achievement	

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1968	Franklin	John Hope	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
2002	Franklin	Shirley Clarke	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
2015	Freeman	Morgan	Commencement	D.H.	
2011	Friedman	Thomas L.	Commencement	D.Litt.	
2004	Frist	William H.	Commencement	LL.D.	
2004	Fudge	Ann M.	Commencement (Orator)	Citation of Achievement	
1998	Fudge	Ann M.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1940	Gallagher	Buell Gordon	Commencement (Orator)		
1937	Gandy	John Manuel	Commencement	LL.D.	
1997	Garrett Jr.	Thaddeus	Commencement	D.Div.	
1970	Garrison	Lloyd K.	Commencement	LL.D.	
2007	Gates Jr.	Henry Louis	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2018	Giddings	Paula J.	Charter Day (Orator)	D.Litt.	BA 1968
1907	Giles	William D.	Commencement (Orator)		
2024	Glover Jr.	Victor J.	Commencement	D.Sc.	
2014	Golson	Benny	Commencement	D.Mus.	
1965	Gomillion	Charles Goode	Commencement	LL.D.	
1998	Gordon	Edmund W.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1974	Graham	Katharine Meyer	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2003	Graves	Earl Gilbert	Opening Convocation (Orator)		
1989	Graves	Earl Gilbert	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
1997	Gray III	William H.	Charter Day (Orator)	Special Citation of Achievement	
1986	Gray III	William Herbert	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
2024	Gray, Esq.	Fred D.	Commencement	LL.D.	
1983	Greene	William Henry	Commencement	D.H.	
1988	Gregory	Richard Claxton (Dick)	Commencement	D.H.	
2001	Gumbel	Bryant Charles	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.L.	
2020	Hale	Leslie D.	Charter Day (Orator)	Presidential Medal of Achievement	
1939	Hale	William J.	Commencement	LL.D.	
1973	Haley	Alex	Commencement	D.Litt.	
1959	Hall	Lloyd Augustus	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1972	Hamer	Fannie Lou	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1967	Hammerstein	Franz Von	Commencement	D.H.L.	

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1908	Hanly	J. Frank	Commencement (Orator)		
2010	Harper	Hill	Commencement	D.H.	
2017	Harris	Kamala D.	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.L.	BA 1986
2012	Harris	Kamala D.	Charter Day (Orator)	LL.D.	BA 1986
2004	Harvey	William R.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1955	Hastie	William Henry	Commencement	LL.D.	
1980	Hatfield	Mark Odom	Commencement	LL.D.	
1991	Hawkins	Augustus Freeman (Gus)	Commencement	LL.D.	
1984	Hawkins	Walter Lincoln	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1950	Hayes	Roland	Commencement	D.Mus.	
1985	Hayward	Jacqueline (J.C.)	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1975	Height	Dorothy Irene	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1939	Henson	Matthew Alexander	Commencement	M.Sc.	
2022	Henson	Taraji P.	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.L.	
2011	Higginbotham	Evelyn Brooks	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1980	Higginbotham Jr.	A. Leon	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
1996	Hightower	Dennis F.	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.L.	
1920	Hillis	Newell Dwight	Commencement (Orator)		
2010	Hobson	Melody	Commencement	D.H.	
1938	Holmes	Dwight Oliver Wendell	Commencement	LL.D.	
1992	Hooks	Benjamin Lawson	Commencement (Orator)		
1975	Hooks	Benjamin Lawson	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.L.	
1979	Horne	Lena	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2005	Hughes	Catherine Liggins	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1963	Hughes	Langston	Commencement	D. Litt.	
1943	Hungate	Thad Lewis	Commencement	LL.D.	
1995	Hunter-Gault	Charlayne	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2009	Ifill	Gwen	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.L.	
1970	Jackson	Jesse Louis	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.	
1976	Jackson	Maynard H.	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
2006	Jackson	Shirley Ann	Commencement	D.Sc.	

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1999	Jackson Sr.	Jesse Louis	Opening Convocation (Orator)	Special Citation of Achievement	
2002	Jamison	Judith A.	Commencement	D.H.	
1990	Jenifer	Franklyn G.	Opening Convocation (Orator)		
1964	Jenkins	Martin David	Commencement	LL.D.	
1951	Jernagin	William Henry	Commencement	D.Div.	
2013	Johns	Marie Collins	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1999	Johnson	James A.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2003	Johnson	John Harold	Opening Convocation	Special Citation of Achievement	
1986	Johnson	John Harold	Commencement	D.H.	
1965	Johnson	Lydon Baines	Commencement (Orator)		
1932	Johnson	Mordecai Wyatt	Commencement (Orator)		
1927	Johnson	Mordecai Wyatt	Commencement (Orator)	Inauguration of the 11th President	
2013	Johnson	Sheila Crump	Commencement	D.H.	
1937	Jones	David D.	Commencement	LL.D.	
1978	Jones	R. Frank	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1977	Jones	Reginald Harold	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2003	Jones	Thomas W.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1985	Jones Jr.	Quincy Delight	Opening Convocation	D.Mus.	
1974	Jordan	Barbara	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
1981	Jordan	Vernon E.	Opening Convocation (Orator)		
1972	Jordan Jr.	Vernon E.	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
1951	Julian	Percy Lavon	Commencement	D.Sc.	
2023	Karsh	Bruce A.	Commencement	D.H.	
2023	Karsh	Martha L.	Commencement	D.H.	
1974	Keith	Damon Jerome	Commencement	LL.D.	
1935	Kelly	Fred J.	Commencement (Orator)		
2013	Kemp	Jack F.	Commencement	LL.D. (Posthumous)	
2000	Kennard	J. William	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
1979	Kennedy	Edward Moore	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
1997	Kenney	John A.	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1999	Kersee	Jacqueline Joyner	Commencement	D.H.	

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1958	Kindelberger	James Howard	Commencement	LL.D.	
2019	King	Charles D.	Charter Day (Orator)	D.H.L.	
2018	King	Colbert I.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2018	King	Gwendolyn Stewart	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1957	King Jr.	Martin Luther	Commencement	LL.D.	
1988	King S.	Dearine Edwin	Commencement	D.Div.	
1969	Koontz	Elizabeth Duncan	Commencement	D.Ed.	
1986	Koppel	Edward James (Ted)	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1975	Kountz	Samuel Lee	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1960	Kripalani	Acharya J.K.	Commencement (Orator)		
1973	LaFontant	Jewel Stradford	Commencement	D.H.L	
1992	Landers	Ann	Commencement	D.H.	
1919	Lane	Franklin K.	Commencement (Orator)		
1913	Lane	Franklin K.	Commencement (Orator)		
1958	Lawless	Theodore K.	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1985	Lawrence	Jacob A.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2025	Lee	Barbara	Commencement	LL.D.	
1938	Lee	J.R.E.	Commencement	LL.D.	
1995	Leffall Jr.	LaSalle D.	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1989	Leffall Jr.	LaSalle Doheny	Opening Convocation (Orator)		
2012	Legend	John	Commencement	D.H.	
2019	Leggett	Isiah	Opening Convocation (Orator)	Presidential Medal of Achievement	
2007	Leggett	Isiah	Charter Day (Orator)	Special Citation of Achievement	
2015	Lewis	John	Charter Day (Orator)	Presidential Medal of Achievement	
2015	Lewis	John	Opening Convocation (Orator)		
2002	Lewis	John	Opening Convocation (Orator)		
1993	Lewis	Reginald F.	Commencement	LL.D. (Posthumous)	
1984	Lewis	William Arthur	Commencement	LL.D.	
1921	Lewis	William H.	Commencement (Orator)		
1912	Lewis	William H.	Commencement (Orator)		

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1951	Lindley	Ernest K.	Commencement (Orator)		
1988	Lindsay	Gilbert William	Commencement	LL.D.	
1982	Lindsay	Inabel Burns	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2000	Llewellyn	J. Bruce	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1953	Locke	Alain L.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1972	Logan	Rayford Whittingham	Commencement	LL.D.	
2006	Lucy	William (Bill)	Commencement	D.H.	
2022	Lumpkins	Robert L	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1980	Mackey	Howard Hamilton	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1957	Malin	Patrick Murphy	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
1992	Manley	Michael Norman	Commencement	LL.D.	
1947	Manley	Norman W.	Commencement	LL.D.	
1946	Manley	Norman W.	Commencement	LL.D.	
1997	Mark	Reuben	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2024	Marriott Sr.	J. Willard	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1997	Marsalis	Wynton	Commencement	D.Mus.	
1954	Marshall	Thurgood	Commencement	LL.D.	
1979	Martin	Louis Emmanuel	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2024	Mason	Mark A. L.	Opening Convocation (Orator)	(See 2017)	BAA 1995
2017	Mason	Mark A. L.	Charter Day (Orator)	Presidential Medal of Achievement	BAA 1995
2007	Massey	Walter E.	Commencement	D.Sc.	
2012	Matthews	Christopher	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1959	Maynor	Dorothy	Commencement	D.Mus.	
1967	Mays	Benjamin Elijah	Commencement (Orator)		
1945	Mays	Benjamin Elijah	Commencement (Orator)		
1959	Mboya	Tom	Commencement (Orator)	LLD.	
1977	McCree	Wade H.	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
2008	McDonald	Gabrielle Kirk	Commencement	LL.D.	
1918	McDowell	William F.	Commencement (Orator)		
2013	McGuire	Patricia	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2006	McKenzie	Floretta Dukes	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2000	McKenzie	Vashti Murphy	Opening Convocation (Orator)		
2022	Meeks	Gregory Weldon	Charter Day (Orator)	D.H.L.	JD 1978

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1947	Meyer	Agnes E.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1985	Meyer	Stanley	Commencement	LL.D.	
2005	Mfume	Kweisi	Commencement (Orator)	Special Citation of Achievement	
1988	Minnis Sr.	Frederick Gillam	Commencement	LL.D.	
1960	Mitchell	Howard	Commencement	D.Mus.	
1979	Mitchell Jr.	Clarence Maurice	Commencement	LL.D.	
2022	Mobley	Stacey J.	Commencement	LL.D.	BSP 1968, JD 1971
2009	Mogae	Festus G.	Commencement	LL.D.	
2022	Monteiro	D. Paul	Special Event, June	Presidential Medal of Achievement	
1996	Mora	Elizabeth Catlett	Commencement	D.H.	
1988	Morgan	Edward Paddock	Commencement (Orator)	D.Litt.	
2011	Morial	Marc H.	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.L.	
1936	Morris	Edward H.	Commencement	LL.D.	
2020	Morse	Laurence C.	Commencement (Orator)	Presidential Medal of Achievement	BA 1973
2017	Murray	Pauli	Commencement	LL.D. (Posthumous)	
1945	Murray	Peter Marshall	Opening Convocation (Orator)		
1944	Murray	Philip	Commencement	LL.D.	
1962	Myrdal	Gunnar	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
1948	Myrdal	Gunnar	Commencement (Orator)		
1963	Nabrit	Samuel Milton	Commencement (Orator)	D.Sc.	
1981	Nabrit Jr.	James Madison	Commencement	LL.D.	
1966	Nabrit Jr.	James Madison	Commencement (Orator)		
1986	Natcher	William Huston	Commencement	LL.D.	
1936	Nelson	William Stuart	Commencement	LL.D.	
1989	Neuharth	Allen Harold	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2014	Nooyi	Indra K.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1982	Norman	Jessye	Commencement	D.Mus.	
1978	Norton	Eleanor Holmes	Commencement	D.H.	
2003	Novello	Antonia C.	Commencement	D.Sc.	
2016	Obama	Barack Hussein	Commencement (Orator)	D.Sc.	
2007	Obama	Barack Hussein	Opening Convocation (Orator)	LL.D.	
1981	Obasanjo	Olusegun	Commencement	D.H.L.	

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2008	Oliver	David	Opening Convocation	Special Citation of Achievement	
2004	O'Neal	Stan	Opening Convocation (Orator)	D.H.L.	
1940	Paige	Myles Anderson	Commencement	LL.D.	
1995	Parsons	Richard D.	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
1958	Patterson	Frederick D.	Commencement	LL.D.	
1938	Patterson	Frederick D.	Commencement (Orator)		
2005	Payton	Benjamin Franklin	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1985	Pierre-Louis	Raoul	Opening Convocation	D.H.L.	
1987	Pierre-Noel	Lois Mailou Jones	Commencement	D.H.	
2018	Pinn	Vivian Winona	Commencement	D.Sc.	
2007	Pollin	Irene Sue	Commencement	D.H.	
2001	Porter	John Edward	Commencement	LL.D.	
1994	Powell	Colin L.	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
1962	Price	Leontyne	Commencement	D.Mus.	
1989	Procopé	Ernesta G.	Commencement	LL.D.	
2022	Procopé	Jonelle	Commencement	D.H.L.	BA 1972
1974	Quarles	Benjamin Arthur	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1953	Radhakrishnan	Sarvepalli	Commencement	LL.D.	
2002	Raines	Franklin Delano	Charter Day (Orator)	D.H.	
1997	Rand	Addison Barry	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1940	Randolph	Asa Philip	Commencement	LL.D.	
1988	Rangell	Charles Bernard	Opening Convocation (Orator)	LL.D.	
2009	Rashad	Phylcia	Charter Day (Orator)	D.H.	
2019	Reed	M. Kasim	Commencement (Orator)	Presidential Medal of Achievement	BA 1991, JD 1995
2011	Reed	M. Kasim	Charter Day (Orator)	LL.D.	BA 1991; JD 1995
2008	Ribeau	Sidney A.	Opening Convocation (Orator)		
2006	Richardson	Bernard L	Opening Convocation (Orator)	Special Citation of Achievement	BA 1975
1982	Richardson	Elliot Lee	Commencement	LL.D.	
2012	Richardson	Julieanna L.	Commencement	D.H.	
1982	Richardson	Scovel	Commencement	LL.D. (Posthumous)	
1953	Rickey	Branch	Commencement	LL.D.	

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2010	Roberts	Robin	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2023	Robinson	Gregory L.	Charter Day (Orator)	D.Sc.	BSEE 1983
1957	Robinson	Jack R.	Commencement	LL.D.	
1967	Robinson	James H.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1984	Robinson	Max	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.L.	
2006	Robinson	William (Smokey)	Commencement	D.Mus.	
1981	Robinson III	Spottswood W.	Commencement	LL.D.	
1989	Rockefeller	Mary Clark	Commencement	D.H.	
1964	Rowan	Carl Thomas	Commencement (Orator)	LL.D.	
2023	Rowley	Keith Christopher	Commencement	D.Litt.	
1987	Sanford	Terry	Commencement	LL.D.	
2005	Savage	Frank	Commencement	D.H.	
1996	Schneider	Roy L.	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1972	Scott	Arleigh Winston	Commencement	LL.D.	
2025	Seenoi Barr	Lilian	Commencement	LL.D.	
1968	Shearer	Hugh Lawson	Commencement	LL.D.	
1925	Shephard	James E.	Commencement (Orator)		
1943	Silver	Abba Hillel	Commencement (Orator)		
1996	Simmons	Ruth J.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1997	Simpson	Carole	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.L.	
2019	Sinkford	Jeanne Craig	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1999	Slater	Rodney E.	Charter Day (Orator)		
2011	Slaughter	John Brooks	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1926	Slosson	Edwin E.	Commencement (Orator)		
1922	Slosson	Edwin E.	Commencement (Orator)		
1976	Smith	Kelly Miller	Commencement	D.Div.	
1950	Smith	Lillian	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1996	Smith III	Wayman F.	Commencement	LLD.	
1985	Snowden	Frank M.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1960	Somerville	Wendell Clay	Commencement	LL.D.	
2010	Sotomayor	Sonia	Commencement	LL.D.	
1976	Spaulding	Asa T.	Commencement	LL.D.	
1911	Stafford	Justice Wendell Phillips	Commencement (Orator)		
1978	Steveland (Stevie)	Morris (Wonder)	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2021	Stevenson	Bryan	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.L.	

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1931	Stokes	Anson Phelps	Commencement (Orator)		
2008	Stringer	C. Vivian	Commencement	D.H.	
1937	Studebaker	John Ward	Commencement (Orator)		
1991	Sullivan	Louis Wade	Commencement	LL.D.	
1934	Sweet	William E.	Commencement (Orator)		
2000	Swygert	H. Patricik	Charter Day (Orator)		
2001	Swygert	H. Patrick	Opening Convocation (Orator)		
2008	Swygert	Haywood Patrick	Commencement	LL.D.	
1985	Syphax	Burke	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1909	Taft	William Howard	Commencement (Orator)		
1985	Tandon	Sirjang Lal	Commencement	LL.D.	
1986	Tate	Merze	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2015	Tatum	Beverly Daniel	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1990	Taylor	Ivan Earle	Commencement	D.Litt.	
1979	Terrell	Richard Lee	Commencement	LL.D.	
1969	Thomas	Julius Albert	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1955	Thurman	Howard	Commencement	D.Div.	
2017	Traylor	Eleanor W.	Commencement	D.Litt.	
2025	Trethewey	Natasha	Commencement	D.Litt.	
1999	Ture (Carmichael)	Kwame (Stokely)	Commencement	D.H.L. (Posthumous)	
1992	Turner	Carmen Elizabeth	Commencement	D.H.L. (Posthumous)	
1995	Turner	R.E. (Ted)	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2016	Tyson	Cicely	Commencement	D.Litt.	
1986	Tyson	Cicely	Commencement	D.H.L.	
2008	Tyson	Neil deGrasse	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1982	Vaughan	Sarah	Commencement	D.Mus.	
1969	Walsh	William Bertalan	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1952	Waring	J. Waties	Commencement	LL.D.	
2023	Washington	A. Eugene	Commencement	D.Sc.	BA1972
1974	Washington	Walter Edward	Commencement	LL.D.	
1962	Weaver	George L.P.	Commencement	LL.D.	
2001	Weill	Sanford I.	Charter Day	D.H.	
1968	Welcome	Verda Freeman	Commencement	LL.D.	
1976	Wells	Herman B.	Commencement	LL.D.	
1970	Wesley	Charles H.	Commencement	D.Litt.	
1984	White	Robert Lee	Commencement	LL.D.	
1939	White	Walter	Commencement	LL.D.	

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1929	Wilbur	Ray Lyman	Commencement (Orator)		
2023	Wiley	Benaree Pratt	Commencement	D.H.L.	BA 1968
1942	Wilkerson	Garnett Crummel	Commencement	LL.D.	
2012	Wilkerson	Isabel	Commencement	D.Litt.	
1965	Wilkins	Roy W.	Commencement	LL.D.	
1952	Williams	Paul R.	Commencement	D.Arch.	
2009	Williams	Ronald A.	Commencement	D.H.	
2002	Williams	Venus Ebony Starr	Commencement	Special Citation of Achievement	
2004	Wilson	August	Commencement	D.H.	
2007	Winfrey	Oprah	Commencement (Orator)	D.H.	
2019	Winston	Michael R.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1928	Wise	Stephen S.	Commencement (Orator)		
1989	Woods	Geraldine Pittman	Commencement	D.H.	
1947	Woodson	Carter Godwin	Commencement	LL.D.	
1943	Work	Monroe N.	Commencement	D.Litt.	
1964	Wright	James Skelly	Commencement	LL.D.	
1977	Wright	Stephen J.	Commencement	D.H.L.	
1991	Yancey Sr.	Asa Greenwood	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1977	Young	M. Wharton	Commencement	D.Sc.	
1977	Zahedi	Ardeshir	Commencement	D.H.	
1936	Zook	George Frederick	Commencement (Orator)		