

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY  
*Honorary Degrees*

**Commencement, May 29, 1949**

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Philip E. Dyvbig, Doctor of Laws

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

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

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

Siegfried Conrad Siefkes, Doctor of Divinity  
*Northwestern District of the American Lutheran Church*

**Commencement, May 28, 1950**

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Konrad Frederick Koosman, Doctor of Divinity  
*President, California District, American Lutheran Church*

**January 26, 1951**

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

**Commencement, May 27, 1951**

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John S. Baker, Citation of Honor

Harold S. Woodworth, Citation of Honor

**Commencement, May 25, 1952**

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

**Commencement, May 31, 1953**

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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*

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*

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**Commencement, May 30, 1954**

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

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

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*

Sven Lawrence Swenson, Doctor of Divinity  
*President, Columbia Conference, Augustana Lutheran Church*

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**Commencement, May 29, 1955**

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Walter Henry Hellman, Doctor of Laws  
*President, California District, American Lutheran Church*

Arthur O. Langlie, Doctor of Laws  
*Governor, State of Washington*

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**Commencement, May 26, 1957**

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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*

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**Commencement, June 1, 1958**

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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*

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**Conferred in Lambarene, Africa, August 11, 1958**

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Dr. Albert Schweitzer, Doctor of Humane Letters  
*Medical missionary, theologian, musician, and philosopher*

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**Commencement, May 31, 1959**

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

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**Commencement May 29, 1960**

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

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

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

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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*

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

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Fredrik Axel Schiotz, Doctor of Letters  
*President of the American Lutheran Church*

Johannes Wilhelm Ylvisaker, Doctor of Laws  
*President of Luther College*

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**December 7, 1960**

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

Harold Leland Yochum, Doctor of Laws  
*President of the Michigan District of the American Lutheran Church*

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**University Year Event, January 18, 1961**

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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*

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**March 14, 1961**

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

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**Commencement, May 28, 1961**

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

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*

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**World Missions Convocation, October 8, 1961**

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

Harold Hauge Martinson, Doctor of Divinity  
*President, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Ivory-Fianarantsoa, Madagascar*

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**February 14, 1962**

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

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**Commencement, May 26, 1963**

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

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**February 21, 1966**

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

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**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*

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

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

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**Opening Convocation, September 22, 1967**

His Grace, Arthur Michael Ramsey, Doctor of Divinity  
*The Most Reverend and Right Honorable, the Lord Bishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan*

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**April 17, 1969**

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

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**Convocation, April 17, 1969**

Jean Berger, Doctor of Music  
*Composer of choral music*

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**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*

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**Convocation honoring Robert Joffrey, July 8, 1969**

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

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**Convocation, November 9, 1969**

Clarence Solberg, Doctor of Divinity  
*President of North Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church*

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**Convocation, March 14, 1970**

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

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**June 16, 1970**

Wu, Ming-Chieh, Doctor of Divinity  
*President, Lutheran Church of Hong Kong*

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**Convocation, October 20, 1970**

Johannes Lilje, Doctor of Humane Letters  
*Bishop of Hannover (Germany)*

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**Convocation, January 27, 1971**

Robert Ouko, Doctor of Laws

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**Convocation, February 21, 1971**

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

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**Commencement, May 21, 1972**

Dr. Carroll Behrhorst, Doctor of Humane Letters  
*Medical Missionary in Guatemala to Maya Indians*

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**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*

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**Opening Convocation, September 13, 1973**

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

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**Opening Convocation, September 11, 1974**

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

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**Commencement, May 1977**

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

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**Special Convocation, August 19, 1977**

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

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**Chapel Services, Trinity Lutheran Church, November 2, 1977**

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

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**Special Program, University Center, April 6, 1978**

Knut Hagrup, Doctor of Laws  
*President of Scandinavian Airlines System*

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**Commencement, May 21, 1978**

Thomas W. Anderson, Doctor of Humane Letters  
*President of Concrete Technology Corporation, Chair, Board of Regents at PLU*

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**Commencement, May 27, 1979**

Irene O. Creso, Doctor of Humane Letters  
*Professor Emeritus, biology*

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**Commencement, May 25, 1980**

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

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

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

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**Commencement, May 26, 1985**

Bishop Clifford Lunde, Doctor of Divinity  
*Bishop of the North Pacific District, the American Lutheran Church*

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**December 13, 1986**

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

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**Commencement, May 24, 1986**

Jiabao Chen, Doctor of Humane Letters

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**Commencement, May 21, 1989**

Keith Achepohl, Doctor of Fine Arts  
*Former Professor of Art, PLU, Professor of Art, University of Iowa*

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

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**June 17, 1989**

Bishop David C. Wold, Doctor of Divinity  
*Bishop of the Southwestern District of Region One of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Board of Regents of Pacific Lutheran University*

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**Special centennial church festival, April 9, 1991**

Dr. Gunnar Staalsett, Doctor of Divinity  
*General Secretary, Lutheran World Federation*

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**Conferred during the Opening Convocation, September 11, 1991**

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

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**December 14, 1992**

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

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**October 26, 1995**

Her Majesty Queen Sonja of Norway, Doctor of Humane Letters

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**Commencement, May 25, 1997**

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

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**December 13, 1997**

Frank R. Jennings, Doctor of Humane Letters  
*Former President, PLU Corporation, former chair of the PLU Board of Regents, Director, Eddie Bauer Inc.*

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**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 PLU's Board of Regents*

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**Commencement, May 21, 2000**

William H. Foege, MD, Doctor of Humane Letters  
Former Director, CDC and of the Carter Center

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**Commencement, May 27, 2001**

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

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**Commencement, May 23, 2004**

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

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**Commencement, December 11, 2004**

Gary R. Severson, Doctor of Humane Letters  
*Chair, Board of Regents, PLU*

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**Commencement, May 25, 2008**

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

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**Commencement, May 22, 2014**

The Hon. Norman Dicks, Doctor of Humane Letters  
*Former U.S. Representative, 6<sup>th</sup> District of Washington*

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**Commencement, May 23, 2015**

His Majesty King Harald V of Norway, Doctor of Laws

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**Commencement, May 28, 2016**

Ms. Luis Vega-Marquis, Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa  
*President and CEO of the Marguerite Casey Foundation*

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**Commencement, May 25, 2017**

Mr. Sidney Rittenberg, Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa  
*President, Rittenberg Associates*

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**Commencement, May 26, 2018**

Dr. Freeman Hrabowski III, Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa  
*President, University of Maryland, Baltimore County*