

MIT Commencement Speakers

- 1880** First MIT Commencement speaker of record (Rev. George E. Ellis)
- 119** MIT Commencement speakers since 1880
- 43** CEOs, chairs, directors, and organization presidents
- 24** MIT alumni
- 11** MIT presidents
- 6** World leaders (Annan, Barco, Clinton, Gore, Salinas, Schmidt)
- 5** Clergy, spiritual leaders, and theologians
- 2** Minutes of silence in lieu of a speaker in 1970
- 1** Commencement held online in 2020
- 0** Commencement exercises in 1918–1919 due to World War I

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Hank Green
Science Communicator, Video Producer, and EntrepreneurNoubar Afeyan PhD '87
Inventor, Entrepreneur, and PhilanthropistMark Rober
Engineer, Educator, and Founder of CrunchLabsNgozi Okonjo-Iweala MCP '78, PhD '81
Director-General, World Trade OrganizationBryan Stevenson
Public Interest Lawyer, Professor, and Social Justice ActivistAdmiral William McRaven
United States Navy four-star admiralMichael Bloomberg
Entrepreneur, Philanthropist, and former New York City mayorSheryl Sandberg
COO, FacebookTim Cook
CEO, Apple Inc.Matt Damon
Actor, Filmmaker, and Social ActivistMegan Smith '86, SM '88
United States Chief Technology OfficerEllen Kullman
CEO and Chair, DuPontDrew Houston '05
CEO and Founder, DropboxSalman Khan '98
Founder, Khan AcademyUrsula Burns
CEO, Xerox

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Raymond S. Stata '57, SM '58
Chair and Founder, Analog DevicesDeval Patrick
Massachusetts GovernorMuhammad Yunus
2006 Nobel Peace Prize winnerCharles Vest HM '94
Former MIT PresidentBen Bernanke PhD '79
Chair, Federal Reserve BoardIrwin M. Jacobs '57, ScD '59
Co-Founder and Chair, QualcommElias Zerhouni
Director, National Institutes of HealthGeorge Mitchell
Former United States SenatorJames Wolfensohn
President, World Bank GroupDaniel Goldin
NASA Administrator

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Carly Fiorina SM '89
President and CEO, Hewlett-PackardRay Magliozzi '72
Host, "Car Talk"Tom Magliozzi '58
Host, "Car Talk"William Jefferson Clinton
United States PresidentDavid Ho
CEO and Director, Aaron Diamond AIDS Research CenterKofi Annan SM '72
United Nations Secretary-GeneralAlbert Gore
United States Vice PresidentHanna H. Gray
President Emeritus, University of ChicagoKarim Aga Khan IV
Spiritual Leader, Shia Ismaili MuslimsCarlos Salinas de Gortari
President, United Mexican StatesLeslie Aspin PhD '66
United States Representative from WisconsinWalter E. Massey
Director, National Science Foundation

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