

Chronological Listing of Honorary Degree Recipients
Emory University
1846 - present

Commencement, May 13, 2024

- Victor Dzau * Sc.D. Medical Innovator, Healer of Hearts, Equity Champion
- Robert McDuffie * D.Mus. Violin Virtuoso, Musical Collaborator, Arts Advocate
- Valerie Montgomery Rice * L.H.D. Visionary Leader, Groundbreaking Physician-Scientist, Equity Champion

Commencement, May 8, 2023

- Anthony Ray Hinton * Litt.D. Man of Courage, Exemplar of Resilience, Defender of Human Rights
- James Cox Kennedy * L.H.D. Visionary Philanthropist, Civic Leader, Health Care Advocate
- Sarah Kenan Kennedy * L.H.D. Visionary Philanthropist, Civic Leader, Health Care Advocate

Commencement, May 9, 2022

- Lou Glenn * L.H.D. Health Advocate, Community Leader, Generous Philanthropist
- Tyler Perry * Litt.D. Storyteller, Entrepreneur, Humanitarian
- Sally Yates * LL.D. Seeker After Justice, Distinguished Public Servant, Truth-Teller

Commencement, May 11, 2020

- Françoise Barré-Sinoussi * Sc.D. Virologist and Nobel Laureate
- Alison Singer * Sc.D. Autism Science Foundation President
- Bryan Stevenson * LL.D. Social Justice Advocate and Human Rights Lawyer

Commencement, May 13, 2019

- Patricia Flatley Brennan * Sc.D. Nursing Innovator and Healthcare Pioneer
- Helene D. Gayle * L.H.D. Public Health Leader and Community Advocate

Commencement, May 14, 2018

- Bill Bolling * L.H.D. Activist and Community Ambassador
- Michael Dubin * L.H.D. Alumnus and Entrepreneur
- Carmen de Lavallade * D.F.A. Dancer, Choreographer, and Actress
- Gay J. McDougall * LL.D. Attorney and Human Rights Advocate

Commencement, May 8, 2017

- Taylor Branch * Litt.D. Historian and Author
- Sarah Blaffer Hrdy * Sc.D. Anthropologist and Primatologist
- Claes Tingvall * Sc.D. Epidemiologist and Safety Pioneer
- Natasha Trethewey * Litt.D. Poet and Scholar

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- Raymond Danowski * L.H.D. Fine Arts Dealer and Poetry Collector
- Temple Grandin * Litt.D. Animal Behaviorist and Autism Expert
- Amartya K. Sen * Litt.D. Economist and Nobel Laureate

Commencement, May 11, 2015

- Shirley Franklin * LL.D. Community Leader and Former Atlanta Mayor
- Billy E. Frye 54G 56PhD * Litt.D. Alumnus, Educator, and Renowned Administrator
- R. Randall Rollins * L.H.D. Business Leader and Philanthropist
- Salman Rushdie * Litt.D. Author, Professor, and Human Rights Advocate

Commencement, May 12, 2014

- Ben F. Johnson III * LL.D. Son of Emory and Champion of Civil Society
- John Lewis * LL.D. Congressman and Civil Rights Hero
- Beverly Daniel Tatum * L.H.D. Psychologist and Spelman College President

Commencement, May 13, 2013

- Marguerite Barankitse * L.H.D. Humanitarian, Guardian, Peacemaker
- Rita Dove * Litt.D. Poet, Professor, Advocate of the Arts
- Michael Graves * D.F.A. Eminent Architect and Designer

Commencement, May 14, 2012

- Camille Billops * L.H.D. Artist, Innovator, Patron of the Arts
- Benjamin S. Carson Sr. * L.H.D. Physician, Mentor, Leader
- James V. Hatch * Litt.D. Historian, Collector, Patron of the Arts
- Catharine R. Stimpson * Litt.D. Author, Scholar, Teacher
- Muhammad Yunus * Litt.D. Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Advocate, Visionary

Commencement, May 9, 2011

- William R. Beardslee * Sc.D. Physician, Researcher, Mental Health Advocate
- Janet Napolitano * LL.D. Public Servant, Lawyer, Leader
- Martha Nussbaum * L.H.D. Scholar, Teacher, Philosopher
- George Trakas * L.H.D. Landscape Artist, Sculptor, Environmentalist

Commencement, May 10, 2010

- Donald M. Berwick * Sc.D. Physician, Health Care Advocate, Visionary
- Melissa Fay Greene * Litt.D. Writer, Chronicler, Social Activist
- Joseph Echols Lowery * D.D. Peacemaker, Leader, Human Rights Activist
- Arnold Schwarzenegger * LL.D. Public Servant, Environmentalist, Philanthropist
- James D. Wolfensohn * L.H.D. International Business Leader, Humanitarian, Patron of the Arts

Commencement, May 11, 2009

- Nancy Cantor * LL.D. Scholar, Teacher, Leader

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- Vicente Fox
- David Satcher
- Robert Spano
- * LL.D. Diplomat, Collaborator, Visionary
- * Sc.D. Physician, Scientist, Advocate
- * Mus.D. Conductor, Artist, Innovator

Commencement, May 12, 2008

- Mary Jane England
- Ernest J. Gaines
- Bernard Marcus
- Edward O. Wilson
- * Sc.D. Educator, Visionary, Advocate
- * L.H.D. Writer, Humanist, Teacher
- * L.H.D. Entrepreneur, Philanthropist, Humanitarian
- * Sc.D. Scientist, Scholar, Innovator

Commencement, May 14, 2007

- Ray C. Anderson
- Benny Andrews (posthumously)
- Paul Farmer
- Beverly Benson Long
- Sc.D. Entrepreneur, Innovator, Environmentalist
- L.H.D. Artist, Educator, Author, Advocate of the Arts
- Sc.D. Physician, Medical Anthropologist, Author
- Sc.D. Mental Health Advocate, Civil Rights Activist

Commencement, May 15, 2006

- Dietrich von Bothmer
- Stephen B. Bright
- Marian Wright Edelman
- LL.D. Archeologist, Art Historian, Scholar
- LL.D. Activist, Lawyer, Teacher
- L.H.D. Humanitarian, Advocate, Writer

Commencement, May 16, 2005

- Tom Brokaw
- Lord Robin Butler
- Thomas G. Cousins
- Sue T. Hegyvary
- Ben F. Johnson Jr.
- L.H.D. Journalist, Author, Historian
- L.H.D. Civil Servant, Educator
- L.H.D. Businessman, Civic Leader
- Sc.D. Scholar, Educator, Public Servant
- LL.D. Lawyer, Advocate, Educator, Public Servant

Commencement, May 10, 2004

- Caroline Walker Bynum
- Mary Robinson
- LeRoy T. Walker
- James Bryan Williams
- Litt.D. Medieval Historian, Scholar, Teacher
- LL.D. World Leader, Humanitarian, Former Pres Ireland
- L.H.D. President Emeritus, U.S. Olympic Committee
- L.H.D. Alumnus, Trustee, Business Leader, Patron

Commencement, May 12, 2003

- Anthony S. Fauci
- Seamus Heaney
- David Levering Lewis
- Carlton R. Young
- Sc.D. Scientist, Physician, Medical Pioneer
- Litt.D. Nobel Laureate in Literature, Poet
- Litt.D. Professor, Pulitzer Prize Author, Historian
- D.Mus. Musician, Composer, Editor, Teacher

Commencement, May 13, 2002

- Lawrence Colburn
- Benoit Mandelbrot
- L.H.D. Vietnam Hero, Peacemaker
- Sc.D. Physicist, Mathematician, Author

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- William Porter Payne * LL.D. Civic Leader, Olympic Chieftain
- Celestine Sibley * L.H.D. Journalist, Author
- Wole Soyinka * Litt.D. Nobel Laureate in Literature
- Daniel Charles Tosteson * Sc.D. Scientist, Physician, Educator

Commencement, May 8, 1995

- Henry Louis “Hank” Aaron * LL.D. Baseball and Civil Rights Hero
- W. Maxwell Cowan * Sc.D. Medical Scientist, Educator
- Paul Erdős * Sc.D. Mathematician
- Henry Louis Gates Jr. * Litt.D. Literary Scholar
- Alex Gross * LL.D. Teacher, Humanist
- Maxcy Reddick Hall * Litt.D. Journalist, Author, Alumnus, Mentor
- Grace Crum Rollins * L.H.D. Philanthropist

Commencement, May 9, 1994

- Elias Burstein * Sc.D. Physicist and Mentor
- Van Cliburn * D.Mus Pianist
- Valerie Eliot * Litt.D. Scholar, Editor
- Cherry Logan Emerson * Sc.D. Chemist, Alumnus
- Donald Roswell Hopkins * Sc.D. Epidemiologist
- Berta Radford Laney * L.H.D. Humanitarian, Former First Lady of Emory University
- James Thomas Laney * D.D. U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea; Former President of Emory University
- Robert Strickland * LL.D. Chairman of Emory University Board of Trustees
- Margretta Madden Styles * L.H.D. Nurse, Scholar, Educator

Master’s Golf Tournament, Augusta, Georgia, April 9, 1994

- Sir John Carmichael * LL.D. Scottish Businessman and Philanthropist

Commencement, May 10, 1993

- Patricia Battin * L.H.D. Librarian, Preservationist
- Athol Fugard * L.H.D. Playwright
- John A. Griffin * LL.D. Alumnus, Civil Rights Activist
- A. Leon Higginbotham Jr. * LL.D. Chief Judge Emeritus of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- Donald Raymond Keough * LL.D. Retired President and CEO, The Coca-Cola Company
- C. Eric Lincoln * D.D. Educator, Sociologist
- June Elaine Osborn * Sc.D. Dean, University of Michigan School of Public Health

Commencement, May 11, 1992

- Dominique de Menil * LL.D. Philanthropist, Patron of the Arts
- Theodore Draper * Litt.D. Historian, Journalist

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- Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev * LL.D. Former President of the Soviet Union
- Henry Cecil McBay * Sc.D. Teacher, Scholar, Mentor
- Kéba M'Baye * LL.D. Former Vice President of the International Court of Justice
- Robert George Petersdorf * Sc.D. President and CEO of the Association of American Medical Colleges
- James Malcolm Sibley * LL.D. Attorney, Emory University Trustee

Commencement, May 13, 1991

- Rosalynn Smith Carter * Litt.D. Former First Lady, Health Advocate
- Sir Ernst Gombrich * L.H.D. Art Historian
- Curtis G. Hames * Sc.D. Cardiologist and Clinical Researcher
- Eduard Amvrosievich Shevardnadze * LL.D. Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, USSR
- Robert Edward Turner III * LL.D. Atlanta Entrepreneur, Broadcasting Executive
- Frederick Palmer Whiddon * Litt.D. Alumnus, University President
- Andrew Young * D.D. Former Ambassador, Minister, Public Servant

Commencement, May 14, 1990

- Elizabeth Hanford Dole * LL.D. US. Secretary of Labor
- Eleanor Jack Gibson * Sc.D. Psychologist, Educator
- Roberto Crispulo Goizueta * LL.D. Executive, Emory University Trustee
- Bishop Lawi Imathiu * D.D. Methodist Bishop and World Church Leader
- Jacek Kuron * LL.D. Human Rights Activist; Minister of Labor, Republic of Poland
- George Henson Page * L.H.D. Alumnus, Journalist, Broadcasting Executive
- Ferrol A. Sams Jr. * Litt.D. Alumnus, Physician and Author

Dedication of O. Wayne Rollins Research Center, April 12, 1990

- Sir James Whyte Black * Sc.D. Physiologist
- Francis Sellers Collins * Sc.D. Geneticist
- Eliot Stellar * Sc.D. Psychologist, Educator

Commencement, May 15, 1989

- Michael C. Carlos * L.H.D. Businessman and Philanthropist
- Robert Wood Lynn * D.D. Theological Educator and Foundation Executive
- Halfdan Theodor Mahler * Sc.D. Physician, Director-General Emeritus, WHO
- Daniel Oduber Quiros * LL.D. Statesman, former President of Costa Rica
- Frances Freeborn Pauley * LL.D. Civil Rights Activist
- Louis Wade Sullivan * Sc.D. Physician, Educator, Public Servant

Commencement, May 16, 1988

- Purnell Whittington Choppin * Sc.D. President, Howard Hughes Medical Institute; Virologist
- Wilbur Fisk Glenn * LL.D. Alumnus, Businessman, Philanthropist

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- Marshall Hall Jr. * Sc.D. Professor of Mathematics
- Mary Douglas Leakey * Sc.D. Archeologist
- Ursula Kroeber LeGuin * L.H.D. Writer
- Gilbert Stork * Sc.D. Professor of Chemistry, Columbia University
- Frederick Thomas Trotter * D.D. President, Alaska Pacific University
- Desmond Mpilo Tutu * D.D. Archbishop of Cape Town

Commencement, May 11, 1987

- Frederick Charles Barghoorn * Litt.D. Scholar and Diplomat
- Virginia Foster Durr * LL.D. Civil Rights Activist and Author
- Hugh Morris Gloster * LL.D. Literary Scholar, Educator
- James Moody Gustafson * D.D. Ethicist, Educator
- Adetokunbo Olumide Oluwole Lucas* Sc.D. Medical Scientist, Global Health Administrator
- Maclyn McCarty * Sc.D. Physician and Biochemist
- Paul Adolph Volcker * LL.D. Chairman, Board of Governors,
The Federal Reserve System

Sesquicentennial Convocation, December 10, 1986

- Ivan Loveridge Bennett, Jr. * Sc.D. Professor of Medicine, Pathologist
- Grady Clay * L.H.D. Editor, Consultant, Urban Design and
Landscape Architecture
- Anne J. Davis * Sc.D. Nurse, Educator
- Charles W. Fain Jr. * Sc.D. Pedodontist
- Harold Nelson Hill Jr. * LL.D. Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Georgia
- Hongkoo Lee * Litt.D. Political Scientist
- James Armstrong Mackay * LL.D. Attorney, Legislator
- Ansely Bascom Andrews Padgett* LL.D. Foundation President, Civic Leader
- Harrison Lockhart Rogers Jr. * Sc.D. Surgeon
- Kiyoshi Tanimoto (posthumous) * D.D. Theologian

Commencement, May 12, 1986

- Dorothy Alexander * L.H.D. Dancer, Choreographer
- Robert Coles * Litt.D. Research Psychiatrist, Author
- William H. Foege * Sc.D. Physician, Epidemiologist
- Louis Rudolph Harlan * Litt.D. Alumnus, Historian
- Ruth Patrick * Sc.D. Ecologist
- Martha Elizabeth Rogers * Sc.D. Nurse, Educator
- O. Wayne Rollins * LL.D. Trustee, Businessman, Philanthropist
- John Steven Watson * Litt.D. Principal, University of St. Andrews, Scotland

Commencement, May 13, 1985

- Daniel Joseph Boorstin * Litt.D. Historian, Librarian of Congress
- Virginia Henderson * Sc.D. Nursing and Educator

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- Joseph West Jones * LL.D. Foundation President
- Frank Press * Sc.D. Geophysicist; President, National Academy of Sciences
- James Samuel Thomas * D.D. Methodist Bishop
- James McKendree Wall * L.H.D. Alumnus, Journalist

Dedication of Eye Center, March 21, 1985

- Arnall Patz Sc.D. Ophthalmologist, Johns Hopkins

Commencement, May 14, 1984

- Joseph Cardinal Bernardin * L.H.D. Archbishop of Chicago
- Mary Margaret Carr * L.H.D. Atlanta Social Worker
- Grace Towns Hamilton * LL.D. Georgia State Legislator
- Wilton Looney * LL.D. Atlanta Businessman
- Jurgen Moltmann * D.D. Theologian, University of Tubingen
- Yasutomi Nishizuka * Sc.D. Biochemist, Kobe University
- Claude F. Sitton * L.H.D. Alumnus, Journalist
- Randolph W. Thrower * LL.D. Alumnus, Trustee, Attorney-at-Law

Commencement May 16, 1983

- Robert Sanford Brustein * L.H.D. Theatre Critic and Director
- John Hope Franklin * Litt.D. Historian
- Walter Gordy * Sc.D. Physicist
- Kim Dae Jung * LL.D. Korean Human Rights Activist
- Estelle Ramey * Sc.D. Endocrinologist
- Robert Paul Ramsey * Litt.D. Theological Ethicist
- Terry Sanford * LL.D. President, Duke University
- Eric Voegelin * Litt.D. Philosopher

Minister's Week, January 18, 1983 (in connection with Emory Human Rights Year)

- Arthur James Armstrong * L.H.D. Alumnus, Methodist Bishop, President of National Council of Churches
- Earl Gladstone Hunt Jr. * D.D. Alumnus, Trustee, Educator, Methodist Bishop
- Elie Wiesel * L.H.D. Author

Special Convocation, Hymn Society of America, June 20, 1982:

- Fred Pratt Green * L.H.D. British Methodist Minister, Poet, Hymn Writer

Commencement, June 14, 1982

- Kenneth Duva Burke * Litt.D. Man of Letters; Visiting Professor
- Samuel E. Horne Jr. * Sc.D. Research Chemist
- Boisfeuillet Jones * LL.D. Foundation Executive
- Eleanor L. Richardson * LL.D. Georgia State Representative
- Eudora Welty * L.H.D. Author

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Cannon Chapel Opening Worship, October 4, 1981

- Paul Marvin Rudolph * L.H.D. Architect, Author

Commencement, June 15, 1981

- Robert Francis Durden * Litt.D. Professor of History, Duke University
- George Herbert Hitchings * Sc.D. Pharmaceutical Chemist
- Joel Duncan McDavid * D.D. Bishop of Atlanta Area United Methodist
- Samuel Milton Nabrit * LL.D. Biologist, Educator, Foundation Executive
- Sam Nunn * LL.D. United State Senator

Commencement, June 1980

- Francis Marion Bird * LL.D. Attorney, Trustee Emeritus
- Mattiwilda Dobbs * Mus.D. Opera and Concert Artist
- Norman Henry Giles * Sc.D. Callaway Professor of Genetics, University of Georgia
- George W. Woodruff * LL.D. Engineer, Businessman, Philanthropist, Emory University Trustee

December 6, 1979

- Robert Winship Woodruff * LL.D. Alumnus, Businessman, Philanthropist

Groundbreaking, Cannon Chapel, August 30, 1979

- Jimmy Earl Carter Jr. * LL.D. President of the United States

Commencement, June 11, 1979

- Joseph Maxwell Cleland * LL.D. Admin., U.S. Veterans Affairs
- Richard David Ellmann * Litt.D. Goldsmith's Professor of English
- Eleonore Raoul Greene * LL.D. Lobbyist for good government
- Leroy Earl Loemker * Litt.D. Candler Prof. Emeritus of Philosophy; Former graduate dean
- Philip Trammell Shutze * L.H.D. Architect

Commencement, June 12, 1978

- Elizabeth Long Atwood * L.H.D. Former First Lady of the University
- Sanford Soverhill Atwood * LL.D. President Emeritus
- Joe Morris Blumberg * Sc.D. Physician, Pathologist
- Hywel David Lewis * Litt.D. Philosopher, Author, Teacher

Commencement, June 13, 1977

- Lewis White Beck * L.H.D. Educator, Philosopher, Alumnus

Minister's Week, January 18, 1977

- Jose Miguez Bonino * D.D. Latin American Theologian

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Commencement, August 21, 1976

- John Marcellus Steadman III * L.H.D. Scholar, Humanist

Commencement, June 14, 1976

- Harry Andrew Blackmun * LL.D.
- R. Howard Dobbs Jr. * LL.D.
- Reginald Ernest Bates Hudson * Sc.D.

Commencement, June 16, 1975

- Howard Roberts Lamar * L.H.D.
- Samuel Herschel Proger * Sc.D.

November 6, 1974

- William Franklin Gresham * Sc.D.
- W. Keith Hall * Sc.D.
- Joseph Jack Kirkland * Sc.D.

Commencement, June 10, 1974

- William Bevan * Sc.D.
- George S. Craft * LL.D.
- John Calvin Portman * LL.D.
- James Vaughn Warren * Sc.D.

Commencement, June 11, 1973

- Alfred LeSesne Jenkins * LL.D.
- John Pollard Turman * LL.D.

Law Day, May 5, 1973

- Bond Almand * LL.D.
- Robert Howell Hall * LL.D.
- Robert Budge McKay * LL.D.
- William Bowman Spann Jr. * LL.D.

Commencement, June 7, 1971

- John B. Cobb Jr. * Litt.D.
- Martin M. Cummings * Sc.D.

Commencement, June 8, 1970

- Alexander Duncan Langmuir * Sc.D.
- Benjamin Elijah Mays * L.H.D.
- Charles Forrest Palmer * LL.D.
- Nat Clifton Robertson * Sc.D.
- James A. Shannon * Sc.D.
- Charles Thiot Winship * LL.D.

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- Ivan Allen Jr. * LL.D.
- William Redding Bowdoin * LL.D.
- William Ragsdale Cannon * L.H.D.
- Albert Hewett Coons * Sc.D.
- Philip Handler * LL.D.
- Charles Hartshorne * Litt.D.
- John Walter Letson * LL.D.

Commencement, June 1968

- Paul Bruce Beeson * Sc.D.
- James L. Goddard * LL.D.
- Albert Cook Outler * Litt.D.
- Ralph H. Pharr * LL.D.
- Eugene Anson Stead Jr. * Sc.D.

January 20, 1968

- Cardinal Leo Josef Suenans D.D.

Commencement, June 1967

- Robert Shaw Mus.D.

January 20, 1967

- Fred Pierce Corson D.D.

Commencement, June 13, 1966

- Ulric Bannister Bray Sc.D.
- Elliott Evans Cheatham * LL.D.
- J. George Harrar * Sc.D.
- Margaret Mead * Litt.D.
- Eugene Corbet Patterson * Litt.D.

Opening Convocation, September 1965

- Vivian Hunter Galbraith * Litt.D.

August 1965

- Douglas M. Knight * LL.D.

Commencement, June 1965

- Wernher von Braun * Sc.D.
- Erich Heller * Litt.D.
- Marion Hines * Sc.D.
- Harold S. Johnston * Sc.D.

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- Robert King Merton * L.H.D.

50th Anniversary Convocation, January 1965

- Harlee W. Branch Jr. * LL.D.
- Richard H. Rich * LL.D.
- Carl Vinson * LL.D.
- Goodrich Cook White * L.H.D.

Commencement, June 1964

- E. Smythe Gambrell LL.D.
- William Alexander Noble L.H.D.
- James Solomon Peters * LL.D.

Special Convocation, 50th Anniversary, School of Theology, January 1964

- David William Brooks * LL.D.
- John O. Gross * D.D.
- D. Trigg James * D.D.
- James W. Sells * D.D.
- John Owen Smith * D.D.

Presidential Inauguration, November 1963

- Deane W. Malott * LL.D.

August 1963

- Ralph Emerson McGill * Litt.D.

Commencement, June 1963

- Lucius DuBignon Clay * LL.D.
- Comer Vann Woodward * Litt.D.
- Martin D. Young * Sc.D.

Special Convocation, October 3, 1962

- Sir Ronald Syme * Litt.D.

Commencement, June 1962

- Eugene Robert Black * LL.D.
- Rolla Eugene Dyer * Sc.D.
- John Adams Sibley * LL.D.

Commencement, June 1961

- Thomas Luther Gresham * Sc.D.
- George Warren Mundy * LL.D.
- Henry King Stanford * LL.D.
- James Frederick Wilson * D.D.

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Special Convocation, April 20, 1961

- Dean Rusk * LL.D.

Commencement, June 1960

- Charles Livingstone Allen * D.D.
- Henry Allen Moe * Litt.D.
- Louis McDonald Orr * Sc.D.
- Thomas Fort Sellers * Sc.D.

Commencement, June 1959

- Henry Lumpkin Bowden * LL.D.
- William Fletcher Quillian Jr. * Litt.D.

Commencement, June 1958

- Elbert Parr Tuttle * LL.D.

**Theological Convocation Celebrating the Consecration of
Bishop Hall for Theological Studies, September 1957**

- Marvin Augustus Franklin * D.D.
- Paul Neff Garber * D.D.
- Nolan Bailey Harmon * D.D.
- Costen Jordan Harrell * D.D.
- Bachman Gladstone Hodge * D.D.
- William Walter Peele D.D.
- Clare Purcell * D.D.
- Roy Hunter Short D.D.

August 1957

- Louis Marvin Lester * Ed.D.

Commencement, June 1957

- Fletcher Melvin Green * Litt.D.
- Russell Henry Oppenheimer * Sc.D.
- David Morris Potter * Litt.D.
- James Harris Purks Jr. * LL.D.

August 1956

- Sante Uberto Barbieri * L.H.D.
- Luther Alonzo Harrell * D.D.
- John Knox * S.T.D.

Commencement, June 1956

- Ernest Mason Allen * Sc.D.

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- John Boswell Cobb * D.D.
- Moses Hadas * Litt.D.
- Anthony Hearn * D.D.
- Nathaniel Guy Long * D.D.
- James Soule Pope * Litt.D.

Centennial Celebration of the School of Medicine, October 1954

- Stanhope Bayne-Jones Sc.D.
- Alfred Blalock Sc.D.
- F. Phinzy Calhoun LL.D.
- John F. Fulton Sc.D.
- Evarts A. Graham Sc.D.
- Cyrus C. Sturgis Sc.D.

Commencement, June 1954

- Wallace M. Alston * LL.D.
- John W. Branscomb * D.D.
- Robert D. Calkins * LL.D.
- George E. Clary * D.D.
- David L. Lockmiller * LL.D.
- Paul D. West * LL.D.

Commencement, June 1952

- Basil O'Connor * LL.D.

Commencement, June 1951

- Rev. J.C. Adams * D.D.
- Rev. F.N. Parker * L.H.D.

Commencement, June 1949

- Alben William Barkley * LL.D.
- Arthur Hollis Edens * LL.D.
- Oren Austin Oliver * LL.D.

Commencement, June 1947:

- Jere Asmond Wells * LL.D.

March 1946

- James Robert McCord * Sc.D.

Commencement, June 1945

- James Walton Henley * D.D.
- Herbert Orlando Smith * L.H.D.

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December 1944

- Walter Franklin George * LL.D.
- Cordell Hull * LL.D.

Commencement, June 1944

- Eugene Epperson Barnett LL.D.
- William Blount Burke D.D.
- Ernest Cadman Colwell Litt.D.

Commencement, December 1943

- Thomas Kearney Glenn * LL.D.
- James Edgar Paullin * LL.D.

Commencement, May 1943

- Spessard Lindsey Holland Sr. LL.D.
- Silas Johnson D.D.

Commencement, May 1942

- Charles Howard Candler LL.D.
- Edgar Hutchinson Johnson LL.D.

Commencement, June 1940

- Preston Stanley Arkwright LL.D.
- John Wallace Rustin D.D.
- Willis Anderson Sutton LL.D.

Commencement, June 1939

- James Ross McCain * LL.D.
- William Turner Watkins * D.D.

Commencement, June 1938

- Raymond Ross Paty LL.D.

Commencement, June 1936

- Thomas Franklin Abercrombie Sc.D.
- Hal Fitzgerald Hentz LL.D.
- Isaac Cheyney Jenkins D.D.
- Paul Bentley Kern LL.D.
- Edwin Dart Lambright Litt.D.
- John William Langdale Litt.D.
- Dumas Malone * Litt.D.
- Kemp Malone Litt.D.
- Thomas Milton Rivers Sc.D.
- William Holcombe Thomas LL.D.

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- Harmon White Caldwell LL.D.
- Warren Aiken Candler L.H.D.
- Lester Rumble D.D.

Commencement, June 1934

- Embree Hoss Blackard * D.D.
- Ivan Lee Holt LL.D.
- Arthur James Moore * D.D.
- Walter Harvey Moore D.D.

Commencement, June 1933

- Theodore Henley Jack LL.D.

Commencement, June 1932

- Lawton Bryan Evans LL.D.

Commencement, June 1931

- Elzy Dee Jennings LL.D.
- Howard Washington Odum LL.D.
- Orville Augustus Park LL.D.

Commencement, June 1930

- Tommie Dora Barker Litt.D.
- Edward Campbell Davis LL.D.
- John Ernest Rattenbury D.D.

Commencement, June 1928

- Marion Luther Brittain LL.D.
- Samuel Candler Dobbs LL.D.
- Joseph Anderson Thomas D.D.

Commencement, June 1927

- William Peter King D.D.
- Alfred Mann Pierce D.D.

Commencement, June 1926

- David Martin Key LL.D.

Commencement, June 1925

- William Simpson Elkin LL.D.
- Lewis Davies Lowe D.D.
- Guy Everett Snavelly LL.D.

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Commencement, June 1924

- John Slaughter Candler LL.D.
- Charles G. Hounshell D.D.

Commencement, June 7, 1921

- William Henry LaPrade Jr. D.D.
- William Fletcher Quillian D.D.

Commencement, June 8, 1920

- William E. Dodd LL.D.
- Henry Burnell Faber Sc.D.
- George H. Morgan D.D.

1919

- Judge J.E. Cockrell LL.D.
- Charles John Prescott D.D.

1918

- Bennett B. Ross LL.D.

1917

- James H. McCoy LL.D.
- William Bartley Taylor D.D.

1915

- James E. Dickey LL.D.

1914

- W.A. Shelton D.D.

1913

- Rev. Hoyt M. Dobbs D.D.
- Judge N.E. Harris LL.D.

1912

- Rev. Gross Alexander D.D.

1911

- Rev. B.P. Allen D.D.
- Bishop Collins Denny LL.D.
- Rev. M.B. Kelly D.D.

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1910

- Rev. J.E. Wray D.D.

1909

- Rev. L.C. Branscomb D.D.
- Hon. W.L. Chambers LL.D.
- Rev. E.F. Cook D.D.
- Rev. F. Walton D.D.

1908

- Rev. J.S. French D.D.
- Rev. Kogori Usaki D.D.
- Hon. T.H. Yun LL.D.

1907

- Rev. T.D. Ellis D.D.

1906

- Rev. Bascom Anthony D.D.
- Rev. James H. Eakes D.D.

1905

- Rev. William N. Ainsworth D.D.
- Rev. Joel T. Dawes D.D.

1902

- Joel Chandler Harris Litt.D.

1901

- Rev. Frederick Pasco D.D.
- Rev. T.F. Pierce D.D.
- Rev. D.J. Waller LL.D.
- Rev. A.M. Wynn D.D.

1900

- Rev. David L. Anderson D.D.
- Walter H. Hill LL.D.
- Rev. Timothy Richard D.D.

1899

- Rev. Samuel S. Keener D.D.
- Rev. A.M. Williams D.D.

1898

- Rev. E.E. Hoss LL.D.
- Rev. A.J. Stokes D.D.

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1897

- Dr. W.A. Candler LL.D.
- Rev. Edward S. Pell D.D.

1896

- Rev. Charles E. Dowman D.D.
- Rev. C.A. Fulwood D.D.

1895

- Rev. C.A. Evans D.D.
- R.M. McIntosh Mus.D.

1894

- Rev. J.O. Andrew D.D.
- Rev. Walker Lewis D.D.

1893

- Rev. W.R. Lambuth D.D.
- Rev. J.B. Robins D.D.

1892

- Rev. J.F. Gibbs D.D.
- Rev. H.H. Sutherland D.D.
- Rev. S.A. Weber D.D.

1891

- Rev. W.P. Harrison D.D.

1889

- Rev. W.D. Kirkland D.D.
- Rev. G.G. Smith D.D.
- Rev. W.P. Thi[erk]ield D.D.

1888

- Rev. J.O. Branch D.D.
- Rev. W.A. Candler D.D.

1886

- Rev. W. [C.] McCoy D.D.

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1885

- Rev. John E. Godby D.D.
- Rev. John W. Rush D.D.

1884

- Mr. Claude Code Ph.D.
- Rev. T.W. Moore D.D.
- Rev. S.A. Sterle D.D.

1883

- J. R. Arnold A.M.
- Isaac S. Hopkins Ph.D.
- Rev. C.P. Lattatte A.M.
- Rev. Henry Quigg D.D.
- Rev. John C. Simmons D.D.

1882

- Wallace W. Duncan D.D.

1881

- Isaac P. Cook D.D.

1880

- Rev. J.P. Nolan A.M.

1879

- E.P. Buckner D.D.
- J.H. Chappell A.M.
- B. Mallon A.M.
- W.D. Thurmond A.M.
- J.A. West A.M.

1878

- Rev. Young J. Allen LL.D.
- J.M. Carlisle Jr. A.M.
- E.R. Hendrix D.D.
- J.W.P. McKenzie D.D.
- Gustavus J. Orr LL.D.
- Rev. F. Pasco A.M.

1877

- Young J. Allen D.D.
- E.L.T. Blake D.D.
- W.F. Cook D.D.
- J.H. Nall D.D.

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- I.O. Wright A.M.

- 1876**
 - J.B. Bobbitt D.D.
 - J.G. Dozier A.M.
 - C.A. Locke A.M.
 - C.W. Miller D.D.
 - W.W. Moore A.M.

- 1875**
 - S.A. Goldschmidt Ph.D.
 - J.W. Hinton D.D.
 - F.P. Mullaly D.D.
 - E.D. Pitts D.D.
 - W.H. Woodall A.M.

- 1874**
 - W.C. Bass D.D.
 - Rev. J.O.A. Clark LL.D.
 - Dr. John W. Lee A.M.
 - Bishop E.M. Marvin LL.D.
 - C.W. Smith D.D.

- 1873**
 - William H. Allen A.M.
 - L.S. Burkhead D.D.
 - Robert Gwinn A.M.
 - R.K. Hargrove D.D.
 - J.W.F. Lowry A.M.
 - J.F. McClellan A.M.
 - J.C. Wills D.D.

- 1872**
 - Rev. W.J. Cotter A.M.
 - Dr. W.C. O'Daniel A.M.
 - David Porter D.D.

- 1871**
 - Morgan Callaway D.D.
 - Rev. W.H. Darnell A.M.
 - Joseph W. Lewis D.D.

- 1870**
 - A.G. Haygood D.D.

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- Rev. A.A. Lipscomb LL.D.
- 1869**
- C.P. Jones D.D.
 - A.A. Morrison D.D.
- 1868**
- Rev. I.J.M. Goss A.M.
- 1867**
- Josephus Anderson D.D.
 - J.M. Bonnell D.D.
 - W.P. Harrison D.D.
 - Sidney Lewis A.M.
 - Dr. H.V.M. Miller LL.D.
 - Christian Schwartz A.M.
 - L.M. Smith D.D.
 - Rev. G.G. Smith A.M.
 - Rev. J.R. Thomas LL.D.
 - Dr. F.A. Thomas A.M.
- 1860**
- Rev. G.J. Pearce A.M.
- 1859**
- Nathan C. Brooks LL.D.
 - Rev. William Park A.M.
 - Rev. William J. Scott A.M.
 - Henry Stanburg LL.D.
- 1858**
- Rev. William F. Foote A.M.
 - Holland N. McTyeire D.D.
 - Rev. Alexander Means LL.D.
 - Rev. W.A. Rogers A.M.
- 1857**
- A.E. Eubank A.M.
 - Edward H. Myers D.D.
 - Osborne L. Smith D.D.
 - Rev. Eustace W. Speer A.M.
 - Charles W. Thomas A.M.

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1855

- Rev. John A. Mosely A.M.

1854

- Dr. Bird A.M.
- Jesse Boring D.D.
- Rev. J.H. Caldwell A.M.
- Alexander Means D.D.
- Rev. Joseph D. Mears A.M.

1853

- Rev. B. Jenkins D.D.
- Phillip C. Pendleton A.M.

1852

- G.W. Chatfield A.M.
- Rev. W.F. Slaton A.M.

1848

- Rev. George H. Hancock A.M.

1847

- Rev. Thomas O. Summers D.D.

1846

- Rev. William H. Ellison D.D.

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Abbreviations

A.M.	Master of Arts (conferred ca. 1848-ca. 1883)
D.D.	Doctor of Divinity
D.Mus.	Doctor of Music
Ed.D.	Doctor of Education
D.F.A.	Doctor of Fine Arts
L.H.D.	Doctor of Humane Letters
Litt.D.	Doctor of Letters
LL.D.	Doctor of Laws
Ph.D.	Doctor of Philosophy
Sc.D.	Doctor of Sciences
S.T.D.	Doctor of Sacred Theology

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