

Commencement Speakers - 1996 to 2016 Present

Year	Ceremony	Speaker	Title/Description	HD Received
2016	Spring Commencement	Michael Bloomberg	Former New York City Mayor and business magnate	Laws
	University Graduate Exercises	Mary Claire-King	Professor of Human Genetics and human rights activist, University of Seattle	Science
	Winter Commencement	Julio Frenk	President, Miami University, former Dean, Harvard School of Public Health, and former Secretary of Public Health of Mexico	Laws
2015	Spring Commencement	Paul Saginaw/Ari Weinzweig	Co-Owners and Founding Partners, Zingerman's Community of Businesses	Laws
	University Graduate Exercises	Robert J. Shiller	Sterling Prof of Economic, Yale Univ; Prof of Finance, Yale School of Management	Science
	Winter Commencement	Martha Minow	Dean, Harvard Law School	Laws
2014	Spring Commencement	Mary Barra	CEO, General Motors Company	Engineering
	University Graduate Exercises	Daniel Okrent	U-M alumnus, author, editor, journalist and cultural historian	Humane Letters
	Winter Commencement	Charles F. Bolden, Jr.	Administrator of NASA, ret. US MarineCorps MajGenl, former NASA Astronaut	Science
2013	Spring Commencement	Richard (Dick) Costolo	CEO, Twitter	Laws
	University Graduate Exercises	Rosabeth Kanter	Ernest L. Arbuckle Professor, Harvard, Editor, Harvard	Humane Letters
	Winter Commencement	Michele Norris-Johnson	National Public Radio journalist	Humane Letters
2012	Spring Commencement	Sanjay Gupta	CNN Chief Medical Correspondent	Humane Letters
	University Graduate Exercises	Susan Orlean	Journalist and Author	Humane Letters
	Winter Commencement	Raynard Kington	President, Grinnell College	Laws
2011	Spring Commencement	Richard D. Snyder	48th Governor of Michigan	Laws
	University Graduate Exercises	Eugene Robinson	Journalist and Author	Humane Letters
	Winter Commencement	Jill Abramson	Executive Editor, New York Times	Humane Letters
2010	Spring Commencement	Barack Obama	44th President of the United States	Laws
	University Graduate Exercises	Charles Vest	President, National Academy of Engineering	Laws
	Winter Commencement	Daniel Kahneman	Psychologist, Nobel Laureate Economics	Science
2009	Spring Commencement	Lawrence Page	Co-Founder and President, Google	Engineering
	University Graduate Exercises	Michael Posner	Cognitive Neuroscientist	Science
	Winter Commencement	Jeff Daniels	Actor	Fine Arts
2008	Spring Commencement	Robert W. Woodruff	ABC News Anchor, Journalist	Laws
	University Graduate Exercises	Frances Allen	Computer Scientist, Turing Award Winner	Science
	Winter Commencement	Roger S. Penske	Chairman, Penske Corporation	Laws
2007	Spring Commencement	William Jefferson Clinton	42nd President of the United States	Laws
	University Graduate Exercises	Philip Converse	Sociologist	Science
	Winter Commencement	Francis S. Collins	Former Director, National Human Genome Research Institute	Science
2006	Spring Commencement	Christiane Amanpour	Journalist and Chief International Correspondent, CNN	Humane Letters
	University Graduate Exercises	Amartya Sen	Economist, Nobel Laureate	Science
	Winter Commencement	Dave Bing	Chairman, The Bing Group	Laws

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2005	Spring Commencement	John Seely Brown	Computer Scientist	Engineering
	University Graduate Exercises	Mildred S. Dresselhaus	Physicist	Science
	Winter Commencement	Freeman J. Dyson	Professor Emeritus, Institute of Advanced Study; Mathematician and Physicist	Science
2004	Spring Commencement	David E. Davis, Jr.	Journalist, Founder and Editor Emeritus of Automobile Magazine	Humane Letters
	University Graduate Exercises	Julius L. Chambers	Civil Rights Leader and Educator	Laws
	Winter Commencement	Robert P. Moses	Civil Rights Activist, Educator of Mathematics, Founder and President, The Algebra Project, Inc.	Laws
2003	Spring Commencement	Jennifer Granholm	47th Governor of Michigan	Laws
	University Graduate Exercises	John J. H. Schwarz	Physician, Former Michigan State Senator	Laws
	Winter Commencement	Thomas J. Miller	United States Ambassador to Greece	Laws
2002	Spring Commencement	Willima H. Gray	CEO, College Fund/UNCF, Social Activist	Laws
	University Graduate Exercises	Donna Shalala	President, University of Miami	Laws
	Winter Commencement	Philip Levine	Poet and 1995 Pulitzer Prize Winner	Humane Letters
2001	Spring Commencement	Robert Pinsky	Former US Poet Laureate	Humane Letters
	University Graduate Exercises	Marshall Sahlins	Anthropologist	Humane Letters
	Winter Commencement	Charles Baxter	Author and Adjunct Professor of English Language and Literature	No degree awarded
2000	Spring Commencement	David Halberstam	Journalist, Author, Pulitzer Prize Recipient	Humane Letters
	University Graduate Exercises	Bernice Johnson Reagon	Distinguished Professor of History, Curator, Smithsonian, Musician and Producer	Music
	Winter Commencement	Elmore Leonard	Popular Contemporary Author	Humane Letters
1999	Spring Commencement	Kofi Annan	7th Secretary General of United Nations	Laws
	University Graduate Exercises	Shirley Malcolm	Chemist, Science Policy and Education Policy	Science
	Winter Commencement	Romano Prodi	President of the European Community, Former Prime Minister of Italy	Laws
1998	Spring Commencement	Mamphela Ramphele	Chancellor, Cape Town University	Laws
	University Graduate Exercises	Richard Ford	Author	Humane Letters
	Winter Commencement	David DiChiera	Founder and General Director, Michigan Opera Theatre	Music
1997	Spring Commencement	Lee Bollinger	12th President, University of Michigan	No degree awarded
	University Graduate Exercises	Lee Bollinger	12th President, University of Michigan	No degree awarded
	Winter Commencement	Ken Burns	Filmmaker and Historian	Laws
1996	Spring Commencement	Johnetta B. Cole	Educator, President Spellman College	Laws
	University Graduate Exercises	James J. Duderstadt	11th President, University of Michigan	No degree awarded
	Winter Commencement	Sandra Day O'Connor	United States Supreme Court Justice	Laws