

FACT SHEET

The George Washington University's Commencement Speakers and Honorary Degree Recipients* 2000 to 2014

2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• José Andrés, humanitarian, philanthropist and world-renowned chef• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brian Williams, <i>NBC Nightly News</i> anchor• Carlos Slim, business leader and humanitarian• Clarice Smith, artist
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michael Bloomberg, New York City Mayor• William Thaddeus Coleman, Jr., attorney• Peggy Cooper Cafritz, arts advocate
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Michelle Obama, First Lady of the United States of America• Dave Brubeck, pianist and composer• A. James Clark, chairman of the board and CEO of Clark Enterprises, Inc.
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Julian Bond, chairman of the NAACP• Daniel Inouye, J.D. '52, U.S. Senator• Charles T. Manatt, J.D. '62, former chairman of the 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
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <i>Miami Herald</i> and <i>El Nuevo Herald</i> • Retired Major General Philip K. Russell, M.D.
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <i>Chemical & Engineering News</i> • Billy Taylor, jazz musician
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darrell Green, Washington Redskins defensive full back • Jim Hall, former chairman of National Transportation Safety Board • Lois Green Schworer, award-winning author • Ruth Simmons, president of Brown University • John D. Zeglis, chairman and CEO of AT&T Wireless Services
2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Madeline 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. For information about GW's Commencement on the National Mall, visit commencement.gwu.edu.