May 11, 2015  Salman Rushdie*
               Author, Professor, and Human Rights Advocate

May 12, 2014  John Lewis*
               Congressman and Civil Rights Hero

May 13, 2013  Rita Dove*
               Poet, Professor, Advocate of the Arts

May 14, 2012  Benjamin S. Carson Sr.*
               Physician, Mentor, Leader

May 9, 2011   Janet Napolitano*
               Public Servant, Lawyer, Leader

May 10, 2010  Arnold Schwarzenegger*
               Public Servant, Environmentalist, Philanthropist

May 11, 2009  Vicente Fox*
               Diplomat, Collaborator, Visionary

May 12, 2008  Bernard Marcus*
               Entrepreneur, philanthropist, humanitarian

May 14, 2007  Paul Farmer*
               Physician, medical anthropologist, author

May 15, 2006  Marian Wright Edelman*
               Humanitarian, Advocate, Writer

May 16, 2005  Tom Brokaw*
               Journalist, Author, Historian

May 10, 2004  Mary Robinson*
               Human rights advocate
               Ireland’s first woman president

May 12, 2003  Seamus Heaney*
               Nobel Laureate and Teacher

May 13, 2002  Alfred Uhry*
               Playwright and screenwriter

May 14, 2001  Deborah E. Lipstadt
Director, Institute for Jewish Studies

May 15, 2000  George J. Mitchell*
Statesman

May 10, 1999  Robert B. Reich*
Former Secretary of Labor

May 11, 1998  Tenzin Gyatso*
The XIV Dalai Lama

May 12, 1997  Christiane Amanpour*
Distinguished International
Broadcast Journalist

May 13, 1996  Johnnetta B. Cole*
President of Spelman College

Literary Scholar

May 9, 1994  The Honorable James Thomas Laney*
United States Ambassador to the Republic of Korea

May 10, 1993  Donald Raymond Keough*
Former President and Chief Operating Officer
The Coca-Cola Company

May 11, 1992  Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev*
Former President of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

May 13, 1991  Eduard Shevardnadze*
Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, USSR

May 14, 1990  Elizabeth Dole*
United States Secretary of Labor

May 15, 1989  Sam Nunn
United States Senator

May 16, 1988  Archbishop Desmond Tutu*

May 11, 1987  Paul A. Volcker*
Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

May 12, 1986  Dr. Steven Watson*
Principal of the University of St. Andrews

May 13, 1985  Daniel Joseph Boorstin*
       Historian, Librarian of Congress

May 14, 1984  Joseph Cardinal Bernardin*
       Archbishop of Chicago

May 16, 1983  Terry Sanford
       President of Duke University

June 14, 1982  Roberto C. Goizueta
       Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
       The Coca-Cola Company

June 15, 1981  The Honorable Sam Nunn*
       Senior Senator from the State of Georgia

June 9, 1980  William Robertson Coe
       Professor of American History at Yale University and
       Dean of Yale College

June 11, 1979  Judson C. Ward Jr.
       Executive Vice President and Dean of Faculties

       Alumni Secretary

August 18, 1978  Henry L. Bowden
       Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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       Visiting Professor of Philosophy and Theology

August 12, 1977  Edna M. Grexton
       Dean, Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing

June 13, 1977  Sanford S. Atwood
       President of the University

August 21, 1976  Alfred E. Wilhelmi
       Charles Howard Candler Professor and Chairman
       Department of Biochemistry

June 14, 1976  The Honorable Harry Andrew Blackmun*
       Associate Justice, United States Supreme Court
August 23, 1975  Evangeline T. Papageorge  
Executive Associate Dean of the School of Medicine

June 16, 1975  The Honorable Sam A. Nunn, Jr.  
The United States Senate

August 17, 1974  Bell I. Wiley  
Charles Howard Candler Professor of History

June 10, 1974  John Calvin Portman*

August 18, 1973  Dr. Arthur P. Richardson  
Dean of the School of Medicine

June 11, 1973  J. Pollard Turman*

August 19, 1972  Dr. William H. Jones  
Professor of Chemistry and Director of the Summer School

June 12, 1972  Morris B. Abram

August 14, 1971  Dr. John C. Stephens, Jr.  
Dean of Emory College

June 7, 1971  Dr. Rosemary Park  
Professor of Education  
University of California at Los Angeles

August 15, 1970  Dr. Thomas L. Fernandez  
Vice President for Student and Academic Services

June 8, 1970  Dr. Benjamin E. Mays*  
President, Atlanta Board of Education

August 16, 1969  Dr. Clark E. Myers  
Dean, School of Business Administration  
Emory University

June 9, 1969  Dr. Barnaby C. Keeney  
Chairman, National Endowment of the Humanities

August 17, 1968  Dr. Charles T. Lester  
Dean, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences  
Emory University

June 10, 1968  Dr. James L. Goddard*
August 19, 1967  Commissioner of Food and Drugs

Dr. J. Willis Hurst
Chairman, Department of Medicine
Emory University
School of Medicine

June 12, 1967  Robert Shaw*
Music Director, The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

August 12, 1966  Weston E. Vivian
United States House of Representatives

June 13, 1966  J. George Harrar*
President, the Rockefeller Foundation

August 21, 1965  Douglas M. Knight
President, Duke University

June 14, 1965  Wernher von Braun*
Director, George C. Marshall Space Flight Center

August 22, 1964  Guy R. Lyle
Director of the University Libraries

June 8, 1964  Sanford S. Atwood
President of the University

August 24, 1963  Frank G. Dickey
Executive Director of the Southern Association
of Colleges and Schools

June 10, 1963  The Honorable Donald Russell
The Governor of South Carolina

August 25, 1962  Charles H. Kellstadt
Former President and Chairman of the Board
Sears Roebuck and Company

June 11, 1962  John A. Sibley*
Chairman, Executive Committee
Trust Company of Georgia

August 19, 1961  Morris Abram
Atlanta Bar Association
June 5, 1961  Dr. H. Baker Carlos  
Princeton University

August 13, 1960  Dr. William H. Jones 
Director, Summer Session

June 6, 1960  Dr. Louis M. Orr*  
President, American Medical Association

August 22, 1959  Dr. Andrew D. Holt  
President, University of Tennessee

June 5, 1959  Dr. Robert Manning Strozier  
President of Florida State University

August 15, 1958  Dr. Henry K. Stanford  
President, Birmingham-Southern College

June 7, 1958  Dr. Henry Lumpkin Bowden  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

June 6, 1958  Dr. William Fletcher Quillian, Jr.  
President of Randolph-Macon Woman’s College

August 17, 1957  George Boyde Connell  
President, Mercer University

June 7, 1957  Elbert Parr Tuttle  
United States Court of Appeals

June 6, 1957  Dr. Theodore Henley Jack  
President Emeritus,  
Randolph-Macon Woman’s College

August 18, 1956  Dr. John Knox  
Union Theological Seminary

June 8, 1956  Dr. Ernest Mason Allen*  
National Institutes of Health

June 7, 1956  James Soule Pope*  
Editor, Louisville Courier-Journal and Louisville Times
August 20, 1955  Dr. Ernest C. Colwell  
Vice-President of the University

June 4, 1955  Dr. Leonard Carmichael  
Secretary Smithsonian Institution

August 21, 1954  Dr. George Kerry Smith  
Executive Secretary for the  
Association of Higher Education

June 5, 1954  Spessard Lindsey Holland  
Member of the United States Senate

August 22, 1953  Dr. Omer Clyde Aderhold  
President  
University of Georgia

June 6, 1953  Robert E. Gross  
President  
Lockheed Aircraft Corporation

August 29, 1952  Dr. Allen D. Albert, Jr.  
Public Relations Director  
Lockheed Aircraft Corporation

June 7, 1952  Nolan B. Harmon  
Book editor of the Methodist Church

June 6, 1952  Dr. Robert D. Calkins  
Director of the General Education Board

August 24, 1951  Dr. Andrew David Holt  
University of Tennessee

June 2, 1951  Honorable Millard F. Caldwell, Jr.  
Federal Civil Defense Administration

August 25, 1950  Dr. John Lawrence Seaton

June 3, 1950  James V. Carmichael

June 2, 1950  John A. Sibley

August 26, 1949  Dr. Arthur Hollis Edens  
President of Duke University

June 4, 1949  Alben William Barkley*
Vice President of the United States

June 3, 1949  Oren Austin Oliver*

August 27, 1948  Dr. Wallace McPherson Alston

June 5, 1948  Dr. James Harris Purks, Jr.

June 4, 1948  Dr. Ernest Cadman Colwell

June 7, 1947  John Lord O’Brain

February 28, 1947  Dr. Alton Ochsner

June 8, 1946  Charles Howard Candler

March 16, 1946  Dr. Daniel Collier Elkin

June 16, 1945  Col. LeRoy W. Nichols
   General Staff Corps,
   Director, Army Specialized Training Division
   Fourth Service Command

June 2, 1945  Robert B. Troutman

September 16, 1944  Lt. Colonel Louis Krause
   Medical Corps
   Army of the United States

June 3, 1944  Eugene Epperson Barnett*
   General Secretary
   International Committee of Young Men’s Christian Associations

December 20, 1943  Dr. James Edgar Paullin
   President, American Medical Association

May 29, 1943  Herman L. Turner
   Pastor, Covent Presbyterian Church of Atlanta

March 18, 1943  Dr. William Pearson Tolley
   Chancellor of Syracuse Un.

May 29 and 30, 1942  Dr. Frank Kells Boland
   President, Alumni Association

June 9 and 10, 1940  Dr. Douglas Southall Freeman
June 4 and 5, 1939  Robert M. Strickland
June 5 and 6, 1938  Dr. William D. Haggard
June 6 and 7, 1937  Bishop Charles Wesley Flint
June 7 and 8, 1936  Dr. Dumas Malone*
June 9, 10, and 11, 1934  Rev. Edward McLellan
June 10, 11, and 12, 1933  Dr. Theodore H. Jack*
June 5, 6, and 7, 1932  President Daniel L. Marsh
June 7, 8, and 9, 1931  John Huston Finley
June 8, 9, and 10, 1930  Rev. John Ernest Rattenbury*
June 2, 3, and 4, 1929  Dean Roscoe Pound
June 3, 4 and 5, 1928  Hon. Thomas G. McLeod
June 5, 6, and 7, 1927  Dr. Stewart R. Roberts
June 6, 7 and 8, 1926  Hon. Chase S. Osborn
June 7, 8, and 9, 1925  Judge Samuel Hale Sibley
May 31 – June 3, 1924  Dr. Charles P. Emerson
June 2, 3, 4 and 5, 1923  Dr. Samuel Chiles Mitchell
June 6, 1922  Rev. S. Parkes Cadman
June 7, 1921  Warren Akin Candler
              Chancellor
June 8, 1920  Warren Akin Candler
              Chancellor
February 28, 1919  Lieutenant Col. W. Wayne Babcock
              Chief of Surgical Service U.S.A.
              General Hospital No. 6
(School of Medicine)

Lieutenant Col. E. C. Davis
Director of Emory Unit

June 11, 1918
Bishop W. A. Candler
(School of Liberal Arts)

May 29, 1917
Dr. Victor C. Vaughn
(School of Medicine & School of Theology)

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