Commencement Speakers

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| 1902 – 1903 |  | Prof. E.D. Busby |  |
| 1903 – 1904 |  | Rev. T.H. Eggen |  |
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| 1912 – 1913 |  | Rev. J.C. Roseland |  |
| 1913 – 1914 |  | Judge A. Grindeland |  |
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| 1916 – 1917 |  |  |  |
| 1917 – 1918 |  | Dr. Oscar L. Olsen |  |
| 1918 – 1919 |  | Rev. J.N. Kildahl |  |
| 1919 – 1920 |  | Rev. J.A.O. Stub |  |
| 1920 – 1921 |  | Rev. Pres. L.W. Boe |  |
| 1921 – 1922 |  | Hon. R.A. Nestos |  |
| 1922 – 1923 |  | Hon. J.A.O. Preus |  |
| 1923 – 1924 |  | Rev. N.J. Lohre |  |
| 1924 – 1925 |  | Rev. Martin Anderson |  |
| 1925 – 1926 |  | Prof. George Weida Spohn, Ph.D. |  |
| 1926 – 1927 |  | Rt. Rev. J.A. Aasgaard |  |
| 1927 – 1928 |  | Hon. George P/ Homness |  |
| 1928 – 1929 |  | Dr. N.J. Gould Wickey |  |
| 1929 – 1930 |  | Rev. Lars W. Boe |  |
| 1930 – 1931 |  | Rev. J.C.K. Preus |  |
| 1931 – 1932 |  | Rev. Frederick Schmidt |  |
| 1932 – 1933 |  | Rev. S.L. Tallakson |  |
| 1933 – 1934 |  | Dr. N. Astrup Larson |  |
| 1934 – 1935 |  | Dr. J.A.O. Stub |  |
| 1935 – 1936 |  | Dr. Ralph Long |  |
| 1936 – 1937 |  | Dr. P.O. Bersell |  |
| 1937 – 1938 |  | Dr. Herman A. Preus |  |
| 1938 – 1939 |  | Prince Olav of Norway |  |
| 1939 – 1940 |  | Dean W.E. Peik |  |
| 1940 – 1941 |  | Hon. John Moses |  |
| 1941 – 1942 |  | Rev. J.A. Aasgaard |  |
| 1942 – 1943 | 1943, A.I. Johnson | Prof. Richard Beck, Ph.D. |  |
| 1943 – 1944 | 1944, Rev. Joseph Telie | Dr. O.G. Malmin | Prof. J.H. Hjelmstad |
| 1944 – 1945 | 1945, Dr. J. Walter Johnshoy | Rev. F.I, Schmidt |  |
| 1945 – 1946 |  | Dr. William L. Young |  |
| 1946 – 1947 |  | Hon. Luther W. Youngdahl |  |
| 1947 – 1948 |  | Dr. S.C. Eastvold |  |
| 1948 – 1949 |  | Dr. L.N. Field | J.N. Brown |
| 1949 – 1950 |  | Dr. B.J. Holm | Mr. Myron Swanson |
| 1950 – 1951 |  | Dr. J.C.K. Preus | Rev. Clarence A. Larson |
| 1951 – 1952 |  | Rev. Joseph Simonson | Rev. A.E. Setness |
| 1952 – 1953 |  | Rev. Odd Gornitzka | Dr. Herman A. Larson |
| 1953 – 1954 |  | Dr. Tillman M. Sogge | Prof. Raymond A. Peterson |
| 1954 – 1955 |  | Dr. J.W. Ylvisaker |  |
| 1955 – 1956 |  | Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz | Rev. Eric Fietz |
| 1956 – 1957 |  | Dr. Gabriel Hauge | Dr. Gene Lund |
| 1957 – 1958 |  | Dr. Sidney A. Rand | Dr. Joseph L. Knutson |
| 1958 – 1959 |  | Dr. Lawrence S. Price | Dr. W.E. Lillo |
| 1959 – 1960 |  | Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan | Dr. Joseph Knutson |
| 1960 – 1961 |  | Hon. Elmer L. Andersen | Dr. Joseph Knutson |
| 1961 – 1962 |  | Dr. Alvin N. Rogness | Dr. Paul R. Sponheim |
| 1962 – 1963 |  | Dr. Oscar A. Anderson | Dr. Joseph L. Knutson |
| 1963 – 1964 |  | Carl F. Reuss, Ph.D. | Pres. Joseph L. Knutson |
| 1964 – 1965 |  | Dr. Leroy G. Augenstein | Dr. Kenneth Bailey |
| 1965 – 1966 | 1965, Mr. Norman D. Fintel | Dr. Leon H. Johnson | Mr. J.L. Rendahl |
| 1966 – 1967 | 1966, Mr. Albert E. Anderson | Rev. Morris Wee, Ph.D. | Mr. Carl Narveson |
| 1967 – 1968 | 1967, Dr. R.W. Darland | His Majesty Olav V, King of Norway | Dr. H. Robert Homann |
| 1968 – 1969 | 1968, Dr. Laurel D. Loftsgard | Dr. Karl Olsson | Dr. Albert Anderson |
| 1969 – 1970 | 1969, Rev. Cecil M. Johnson | Dr. Kent Knutson | Dr. Paul. J. Dovre |
| 1970 – 1971 | 1970, Mr. Howard B. Casmey | Hon. William Lewis Guy | Rev. Wayne C. Stumme |
| 1971 – 1972 | 1971, Dr. C. Thomas Spitz Jr. | Dr. Edward Lindell | Mr. J.L. Rendahl |
| 1972 – 1973 | 1972, Dr. Roland Dille | Rev. Dr. George S. Schultz | Mr. Edwin Gulsvig |
| 1973 – 1974 | 1973, Rev. Paul Hanson | Hon. Andrew Young | Rev. Lowell Almen |
| 1974 – 1975 | 1974, Mr. Gideon Chaghuza | Dr. Calvin J. Eichhorst |  |
| 1975 – 1976 | 1975, Miss Lily Gyldenvand | Dr. William H. Weiblen |  |
| 1976 – 1977 | 1976, Dr. Walter R. Wietzke | Hon. Rudolph G. Perpich |  |
| 1977 – 1978 | 1977, Dr. J.N. Anderson | Dr. Oscar Anderson |  |
| 1978 – 1979 | 1978, Rev. Dr. Michael J. Blecker, O.S.B. | Hon. Edith Green |  |
| 1979 – 1980 | 1979, Dr. Thomas J. Clifford | Dr. William H. Lazareth |  |
| 1980 – 1981 | 1980, Dr. Clyde R. Ingle | Dr. Lloyd Svendsbye |  |
| 1981 – 1982 | 1981, Senator Roger Moe | Hon. Mark Andrews |  |
| 1982 – 1983 | 1982, Dr. Roy Gilbertson | Dr. David W. Preus |  |
| 1983 – 1984 | 1983, Dr. Charles B. House | Kathryn E. Baerwald |  |
| 1984 – 1985 | 1984, Dr. Nelson Preus | Rudy Boschwitz |  |
| 1985 – 1986 | 1985, Dr. James S. Walker | Nancy Kassebaum |  |
| 1986 – 1987 | 1986, Dr. Ruth E. Rundall | Guy R. Doud |  |
| 1987 – 1988 | 1987, Dr. Wayne G. Sanstead | Dr. Will L. Herzfeld |  |
| 1988 – 1989 | 1988, Sister Thomas Welder | Dr. Patricia Albjerg Graham |  |
| 1989 – 1990 | 1989, Dr. James L. Ozbun | Elie Wiesel |  |
| 1990 – 1991 | 1990, Sister Colman O’Connell | Dr. Paula P. Brownlee |  |
| 1991 – 1992 | 1991, Dr. Bruce E. Gronbeck | Nils Hasselmo |  |
| 1992 – 1993 | 1992, Dr. William E. Hamm | Dr. Allen P. Splete |  |
| 1993 – 1994 | 1993, Dr. Daniel T. Moe | Hon. Loret Miller Ruppe |  |
| 1994 – 1995 | 1994, David J. Hetland | Senator Byron L. Dorgan |  |
| 1995 – 1996 | 1995, Phyllis Bryn-Julson | Rev. Dr. Ishmael Noko |  |
| 1996 – 1997 | 1996, Dr. Lynn Arthur Steen | Dr. Anita Pompusch |  |
| 1997 – 1998 | 1997,Roland Barden | Roland D. Offutt |  |
| 1998 – 1999 | 1998, Dr. Ellen Chaffee | Rev. Ann Svennungsen |  |
| 1999 – 2000 | 1999, John Tunheim | Dr. Herbert W. Chilstrom |  |
| 2000 – 2001 | 2000, Dr. Richard L. Torgerson | Dr. Paul Peterson |  |
| 2001 – 2002 | 2001, Dr. C. Thorpe Running | Dr. Daniel Hamilton |  |
| 2002 – 2003 | 2002, Dr. Earl Lewis | His Excellency Knut Vollebaek |  |
| 2003 – 2004 | 2003, Dr. David B. Laird Jr. | John R. Tunheim |  |
| 2004 – 2005 | 2004, Dr. Olin J. Storvick | Dr. Cam E. Enarson |  |
| 2005 – 2006 | 2005, Dr. David L. Tiede | Rev. Dr. Donald E. Messer |  |
| 2006 – 2007 | 2006, Bjorg F. Farstad | Greg Mortenson |  |
| 2007 – 2008 | 2007, Dr. David M. Gring | Benson K. Whitney |  |
| 2008 – 2009 | 2008, Dr. Roland D. Martinson | Margo Melnicove |  |
| 2009 – 2010 | 2009, Rev. Lowell G. Almen | George C. Halvorson |  |
| 2010 – 2011 | 2010, Honorable Collin C. Peterson | Honorable Amy Klobuchar |  |
| 2011 – 2012 |  | Randall L. Boushek |  |
| 2012 – 2013 |  | Roxana Saberi |  |
| 2013 – 2014 |  | Darrell Ehrlick |  |
| 2014 – 2015 |  | Walter Mondale |  |
| 2015 – 2016 |  | Fay Ferguson |  |
| 2016 – 2017 |  | Miquette Denie McMahon |  |
| 2017 – 2018 |  | Dr. Martha Nussbaum |  |
| 2018 – 2019 |  | Colum McCann |  |