

Honorary Degree Recipients

Spring 2021 Graduation

Nancy Schlichting
(Retired) CEO,
Henry Ford Health Systems (HFHS)

Spring 2019 Graduation

Gloria Ladson-Billings
President
National Academy of Education

Spring 2018 Graduation

Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum
President Emerita,
Spelman College

May 2016 Graduation

Marin Alsop
Music Director
Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

December 2015 Graduation

Francis S. Soistman, Jr.
Executive Vice President
Aetna

May 2014 Graduation

Mary Ellen Barbera
Chief Judge
Court of Appeals of Maryland

May 22, 2013 Graduation

Dr. P. M. Forni
Co -Founder, The Johns-Hopkins Civility Project
Professor
Johns Hopkins University

May 25, 2012 Graduation

Mr. William Owens
Executive Director
CBS News, 60 Minutes

Honorary Bachelor of Arts

Ms. Vivienne Shub
*Deceased

January 8, 2012 Graduation

Ms. Judith Jamison
Artistic Director Emerita
The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

Mr. Frank Bramble, Sr.
Retired Banking Executive

May 26, 2011 Graduation

Mr. Taylor Branch
Author

May 19, 2010 Graduation

Mr. David H. Nevins
President
Nevins & Associates

May 22, 2009 Graduation

Dr. Charles Reed
Retired Chancellor
The California State University

December 15, 2009 (Private Ceremony)

Mr. Willard Hackerman
President and CEO
Whiting-Turner Contracting Company
*Deceased

May 21, 2008 Graduation

Mr. Edward V. Badolato
President & CEO
Integrated Infrastructure Analytics, Inc.
*Deceased

May 23, 24, 25, 2007 Graduation

Mr. Edwin F. Hale, Sr.
Retired Chairman and CEO
1st Mariner Bancorps

Mr. John B. Schuerholz
President
Atlanta Braves

Ms. Phyllis B. Brotman
Former President
Image Dynamics, Inc.
*Deceased

May 22, 2006 Graduation

Mr. Sae Joo Chang
Chairman and CEO
Dongkuk Steel Mill Co.'s

May 22, 2005 Graduation

The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta
Former Secretary of Transportation

U. S. Department of Transportation

Mr. Steve Burch
Chairman of the Board
University of Maryland Medical System

June 5, 2004 – The First World Guitar Congress

Mr. Les Paul
Musician and Composer
*Deceased

May 21, 2003 Graduation

Ms. Molly Smith
Artistic Director
Arena Stage

January 6, 2002 for December 2001 Graduates

Dr. Charles Moskos
Professor, Department of Sociology
Northwestern University
*Deceased

May 23/24, 2001 Graduation

Mr. Gordon Parks
*Deceased

Dr. Constantine W. Curris
Retired President
American Association of State Colleges &
Universities

The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp
State Treasurer
State of Maryland Treasurer's Office
Goldstein Treasury Building

Mr. Barry Rascover
Deputy Editorial Page Editor
The Baltimore Sun

January 7, 2001/December 2000 Graduation

George D. Nelson, Ph.D.
Professor, Physics and Astronomy
Western Washington University

Dr. John Kim Niparko, MD
Professor and Chair of the Department of
Otolaryngology
University of Southern California

May 24/25, 2000

The Honorable Kathleen Kennedy Townsend
Former Lt. Governor of the State of Maryland

Lloyd J. Kolbe, Ph.D.
Former Director, Division of Adolescent and School
Health National Center for Chronic Disease
Prevention and Health Promotion U.S. Centers for
Disease Control and Prevention

Carol Geary Schneider
President, Association of American Colleges and
Universities

Susan C. Keating
President and CEO
Nat'l Foundation for Credit Counseling, Inc.

January 9, 2000 for December 1999 Graduates

The Honorable Howard P. Rawlings
Maryland House of Delegates
*Deceased

Dr. Richard P. Chait
Professor of Higher Education,
Harvard University Graduate School of Education

May 23/24 1999

Admiral Charles R. Larson, USN (Ret.)
*Deceased

May 23/24 1999 Continued

The Honorable Parris N. Glendening
Former Governor of the State of Maryland

Dr. Thomas Szasz
Professor of Psychiatry Emeritus
SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse
*Deceased

December 20, 1998

Dr. Robert W. Deutsch
Founder, Chairman of the Board, and Director
RWD Applied Technology Laboratory

Dr. Robert Zemsky
Chair, Learning Alliance for Higher Education
Graduate School of Education
University of Pennsylvania

May 27/28, 1998

Mr. Douglas L. Becker

Chairman and CEO
Laureate Education, Inc.

Mr. A. B. Krongard

Mr. Arthur B. Modell
Owner and President
Baltimore Ravens
*Deceased

January 4, 1998 for December 1997 Graduates

Mr. George Jochum

Mr. John Erickson
Founder, Erickson Living

May 22, 1997

Rear Admiral P. Michael Ratliff
Director for Intelligence of the Office of Naval
Intelligence

May 22, 1997 continued

Professor Shozo Sato
Professor Emeritus
University of Illinois

Dr. Paula Brownlee
President Emeritus
Association of American Colleges & Universities

December 22, 1996

Mr. Richard Erkeneff
Former President & CEO
AAI Corporation

Dr. Stanley Ikenberry
President Emeritus
University of Illinois

May 22, 1996

Mr. R. Michael Gill
Secretary, Maryland Dept. of Business and
Economic Development

The Honorable Barbara Hoffman
Former Senator of Maryland

Mr. Donald P. Hutchinson
Former President
Greater Baltimore Committee

January 7, 1996 for December 1995 Graduates

Mr. James O'Connor
Chairman & CEO
O'Connor, Piper & Flynn

Mr. John Glover
Actor

May, 1995

Dr. Bruce Johnstone, Former
Chancellor of the State University of
New York System

Mr. Walter Sondheim
Senior Advisor to the Greater
Baltimore Committee & Extraordinary Citizen
*Deceased

January, 1995

Marion Schooling Vessels
Former Executive Director of the Governor's
Committee on Employment of People with
Disabilities

May, 1994

Dr. Donald Henderson
Former Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Health and Science in the U.S. Department
of Health and Human Services

Mayor Anatoly Sohchak
Mayor of St. Petersburg, USSR
*Deceased

January, 1994

Ms. Bea Gaddy
Advocate for Homeless and Poor People
*Deceased

January, 1994

Former Senator Paul Sarbanes
U.S. Senator from the State of Maryland

January, 1993

Dr. Lilian Randall
Retired Curator of Research Manuscripts
Walters Art Gallery

May, 1992

Dr. Nancy Grasmick
Former Maryland State Superintendent of Schools

Mr. David Zinman
Former Music Director and Conductor
Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

January, 1992

Dr. Gilbert Brungardt
Retired Dean/Professor
Towson State University
*Deceased

May, 1991

Mr. Charles Dutton
Distinguished Actor

Dr. Brian Matthews
Retired, Institute for Molecular Biology
University of Oregon

January, 1991

Mr. Nikita Dolgushin
Dancer, Choreographer, and Dean/Teacher
Leningrad State Conservatory
*Deceased

Mr. David Segal
Professor and Sociologist
University of Maryland College Park

May, 1990

Dr. Joseph Cox
Former President
Southern Oregon State College

January, 1990

Dr. Michael Daxner
President
University of Oldenburg (Germany)

May, 1989

I(rving) King Jordan
Former President, Gallaudet University

January, 1989

Mr. Park She-Jik, President
Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee

Mr. Robert Ward
Author, Screenwriter and Former Co-Producer of
Miami Vice

May, 1988

Dr. Patricia Plante, Former President
University of Southern Maine

January, 1988

The Honorable Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
Former United States Senator
*Deceased

May, 1987

Dr. Rhoda M. Dorsey
President
Goucher College
*Deceased

January 1987

Dr. Harold Delaney
Associate Executive Director
American Association of State Colleges &
Universities
*Deceased

May, 1986

Dr. Phoebe Stanton
Art Historian
Critic, Writer and Professor Emeritus
The Johns Hopkins University
*Deceased

January, 1986

Dr. Timothy Healy
President, Georgetown University
*Deceased

May, 1985

Mr. Robert S. Duvall
Actor

Dr. Mark Curtis
President
Association of American Colleges
*Deceased

January, 1985

Mr. Louis L. Goldstein
Comptroller of the Treasury for the
State of Maryland
*Deceased

Dr. Monroe Lerner
Research Consultant & Professor Emeritus
Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene & Public Health

May, 1984

Mr. John H. Murphy
President of Afro-American Newspapers
*Deceased

Mr. Benjamin R. Civiletti
Attorney at Law and former
Attorney General of the U.S.
Senior Partner & Past Chair
Venable, LLP

January, 1984

Mr. Thomas Hunter Lowe
Judge
Court of Special Appeals
*Deceased

Mr. Reginald Murphy
Former President and Publisher
Baltimore Sunpapers

May, 1983

Ms. Grace Hartigon
Artist
*Deceased

Mr. Jacob Rabinow
Engineer, Inventor
*Deceased

Dr. Martha Church
President Emeritus of Hood College

January, 1983

Ms. Josephine Jacobsen
Poet, Critic, Consultant in
American Letters
*Deceased

Dr. Anthony E. Hecht
Poet in Resident
Library of Congress, Pulitzer Prize winner
*Deceased

June, 1982

Mr. Eubie Blake
Pianist, Compose
*Deceased

Mr. William Donald Schaefer
Mayor of the City of Baltimore
*Deceased

June, 1981

Dr. Dorothy Bernstein
Past President
Mathematical Association of America
*Deceased

June, 1981 – continued

Dr. Howard R. Bowen
The R. Stanton Avery Professor of Economic
And Education, Claremont Graduation School
*Deceased

Dr. Leon Fleisher
Pianist
Resident Conductor
Baltimore Symphony

January, 1981

Dr. John Barth
The Johns Hopkins University
Author

Dr. Martha Hill Davies
The Juilliard School, Dancer

June, 1980

Maestro Sergiu Comissiona
Music Director & Conductor
Baltimore Symphony
*Deceased

Dr. Paul F. Sharp
President Emeritus and Regents'
Professor, University of Oklahoma

Ms. Lucille Clifton
Poet and Author
*Deceased

Mr. Joseph Meyerhoff
Chairman
Magna Properties, Inc.
*Deceased

January, 1980

Dr. Allan W. Ostar
Executive Director
American Association of State Colleges
And Universities

Mrs. Ruth Brunyate Wiemer
Chief, Division of Occupational
Therapy, Department of Health and
Mental Hygiene
*Deceased

June, 1979

Dr. Felix M. Morley
Educator and Pulitzer Prize winner
*Deceased

Dr. James L. Fisher
President, Council for the Advancement and
Support of Education, President emeritus, Towson
State University

1978

Mr. Gerald W. Johnson
Distinguished American Journalist
*Deceased

Dr. Carol W. Taylor
Chairman
Department of International Health
School of Hygiene and Public Health
The Johns Hopkins University

1977

Dr. Kenneth A. Shaw
Formerly Vice President for
Academic Affairs
Towson State University and Former
President, Southern Illinois University
at Edwardsville

1976

The Honorable Robert B. Watts
Associate Judge
Supreme Bench
*Deceased

1975

Mrs. Anne St. Clair Wright
President
Historic Annapolis, Inc
*Deceased

Dr. H. Margaret Zassenhaus
Towson, Maryland
Internist, nominee for 1974 Nobel Peace
Prize for aiding Scandinavian resistance fighters
avert death in Nazi jails during World War II
*Deceased

1974

Dr. Young Sam Kim
National Assemblyman and Vice President
Of the New Democratic Party
Republic of Korea
Graduate of Seoul National University
Seoul, South Korea

1973

Dr. John Fischer
President
Teachers College
Columbia University
*Deceased

Dr. Alice S. Rossi
Professor and Chairperson of the
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Goucher College
*Deceased

1972

Dr. Helen Cavanagh
Professor of History
Illinois State University
*Deceased

Dr. Marion I. Murphy
Dean of the School of Nursing
University of Maryland
*Deceased

1971

Dr. Maynard Mack
Sterling Professor of English at Yale
*Deceased

1969

Former Governor Marvin Mandel

State of Maryland

Dr. Benjamin Quarles
Professor of History
Morgan State University
*Deceased