

**UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY  
HONORARY DEGREES AWARDED**

**1886**

Benjamin Forsythe Buckner - Doctor of Laws

**1887**

James Garrard White - Master of Arts

Francois Maria Helveti - Master of Arts

**1894**

William S. Pryor - Doctor of Laws

**1896**

Walter Kennedy Patterson - Arts Master

Maurice Kirby - Doctor of Laws

**1899**

John Henry Neville - Doctor of Laws

John Shackelford - Doctor of Laws

James Wilson - Doctor of Laws

**1900**

William H. Holt - Doctor of Laws

**1902**

W. H. Bartholomew - Doctor of Laws

**1904**

John Todd Shelby - Doctor of Laws

**1906**

Thomas Volney Munson - Doctor of Science

Charles Joseph Norwood - Master of Science

Masillon Alexander Cassidy - Arts Master

**1907**

Augustus Owsley Stanley - Arts Master

James Campbell Lewis - Arts Master

James Marshall Graham - Doctor of Engineering

James Franklin Bell - Doctor of Laws

**1908**

William Thornton Lafferty - Arts Master

Augustus Everett Willson - Doctor of Laws

Henry Stites Barker - Doctor of Laws

### **1909**

Edward Clay O'Rear - Doctor of Laws  
Cassius Marcellus Clay - Doctor of Laws  
Elmore Warner Settle - Doctor of Laws  
Joshua Bowles Garrett - Doctor of Laws  
William David Moffett - Doctor of Laws  
William Benjamin Smith - Doctor of Laws  
C. A. Collins - Master of Arts

### **1910**

Joseph Levering Jones - Doctor of Laws  
W. W. Finley - Doctor of Laws  
Alex P. Humphreys - Doctor of Laws  
Henry Clews - Doctor of Laws  
John Blair MacAfee - Doctor of Engineering

### **1911**

Ellsworth Regenstein - Doctor of Laws  
Henry Hardin Cherry - Doctor of Laws  
Thomas Jefferson Nunn - Doctor of Laws  
John Grant Crabbe - Doctor of Laws  
John Peyton Hobson - Doctor of Laws  
John Rowan Allen - Doctor of Laws

### **1912**

James Bennett McCreary - Doctor of Laws  
Reuben Post Halleck - Doctor of Laws  
Shackelford Miller - Doctor of Laws  
John Maurice Lassing - Doctor of Laws  
Robert Hines Winn - Doctor of Laws  
Ernest Pitney Chapin - Doctor of Science  
Harrison Garman - Doctor of Science  
Anna Jackson Hamilton - Master of Arts  
Edwin Regur Sweetland - Mster of Laws  
Wilbur Rush Smith, Jr. - Master of Laws  
John Mason Brown - Master of Laws

### **1913**

Alfred Fairhurst - Doctor of Science  
Alfred Meredith Peter - Doctor of Science  
Eugene Davenport - Doctor of Laws  
William Gibson - Doctor of Laws  
Lincoln McConnell - Doctor of Laws  
Edward John McDermott - Doctor of Laws  
Francis Trevelyan Miller - Doctor of Laws  
Richard Charles Stoll - Doctor of Laws

## **1914**

Andres McConnell J. Cochran - Doctor of Laws  
Charles Evans - Doctor of Laws  
Barksdale Hamlett - Doctor of Laws  
George Herbert Harries - Doctor of Laws  
Edward Lindsay Powell - Doctor of Laws  
George Burgess Carey - Master of Engineering

## **1915**

Bennett Henderson Young - Doctor of Laws  
Aquilla Webb - Doctor of Laws  
Frederick Scheetz Jones - Doctor of Laws  
Henry Skillman Breckinridge - Doctor of Laws  
David Francis Crawford - Doctor of Engineering

## **1916**

Augustus Owsley Stanley - Doctor of Laws  
David Spence Hill - Doctor of Laws  
Charles Robert Brock - Doctor of Laws  
George Walter Stevens - Doctor of Laws  
Thomas Hunt Morgan - Doctor of Laws  
Charles William Dabney - Doctor of Laws  
Ferdinand Brossart - Doctor of Laws  
James Kennedy Patterson - Doctor of Laws  
Richard Henry Crossfield - Doctor of Laws  
William Arthur Ganfield - Doctor of Laws  
Maldon Browning Adams - Doctor of Laws  
William Goodell Frost - Doctor of Laws  
James Levan Clark - Doctor of Laws  
John Letcher Patterson - Doctor of Letters  
Henry Watterson - Doctor of Letters

## **1917**

Benjamin Ide Wheeler - Doctor of Laws  
James Lane Allen - Doctor of Letters

## **June 1919 Commencement**

Judge Edward Warren Hines - Doctor of Laws  
William Dixon Weaver - Doctor of Laws

## **June 1921 Commencement**

Edwin P. Morrow - Doctor of Laws  
John James Tigert - Doctor of Laws

## **June 1922 Commencement**

Robert W. Bingham - Doctor of Laws  
Edwin E. Slosson - Doctor of Laws

**June 1923 Commencement**

William Boyce Thompson - Doctor of Laws  
George Colvin - Doctor of Laws  
Ellen Churchill Semple - Doctor of Laws  
T. Coleman Dupont - Doctor of Laws

**May 1925 Commencement**

Sophonisba Preston Breckinridge - Doctor of Laws  
Percy Hampton Johnston - Doctor of Laws  
Louis Wiley - Doctor of Laws

**June 1927 Commencement**

Vincent Massey - Doctor of Laws  
Rainey Thornton Wells - Doctor of Laws  
Cale Young Rice - Doctor of Laws

**June 1928 Commencement**

Sir Leslie McKenzie - Doctor of Laws

**June 1930 Commencement**

Edgar Erskine Hume - Doctor of Laws  
William Henry Townsend - Doctor of Laws

**June 1932 Commencement**

Joel Irvine Lyle - Doctor of Laws  
Mattison Boyd Jones - Doctor of Laws

**May 1933 Commencement**

Herman Lee Donovan - Doctor of Laws  
John Howard Payne - Doctor of Laws  
James Howell Richmond - Doctor of Laws

**May 1937 Commencement**

Hon. Albert Benjamin Chandler - Doctor of Laws  
William Carpenter MacCarty - Doctor of Science

**May 1939 Commencement**

William James Hutchins - Doctor of Laws  
Lena Madesin Phillips - Doctor of Laws

**June 1940 Commencement**

Gov. Keen Johnson - Doctor of Laws  
Stanley Forman Reed - Doctor of Laws  
Frank LeRond McVey - Doctor of Laws  
Frances Jewell McVey - Doctor of Laws

### **May 1942 Commencement**

Bishop Henry Pryor Almon Abbott - Doctor of Laws  
Sen. Alben William Barkley - Doctor of Laws  
James Wilson Carnahan - Doctor of Laws  
Judge Hiram Church Ford - Doctor of Laws  
Gen. Allen Wyant Gullion - Doctor of Laws  
Mary Breckinridge - Doctor of Laws  
Raymond Francis McLain - Doctor of Laws  
Rabbi Joseph Rauch - Doctor of Laws  
Rogers Clark Ballard Thruston - Doctor of Laws  
Charles Whitefield Welch - Doctor of Laws  
Judge Samuel Mackay Wilson - Doctor of Laws  
Alfred Leland Crabb - Doctor of Letters  
Willie Snow Ethridge - Doctor of Letters  
John Calvin Metcalf - Doctor of Letters  
Irvin Abell - Doctor of Letters  
Frederick Wharton Rankin - Doctor of Letters  
Irwin S. Cobb - Doctor of Letters [did not attend Exercise; degree not awarded;  
source: pencil note on program in Special Collections]

### **June 1944 Commencement**

Frederick Moore Vinson - Doctor of Laws  
Francis Stephenson Hutchins - Doctor of Laws  
Simeon Slavens Willis - Doctor of Laws  
Jesse Hilton Stuart - Doctor of Letters

### **February 1945 Founders Day Program**

Margaret Voorhies Haggin - Doctor of Laws

### **June 1945 Commencement**

Eli Lilly - Doctor of Laws  
William Henry McAdams - Doctor of Science

### **June 1946 Commencement**

Sarah Gibson Blanding - Doctor of Laws  
Green Haywood Hackworth - Doctor of Laws  
William Henry Rees - Doctor of Laws  
Mervin Joe Kelly - Doctor of Science  
Neal Trimble McKee - Doctor of Science

### **June 1947 Commencement**

Barry Bingham - Doctor of Laws  
John B. Hutson - Doctor of Laws  
John Winston Coleman, Jr. - Doctor of Letters

### **June 1948 Commencement**

Gov. Earle C. Clements - Doctor of Laws

Judge Charles I. Dawson - Doctor of  
Hal Price Headley - Doctor of Laws  
Judge Wiley B. Rutledge - Doctor of Laws  
Don Whitehead - Doctor of Laws

**June 1949 Commencement**

James Ditto Shouse - Doctor of Laws  
Osso Willis Stanley - Doctor of Laws  
Thomas Rust Underwood - Doctor of Laws  
John Theodore Faig - Doctor of Science  
Eger Vaughan Murphree - Doctor of Science

**May 1950 Commencement**

Alexander Bonnyman - Doctor of Laws  
John Sherman Cooper - Doctor of Laws  
Henry Harrington Hill - Doctor of Laws  
John Davis Williams - Doctor of Laws  
William Embry Wrather - Doctor of Science  
Hardin Craig - Doctor of Letters

**June 1951 Commencement**

Albert Kocourek - Doctor of Laws  
Fred B. Wachs - Doctor of Laws  
Emmet Field Horine - Doctor of Science  
Murray Raney - Doctor of Science

**May 1952 Commencement**

Paul Garrett Blazer - Doctor of Laws  
John E. Brown - Doctor of Laws  
Lucius Dubois Clay - Doctor of Laws  
Mark Foster Ethridge - Doctor of Laws  
Lawrence W. Wetherby - Doctor of Laws  
David Morton - Doctor of Letters  
Louis Ware - Doctor of Science

**June 1953 Commencement**

Arthur Andrew Hauck - Doctor of Laws  
Marvin Bertie Holifield - Doctor of Laws  
Hugh Meglone Milton II - Doctor of Laws  
William Maxwell Reed - Doctor of Laws  
Jesse Washington Tapp - Doctor of Laws  
Rev. Monsignor Charles Ambrose Towell - Doctor of Laws

**June 1954 Commencement**

Joseph Manuel Hartfield - Doctor of Laws  
Stephen Augustus Rapier - Doctor of Laws

**May 1955 Commencement**

James William Cammack - Doctor of Laws  
Hovey Duncan Palmore - Doctor of Laws  
Robert Wickliffe Woolley - Doctor of Laws  
Harlan Hatcher - Doctor of Letters  
Tom Wallace - Doctor of Letters  
Henry Wisdom Cave - Doctor of Science  
Brig. Gen. Elbert DeCoursey - Doctor of Science

**May 1956 Commencement**

Heber Holbrook Rice - Doctor of Laws  
Arthur Krock - Doctor of Letters

**May 1957 Commencement**

Curtis C. Benjamin - Doctor of Laws  
Margaret Ingels - Doctor of Laws  
Omer Carmichael - Doctor of Laws  
Robert Penn Warren - Doctor of Letters

**September 1957**

Howard Hanson - Doctor of Laws  
Agnes Ernst Meyer - Doctor of Laws  
Turner Catledge - Doctor of Laws

**May 1958 Commencement**

William Arnold Hanger - Doctor of Laws  
Stith Thompson - Doctor of Letters  
Samuel M. Cassidy - Doctor of Science  
Joseph Kastle Roberts - Doctor of Science  
William Davis Salmon - Doctor of Science

**August 1958 Commencement**

Bishop William Theodore Mulloy - Doctor of Laws  
Bishop William Turner Watkins - Doctor of Laws  
Walter Pearson Kelley - Doctor of Science

**June 1959 Commencement**

W. Hugh Peal - Doctor of Laws  
Phillip Edwards - Doctor of Science

**May 1960 Commencement**

Allen Tate - Doctor of Letters  
William L. Clayton (declined) - Doctor of Laws

**June 1961 Commencement**

Bert Thomas Combs - Doctor of Laws  
I. Forest Huddleson - Doctor of Science

Raden O. Kosasih (declined)

**June 1962 Commencement**

Hon. Elvis J. Stahr, Jr. - Doctor of Laws  
Robert Burgess Stewart - Doctor of Laws  
Edward Harold Kass - Doctor of Science  
Robert Charles McDowell - Doctor of Science

**June 1963 Commencement**

Cleanth Brooks - Doctor of Letters  
Thomas Merton (Father M. Louis) - Doctor of Letters  
William Nunn Lipscomb, Jr. - Doctor of Science

**May 1964 Commencement**

P. J. Conkwright - Doctor of Letters  
Thomas Arthur Spragens - Doctor of Laws  
Erwin Walter Straus - Doctor of Laws  
James Stephen Watkins - Doctor of Laws

**February 1965 Founders Day Program**

Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson Doctor of Laws

**May 1965 Commencement**

Edward T. Breathitt - Doctor of Laws  
Phillip Grant Davidson, Jr. - Doctor of Laws  
Harry Best - Doctor of laws  
James Walter Martin - Doctor of Laws  
Amry Vandenbosch - Doctor of Laws  
William Dorney Valleau - Doctor of Science  
\*William C. Friday

\*Approved by University Faculty and Board of Trustees - to be conferred at later date.

**November 1965**

Hugo Theorell - Doctor of Laws  
Chief Justice Earl Warren - Doctor of Laws

**May 1966 Commencement**

Philip E. Blackerby - Doctor of Laws  
Leo M. Chamberlain - Doctor of Laws  
Carl M. Hill - Doctor of Laws  
John Mason Brown - Doctor of Letters  
Louis Gordon - Doctor of Science

**End of Centennial Year** - Arthur Goldberg



**May 1967 Commencement**

William Bolling Arthur - Doctor of Laws  
Donald C. Cook - Doctor of Laws  
Allan Mitchell Trout - Doctor of Laws  
Robert Sutton Whitney - Doctor of Laws  
Francis Milton Massie - Doctor of Science  
Morris Scherago - Doctor of Science

**May 1968 Commencement**

Philip David Sang - Doctor of Laws  
Bell Irvin Wiley - Doctor of Laws  
Clarence Robertson Yeager - Doctor of Laws  
Robert Henry Baker - Doctor of Science  
James Augustine Shannon - Doctor of Science  
Whitney Young (declined)

**May 1969 Commencement**

Thomas Dionysious Clark - Doctor of Laws  
Russell Ellsworth Teague - Doctor of Laws  
Whitney Moore Young, Jr. - Doctor of Laws

**May 1970 Commencement**

Louis Broady Nunn - Doctor of Laws  
Frank G. Dickey - Doctor of Laws  
Ralph J. Angelucci - Doctor of Laws  
William Clyde Friday - Doctor of Laws  
Floyd H. Wright - Doctor of Laws  
William Clement Eaton - Doctor of Laws  
William Thomas Woodson - Doctor of Laws

**May 1971 Commencement**

Harry M. Caudill - Doctor of Laws  
Thurston B. Morton - Doctor of Laws  
Logan Wilson - Doctor of Laws  
David C. Scott - Doctor of Science  
Lyle R. Dawson - Doctor of Science

**May 1972 Commencement**

John August Moser - Doctor of Laws  
Samuel Milton Nabrit - Doctor of Laws  
Peter A. B. Widener III - Doctor of Laws  
Robert Randall Dawson - Doctor of Science  
John Clifford Greene - Doctor of Science  
Karl Otto Lange - Doctor of Science

**May 1973 Commencement**

Gov. Wendell Ford - Doctor of Laws

Hecht Lackey, Sr. - Doctor of Laws  
Berkeley Davis - Doctor of Science  
William Robert Parks - Doctor of Science  
John Jacob Niles - Doctor of Letters

**May 1974 Commencement**

Elizabeth Hardwick Lowell - Doctor of Letters  
William Willard - Doctor of Science  
Ivan Jett - Doctor of Laws  
Ervin Nutter - Doctor of Laws  
Frank Stanley - Doctor of Laws

**May 1975 Commencement**

Smith D. Broadbent, Jr. - Doctor of Laws  
Juanita M. Kreps - Doctor of Laws  
Benjamin Hudson Milner - Doctor of Laws  
Whitney M. Young, Sr. - Doctor of Laws  
Thomas B. Stroup - Doctor of Literature

**May 1976 Commencement**

Gov. Julian M. Carroll - Doctor of Laws  
James S. Hudnall - Doctor of Laws  
Herbert P. Riley - Doctor of Science  
Harry M. Young, Jr. - Doctor of Laws

**May 1977 Commencement**

Holman Hamilton - Doctor of Letters  
Edmund D. Pellegrino - Doctor of Science  
Earl D. Wallace - Doctor of Laws

**May 1978 Commencement**

Thomson R. Bryant, Sr. - Doctor of Letters  
James A. King - Doctor of Letters  
Robert T. McCowan - Doctor of Laws

**May 1979 Commencement**

Lyman T. Johnson - Doctor of Letters  
Carl D. Perkins - Doctor of Laws  
S. M. Shah - Doctor of Science  
James Still - Doctor of Letters

**May 1980 Commencement**

John S. Knight, Doctor of Letters  
Edward F. Prichard, Jr. - Doctor of Laws

**May 1981 Commencement**

Harriette L. S. Arnow - Doctor of Letters

Stephen Diachun - Doctor of Science  
John Y. Brown, Jr. - Doctor of Laws  
James C. Bowling - Doctor of Laws

**May 1982 Commencement**

Lewis Cochran - Doctor of Science  
Lucille Markey - Doctor of Laws  
Thomas Wicker - Doctor of Letters

**May 1983 Commencement**

Jean Ritchie - Doctor of Letters  
Alexander Heard - Doctor of Letters  
Forrest Pogue - Doctor of Letters

**May 1984 Commencement**

Warren Rosenthal - Doctor of Letters  
F. Story Musgrave - Doctor of Science  
Carl B. Cone - Doctor of Letters

**May 1985 Commencement**

Tim Lee Carter - Doctor of Laws  
Martha Layne Collins - Doctor of Laws  
M. Stanley Wall - Doctor of Laws  
William S. Monroe - Doctor of Letters  
Desmond M. Tutu - Doctor of Letters  
Eslie Asbury - Doctor of Science

**May 1986 Commencement**

Wendell Erdman Berry - Doctor of Letters  
William B. Sturgill - Doctor of Laws

**May 1987 Commencement**

Kewal Singh - Doctor of Laws  
Benjamin Roach - Doctor of Science  
John Gaines - Doctor of Letters

**May 1988 Commencement**

Mary Marvin Breckinridge Patterson - Doctor of Letters  
Joseph A. Boyd - Doctor of Science  
Robert D. Bell - Doctor of Laws

**May 1989 Commencement**

Hilary J. Boone, Jr. - Doctor of Letters  
John H. Gray - Doctor of Laws  
Daniel Oduber - Doctor of Laws  
Georgia Powers - Doctor of Laws  
Douglas W. Schwartz - Doctor of Letters

Shoichiro Toyoda - Doctor of Science

**May 1990 Commencement**

Albert G. Clay - Doctor of Laws  
Thomas Marshall Hahn - Doctor of Laws  
John W. Oswald - Doctor of Laws  
Blyden Jackson - Doctor of Letters  
Warren H. Proudfoot - Doctor of Science  
Loman Trover - Doctor of Science

**May 1992 Commencement**

Guy M. Davenport, Jr. - Doctor of Letters  
Claire Louise Caudill - Doctor of Science

**May 1993 Commencement**

James E. Bassett III - Doctor of Laws  
William T. Young - Doctor of Laws  
William Augustus Jones, Jr. - Doctor of Humanities

**May 1994 Commencement**

Ralph G. Anderson - Doctor of Engineering  
Bobbie Ann Mason - Doctor of Letters  
Phillip Allen Sharp - Doctor of Science

**May 1995 Commencement**

Otis A. Singletary, Jr. - Doctor of Humanities

**May 1996 Commencement**

Jean Weis Calvert - Doctor of Humanities  
John R. Hall - Doctor of Science  
John Henry - Doctor of Arts

**May 1997 Commencement**

Gerald L. Baliles – Doctor of Laws  
David M. Lawrence – Doctor of Science

**May 1998 Commencement**

John Hope Franklin – Doctor of Letters  
James Francis Glenn – Doctor of Science  
Cawood Ledford – Doctor of Humanities  
Lucille Caudill Little – Doctor of Arts  
Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh – Doctor of Letters (presented at Library dedication)

**May 1999 Commencement**

Carol Martin Gatton – Doctor of Letters  
Robert J. Shepherd – Doctor of Science  
Louis W. Sullivan – Doctor of Science

**May 2000 Commencement**

Ward O. Griffen Jr. – Doctor of Science

James F. Hardymon – Doctor of Letters

**May 2001 Commencement**

Frank X Walker – Doctor of Humanities

Linda Challis Gill – Doctor of Letters

Peter Palliser Bosomworth – Doctor of Science

**May 2002 Commencement**

Fujio Cho- Doctor of Science (awarded January 29, 2002)

Sister Rosemary Howarth-Doctor of Letters

Loretta Lynn-Doctor of Arts (awarded March 9, 2002)

Sanford T. Roach-Doctor of Humanities

Wimberly C. Royster-Doctor of Science

**May 2003 Commencement**

Mary Sue Coleman - Doctor of Science

William S. Farish - Doctor of Laws

Michael Lee Mullins - Doctor of Letters

**May 2004 Commencement**

John D. Baxter - Doctor of Science

James W. Stuckert - Doctor of Letters

George Carlton Wright - Doctor of Letters

**May 2005 Commencement**

Stanley Platek – Doctor of Science

**May 2006 Commencement**

Raymond Betts – Doctor of Humanities

Seamus Heaney – Doctor of Letters

Abigail Marlatt – Doctor of Letters

Louise McIntosh Slaughter – Doctor of Letters

**May 2007 Commencement**

Nicholas J. (Nick) Clooney – Doctor of Letters

Juanita W. Fleming – Doctor of Letters

Virginia Gaines Fox – Doctor of Letters

**May 2008 Commencement**

Gifford Blyton - Honorary Doctor of Letters

President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam - Honorary Doctor of Science (awarded March 24, 2008)

Governor Paul E. Patton - Honorary Doctor of Humanities

Orlando "Tubby" Smith - Honorary Doctor of Humanities

**May 2009 Commencement**

Mark E. Davis - Honorary Doctor of Engineering  
William E. Kirwan - Honorary Doctor of Science  
Helen Thomas - Honorary Doctor of Letters

**May 2010 Commencement**

Judith Clabes - Honorary Doctor of Letters  
Daniel Libeskind - Honorary Doctor of Arts  
Robert Straus - Honorary Doctor of Science

**May 2011 Commencement**

Robert M. Drake, Jr. – Honorary Doctor of Engineering  
Barbara Anne Hogan - Honorary Doctor of Letters  
Ahmed Mohamed Kathrade - Honorary Doctor of Letters  
T. Pearse Lyons - Honorary Doctor of Letters  
Albert P. Smith, Jr. - Honorary Doctor of Letters

**May 2012 Commencement**

Vijay Dhir – Honorary Doctor of Engineering  
Sally Mason – Honorary Doctor of Science

**December 2012 Commencement**

J.D. Crowe – Honorary Doctor of Arts  
David L. Lollis – Honorary Doctor of Letters  
Charles L. Shearer – Honorary Doctor of Letters

**May 2013 Commencement**

Robert Milton Huffaker – Honorary Doctor of Science  
Jamal Mashburn – Honorary Doctor of Humanities

**December 2013 Commencement**

Deborah A. P. Hersman – Honorary Doctor of Humanities  
Michael T. Nietzel – Honorary Doctor of Letters  
Wilbert W. (Wil) James, Jr. – Honorary Doctor of Engineering

**May 2014 Commencement**

Paul W. Chellgren – Honorary Doctor of Humanities  
Harrison B. Wilson – Honorary Doctor of Humanities

**December 2014 Commencement**

Brady J. Deaton – Honorary Doctor of Science  
Don L. Jacobs – Honorary Doctor of Humanities

**May 2015 Commencement**

Leslie Coleman (Les) McCann – Honorary Doctor of Arts  
Lillian Henken Press – Honorary Doctor of Humanities

O. Leonard Press – Honorary Doctor of Letters

**December 2015 Commencement**

Matt Cutts – Honorary Doctor of Engineering

**May 2016 Commencement**

William David Arnett – Honorary Doctor of Science  
Thomas Patterson Maney – Honorary Doctor of Laws  
Herbert Wood Ockerman – Honorary Doctor of Science  
Eileen A. Recktenwald – Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

**December 2016 Commencement**

Mira S. Ball – Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters  
Donald R. Ball – Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

**May 2017 Commencement**

No Honorary Doctoral Degrees awarded

**December 2017 Commencement**

L. Stanley Pigman – Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters  
Jewell Deene Ellis – Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

**May 2018 Commencement**

Thomas T. Hammond – Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters  
Debra A. Hensley – Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters  
Sara Louise Holroyd – Honorary Doctor of Arts  
Geoffrey T. Manley – Honorary Doctor of Science

**December 2018 Commencement**

Virginia G. Carter – Honorary Doctor of Humanities

**May 2019 Commencement**

Stephen B. Bright – Honorary Doctor of Laws  
Yvonne Giles – Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters  
Jim Host – Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters  
Howard L. Lewis – Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters  
Reese S. Terry, Jr. – Honorary Doctor of Engineering

**August 2019 – Special Event Commemorating 70 Years of Integration at UK**

Doris Y. Wilkinson – Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

**December 2019 Commencement**

Porter G. Peebles – Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

**May 2020 Commencement**

No ceremony due to Covid-19 pandemic

**December 2020 Commencement**

No ceremony due to Covid-19 pandemic

**May 2021 Commencement**

W. Harry Clarke – Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters  
F. Joseph Halcomb III – Honorary Doctor of Engineering  
Dierdre Lyons – Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

**December 2021 Commencement**

No Honorary Doctoral Degrees Awarded

**May 2022 Commencement**

Kris Kimel – Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters  
Terry Woodward – Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

**December 2022 Commencement**

Virginia Marsh Bell – Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters  
Nikky Finney – Honorary Doctor of Humanities

**May 2023 Commencement**

W. Lawrence Patrick – Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters