

**Rhodes College  
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Date	Speaker	Location	Home	Affiliation	Source
6/10/1903	No speaker	Waddel Hall	NA	NA	Program
6/13/1911	Rev. R. L. Benn	NA	Maysville, KY	NA	Program
6/9/1914	Rev. Howard Thompson '08	Waddel Hall	French Camp, MS	Principal of French Camp Academy	NA
6/4/1918	William Arthur Garfield	NA	NA	President, Centre College	NA
6/2/1919	Rev. James I. Vance	Chapel	Nashville, TN	NA	Program
5/31/1920	James Middleton Cox	Campus	Ohio	Governor	
6/7/1921	Richard Key Pittman* '90	Campus	Nevada	United States Senator	Program
6/6/1922	Rev. Charles Whitfield Welch	First Baptist Church, Clarksville	Louisville, KY	Minister	Program
6/5/1923	Clarence Saunders*	First Baptist Church, Clarksville	Memphis, TN	Founder, Piggly Wiggly	Program
6/3/1924	James Franklin Rushton*	First Baptist Church, Clarksville	Birmingham, AL	NA	Bulletin
6/2/1925	William Little Frierson	First Baptist Church, Clarksville	Chattanooga, TN	Judge	Program
6/15/1926	Rev. John Timothy Stone	First Presbyterian Church	Chicago, IL	Fourth Presbyterian Church	Program
5/31/1927	Rev. Minot Canfield Morgan	Hardie Auditorium	New York, NY	Fifth Ave. Presbyterian Church	Program
6/5/1928	Rev. Henry Howard	Hardie Auditorium	New York, NY	Fifth Ave. Presbyterian Church	Program
6/11/1929	Rev. J. V. Moldenhawer	Hardie Auditorium	New York, NY	First Presbyterian Church	Invitation
6/3/1930	Dr. Henry Upton Sims	Hardie Auditorium	Birmingham, AL	President, American Bar Association	Program
6/7/1932	Dr. James Hardy Dillard	NA	Charlottesville, VA	Foundation Director	Program
6/6/1933	Morse A. Cartwright*	Hardie Auditorium	New York, NY	Director, American Association for Adult Education	Bulletin
6/5/1934	Dr. Robert E. Vinson	NA	Cleveland, OH	Former President, Western Reserve University	Program
6/4/1935	Dr. John Erskine	NA	New York, NY	President, Juilliard School of Music	Program
6/2/1936	Dr. Edgar J. Goodspeed	NA	Chicago, IL	University of Chicago	Alumni Magazine
6/8/1937	Dr. William M. McGovern	NA	Northwestern University	Northwestern University	Alumni Magazine
6/7/1938	Dr. George E. Vincent	NA	Greenwich, CT	NA	Alumni Magazine
6/13/1939	Dr. John R. Oliver	NA	Baltimore, MD	Johns Hopkins	Program
6/11/1940	James P. Warburg*	Under the Oaks	New York, NY	Economist and author	Program
6/10/1941	Dr. Theodore M. Greene	Under the Oaks	Princeton, NJ	Faculty	Program
5/26/1942	Alfred Hayes Noyes	Fisher Garden	St. Lawrence, UK		Program

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5/25/1943	Francis Pendleton Gaines	Fisher Garden	NA	President, Washington and Lee University	Program Congressional Record
5/25/1944	Rep. Hatton W. Sumners*	Fisher Garden	Dallas, TX	Representative	Record
6/5/1945	Dr. Peter F. Drucker*	Fisher Garden	NA	Professor of Economics	Bulletin
6/4/1946	Franklin B. Snyder	Fisher Garden	NA	President, Northwestern College	Program
6/3/1947	Walter Chandler	Fisher Garden	Memphis, TN	Lawyer and Mayor	Bulletin
6/1/1948	James William Fulbright	Fisher Garden	Fayettesville, AK	Senator	Bulletin
5/31/1949	Ernest Cadman Colwell	Idlewild Church	NA	President, University of Chicago	Program
6/6/1950	Felix Morley	Fisher Garden	Washington, D.C.	NA	Program
6/5/1951	Turner Catledge	Fisher Garden	NA	New York Times	Program
6/3/1952	Wayne A. Johnston*	Fisher Garden	NA	President, Illinois Central Rail Road	Bulletin
6/2/1953	Laurence McKinley Gould	Fisher Garden	Northfield, MN	President, Carleton College	Program
6/1/1954	Roberet M. Lester	Fisher Garden	New York, NY	Carnegie Corporation	Program
6/7/1955	C. Scott Fletcher*	Fisher Garden	NA	President, Fund for Adult Education	File
6/5/1956	Dean Rusk	Fisher Garden	NA	President, Rockefeller Foundation	Program
6/4/1957	Lamar Fleming, Jr.	Fisher Garden	Houston, TX	Businessman	Program
6/3/1958	Ernest H. Volwiler	Fisher Garden	NA	Abbott Lab	Program
6/2/1959	Edward McGrady	Fisher Garden	NA	Chancellor, Sewanee	Program
6/7/1960	Dr. Edgar F. Shannon, Jr.*	Fisher Garden	NA	President, University of Virginia	
6/5/1961	William C. Pine	Fisher Garden	Dearborn, MI	Ford Motor Company	Program
6/4/1962	Robert D. Calkins*	Fisher Garden	NA	President, Brookings Institution	Bulletin
6/3/1963	Samuel Holt Monk, '22	Fisher Garden	NA	University of Minnesota Executive Director, Danforth Foundation	profram Bulletin
6/1/1964	Merrimon Cuninggim	Fisher Garden	St. Louis, MO	Foundation	Bulletin
5/31/1965	John Osman	Fisher Garden	NA	Brookings Institute	Program
6/6/1966	Lewis L. Strauss	Fisher Garden	NA	Former Secretary of Commerce	Program
6/5/1967	Hedley Donavan*	Fisher Garden	NA	Ney York Times	SN Sept 67
6/3/1968	Howard H. Baker, Jr.	Fisher Garden	NA	Senator	Program
6/2/1969	Winthrop Rockefeller	Fisher Garden	NA	Governor of Arkansas	Program
6/1/1970	F. Champion Ward	Fisher Garden	NA	Ford Foundation	Program
5/31/1971	Terry Sanford	Fisher Garden	NA	President, Duke University	File
5/26/1972	Athelstan Spilhaus	Fisher Garden	NA	Woodrow Wilson Fellow	File
5/27/1973	Dr. Kenneth E. Boulding	Fisher Garden	NA	NA	File
5/28/1974	Robert Penn Warren	Fisher Garden	NA	Author	File

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5/29/1975	Chancellor Alexander Heard	Fisher Garden	NA	Chancellor, Vanderbilt University	File
5/30/1976	Leon Jaworski	Fisher Garden	Washington, D.C.	Lawyer	File
6/1/1977	Dr. Philip Handler	Fisher Garden	NA	President, National Academy of Science	File
6/2/1978	Dr. John R. Silber	Fisher Garden	NA	President, Boston University	File
6/2/1979	Dr. James Thomas Laney	Fisher Garden	NA	President, Emory University	File
6/3/1980	Charles Collingsworth	Fisher Garden	NA	TV journalist	File
6/4/1981		Fisher Garden	NA	NA	File
6/5/1982	Erma Bombeck*	NA	NA	Humor columnist	File
6/4/1983	Malcolm Forbes*	NA	NA	NA	File
6/7/1984	Dr. Harriet Sheridan	NA	Providence, RI	Dean, Brown University	File
6/8/1985	Vernon E. Jordan Jr.	NA	NA	NA	File
5/31/1986	Lucius E. Burch, Jr.*	NA	Memphis, TN	Lawyer and environmentalist	File

*\*indicates that a transcript of the commencement speech is available in the archives*