

## Pitzer College Commencement Dates and Speakers

No	Year	Date	Speaker
1st	1964-65	6-Jun-65	James Dickey, author, poet-in-residence
2nd	1965-66	5-Jun-66	Kenneth R. Pitzer, President, Rice University and son of founder Russell K. Pitzer
3rd	1966-67	11-Jun-67	William R. Rogers, writer-in-residence
4th	1967-68	9-Jun-68	Stephen L. Glass, Pitzer Professor of Classics
5th	1968-69	8-Jun-69	David Riesman, Henry Ford II Professor of the Social Sciences, Harvard University
6th	1969-70	7-Jun-70	John W. Atherton, writer and Pitzer College founding President
7th	1970-71	6-Jun-71	Sylvia Mead, Aquanaut and <i>Los Angeles Times</i> Woman of the Year, 1970
8th	1971-72	4-Jun-72	William Russell Ellis, Professor of Sociology, UC Berkeley and former Pitzer professor, 1966-1969
9th	1972-73	10-Jun-73	Sister Helen Kelley, President, Immaculate Heart College
10th	1973-74	9-Jun-74	Harry Reasoner, ABC news commentator and Pitzer Parent '74
11th	1974-75	8-Jun-75	John Vasconcellos, California Assemblyman, 23 <sup>rd</sup> District
12th	1975-76	6-Jun-76	Ray Bradbury, author
13th	1976-77	5-Jun-76	Tom Bradley, Mayor of Los Angeles
14th	1977-78	21-May-78	James A. Joseph, Under Secretary, Department of the Interior
15th	1978-79	20-May-79	Art Seidenbaum, book editor, <i>Los Angeles Times</i>
16th	1979-80	18-May-80	Ronald K. S. Macaulay, Pitzer Professor of Linguistics
17th	1980-81	17-May-81	Jacquelyn A. Mattfield, educator and humanist
18th	1981-82	16-May-82	Paul Saltman, Professor of Biology and former Provost and Vice Chancellor, UC San Diego
19th	1982-83	15-May-83	Marvin L. Goldberger, President and Professor of Physics, California Institute of Technology
20th	1983-84	13-May-84	Paul Conrad, Editorial Cartoonist, Los Angeles Times
21st	1984-85	19-May-85	Sandra Scarr, Psychologist, University of Virginia
22nd	1985-86	18-May-86	Alfred H. Bloom, Professor of Psychology and Linguistics, Swarthmore College
23rd	1986-87	17-May-87	Russell Means, American Indian activist
24th	1987-88	15-May-89	James Dickey, Professor of English, University of South Carolina (also first commencement speaker)
25th	1988-89	14-May-89	John W. Atherton, writer and founding president of Pitzer College (also commencement speaker in 1970)
26th	1989-90	13-May-90	David Hwang, writer and playwright
27th	1990-91	19-May-91	Diane Mosbacher '71, Regional Medical Chief, San Mateo County
28th	1991-92	17-May-92	Emily A. Stevens '71, Superior Court Judge
29th	1992-93	16-May-93	Sheila Kemper Dietrich '79, V.P. Missouri United Bank
30th	1993-94	15-May-94	James A. Joseph, President, Council on Foundations
31st	1994-95	14-May-95	Xavier Bercerra, Representative, 30 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District
32nd	1995-96	12-May-96	Edward James Olmos, Actor, Director, Activist
33rd	1996-97	18-May-97	Yolanda King, founder of Higher Ground Productions; religious, education, civic, and human rights activist

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34th	1997-98	17-May-98	Joe Clark, educator, author, former principle of Eastside HS, Paterson, NJ, subject of 1989 Film <i>Lean On Me</i>
35th	1998-99	16-May-99	Martin Espada, poet and essayist
36th	1999-2000	14-May-00	Susan Estrich, political advisor, law professor and syndicated columnist
37th	2000-01	13-May-01	Dr. Joycelyn Elders, former Surgeon General
38th	2001-02	19-May-02	Dr. Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Professor of Women's Studies, Spelman College
39th	2002-03	18-May-03	Naomi Wolf, author, feminist and social critic
40th	2003-04	16-May-04	Bernardine Dohrn, director of the Children and Family Justice Center, Northwestern University of Law
41st	2004-05	15-May-05	Sarah Weddington, attorney and spokeswoman on leadership and public issues
42nd	2005-06	14-May-06	Fabian Nunez '97, speaker of the California State Assembly
43rd	2006-07	13-May-07	Eric Schlosser, author, reporter
44th	2007-08	17-May-08	Samantha Power, Pulitzer Prize-winning author, foreign policy analyst, journalist, professor
45th	2008-09	16-May-09	David Feldman, writer, comedian, and actor
46th	2009-10	15-May-10	Cory A Booker, Mayor of Newark, New Jersey
47th	2010-11	14-May-11	Max Brooks '97, author and screenwriter
48th	2011-12	12-May-12	Angela Davis, author, educator and activist
49th	2012-13	13-May-13	Jon Lovett, writer and humorist
50th	2013-14	17-May-14	Van Jones, environmental and social justice champion and CNN correspondent