

55TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION & INVESTITURE
OF LAUREATES TO
THE LINCOLN ACADEMY OF ILLINOIS



Saturday, the eighteenth day of May
Two thousand nineteen

State Capitol
House of Representatives Chamber
Springfield, Illinois

Lincoln appreciated the power of 'living histories' as a source of wisdom and inspiration for future generations. The Lincoln Academy of Illinois was created to recognize the living histories of those who walk among us believing, as Lincoln did, that those living histories remind future generations of the endless possibilities ahead. We gather to recognize the living histories of our time – individuals who exemplify the highest ideals of their respective callings, whose lives and contributions to society perpetuate the complete spectrum of human endeavor. They are the 'Lincoln hearted' people among us.

*Dr. Thomas F. Schwartz
Laureate of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois
Illinois State Historian
1993-2011*



Call to Order

Dennis Lyle, Regent of the Academy

Processional*

Governor of the State of Illinois, Officers of the Academy,
Laureates, Regents for Life, Regents,
General Trustees, Rectors, Academic Trustees, and Clergy

The Processional

Piano Premier "*Shall Long Endure*" Written and Composed by
Rockford Symphony Orchestra Music Director Steve Larsen
as a gift to The Lincoln Academy of Illinois

Invocation*

Rabbi Barry Marks
Congregation Temple Israel, Springfield

The National Anthem*

Dr. Ollie Watts Davis
Damien Kaplan accompanying

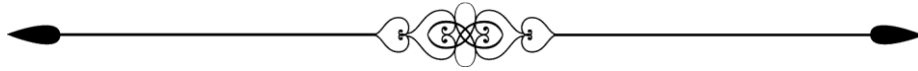
Pledge of Allegiance*

Convocation Welcome & Opening Address

Stephanie Pace Marshall, PhD, Chancellor

Illinois

Dr. Ollie Watts Davis
Damien Kaplan accompanying



Decoration of Laureates

Jerry Colangelo

Edgar J. Curtis

Sheila C. Johnson

The Honorable Benjamin K. Miller

Dr. Olufunmilayo Olopade

George F. Will

Governor J.B. Pritzker, the President and Chancellor of the Academy, will preside.

Citation Presenters: Regent Ron Spears, Academic Trustee & University of Illinois Springfield
Chancellor Susan Koch, Regent Margaret 'Meg' Cline, Rector The Honorable Anne Burke, Rector Dr.
Helen Morrison, and Regent Dennis Lyle

Remarks

The Honorable J. B. Pritzker
Governor of the State of Illinois

Battle Hymn of the Republic

The Lincoln Troubadours
Damien Kaplan directing

Installation of the Eleventh Chancellor of the Academy

Frank M. Clark

Recessional*

**Please stand as you are able*

History of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois

The Lincoln Academy was established by proclamation of the Governor of Illinois in 1964, shortly after the New York World's Fair. During the World's Fair a reception was given for some of our state's most celebrated sons and daughters which impressed Governor Otto Kerner and gave birth to a program to recognize distinguished Illinoisans annually through the establishment of the Order of Lincoln.

The ***Order of Lincoln*** honors individuals whose contributions to the betterment of humanity have been accomplished in Illinois, or whose achievements have brought honor to the state because of their identity with it, whether by birth or residence. It is the state's highest award for professional achievement and public service.

Funds raised at the Academy's Order of Lincoln Convocation help provide the Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement awards and the 'Lincoln Medallion' which will be presented by the Academy's President to each of 57 ***Student Laureates*** at a separate ceremony held in Springfield later this year.

Thus, the Lincoln Academy honors the Great Citizens of Today and Celebrates the Great Citizens of Tomorrow -- knowing that now, as always, our state and nation need what Vachel Lindsay called 'Lincoln-hearted' men and women.

Mr. Lincoln would be proud.

The insignia of the Order of Lincoln is a variant of the Maltese cross (with ten points rather than eight). The obverse displays the Arms of the State of Illinois encircled by the inscription 'Palmam Qui Meruit, Ferat' ('Let him who merits bear the palm' -- words from Horatio Viscount Nelson). The reverse central disc features the likeness of President Lincoln in gold. The cross is suspended from a ribbon in the colors of the state's symbols: red for the state bird, the cardinal; violet for the state flower; and green for the state tree, the oak.



The first Convocation and Investiture of Laureates to the Order of Lincoln was held on our 16th President's birthday, February 12, 1965 at the Chicago Historical Society. Convocations have been held in locations across the state every year since then. During the Lincoln Bicentennial in 2009, a special Bicentennial Edition of the Order of Lincoln was established, and thirty distinguished Lincoln scholars, collectors, artists, and curators from around the world were honored.

In 1992, Governor Jim Edgar, President of the Lincoln Academy, initiated the creation of a Hall of Fame of Historic Illinoisans whose achievements and contributions were made prior to the establishment of the Lincoln Academy in 1964. Fifty Hall of Fame Honorees were selected. In 2018, in recognition of the Bicentennial of Illinois, and with the approval of the Regents, Stephanie Pace Marshall, PhD, Chancellor of the Lincoln Academy, re-constituted the Hall of Fame. Trustee Alan Lowe, President of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, served as Chair. Five new members of the Hall of Fame were selected by Academy Trustees in November 2018.

The mission of the Lincoln Academy was expanded in 1975 by the Student Laureate Program, in which an outstanding senior from each of the four-year degree-granting colleges and universities in Illinois and one student representing our state's community colleges are honored.

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Jerry Colangelo

One of the most innovative and influential owners in NBA history, Jerry Colangelo has been involved with the game of basketball for most of his life.

Born and raised in Chicago Heights, Illinois, he played basketball and baseball for Bloom Township High School. He earned all-conference honors as a basketball player at the University of Illinois, and served as captain during his senior year. He also played two years of baseball for the Fighting Illini. He graduated in 1962 with a degree in physical education.

In 1966, he began his NBA career in the Chicago Bulls' front office. Two years later, he became the youngest general manager in professional sports with the new expansion team, the Phoenix Suns. After leading the Suns to be a very successful organization, he became an owner of the team. *Sporting News* named him the first NBA Executive of the Year for taking the Suns to the NBA finals in 1976.

Colangelo was a driving force attracting other professional sports to Arizona. He is a former owner of the Arizona Diamondbacks professional baseball team, the Phoenix Mercury Women's NBA team, the Arizona Rattlers indoor football team, and Arizona Sandsharks indoor soccer team. He also played an integral role in the formation of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA).

Rising in power in the sports industry, Colangelo was appointed as the first managing director of the USA Basketball Men's Senior National Team Program. Under his leadership, they claimed gold medals at the 2008, 2012, and 2016 Olympics.

Colangelo was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2004 and inducted in to the University of Illinois Sports Hall of Fame in 2017. He received the NBA's Executive of the Year award four times (1976, 1981, 1989, 1993). He was named one of Phoenix's 15 all-time influential citizens and the most influential sports figure in Arizona for the 20th century.

Colangelo served in numerous leadership roles for charitable foundations and community organizations, including The Boys and Girls Club of America, Young Life, Mentor Kids, and the United Way. The Valley of the Sun United Way bestowed on him their highest honor, the Spirit Caring Award. The Sinai Institute recently named him Humanitarian of the Year. After serving as an advisor to Grand Canyon University's School of Sports Business, the school now bears his name. He is an inductee and National Leadership Director of the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame, which is located in Chicago.

Jerry and his wife Joan have four adult children – Kathy Holcombe, Kristen Young, Mandie Colangelo, and Bryan Colangelo - and 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

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Edgar J. Curtis

Edgar J. Curtis is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Memorial Health System (MHS), a nationally recognized health system serving Springfield and the central Illinois region. He provides senior-level administrative leadership for the comprehensive strategic direction of the health system.

Curtis earned his bachelor of science in nursing from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Launching his career in 1975 as a registered nurse, he has served in a variety of management and administrative positions with Memorial and has devoted his career to serving others. He received an honorary doctor of humane letters and master of business administration from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Curtis' personal mission is to contribute to the development of the next generation of the healthcare workforce. In addition to supporting high school and college students in pursuit of a career as a physician, he has personally mentored and coached several other students as they seek opportunities in healthcare.

Curtis is the immediate past chair of the Illinois Health and Hospital Association's (IHHA) Board of Directors. He currently serves as a founding board member for the BJC Collaborative, LLC, the Midwest Healthcare Quality Alliance and the Lincoln Land Health Information Exchange. He is a delegate on the American Hospital Association's Regional Policy Board and the Sangamon County Economic Development Commission.

Curtis partnered with the Springfield YMCA to construct a second facility on Springfield's west side to serve the health care needs of the community. Under his leadership, Memorial Medical Center partnered with St. John's Hospital in Springfield to establish the Enos Park Initiative (EPI), which provides increased health care to the residents of this low-income neighborhood.

Curtis was recently named to the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees. He is also the chair of the board for the Central Illinois Foodbank, and a member of the Springfield Urban League and the United Way of Central Illinois. He has held numerous leadership positions with the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and presently occupies a position on the Advisory Committee of the Simmons Cancer Institute.

His civic involvement was recognized with the Good Samaritan Award by the Central Illinois Foodbank, Springfield Urban League's Community Leadership Award, and the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce President's Award. He is a fellow with the American College of Healthcare Executives, and was inducted to both the Springfield Lanphier High School Hall of Fame and the School of Nursing Alumni Hall of Fame at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. In conjunction with IHHA, the American Hospital Association named him the 2018 Grassroots Champion.

Curtis lives in Springfield with his wife Sharon. He has two children, Susan and Steven, and four grandchildren.

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Sheila C. Johnson

Sheila Crump Johnson is founder and CEO of Salamander Hotels & Resorts. She oversees a growing portfolio of five luxury properties, including the Forbes Five-Star rated Salamander Resort & Spa in Middleburg, Virginia.

As Vice Chairman of Monumental Sports & Entertainment, Ms. Johnson is the only African-American woman to have ownership in three professional sports teams: the NBA's Washington Wizards, the NHL's Washington Capitals, and the WNBA's Washington Mystics, for which she serves as President and Managing Partner. She also served five years on the Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association.

In 2016, she co-founded WE Capital, a venture capital consortium to support and empower female-led enterprises. She also serves on the board of the Greater Washington Partnership, which seeks to strengthen the region's global position as a center for commerce and innovation.

Ms. Johnson has long been a powerful influence in the entertainment industry, starting with her work as founding partner of Black Entertainment Television. She originated the award-winning Teen Summit show. As executive producer, her documentary films were screened at the Sundance and Tribeca Film Festivals. She also helped finance the Screen Actors Guild nominated feature film *The Butler*, directed by Lee Daniels, and is founder and chair of the Middleburg Film Festival, an annual celebration of independent film.

From 2006 to 2009, Ms. Johnson served as global ambassador for CARE, a leading humanitarian organization that combats global poverty by empowering women. In recognition of her humanitarian efforts, she was honored with the Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal in 2012. In 2018, Ford's Theatre Society awarded her with the Lincoln Medal.

Johnson graduated from Proviso East High School. She is a classically trained violinist and graduated in music education from the University of Illinois. She began her career teaching at the Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C. For five years, she taught music in Jordan as a U.S. Information Agency cultural liaison to the Middle East. She was instrumental in establishing Jordan's first national music conservatory. King Hussein presented her Jordan's highest educational honor.

As a philanthropist, Johnson created the Sheila C. Johnson Foundation to address global health and educational needs. Her support of numerous educational institutions includes establishing the Performing Arts Center at Hill School in Virginia, creating a fellowship at the Harvard Kennedy School of Public Policy, and supporting the renovation of the design center at Parsons, the New School of Design. At the University of Virginia, the Sheila C. Johnson Center provides integrated clinical services for all ages. She established two endowments at the University of Illinois to honor her mentors.

Johnson is the proud mother of two children. She and her husband, the Honorable William Newman, live in the Washington, D.C. area.

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The Honorable Benjamin K. Miller

Justice Benjamin K. Miller has committed his life to improving the quality of justice in Illinois. In both his professional and community activities, he has exemplified the meaning of being a respected public servant. Miller was elected to the Supreme Court of Illinois in 1984 and became Chief Justice in 1991.

Originally from Springfield, Miller earned a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University and a juris doctor degree from Vanderbilt University. He was engaged in the private practice of law before being appointed a judge of the 7th Judicial Circuit by the Illinois Supreme Court. He was elected to that position in 1978, serving as chief judge of the circuit. In 1982, he was elected to the Appellate Court for the 4th Judicial District and served as a member of that court he was elected to the Supreme Court of Illinois.

In addition to his judicial duties, Miller served as liaison to numerous Supreme Court committees and as chair of the Illinois Courts Commission. He was first to use local community screening committees, consisting of lawyers and non-lawyers, to consider and review the qualifications of candidates for trial and appellate courts, and led efforts to add non-lawyers to disciplinary boards that ruled on lawyer misconduct.

During his tenure as Chief Justice, the court amended the Code of Judicial Conduct to clarify restrictions on political activity by judges and established a Special Commission on the Administration of Justice to study and report on the administration of the state's courts. In addition, Miller convened the state's first Future of the Court's Conference, which gathered judges, lawyers, professors, and citizens, to identify future trends in the judicial system and develop strategies to prepare for the future. Miller also initiated the formation of the Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council to combat family violence. Similar local councils were established throughout the state to facilitate cooperation between courts and social agencies involved in family violence cases.

Following his term as Chief Justice, Miller remained on the Supreme Court until his retirement in 2001. He participated in more than 2,000 Supreme Court decisions and authored 487 opinions. Since his retirement, he has been of counsel to Jenner & Block, a 500-lawyer Chicago law firm. He also assists with judicial screening committees and co-led a commission that conducted a multi-year study and made recommendations for bond court reform.

Miller has been an officer and director of many civic, charitable, and professional organizations and is an adjunct professor in the Department of Medical Humanities at Southern Illinois University Medical School, where he assisted in developing the medical legal curriculum.

He has been recognized for his public service, receiving an honorary Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the John Marshall Law School, the Leighton Justice Award presented by the Historic Preservation Commission, and the Rolewick Award presented by the Illinois Lawyers Assistance Program. The Family Violence Coordinating Council created the Benjamin K. Miller Award to honor members of the community and judiciary for their work in preventing family violence.

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Olufunmilayo Olopade, MD, DSc (hon), O.O.N

Dr. Olufunmilayo (Funmi) Olopade is an internationally renowned expert in cancer risk assessment and preventive oncology. Based on evolving understanding of genetic and non-genetic factors in individual patients, she develops innovative strategies for prevention and treatment of the most aggressive forms of breast cancer, particularly in high-risk populations. She also emphasizes earlier detection through advanced imaging technologies.

Olopade is the Walter L. Palmer Distinguished Service Professor of Medicine, and Director of the Center for Clinical Cancer Genetics and Global Health at The University of Chicago.

Born in Nigeria, she graduated with distinction from the University of Ibadan College of Medicine. She completed an internship and residency in internal medicine at John H. Stroger Cook County Hospital in Chicago, where she was also chief resident.

Trained broadly in clinical oncology and cancer genetics, Olopade's research interests are diverse, stretching around the globe. Her work includes molecular genetics of cancer; familial cancers; treatment of breast cancer, especially in young women; breast cancer and minority populations; and disparities in health outcomes. She has performed extensive research related to the contribution of BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes to the burden of breast cancer in diverse populations.

Olopade effectively translates the benefits of her work, inspires students and colleagues, and is a role model for women scientists. She received the Doris Duke Distinguished Clinical Scientist and Exceptional Mentor Award, an American Cancer Society Clinical Research Professorship, a MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Fellowship, and Officer of the Order of the Niger Award. She was also recognized with the Franklin D. Roosevelt Freedom from Want Award and the Villanova Mendel Medal Award.

Olopade holds honorary degrees from five universities and is an elected member of numerous prestigious scientific organizations, including the National Academy of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Philosophical Society. She is co-founder of CancerIQ, a Chicago-based health technology company, and a member of the Scientific Advisory Board at Tempus, a genomics and data science company.

A civic minded global citizen, Olopade served for many years on the National Boards of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Young Survivor Coalition/Living Beyond Breast Cancer, and Healthy Life for All Foundation. She holds leadership positions in the Episcopal Church and served as a trustee at St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire. She currently serves on the boards of the MacArthur Foundation and Lyric Opera of Chicago.

Olopade is married to Olusola Olopade, who is Director of International Programs at Pritzker School of Medicine. They are blessed with children and an extended family of distinguished siblings, in-laws, friends who have become family, colleagues, and research collaborators across the globe.

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George F. Will

The *Wall Street Journal* called George Will “perhaps the most powerful journalist in America”. A Pulitzer-prize winning political commentator, he writes a column syndicated by the *Washington Post* for more than 40 years. Today, the column appears twice weekly in 442 newspapers.

Will was born in Champaign and graduated from University Laboratory High School. He attended Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut; Oxford University, and earned a PhD from Princeton University.

He served as a staff member in the United States Senate from 1970 to 1972. From 1973 to 1976, he was the Washington editor of *National Review* magazine, a leading conservative journal of ideas and political commentary. In 1977, he won a Pulitzer Prize for commentary in his newspaper columns. The *National Journal* named him one of the 25 most influential Washington journalists in 1997.

He was a regular contributing editor for *Newsweek*, for which he provided a bi-monthly essay until 2011. In 1981, Will became a founding panel member on ABC television’s “This Week” and spent over three decades providing regular commentary. Then followed three years with Fox News, where he appeared regularly on “Special Report” and “Fox News Sunday.” He is a regular contributor to MSNBC and NBC News.

Eight collections of Will's *Newsweek* and *Washington Post* columns have been published, the most recent being *One Man’s America: The Pleasures and Provocations of Our Singular Nation* (2008). He has also published three books on political theory, *Statecraft as Soulcraft: What Government Does* (1983), *The New Season: A Spectator's Guide to the 1988 Election* (1987) and *Restoration: Congress, Term Limits and The Recovery of Deliberative Democracy* (1992).

In 1990, he published *Men At Work: The Craft of Baseball*, which topped The *New York Times* bestseller list for two months. In 1998, Scribner published *Bunts: Curt Flood, Camden Yards, Pete Rose and Other Reflections on Baseball*, a best-selling collection of new and previously published writings by Will on baseball. *A Nice Little Place on the North Side: Wrigley Field at One Hundred* was released in 2014 and his latest book, *The Conservative Sensibility* will be released in June 2019. In July 2000, Mr. Will sat on Major League Baseball's Blue-Ribbon Panel, examining baseball economics. Ken Burns interviewed Will for the PBS documentary series, “Baseball”.

“Given that the vast majority of Americans have never heard a shot fired in anger, the imaginative presentation of military history is vital, lest rising generations have no sense of the sacrifices of which they are beneficiaries,” Will originally wrote in a 1998 column exemplifying a passion for ensuring the public understands the history of our nation and, particularly, the Civil War. A war memorial in Rochester, Minnesota now also bears this quote.

Will currently serves as a trustee of Princeton University. He has taught political philosophy at Michigan State University, the University of Toronto, Harvard University, and Princeton University. He lives in the Washington, D.C. area with his wife Mari Maseng.

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Gratitude to this Evening's Guests

Thank you for attending this evening's ceremony to recognize the Class of 2019 Lincoln Laureates. Your support of Convocation ceremonies provides the necessary funds to recognize Lincoln Laureates in a respectful manner.

Your gifts to the Spirit of Lincoln Endowment, including named funds, advance and sustain the Academy's commitment to educate our next generation with the leadership and character attributes recognized in Abraham Lincoln. With a deep commitment to Illinois, the Lincoln Academy seeks to ignite and inspire state, national, and global leadership in the Spirit of Abraham Lincoln.

Music Prior to Ceremony

"Shall Long Endure", Rockford Symphony Orchestra, Composed & Conducted by Music Director Steve Larsen and *"And Forever Free"* written, composed, and performed by Laureate Emily Bear with Guest Conductor Noreen Green (54th Convocation Ceremony).

The Lincoln Academy of Illinois

Organization of the Academy

The Lincoln Academy is a nonpartisan organization governed by a Board of Regents and a membership of General Trustees. Illinois' Governor is the President of the Academy and the Board of Regents elects a Chancellor who serves as Chief Executive Officer. The General Trustees are appointed by the Governor or elected by the Academy. Ten Rectors serve as ex officio trustees and assist in identifying potential nominees for the Order of Lincoln. The Academic Trustees are the chief executive officers of all four-year colleges and universities in Illinois and three members at large. At the discretion of the Regents, a former Governor may be elected a Regent for Life, and a former Member Regent, General Trustee, or Rector who has served in office for ten years or more may be elected an Emeritus Member, in recognition of distinguished service to the Academy.

The Spirit of Lincoln Endowment Fund & The Elizabeth Hubert Malott Education Endowment Fund

Funds within the Spirit of Lincoln Endowment enable the Academy expand our visibility, provide sustained support of current activities, and allow for expanded initiatives that enhance the vibrancy and impact of the Academy across the state of Illinois and beyond. Initial priorities for the Fund include: Sustaining Student Laureate Civic Engagement Awards, enhancing technology infrastructure investments, and developing a Next Generation Leadership initiative that connects Student Laureates to one another and to Laureates and Academy Members.

Installation of the Eleventh Chancellor

At the conclusion of tonight's Convocation, we welcome Frank M. Clark, JD of Chicago as our new Chancellor and the Honorable Ron Spears of Taylorville as our Vice Chancellor. Frank is a business and civic leader and the retired Chairman and CEO of Commonwealth Edison (Com ED). He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of the Chicago Public Schools. Ron is retired as an Illinois Circuit Court Judge in the Fourth Judicial Circuit and a retired Colonel in the Illinois Army National Guard. He is an ordained minister and currently has a mediation and arbitration practice.

Our sincere gratitude is extended to immediate past Chancellor Stephanie Pace Marshall, PhD, Founding President and President Emerita of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy and a Laureate of the Lincoln Academy, for her leadership.

Former Chancellors of the Academy

Michael Butler, Chicago (1965-1969)

Robert Bone, Bloomington (1969-1971)

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Marshall L. Burman, Chicago, (1979-1985)

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The Hon. John B. Simon, Chicago (2001-2010)

Thomas S. Johnson, Rockford (2010-2015)

William Bennett (2015 - 2016)

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Laureates of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois

Laureates Inducted in 2018

*54th Convocation – Rockford
Coronado Performing Arts Center*
Emily Bear
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Steven Shih Chen
The Rev. Michael J. Garanzini, S.J.
Mellody Hobson
Ed McMillan
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Laureates Inducted in 2017

*53rd Convocation – Chicago
Robert R. McCormick Theater
Chicago History Museum*
Frank M. Clark
Richard H. Driehaus
The Hon. James F. Holderman
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Laureates Inducted in 2016

*52nd Convocation – Peoria
Cotillion Ballroom
Marriott Pere Marquette Hotel*
Robert Gilmore
Nancy Goodman Brinker
The Hon. Ray LaHood
Leo Melamed
Scott Simon
Dr. Kevin Stein

Laureates Inducted in 2015

*51st Convocation – Springfield
House of Representatives, State
Capitol & Abraham Lincoln
Presidential Museum*
Arthur H. ‘Hy’ Bunn
Ertharin Cousin

J. Roland Folse
The Hon. Sara Vaughn Gabbard
Gary Slutkin
W. Russell Withers, Jr.*

Laureates Inducted in 2014

*50th Convocation – Chicago
Simpson Auditorium &
Stanley Field Hall
The Field Museum*
John A. Canning, Jr.
The Hon. Hillary Rodham Clinton
Michael Krzyzewski
Newton N. Minow
Bernard Rands
& Augusta Read Thomas
The Rev. Donald Senior, C.P.
Glenn F. Tilton

Laureates Inducted in 2013

*49th Convocation – Rock Island
Centennial Hall & Wallenberg Hall
on Augustana College Campus*
Brenda C. Barnes*
William Hammer
G. Timothy Johnson
Robert Lane
Robert Ontiveros
Chad Pregracke

Laureates Inducted in 2012

*48th Convocation – Springfield
House of Representatives, State
Capitol & PNC Bank Atrium*
Jean Driscoll
W. James Farrell
James A. Lovell, Jr.
Naomi Burgos Lynn
Robert J. Miller*
William R. Schnirring
N. Ronald Thunman

Laureates Inducted in 2011

*47th Convocation – Urbana-Champaign
Krannert Center for the
Performing Arts
University of Illinois UC*
Richard Gray*&
Mary Lackritz Gray
Shahid R. Khan
Shirley Madigan
Dawn Clark Netsch*
Timothy J. Nugent *

Laureates Inducted in 2010

*46th Convocation - Chicago
Rubloff Auditorium
The Art Institute of Chicago*
William J. Bauer
Doris K. Christopher
Mary A. Dempsey
Mannie Jackson
The Joffrey Ballet
Lester B. Knight, III

Laureates Inducted in 2009

*45th Convocation – Springfield
Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum*
Jean H. Baker
Gabor Boritt
Michael Burlingame
Richard Carwardine
Julie Cellini
Cullom Davis
Eric Foner
Allen C. Guelzo
Harold Holzer
Charles M. Hubbard
Ron Keller
Philip B. Kunhardt III &
Peter W. Kunhardt
John McClarey
Edna Greene Medford

Laureates Inducted in 2009, cont.

LeRoy Neiman*
 Don Pollack
 Robert Provost Jr.
 Bob Rogers
 Thomas F. Schwartz
 Jack Smith
 Lowell & Rhoda Sneller
 Louise Taper
 Wayne C. Temple
 Lily Tolpo*

Daniel R. Weinberg
 Frank J. Williams
 Douglas L. Wilson &
 Rodney O. Davis

Laureates Inducted in 2008

*44th Convocation - Carbondale
 Shyrock Auditorium
 Southern Illinois University*
 David Herbert Donald *
 Irl F. Engelhardt
 Joel M. Flaum
 William R. Norwood
 Kenneth A. Shaw
 Thomas M. Siebel

Laureates Inducted in 2007

*43rd Convocation - Chicago
 James Simpson Theatre
 The Field Museum*
 Judith S. Block
 Norman R. Bobins
 Rev. Dr. John M. Buchanan
 Mary Ann G. McMorrow*
 Linda Johnson Rice

Laureates Inducted in 2006

*42nd Convocation - Springfield
 Sangamon Auditorium
 University of Illinois Springfield*
 The Rev. Thomas J. Behrens
 Richard H. Moy*
 William A. Osborn
 Garry Wills
 The Zhou Brothers

Laureates Inducted in 2005

*41st Convocation - Edwardsville
 Dunham Theatre
 Southern Illinois University*
 Edward A. Brennan*
 David S. Broder*
 Nick Holonyak, Jr.
 George E. Inglett
 Jacqueline Joyner-Kersey
 Stephanie Pace Marshall

Laureates Inducted in 2004

*40th Convocation - Chicago
 Rubloff Auditorium
 Chicago Historical Society*
 Michael Beschloss
 Harry L. Crisp, II
 George A. Ranney, Jr.
 Louis "Studs" Terkel*
 Ernest R. Wish

Laureates Inducted in 2003

*39th Convocation - Normal
 Braden Auditorium
 Illinois State University*
 Sister Rosemary Connelley, RSM
 Ronald J. Gidwitz
 John W. Maitland, Jr.
 Sherrill Milnes
 Edward B. Rust
 Rev. Dr. Addie L. Wyatt*

Laureates Inducted in 2002

*38th Convocation - Springfield
 Sangamon Auditorium
 University of Illinois Springfield*
 Frank W. Considine*
 Lou Conte
 Jack M. Greenberg
 Rabbi Herman E. Schaalman
 Bernard Shaw
 James B. Stewart

Laureates Inducted in 2001

*37th Convocation - Chicago
 Rubloff Auditorium
 The Art Institute of Chicago*
 M. Cherif Bassiouni
 Henry B. Betts*
 Roger Ebert*
 Marian F. (Cindy) Pritzker
 Orion Samuelson
 The Rev. John P. Smyth

Laureates Inducted in 2000

*36th Convocation - Springfield
 Gwendolyn Brooks Illinois State Library*
 Lynn Martin
 Monsignor Ignatius McDermott*
 Andrew J. McKenna
 Robert Eugene Richards
 Harold B. Steele*
 Scott F. Turow

Laureates Inducted in 1999

*35th Convocation - Urbana-Champaign
 Krannert Center for the
 Performing Arts
 University of Illinois*
 Lester Crown
 Jim Edgar
 Robert D. Novak*
 Stansfield Turner*

Laureates Inducted in 1998

*34th Convocation - Chicago
 James R. Thompson Center*
 Peter B. Bensinger
 Preston Jackson
 Martin E. Marty
 Patrick G. Ryan
 John M. D. Shalikashvili*
 Paul Simon*

Laureates Inducted in 1997
33rd Convocation - Springfield
House of Representatives
Illinois State Capitol
Gwendolyn Brooks*
Leonard H. Lavin*
Ramsey E. Lewis, Jr.
Robert H. Michel*
Jerry M. Reinsdorf
Seymour Simon *
Joseph Cardinal Bernardin*

Laureates Inducted in 1996
32nd Convocation - Evanston
Pick-Staiger Concert Hall
Northwestern University
Willard L. Boyd
Stanley O. Ikenberry
Jeane J. Kirkpatrick*
Sid Luckman*
Alan Schriesheim

Laureates Inducted in 1995
31st Convocation - Carbondale
Shyrock Auditorium
Southern Illinois University
James S. Brady*
Joseph B. Kirsner*
William H. Kurtis
Robert H. Malott*
Arnold W. Weber

Laureates Inducted in 1994
30th Convocation - Springfield
House of Representatives
Illinois State Capitol
Alan J. Dixon*
Robert W. Galvin*
Steven R. Nagel
The Rev. John T. Richardson
Kay Smith
Anthony J. Watson

Laureates Inducted in 1993
29th Convocation – Chicago
Merle Reskin Theatre
DePaul University
Etta Moten Barnett*
John H. Bryan*
Subrahmanyam Chandrasekhar*
Lester E. Fisher
Richard Hunt
James J. O'Connor

Laureates Inducted in 1992
28th Convocation – Decatur
Kirkland Fine Arts Center
Millikin University
Marajen Stevick Chinigo*
William B. Graham*
John O. Honnold, Jr.*
Paul C. Laterbur*
Osvaldo I. Lopez
W. Clement Stone*

Laureates Inducted in 1991
27th Convocation - Springfield
House of Representatives
Illinois State Capitol
Arnold O. Beckman*
Harry A. Blackmun*
Gaylord & Dorothy Donnelley*
Norman A. Ross*
James R. Thompson
Elmer H. Wavering*

Laureates Inducted in 1990
26th Convocation – Chicago
Rockefeller Chapel
University of Chicago
Mortimer J. Adler*
Marshall L. Burman*
James S. Kemper, Jr.*
Leon M. Lederman*
James B. Stockdale*
William C. Warfield*

Laureates Inducted in 1989
25th Convocation – Normal
Braden Auditorium
Illinois State University
John C. Corbally*
C. Geraldine Freund*
Eugene D. Funk, Jr.*
Hannah H. Gray
Elizabeth N. Paepcke*

Laureates Inducted in 1988
24th Convocation - Springfield
House of Representatives
Illinois State Capitol
Dwayne O. Andreas*
John Chancellor*
Abraham Lincoln Marovitz*
Raymond Joseph Meyer*
Patrick L. O'Malley*

Laureates Inducted in 1987
23rd Convocation – Chicago
James R. Thompson Center
Michael Butler
Paul Harvey*
Walter Massey
Walter Payton*

Laureates Inducted in 1986
22nd Convocation – Peoria
Dingeldine Auditorium
Bradley University
James Beré*
William Harrison Fettridge*
Lawrence Rossi*
Maria Tallchief*

Laureates Inducted in 1985
21st Convocation – Springfield
House of Representatives
Illinois State Capitol
Ardis Krainik*
Hiram Henry Lesar*
Ruth Page*
Daniel James Terra*

Laureates Inducted in 1984

*20th Convocation - Evanston
Pick-Staiger Concert Hall
Northwestern University*
Leigh B. Block*
Virginia L. Marmaduke*
Arthur C. Neilsen, Jr.*
John L. Strohm*

Laureates Inducted in 1983

*19th Convocation – Edwardsville
Communications Building Theater
Southern Illinois University*
Thomas R. Mulroy*
Ralph Newman*
Mike Royko*
Bobby Short*

Laureates Inducted in 1982

*18th Convocation – Urbana-
Champaign
Krannert Ctr for the Performing
Arts
University of Illinois*
Donald L. Bitzer
John R. Block
Marva N. Collins
Delyte W. Morris*

Laureates Inducted in 1981

*17th Convocation - Springfield
House of Representatives
Illinois State Capitol*
Thomas G. Ayers*
James W. Cronin*
Ronald W. Reagan*
Adlai E. Stevenson III
John T. Trutter*

Laureates Inducted in 1980

*16th Convocation – Chicago
The Chicago Cultural Center*
Paul Findley
John Hope Franklin*
Arthur Rubloff*

Laureates Inducted in 1979

*15th Convocation – Carbondale
Shyrock Auditorium
Southern Illinois University*
John B. Anderson*
Joan Walsh Anglund
William Alexander Hewitt*
Robert Stephen Ingersoll*
Leon Orris Jacobson*
Albert Jenner, Jr.*
Clayton Kirkpatrick*
Marjorie Lawrence*

Laureates Inducted in 1978

*14th Convocation - Springfield
House of Representatives
Illinois State Capitol*
Robert Gehlmann Bone*
Irving Lee Dilliard*
Ann Landers*
Brooks McCormick*
Samuel H. Shapiro*
William G. Stratton*
Daniel Walker*

Laureates Inducted in 1977

*13th Convocation – Peoria
Scottish Rite Cathedral*
Robert Todd Lincoln Beckwith*
Charlton Heston*
Celeste Holm*
Otto Kerner*
Hyman George Rickover*
Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

Laureates Inducted in 1976

*12th Convocation – Springfield
House of Representatives
Illinois State Capitol*
The Rev. Preston Bradley*
Gaylord A. Freeman, Jr.*
Louis Goldblatt*
Burl Ives*
Edward Hirsh Levi*
Louis Courtenay Sudler*

Laureate Inducted in 1975

*11th Convocation – Lincoln
Johnson Center for the Performing
Arts, Lincoln College*
Samuel Weiler Witwer, Sr.*

Laureates Inducted in 1974

*10th Convocation – Chicago
Orchestra Hall*
William Russell Arrington*
Saul Bellow*
Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Benjamin (Benny) Goodman*
William John Kuhfuss*

Laureates Inducted in 1973

*9th Convocation – Moline
Administration Center
Deere & Company*
Richard B. Ogilvie*
Frank Everson Vandiver*

Laureates Inducted in 1972

*8th Convocation - Springfield
House of Representatives
Illinois State Capitol*
Jack Benny*
David Dodds Henry*
Percy Lavon Julian*
Mark Van Doren*

Laureates Inducted in 1971

*7th Convocation – Rockford
Maddox Theatre
Rockford College*
Archibald MacLeish*

Laureate Inducted in 1970

*6th Convocation - Springfield
House of Representatives
Illinois State Capitol*
Paul McClelland Angle*
Ernest (Ernie) Banks*
William J. Campbell*
William C. Westmoreland*

Laureate Inducted in 1969

5th Convocation – Chicago
Palmer House
 David Matthew Kennedy*

Laureates Inducted in 1968

4th Convocation - Springfield
House of Representatives
Illinois State Capitol
 Ivan LeLorraine Albright*
 John B. (Jack) Brickhouse*
 Katherine Dunham*
 Arthur Goldberg*
 William Edward McManus*
 Edward L. Ryerson*
 Rabbi Jacob Joseph Weinstein*
 Roy Wilkins*

Laureates Inducted in 1967

3rd Convocation – Springfield
Senate Chambers
Illinois State Capitol
 William Carl Ackermann*
 Roger Adams*
 Paul H. Douglas*
 Hugh Downs*
 Charles (Chick) Evans, Jr.*
 The Fine Arts Quintet– Leonard
 Sorkin*, Abram Loft*, George
 Sopkin*, Gerald Stanick*
 Richard Buckminster Fuller*
 John Simpson Hastings*
 Raymond Marcellus Hilliard*
 Charles Brenton Huggins*
 Mahalia Jackson*
 Wayne Andrew Johnston*
 Irving (Kup) Kupcinet*
 George Littlewood Luthy*
 James Winchester Montgomery*
 Charles B. Shuman*
 Martin Wagner*
 Robert Elkington Wood*

Laureates Inducted in 1966

2nd Convocation – Chicago
Chicago Historical Society
 George Wells Beadle*
 Edwin Carlos (Bill) Berry*
 Edgar Hugh Storer Chandler*
 Everett McKinley Dirksen*
 Marshall Field IV*
 Carol Fox*
 George Stanley Halas, Sr.*
 Ben Walter Heineman, Sr.*
 John Harold Johnson*
 Karl Albert Meyer*
 Ludwig Mies van der Rohe*
 Franklin Faller Offner*
 James Michael Roche*
 Walter V. Schaefer*
 Robert Martin Trueblood*
 Benjamin Coppage Willis*

Laureates Inducted in 1965

1st Convocation – Chicago
Chicago Historical Society
 John Bardeen*
 Joseph Leopold Block*
 John Stephen Boyle*
 Richard Gibbs Browne*
 Avery Brundage*
 James Edwards Day*
 Rudolph Ganz*
 William H. (Bill) Mauldin*
 Albert Cardinal Meyer*
 Nathan Mortimer Newmark*
 William Alan Patterson*
 Ward Louis Quaal*
 Adlai E. Stevenson II*

** Laureates who are deceased*

