Honorary Degrees Conferred by Concordia College

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| Year | Recipient | Degree Awarded |
| 1939 | Crown Prince Olav of Norway | Doctor of Laws |
| 1940 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 1941 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 1942 | Rasmus Bogstad | Doctor of Divinity |
| Olaf Jenson Hagen | Doctor of Laws |
| 1943 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 1944 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 1945 | Selmer Alonzo Eugene Berge | Doctor of Divinity |
| Rudolph Melvin Fjelstad | Doctor of Divinity |
| Fredrik Axel Schiotz | Doctor of Divinity |
| Gunerius T. Torvik | Doctor of Divinity |
| 1946 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 1947 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 1948 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 1949 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 1950 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 1951 | John Nikolai Brown (retiring CC pres.) | Doctor of Laws |
| 1952 | Arthur Edwin Hanson | Doctor of Divinity |
| Casper Bernhard Nervig | Doctor of Divinity |
| Joseph Simonson | Doctor of Laws |
| Loyal Edward Tallakson | Doctor of Divinity |
| 1953 | Odd Gornitzka | Doctor of Divinity |
| Ingvald Daehlin | Doctor of Letters |
| Bishop Hans Lilje[[1]](#footnote-1) | Doctor of Divinity |
| 1954 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 1955 | Reidar Arnold Daehlin | Doctor of Divinity |
| Gerhard Emanuel Frost | Doctor of Divinity |
| Donald R. Heiges | Doctor of Divinity |
| Charles Leland Nasby | Doctor of Laws |
| Thurman Gaylord Overson | Doctor of Laws |
| 1956 | Sidney A. Rand | Doctor of Divinity |
| Theodore W. Thordarson | Doctor of Laws |
| 1957 | Gabriel S. Hauge | Doctor of Laws |
| O.H. Hove | Doctor of Divinity |
| 1958 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 1959 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 1960 | Jaroslav Jan Pelikan, Jr. | Doctor of Divinity |
| 1961 | P.O. Sathre¹ | Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa |
| 1962 | Arnold W. Flaten | Doctor of Fine Arts |
| Willmar L. Thorkelson | Doctor of Letters |
| 1963 | Oscar A. Anderson | Doctor of Laws |
| 1964 | J. Elmo Agrimson | Doctor of Divinity |
| Tollef C. Hanson | Doctor of Divinity |
| 1965 | Arthur O. Lee | Doctor of Laws |
| Ernest O. Wollan | Doctor of Science |
| 1966 | Leon H. Johnson | Doctor of Humane Letters |
| Carl W. Tiller | Doctor of Laws |
| 1967 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 1968 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 1969 | Cecil M. Johnson | Doctor of Divinity |
| Carl Nicholai Platou | Doctor of Laws |
| 1970 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 1971 | J. Hugo Aronson | Doctor of Laws |
| William Lewis Guy | Doctor of Laws |
| 1972 | Arnold R. Mickelson | Doctor of Laws |
| Junald L. Rendahl | Doctor of Laws |
| 1973 | Roy Warren Gilbertson | Doctor of Divinity |
| Paul Adrian Hanson | Doctor of Divinity |
| 1974 | Gideon Mnyozu Chaghuza | Doctor of Laws |
| Effie Bryan Urquhart | Doctor of Science |
| Andrew Young | Doctor of Humane Letters |
| 1975 | Lily M. Gyldenvand | Doctor of Humane Letters |
| Dr. Joseph L. Knutson (retiring CC pres.) | Doctor of Humane Letters |
| 1976 | William A. Smaby | Doctor of Laws |
| 1977 | Magnus Philip Lutness | Doctor of Divinity |
| 1978 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 1979 | Charles Beck | Doctor of Fine Arts |
| Hazel L. Westby | Doctor of Humanitites |
| 1980 | Olaf C. Cartford | Doctor of Divinity |
| Russell W. Fridley | Doctor of Letters |
| Norman Martin Lorentzsen | Doctor of Laws |
| 1981 | Clinton A. Schroeder | Doctor of Laws |
| Edward Anders Sovik | Doctor of Fine Arts |
| 1982 | Gilbert M. Lee | Doctor of Divinity |
| 1983 | James Moody Gustafson | Doctor of Letters |
| Wilko B. Schoenbohm | Doctor of Laws |
| Lloyd Svendsbye | Doctor of Divinity |
| 1984 | Kathryn Wernicke Baerwald | Doctor of Laws |
| Warren Landry Lockhart | Doctor of Laws |
| 1985 | Arley R. Bjella | Doctor of Laws |
| Wesley N. Haugen | Doctor of Divinity |
| 1986 | Irene Gubrud | Doctor of Fine Arts |
| Carlton T. Helming (at Olin dedication) | Doctor of Laws |
| Fritz Scholder | Doctor of Fine Arts |
| His Excellency Gunther van Well | Doctor of Laws |
| 1987 | Crown Prince Harald of Norway[[2]](#footnote-2) | Doctor of Laws |
| 1988 | Arthur A. Link | Doctor of Laws |
| Albert H. Quie | Doctor of Laws |
| 1989 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 1990 | Helmuth Rilling | Doctor of Fine Arts |
| Eliezer (Elie) Wiesel | Doctor of Humane Letters |
| 1991 | Bob Bergland | Doctor of Laws |
| Dr. Paula Pimlott Brownlee | Doctor of Humane Letters |
| Bruce Elliot Gronbeck | Doctor of Humane Letters |
| Alan R. Hopeman | Doctor of Science |
| Miles Harlan Johnson | Doctor of Science |
| Paul Ronald Sponheim | Doctor of Humane Letters |
| 1992 | Paul E. Peterson | Doctor of Letters |
| M. Eugene Rudd | Doctor of Science |
| Connie M. Farden Friesen | Doctor of Letters |
| Carl L. Bailey | Doctor of Humane Letters |
| Paul Ronald Sponheim | Doctor of Sacred Theology |
| 1993 | George C. Halvorson | Doctor of Laws |
| Lynn Harry Erbe | Doctor of Science |
| Daniel T. Moe (December) | Doctor of Fine Arts |
| 1994 | Loret Miller Ruppe | Doctor of Humane Letters |
| Rev. Lowell Almen | Doctor of Divinity |
| David J. Hetland (December) | Doctor of Fine Arts |
| 1995 | Gerhard K. Haukebo | Doctor of Humane Letters |
| Otto Berg | Doctor of Science |
| Phyllis Bryn-Julson Sutherland (December) | Doctor of Laws |
| King Harald V of Norway (October) | Doctor of Laws |
| 1996 | Rev. Dr. Ishmael Noko | Doctor of Divinity |
| Dr. Lynn Arthur Steen (December) | Doctor of Science |
| 1997 | Dr. Anita Pampusch | Doctor of Humane Letters |
| 1998 | Kathleen Norris (September) | Doctor of Humane Letters |
| 1999 | Norman Jones | Doctor of Laws |
| 2000 | Richard L. Torgerson (December) | Doctor of Humane Letters |
| 2001 | Paul J. Dovre (retired CC pres.) | Doctor of Humane Letters |
| C. Thorpe Running (December) | Doctor of Humane Letters |
| 2002 | Dr. Daniel S. Hamilton | Doctor of Humanities, Honoris Causa |
| Dr. Earl Lewis | Doctor of Humanities, Honoris Causa |
| 2003 | Knut Vollebaek | Doctor of Humane Letters |
| Dr. David B. Laird, Jr. (December) | Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa |
| 2004 | Hon. John R. Tunheim | Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa |
| 2005 | Dr. Cam E. Enarson | Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa |
| Dr. David L. Tiede (December) | Doctor of Divinity, Honoris Causa |
| 2006 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 2007 | Greg Mortenson | Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa |
| William Marcil | Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa |
| 2008 | Benson K. Whitney | Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa |
| 2009 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 2010 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 2011 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 2012 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 2013 | No honorary degrees |  |
| 2014 | Darrell Jodock | Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa |
| 2015 | Harold Augenbraum | Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa |
| Walter F. Mondale | Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa |
| 2016 | Dr. Richard A. Green | Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa |
| Margaret M. Wong | Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa |
| 2017 | Dr. Olin J. Storvick | Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa |
| James Parke | Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa |
| 2018 | John Meslow | Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa |
| Dr. Martha Nussbaum | Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa |
| 2019 | Colum McCann | Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa |

1. Archives does not have a copy of this citation. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Awarded but not presented to. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)