

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY
Honorary Degrees

Commencement, May 29, 1949

Philip E. Dyvbig, Doctor of Laws

The Rev. Oscar C. Hanson, Doctor of Divinity
President, Lutheran Bible Institute, Minneapolis, MN

The Rev. Carl E. Lundquist, Doctor of Divinity
Executive Secretary, Division of Public Relations, National Lutheran Church

The Rev. Alvin N. Rogness, Doctor of Divinity
Chairman of the Board of Education, Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Rev. Siegfried Conrad Siefkes, Doctor of Divinity
Northwestern District of the American Lutheran Church

Commencement, May 28, 1950

The Rev. Konrad Frederick Koosman, Doctor of Divinity
President, California District, American Lutheran Church

January 26, 1951

Olaf Christiansen, Doctor of Music
Composer, Teacher and Director of St. Olaf College Choir

Commencement, May 27, 1951

John S. Baker, Citation of Honor

Harold S. Woodworth, Citation of Honor

Commencement, May 25, 1952

Oscar Adolf Tingelstad, Doctor of Divinity
Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

Commencement, May 31, 1953

Magnus A. Dahlen, Doctor of Humane Letters
Director of the Board of Charities, Evangelical Lutheran Church

Elmer Magnus Johnson, Doctor of Letters
Editor, The Western Lutheran

Olaf Gabriel Malmin, Doctor of Letters
Editor, The Lutheran Herald

The Rev. Hans F.F. Wittrock, Doctor of Divinity
Northwestern District of the American Lutheran Church

John U. Xavier, Doctor of Divinity
Professor Emeritus, Pacific Lutheran College

Commencement, May 30, 1954

The Rev. Gaylord L. Falde, Doctor of Divinity
President, California District, Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Rev. Olai Ludvig Haavik, Doctor of Divinity
Pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Church; Superintendent, Josephine Sunset Home

The Rev. Ervin E. Krebs, Doctor of Divinity
Secretary, Church Work in Negro Communities, National Lutheran Council, American Lutheran Church

Diderikke Margarethe Brandt. Preus, Doctor of Letters
Editor of Lutheran publications and parsonage helpmate

The Rev. Sven Lawrence Swenson, Doctor of Divinity
President, Columbia Conference, Augustana Lutheran Church

Commencement, May 29, 1955

The Rev. Walter Henry Hellman, Doctor of Laws
President, California District, American Lutheran Church

The Hon. Arthur O. Langlie, Doctor of Laws
Governor, State of Washington

Commencement, May 26, 1957

Rt. Rev. Halfdan L. Foss, Doctor of Laws
President, California District, American Lutheran Church

Trygve Olsen Svare, Doctor of Laws (in absentia)
United States Cultural Attaché Officer to Oslo

Commencement, June 1, 1958

The Rev. Arthur Olaf Arnold, Doctor of Divinity
Author, educator, counselor, and teacher, Augustana Theological Seminary

Edward Charles Fendt, Doctor of Laws
Author, educator, counselor, and teacher, Capital University

Frederic Martin Norstad, Doctor of Divinity
Guiding force in the mental health Movement in Minnesota

Frank Furniss Warren, Doctor of Letters
President, Whitworth College

Conferred in Lambarene, Africa, August 11, 1958

The Rev. Albert Schweitzer, Doctor of Humane Letters
Physician, medical missionary, theologian, musician, and philosopher

Commencement, May 31, 1959

Luvern Victor Rieke, Doctor of Laws
Professor of Law and Lutheran Layman, University of Washington

Commencement May 29, 1960

Phillip Enoch Hauge, Doctor of Laws
Professor and Dean, Pacific Lutheran College

Clemens Mathew Granskow, Doctor of Laws
President, St. Olaf College

Service of Dedication for the Tacoma–Pierce Administration Building, October 14, 1960

Charles Clement French, Doctor of Letters
President, Washington State University

Gerrit Vander Ende, Doctor of Laws
President and Chairman of the Board, Pacific Federal Savings and Loan Association of Tacoma

The Commemoration of the Seventieth Anniversary of the University, The Adoption of University Status, October 16, 1960

The Rev. Fredrik Axel Schiotz, Doctor of Letters
President of the American Lutheran Church

Johannes Wilhelm Ylvisaker, Doctor of Laws
President of Luther College

December 7, 1960

Joe Albert Chandler, Doctor of Laws
Executive Secretary of the Washington Education Association

The Rev. Harold Leland Yochum, Doctor of Laws
President of the Michigan District of the American Lutheran Church

University Year Event, January 18, 1961

Robert A.L. Mortvedt, Doctor of Laws
Executive Director of Christian Higher Education of the Augustana Lutheran Church and of the United Lutheran Church in America

March 14, 1961

Guilford LeRoy Hollingsworth, Doctor of Science
Director, Boeing Scientific Research Laboratories

Commencement, May 28, 1961

The Rev. Harold Berg Kildahl Jr., Doctor of Divinity
Member of Committee on Diaconic Service, American Lutheran Church Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Rev. Edwin William Bracher, Doctor of Laws
President of Pacific Synod, United Lutheran Church of America

Eugene Valentine Stime, Doctor of Divinity
Teacher, Counselor and Administrator, Lutheran Bible Institute

World Missions Convocation, October 8, 1961

The Rev. C. Russell Johnson, Doctor of Divinity
President, Luther Theological Seminary in Hong Kong

The Rev. Harold Hauge Martinson, Doctor of Divinity
President, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Ivory-Fianarantsoa, Madagascar

February 14, 1962

Otto Paul Kretzmann, Doctor of Humane Letters
President, Valparaiso University

Commencement, May 26, 1963

The Rev. Anel Gilbert Fjellman, Doctor of Divinity
President, Pacific Northwest Synod of the Lutheran Church in America

February 21, 1966

Myrl R. Alexander, Doctor of Letters
Director, Bureau of Prisons

Commencement, May 29, 1966

Henry T. Heald, Doctor of Humane Letters
President, The Ford Foundation

John O. Yeasting, Doctor of Laws
Vice President and General Manager, Commercial Airplane Division, The Boeing Company

Dedication of Robert A.L. Mortvedt Library, April 2, 1967

Jaroslav Pelikan, Doctor of Letters
Titus Street Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Yale University

Opening Convocation, September 22, 1967

The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Arthur Michael Ramsey, Doctor of Divinity
Archbishop of Canterbury

April 17, 1969

Mauricio Lasansky, Doctor of Fine Arts
Printmaker and Professor of Art, University of Iowa

Convocation, April 17, 1969

Jean Berger, Doctor of Music
Composer of choral music

Commencement, May 28, 1969

Howell P. Skoglund, Doctor of Laws
Founder and President of North American Life and Casualty Company, Chairman, Board of Regents at St. Olaf College, Chairman of the Board of Fairview Hospital, Minneapolis

Convocation honoring Robert Joffrey, July 8, 1969

Robert Joffrey, Doctor of Fine Arts
Founder and Director of City Center Joffrey Ballet, New York

Convocation, November 9, 1969

The Rev. Clarence Solberg, Doctor of Divinity
President of North Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church

Convocation, March 14, 1970

Tore H. Nilert, Doctor of Laws
President of SAS North American Corporation

June 16, 1970

The Rev. Wu Ming-Chieh, Doctor of Divinity
President, Lutheran Church of Hong Kong

Convocation, October 20, 1970

The Rev. Johannes Lilje, Doctor of Humane Letters
Bishop of Hannover (Germany)

Convocation, January 27, 1971

Robert Ouko, Doctor of Laws
Minister for the Common Market and Economic Affairs for the East African Community

Convocation, February 21, 1971

Marian A. Halvorson, Doctor of Humane Letters
Literary Consultant in Africa for the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature

Commencement, May 21, 1972

Carroll Behrhorst, Doctor of Humane Letters
Physician and Medical Missionary in Guatemala to Maya Indians

Opening Convocation, September 7, 1972

Marylyn Gore, Doctor of Humane Letters
Senior Program Specialist, Undergraduate Social Work Education, Council on Social Work Education, New York

Opening Convocation, September 13, 1973

David W. Preus, Doctor of Divinity
President, American Lutheran Church

Opening Convocation, September 11, 1974

Emil G. Jaech, Doctor of Divinity
President of The Northwest District, LC-MS

Commencement, May 1977

William Lescher, Doctor of Divinity
President, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

Special Convocation, August 19, 1977

Carl Henning Mau, Jr., Doctor of Divinity
General Secretary of the USA National Committee, Lutheran World Federation

Chapel Services, Trinity Lutheran Church, November 2, 1977

Edmund A. Steimle, Doctor of Divinity
Adjunct Professor of Preaching, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC

Special Program, University Center, April 6, 1978

Knut Hagrup, Doctor of Laws
President of Scandinavian Airlines System

Commencement, May 21, 1978

Thomas W. Anderson, Doctor of Humane Letters
President of Concrete Technology Corporation, Chair, Board of Regents, Pacific Lutheran University

Commencement, May 27, 1979

Irene O. Creso, Doctor of Humane Letters
Professor Emeritus of Biology, Pacific Lutheran University

Commencement, May 25, 1980

Maurice H. Knutson, Doctor of Humane Letters
Board member, Gustavus Adolphus College

Board Room of Rainer Bank Tower, Seattle, April 18, 1984

G. Robert Truex, Jr., Doctor of Laws
Chief Executive Officer, Rainier Bancorporation

Commencement, May 26, 1985

The Rev. Clifford Lunde, Doctor of Divinity
Bishop of the North Pacific District, the American Lutheran Church

December 13, 1986

Elbert A. Baker, Doctor of Humane Letters
Publisher Emeritus, Tacoma News Tribune

Commencement, May 24, 1986

Jiabao Chen, Doctor of Humane Letters

Commencement, May 21, 1989

Keith Achepohl, Doctor of Fine Arts
Former Professor of Art, Pacific Lutheran University; Professor of Art, University of Iowa

The Hon. Daniel J. Evans, Doctor of Laws
Former Governor of Washington State and US Senator

June 17, 1989

The Rev. David C. Wold, Doctor of Divinity
Bishop of the Southwestern Washington Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and member, Board of Regents of Pacific Lutheran University

Special centennial church festival, April 9, 1991

The Rev. Gunnar Staalsett, Doctor of Divinity
General Secretary, Lutheran World Federation

Conferred during the Opening Convocation, September 11, 1991

Jan Carlzon, Doctor of Laws
President and Chief Executive Officer of Scandinavian Airlines System

December 14, 1992

Jerold L. Armstrong, Doctor of Science
President, UIC Inc., Chairman, Unimetrics Inc., regent-at-large, Pacific Lutheran University

October 26, 1995

Her Majesty Queen Sonja of Norway, Doctor of Humane Letters

Commencement, May 25, 1997

The Hon. Mark O. Hatfield, Doctor of Laws
Former Governor of Oregon, former US Senator

December 13, 1997

Frank R. Jennings, Doctor of Humane Letters
Former President, Pacific Lutheran University Corporation; former Chair of the Pacific Lutheran University Board of Regents; Director, Eddie Bauer, Inc.

Commencement, May 23, 1999

George Russell, Jr., Doctor of Humane Letters
Chairman, Frank Russell Company

Jane T. Russell, Doctor of Humane Letters
Active community advocate, former member of the Frank Russell Company's Board of Directors, former member of Pacific Lutheran University's Board of Regents

Commencement, May 21, 2000

William H. Foege, Doctor of Humane Letters
Physician and former Director, Centers for Disease Control and of the Carter Center

Commencement, May 27, 2001

The Hon. Lois G. Capps, Doctor of Humane Letters
U.S. Representative from Santa Barbara

Commencement, May 23, 2004

Sister Kathleen Ross, SNJM, Doctor of Humane Letters
President, Heritage University

Commencement, December 11, 2004

Gary R. Severson, Doctor of Humane Letters
Former Chair, Board of Regents, Pacific Lutheran University; Chairman, Marguerite Casey Foundation

Commencement, May 25, 2008

The Hon. Joyce A. Barr, '76, Doctor of Humane Letters
Former U.S. Ambassador to Namibia

Commencement, May 22, 2014

The Hon. Norman Dicks, Doctor of Humane Letters
Former U.S. Representative, 6th District of Washington

Commencement, May 23, 2015

His Majesty King Harald V of Norway, Doctor of Laws