

Bethel College commencement speakers

2012 Susan Schultz Huxman
2011 Kimberly J. Mueller
2010 Aziza Farouq Hasan
2009 Mark McCormick
2008 Janine R. Wedel
2007 E. LaVerne Epp
2006 Galyn A. Vesey
2005 Paul Lewis
2004 Daniel Hege
2003 Keith Sprunger
2002 J. Nelson Kraybill
2001 Douglas A. Penner
2000 Claudia Limbert
1999 Donald L. Pannabecker (vice-pres emeritus of Bluffton)
1998 Lawrence Hart
1997 Patricia Shelly
1996 Rodney Sawatzky
1995 Gayle Gerber Koontz
1994 Myron S. Augsburg
1993 Vincent Harding
1992 Robert Kreider
1991 Harold J. Schultz
1990 David Schroeder
1989 Henry Poettcker
1988 Dan Glickman
1987 Rosalind Andreas
1986 Elmer Neufeld
1985 James Schrag
1984 J. Lawrence Burkholder
1983 George Neavoll
1982 Marilyn Miller
1981 Robert E. Hinshaw
1980 Archie R. Dykes
1979 Rosemary Ruether
1978 J. Lawrence Burkholder
1977 Peter J. Dyck
1976 Lawrence Hart
1975 Landrum J. Bolling
1974 no speaker?, but comments by Pres. Schultz, baccalaureate sermon by C. J. Dyck
1973 Frank H. Epp (baccalaureate sermon)
1972 Robert Kreider
1971 Harley J. Stucky (baccalaureate sermon)
1970 Orville L. Voth (baccalaureate sermon)

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1967 Emory Lindquist
1966 W. Clarke Wescoe (KU chancellor)
1965 Robert Kreider
1964 Theodore A. Distler (president, Association of American Colleges)
1963 Franklin H. Littell (prof. of church history, Chicago Theological Seminary)
1962 Allan O. Pfister (North Central Association)
1961 Theodore O. Wedel
1960 Thomas E. Jones (educational consultant, Association of American Colleges)
1959 Paul Minnich Robinson (president, Bethany Biblical Seminary)
1958 L. M. Stavig (president, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota)
1957 Milo Farmer (exec. dir., Kansas Foundation of Private Colleges and Universities)
1956 A. Leland Forrest (chancellor, Nebraska Wesleyan Univ.)
1955 J. F. Balzer (minister, First Congregational Church, Crete, Nebraska)
1954 Paul Hutchinson (editor, *Christian Century*)
1953 Ernest Leisy (prof. of American literature, Southern Methodist Univ.)
1952 S. F. Pannabecker (pres., Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Chicago)
1951 Albert J. Penner (minister, Broadway Tabernacle, New York City)
1950 David D. Eitzen (assoc. prof. of pastoral services, Univ. of Southern California)
1949 William W. Sweet (Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist)
1948 Howard T. Hill (Dept. of Speech, Kansas State)
1947 Bernard C. Clausen (pastor, Euclid Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio)
1946 E. E. Miller (pres., Goshen College)
1945 John D. Unruh (pres. Freeman Junior College)
1944 P. P. Wedel (minister, Moundridge)
1943 Lloyd L. Ramseyer (pres. Bluffton College)
1942 A. E. Henry (district superintendent of Methodist Church, Wichita)
1941 C. E. Krehbiel (pres. of General Conference)
1940 Arthur E. Hertzler
1939 Wilbur K. Thomas (from Philadelphia)
1938 Walter A. Huxman (governor of Kansas)
1937 E. Guy Cutshall (chancellor, Nebraska Wesleyan)
1936 R. R. MacGregor (director for Kansas of N.Y.A, Topeka) [what's NYA?]
1935 Raymond A. Schwegler (dean of something)
1934 Albert J. Penner
1933 Ernest E. Leisy
1932 Theodore O. Wedel
1931 V. F. Schwalm
1930 R. A. Schwegler
1929 E. G. Kaufman
1928 J. F. Balzer
1927 N. E. Byers (dean at Bluffton?)
1926 Theodore O. Wedel
1925 W. O. Mendenhall

1924 Charles M. Sheldon

1923 J. E. Hartzler

1912 N. E. Byers (pres of Goshen College) (see *Story of Bethel College* p. 221)

Judging from our incomplete collection of commencement programs, it looks like 1923 was the first time they invited an outside speaker for a special “commencement address” (except for 1912). Earlier, the program was made up of orations and musical numbers, mostly by students.