

HONORARY DEGREE AWARD RECIPIENTS

[1978 to Present]

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>ACHIEVEMENT</u>
1978	James Baxter Hunt Jr.	LL.D.	Governor of North Carolina
	Oscar Knefler Rice	LL.D.	Kenan Professor of Chemistry
	Rafael Montinola Salas	LL.D.	Asst. Secretary General United Nations
1979 ¹	Berta Vogel Scharrer	D.Sci.	Prof. of Anatomy, Albert Einstein Med. College
	Donald Sharp Frederickson	D.Sci.	Director of NIH
	L. Richardson Preyer	LL.D.	U.S. Congressman
	Frederick Chapman Robbins	D. Sci.	Sr. Research Scholar National Acad. of Science
1979	Lewis Thomas	D. Sci.	President and CEO Sloan-Kettering Institute
	Robert Martin Coles	D. Sci.	Harvard research psychiatrist
	John Hope Franklin	LL.D.	Professor; historian; author
	Katharine Jocher	LL.D.	Sociologist and administrator
	Robert Mayer Lumians	LL.D.	Scholar of English literature
1980	Thelma Gwinn Thurstone	D.Sci.	Co-establisher UNC Psychometric Lab.
	Peter Bommarito	LL.D.	Int'l Pres. United Rubber etc. Workers, AFL-CIO
	David Beers Quinn	LL.D.	Prof. Modern History emeritus, Univ. of Liverpool
	Donald Ray Seawell	Litt.D.	Pres. & Chrm. of Board The Denver Post
	Cecil Grady Taylor	LL.D.	Chancellor emeritus Louisiana State Univ.
1981	James Edward Cheek	LL.D.	President Howard University
	Henry Armfield Foscue	LL.D.	Businessman and civic leader
	Lawrence H. Fountain	LL.D.	U.S. Congressman
	Sarah Ratner	D. Sci.	Biochemist
1982	William Patterson Cumming	D. Litt.	Prof. of English emeritus Davidson College
	George Herbert Hitching	D. Sci.	Burroughs-Wellcome researcher & administrator
	Hyles Horton	LL.D.	Founder Highlander Folk School
1983	Henry Parker Brandis Jr	LL.D.	Kenan Prof. of Law; dean of Law School
	Elizabeth Scott Cransto	LL.D.	Benefactor of UNC School of Nursing
	Aloysius Leon Higginbotham Jr.	LL.D.	Judge US Court of Appeals 3rd Circuit
	Joseph Carlyle Sitterson	LL.D.	Chancellor emeritus; Kenan Prof. of History
	Frank Henry Westheime	D. Sci.	Chemist; Harvard professor
1984	George Richard Herbert	LL.D.	President of Research Triangle Institute
	James Earl Jones	Litt.D.	Stage, screen, and TV actor
	Frank Hawkins Kenan	LL.D.	UNC benefactor
1985	Mildred Cohn	D.Sci.	Biochemist; Inst. for Cancer Research
	Elizabeth Hanford Dole	LL.D.	U.S. Secretary of Transportation
	Blyden Jackson	D.Litt.	Prof. of English emeritus UNC
	Emma Neal McQueen Morrison	LL.D.	Chair emeritus Roanoke Island Historical Assn
1986	James Dickson Phillips Jr.	LL.D.	Judge U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals
	James Grubbs Martin	LL.D.	Public service
	Harriet L. Rheingold	D.Sci.	Psychology
	Ivan E. Sutherland	D.Sci.	Computer graphics pioneer
	John Kenneth Terres	D.Litt.	Nature editor and author
1987	William Brantley Aycock	LL.D.	Educator
	William Wallace Finlator	D.D.	Minister active in civil rights
	Margaret Taylor Harper	LL.D.	Journalist; public service
	William Neill Hubbard Jr.	D.Sci.	Medical statesman; president of Upjohn; dean
	Samuel Talmadge Ragan	D.Litt.	Journalist
1988	James Evans Davis	D.Sci.	President American Medical Association
	Marian Wright Edelman	LL.D.	President Children's Defense Fund
	William Clyde Friday	LL.D.	Pre-eminent university president
	James Bryan McMillan	LL.D.	US District Court Judge
1989	Minnie Miller Brown	D.Sci.	Pioneer in attacking rural poverty
	Robert Francis Furchgott	D.Sci.	Pharmacological researcher
	Robert Venturi	D.Sci.	Architect
1990	John Marsden Ehle Jr.	Litt.D.	Novelist
	Gertrude Belle Elion	D.Sci.	Biochemist; Nobel Prize 1988
	Allen Walker Read	Litt.D.	Linguist and lexicographer
1991	Federico Guillermo Gil	Litt.D.	Latin American scholar
	Archie Green	Litt.D.	American folklore scholar
	Charles Bishop Kuralt	Litt.D.	Television journalist

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	Shelby Dade Foote	Litt.D.	Novelist and Civil War historian
	Sherman Emery Lee	Litt.D.	Oriental art scholar and museum director
	Anne Ellen Queen	LL.D.	Educator
	Thomas Franklin Williams	D.Sci.	Gerontologist
1993	William Jefferson Clinton	LL.D.	President of the United States
	Katherine Dunham	D.F.A.	Dancer and cultural anthropologist
	Eugen Merzbacher	D.Sci.	Physicist
	Carl Thomas Rowan	Litt.D.	Journalist
	Nelson Ferebee Taylor	LL.D.	Educator; business
	Edwin Milton Yoder Jr.	Litt.D.	Journalist
1994	Daniel Terry Blue Jr.	LL.D.	Public service
	Kenneth Lauren Burns	Litt.D.	Documentary filmmaker
	Francis Sellers Collins	D.Sci.	Geneticist
	Walter Joseph Harrelson	Litt.D.	Biblical scholar
	Jane Shelby Richardson	D.Sci.	Protein scientist
	Joseph Curtis Sloane	Litt.D.	Art historian
1995	Kenneth Merle Brinkhous	D.Sci.	Pathologist
	Johnetta Betsch Cole	LL.D.	President of Spelman College
	Bess Loman Hawes	Litt.D.	Folklorist
	Hugh Leon McColl Jr.	LL.D.	Banker
	Louis Decimus Rubin Jr.	Litt.D.	Professor; publisher
	Anna Deavere Smith	Litt.D.	Playwright, performance artist, professor
1996	William Franklin Graham	D.D.	Evangelist
	Seamus Justin Heaney	Litt.D.	Poet
	Rudolph Arthur Marcus	D.Sci.	Chemist; Nobel prize
1997	Erskine Boyce Bowles	LL.D.	White House Chief of Staff; investment banker
	Rita Dove	Litt.D.	Poet; professor
	Eugene Dominick Genovese	Litt.D.	Historian; professor
	Alice Mitchell Rivlin	LL.D.	Economist; public service
	William Doyle Ruckelshaus	LL.D.	Environmentalist; public service; business
	Arthel Lane "Doc" Watson	Litt.D.	Folk singer
1998	Susan Pardee Baker	D.Sci.	Public health
	Richard Hampton Jenrette	LL.D.	Business; historic preservation; philanthropy
	Betty Ray McCain	LL.D.	Public service
	Elizabeth Spencer	Litt.D.	Author
	Leroy Tashreau Walker	LL.D.	Educator
1999	William Warren Bradley	LL.D.	Public service
	Marc Basnight	LL.D.	Public service
	Damon Jerome Keith	LL.D.	Public service
	Nina Woo Matheson	D.Sci.	Librarian
2000	Stuart Eliot Eizenstat	LL.D.	Diplomat
	Joseph Leo Blotner	Litt.D.	Literary historian
	Walter Horace Carter	LL.D.	Newspaper editor and owner
	Charles Justice	LL.D.	Athlete
	Daniel Alexander Okun	D.Sci.	Scholar; educator
2001	Gladys Hall Coates	LL.D.	Public service
	Dennis Barry Gillings	D.Sci.	Scholar; founder of Quintiles
	William Edward "Billy" Taylor	D.F.A.	Musician
	Thomas Grey Wicker	LL.D.	Journalist
	David Satcher	D.Sci.	Physician; Surgeon General of the U.S.
2001 ²	Ricardo Lagos Escobar	LL.D.	President of Chile
2002	Julian Hart Robertson Jr.	LL.D.	Financier, philanthropist
	Verne Edward Chaney Jr.	D.Sci.	Physician and humanitarian
	John Reid Edwards	LL.D.	United States Senator
2003	Drew Saunders Days III	LL.D.	U.S. Solicitor General; Yale law professor
	Clemmie Dixon Spangler Jr.	LL.D.	Public Service; Business
	Reynolds Price	Litt.D.	Author
	William Henry Cosby Jr.	LL.D.	Actor, Entertainer
	Rosalynn Smith Carter [declined]	LL.D.	Former First Lady
	Ruth Jean Simmons [declined]	LL.D.	President of Brown University

2004	Eva M. Clayton	LL.D.	Congresswoman
	William Albert Graham, Jr.	L.H.D.	Harvard Divinity School Dean
	William Octavius McCoy	LL.D.	Business Executive & Former Interim Chancellor
	Maurice John Koury	LL.D.	Business Executive
	William Forrest Winter	LL.D.	Former Gov. of Mississippi
2005	Julius LeVonne Chambers	Laws	Commencement Speaker, Civil Rights Attorney, NC Central University Chancellor Emeritus, & Director, Carolina's Center for Civil Rights
	Peter John Gomes	Divinity	Plummer Prof. of Christian Morals, Pusey Minister of the Memorial Church of Cambridge, Mass., Chaplain of Harvard University
	Frank Borden Hanes	Humane Letters	Philanthropist
	Nannerl Overholser Keohane	Laws	Distinguished scholar & university administrator
	Riley B. King [declined]	Fine Arts	Blues musician
2006	Anand Panyarachun	Laws	Former prime minister of Thailand & former Ambassador to the U.S., founding chairman of Kenan Institute Asia
	Joyce Conseen Dugan	Laws	Former Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
	Thomas Stephen Kenan III	Laws	Businessman & UNC-Chapel Hill Benefactor & Alumnus
	Robert Ray Morgan	Letters	Kappa Alpha Prof. of English, Cornell Univ., Author & UNC-Chapel Hill Alumnus
	Bill D. Moyers [declined]	Laws	Author & Retired PBS Commentator
2007	John Shelby Spong	Humane Letters	Retired Episcopal Bishop of Newark, NJ, Author, & UNC-Chapel Hill Alumnus
	Morgan Freeman [declined]	Fine Arts	Actor
	H. Jack Geiger	Science	Arthur C. Logan Professor Emeritus of Community Medicine at the City University of New York Medical School
	William Ivey Long	Fine Arts	Distinguished Costume Designer of the Broadway Stage
	Richard W. Riley	Laws	Former U.S. Secretary of Education (1993-2001) & a former Governor of South Carolina (1979-1987) – Distinguished Professor of Government, Politics, & Public Leadership at the Richard W. Riley Institute at Furman University
2008	Dean Edwards Smith	Laws	Former Head Basketball Coach at UNC-Chapel Hill
	Lee Kwan Yew ³	Laws	Former Prime Minister of Singapore
	Madeline Korbelt Albright	Laws	Former Secretary of State for the United States of America
	Peter Courtland Agre	Science	Vice Chancellor for Science and Technology and Professor of Cell Biology and Medicine at Duke University
	Philip Palmer Green III	Science	Professor of Genome Sciences at the University of Washington and an investigator for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute
2009	Heather Munroe-Blum	Science	16 th Principal and Vice Chancellor of McGill University
	Jessye Norman	Music	Opera Singer and Honorary Ambassador to the UN
	Dolly Parton [declined]	Fine Arts	Singer/actor
	Anthony Eden Rand	Laws	NC Senate Majority Leader and chair of the Rules Committee
	William Johnston Armfield IV	Laws	President of Spotswood Capital, LLC; Former BOT and BOV Member
2009	Eli Nachamson Evans	Laws	Former speech writer for President Lyndon Johnson
	Helen Maynor Scheirbeck	Laws	Senior Advisor for Museum Programs and Scholarly Research at the National Museum of the American Indian for the Smithsonian Institution
	Lee Marshall Smith	Letters	Novelist and Mentor

2009 (cont)	Charles A. Sanders	Science	Chair of the NC Education Lottery Commission; former BOT member
	Desmond Tutu	Divinity	Nobel Peace Prize winner and renowned South African anti-apartheid campaigner
2010	Patricia Timmons-Goodson	Laws	Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court
	Paul Joseph Rizzo	Laws	Chairman of Franklin Street Partners, Philanthropist
	Eugene Leslie Roberts	Laws	Journalist
2011	Fred Colson Robinson	Humane Letters	Professor of English and Scholar
	James Vernon Taylor [declined]	Music	Grammy award winning singer
	John Ray Grisham [deferred]	Letters	Novelist
	Timothy Brooks Burnett	Laws	Former Chair of BOT, Business Owner, philanthropist
	Mary Sue Coleman	Laws	President of the University of Michigan
	Ernest James Gaines	Letters	Novelist
2012	Dwight T. Pitcaithley	Laws	Previous Chief Historian of the National Park Service
	John Grisham	Letters	Novelist
	David S. Ferriero	Laws	Archivist of the United States
	Thomas Willis Lambeth	Laws	Humanitarian, former BOT member
	Branford Marsalis	Music	Saxophonist
	Katherine Lee Reid	Fine Arts	Museum Curator
	Harold Elliot Varmus	Science	Nobel Prize Winner in Physiology or Medicine

Board Liaisons for Honorary Degrees:

2006-2007	Timothy Burnett
2007-2008	Barbara Hyde
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NOTE: Vicente Fox Quesada, Constitutional President of the United Mexican States, was approved to receive an honorary degree upon the scheduling of a visit to the University. This expired on 10/12/02, University Day.

¹ February 10, 1979, Convocation celebrating Centennial of University of North Carolina School of Medicine

² Special Convocation

³ Lee Kwan Yew, Former Prime Minister of Singapore, was approved to receive honorary degree upon scheduling a visit to the University.