## The George Washington University’s Commencement Speakers and Honorary Degree Recipients*
### 2000 to 2016

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| 2016 | • Cory Booker, U.S. Senator (D-N.J.)  
      • Joanna Shields, under-secretary of state and minister for internet safety and security for Her Majesty’s Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland  
      • Albert H. Small, philanthropist and president of Southern Engineering Corporation |
| 2015 | • Tim Cook, Apple CEO  
      • Carole M. Watson, Ph.D. ’78, former acting chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)  
      • Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) at the National Institutes of Health |
| 2014 | • José Andrés, world-renowned chef and founder of ThinkFoodGroup  
      • Maudine R. Cooper, retired Greater Washington Urban League executive  
      • Russell Ramsey, B.B.A. ’81, chairman emeritus of the GW Board of Trustees and founder, chairman and CEO of Ramsey Asset Management. |
| 2013 | • Kerry Washington, B.A. ’98, actress and activist  
      • Thad Allen, M.P.A. ’86, 23rd Commandant of the Coast Guard Admiral  
      • Harriet Mayor Fulbright, M.F.A. ’75, international education advocate |
| 2012 | • Brian Williams, *NBC Nightly News* anchor  
      • Carlos Slim, business leader and humanitarian  
      • Clarice Smith, artist |
| 2011 | • Michael Bloomberg, New York City Mayor  
      • William Thaddeus Coleman, Jr., attorney  
      • Peggy Cooper Cafritz, arts advocate |
| 2010 | • Michelle Obama, First Lady of the United States of America  
      • Dave Brubeck, pianist and composer  
      • A. James Clark, chairman of the board and CEO, Clark Enterprises, Inc. |
| 2009 | • Rahm Emanuel, chief of staff to President Barack Obama  
      • Jeanne Narum, director of Project Kaleidoscope and the Independent Colleges Office  
      • John Safer, B.A. ’47, artist |
| 2008 | • Julian Bond, chairman of the NAACP  
      • Daniel Inouye, J.D. ’52, U.S. Senator  
      • Charles T. Manatt, J.D. ’62, former chairman, GW Board of Trustees  
      • Mike McConnell, M.P.A. ’86, director of National Intelligence  
      • Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, GW president emeritus and University Professor of Public Service |
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| 2007 | Wolf Blitzer, veteran broadcast journalist and CNN anchor  
      | Ralph J. Cicerone, president of the National Academy of Sciences  
      | Linda W. Cropp, former chairwoman of the Council of the District of Columbia  
      | Harvey V. Fineberg, president of the Institute of Medicine  
      | Lowell P. Weicker, Jr., president of the Trust for America’s Health and former United States Senator and Connecticut Governor |
| 2006 | George H.W. and Barbara Bush, former president of the United States and former first lady of the United States  
      | Sumner Redstone, chairman of Viacom, CBS Corporation, and National Amusements, Inc.  
      | Frank Robinson, baseball Hall of Fame player |
| 2005 | Andy Rooney, CBS News commentator  
      | Mildred Dresselhaus, Institute Professor and professor of physics and electrical engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
      | Alberto Ibargüen, publisher of Miami Herald and El Nuevo Herald  
      | Retired Major General Philip K. Russell, M.D. |
| 2004 | Luther W. Brady, B.A. ’46, M.D. ’48, professor of clinical oncology  
      | Leon Lederman, physicist and Nobel Laureate  
      | Gail Kern Paster, director of the Folger Shakespeare Library  
      | General John Shalikashvili, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff |
| 2003 | Mark Warner, B.A. ’77, Governor of Virginia  
      | Sen. Jean Carnahan (D-Mo.)  
      | Sheldon S. Cohen, former IRS Commissioner  
      | Madeleine Jacobs, editor-in-chief of Chemical & Engineering News  
      | Billy Taylor, jazz musician |
| 2002 | Darrell Green, Washington Redskins defensive full back  
      | Jim Hall, former chairman of National Transportation Safety Board  
      | Lois Green Schwoerer, award-winning author  
      | Ruth Simmons, president of Brown University  
      | John D. Zeglis, chairman and CEO of AT&T Wireless Services |
| 2001 | Tony Bennett, entertainer  
      | Rita Colwell, director of the National Science Foundation  
      | Charlene Drew Jarvis, president of Southeastern University  
      | H.R. Shepherd, inventor of the metered dose inhaler  
      | Leonard Slatkin, music director of National Symphony Orchestra  
      | John R. Tydings, president of Greater Washington Board of Trade  
      | Herman Wouk, Pulitzer Prize winner |
| 2000 | Madeleine Albright, Secretary of State  
      | Sir Martin Gilbert, noted historian and biographer  
      | Rep. John Lewis (D-GA)  
      | James Wolfensohn, World Bank group president |

* Featured speakers are listed first. For a list of selected GW Commencement speakers since 1952, visit [http://encyclopedia.gwu.edu/gwencyclopedia/index.php?title=Commencement_Speakers](http://encyclopedia.gwu.edu/gwencyclopedia/index.php?title=Commencement_Speakers). For information about GW’s Commencement on the National Mall, visit [commencement.gwu.edu](http://commencement.gwu.edu). *GW-*