

THE UCLA MEDAL - PAST MEDAL RECIPIENTS FROM 1979 - PRESENT BY ACADEMIC YEAR

1979 - 80

Golden Year Celebration, September 16, 1979

William Coit Ackerman '24, UCLA pioneer, coach

John E. Canaday '27, former president, UCLA Alumni Association, regent

Charter Day, March 2, 1980

J.D. Morgan '41, director, intercollegiate athletics

Commencement, June 15, 1980

Gordon H. Ball, professor, zoology

Joseph Kaplan, professor, geophysics

Earl J. Miller, professor, economics

Flora Murray Scott, professor, botanical sciences

Marion A. Zeitlin, professor, Spanish

1980 - 81

Reception in Honor of Byron Atkinson, September 29, 1980

Byron Harry Atkinson '40, M.A. '50, Ed.D. '60, administrator

Commencement, June 21, 1981

Warren Minor Christopher, attorney and diplomat

Shirley Ann Mount Hufstedler, attorney and judge

William Polk Longmire, Jr., founder, UCLA department of surgery

1981 - 82

Commencement, June 20, 1982

Simon Ramo, co-founder of TRW

Richard Callender Maxwell, former dean, UCLA School of Law

Dorothy Buffum Chandler, regent and philanthropist

1982 - 83

Commencement, June 19, 1983

Tom Bradley '41, mayor of Los Angeles

Elinor Raas Heller, regent

Laurence Olivier, actor

David Stephen Saxon, president, University of California

1983 - 84

Commencement, June 17, 1984

Anna Bing Arnold '40, philanthropist and humanist

Franklin David Murphy, UCLA chancellor emeritus

Isaac Bashevis Singer, author and Nobel Prize winner

1984 - 85

Commencement, June 16, 1985

Carol Burnett '54, actress
Edward William Carter '32, regent and philanthropist
John Robert Wooden, former UCLA men's basketball coach

1985 - 86

Commencement, June 22, 1986

Robert Howard Ahmanson '49, philanthropist
John Hope Franklin, historian
William W. Melnitz M.A. '43, Ph.D. '47, former dean, UCLA College of Fine Arts
Robert Bruce Merrifield '43, Ph.D. '49, biochemist, Nobel Prize winner
Toshiro Mifune, Japanese actor

1986 - 87

Commencement, June 14, 1987

Richard Diebenkorn, artist
Ella Fitzgerald, performer
John W. Ryan, educator

1987 - 88

Commencement, College of Fine Arts, June 11, 1988

Robert E. Wise, Academy Award-winning director

Commencement, College of Letters & Science, June 12, 1988

Frank Press, geophysicist
Rufino Tamayo, artist
Robert Vosper, university librarian

1988 - 89

UCLA Campaign Celebration/Academic Convocation, April 7, 1989

Lauro F. Cavazos, secretary of education, the United States of America

Commencement, School of Law, May 21, 1989

Harry A. Blackmun, associate justice of the Supreme Court

Commencement, College of Fine Arts, June 17, 1989

Walter Mirisch, film producer

Commencement, College of Letters & Science, June 18, 1989

Rosemary Park, educator
John Brooks Slaughter M.S. '61, president of Occidental College
Robert McCormick Adams, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution

1989 - 90

Commencement, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, June 16, 1990

Warren J. Haas, librarian

Commencement, College of Letters & Science, June 17, 1990

Anna L. Fisher '71, M.S. '87, M.D. '76, astronaut

I.M. Pei, architect

Roald Z. Sagdeev, Soviet physicist

1990 - 91

Commencement, Anderson Graduate School of Management, June 14, 1991

James D. Hodgson, former United States ambassador to Japan

Commencement, College of Letters & Science, Physical Sciences, June 16, 1991

Carl E. Sagan, planetary physicist

1991 - 92

Academic Convocation, October 25, 1991

Václav Havel, president of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic

Commencement, School of Medicine, Awarded posthumously, June 5, 1992*

Gordon L. MacDonald, philanthropist

*Due to his passing after he had accepted the nomination.

Commencement, College of Letters & Science, Physical Sciences, June 14, 1992

Stephen Jay Gould, evolutionist and historian of science

Commencement, Graduate Division, June 14, 1992

Orlando Patterson, historian and author

1992 - 93

Commencement, School of Law, May 23, 1993

Dorothy Wright Nelson '50, LL.B. '53, United States circuit judge

Commencement, School of Theater, Film and Television, June 19, 1993

James Earl Jones, actor

Commencement, College of Letters & Science, Humanities, June 19, 1993

Carlos Fuentes, ambassador and author

Commencement, College of Letters & Science, Social Sciences, June 20, 1993

Elizabeth Glaser, co-founder of Pediatric AIDS Foundation

Commencement, College of Letters & Science, Physical Sciences, June 20, 1993

Donald J. Cram, chemist

1993 - 94

Tribute to Henry Mancini - A 70th Birthday Celebration, April 19, 1994

Henry Mancini, musical composer

Board of Directors Meeting, School of Medicine, May 10, 1994

Phillip L. Williams, vice chairman emeritus, Times-Mirror Company

Academic Convocation, 75th Anniversary of UCLA, May 20, 1994

William Jefferson Clinton, president of the United States

Commencement, School of the Arts, June 17, 1994

Jane Alexander, actress and chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts

Commencement, College of Letters & Science, Physical Sciences, June 19, 1994

George E. Brown, Jr. '46, congressman

Commencement, School of Theater, Film and Television, June 19, 1994

Francis Ford Coppola M.F.A. '67, film producer and director

1994 - 95

Official Visit and Public Lecture, October 6, 1994

Shimon Peres, foreign minister of Israel

Official Visit and Public Address, April 12, 1995

Benazir Bhutto, prime minister of Pakistan

Commencement, School of Law, May 21, 1995

Janet Reno, attorney general of the United States

Anderson School Dedication, June 8, 1995

John E. Anderson '40, philanthropist and owner of Topa Equities, Ltd.

Commencement, School of the Arts & Architecture, June 17, 1995

Quincy Jones, musician

Commencement, Ph.D. Hooding, June 18, 1995

Stanley Engerman, professor, University of Rochester

1995-96

Commencement, AGSM Executive M.B.A. Program, September 9, 1995

Benjamin Cayetano '68, governor of Hawaii

Commencement, Hippocratic Oath Ceremony, May 31, 1996

Michael Ovitz, '68, president, Disney

Commencement, School of Theater, Film and Television, June 15, 1996

Marvin Neil Simon, playwright

Commencement, College of Letters & Science, Social Sciences, June 16, 1996

Lew Wasserman, chairman emeritus, MCA, Inc.

1996-97

Commencement, Hippocratic Oath Ceremony, May 30, 1997

Leslie and Susan Gonda, philanthropists

Commencement, College of Letters & Science, Humanities, June 14, 1997

Dennis B. Ross '70, special Middle East coordinator

Commencement, College of Letters & Science, Life Sciences, June 14, 1997

Jerry Lewis '56, congressman

Commencement, School of the Arts and Architecture, June 14, 1997

Harold M. Williams '46, president and CEO, Getty Trust

Commencement, College of Letters & Science, Physical Sciences, June 15, 1997

Fred Lawrence Whipple '27, astronomer

Commencement, Doctoral Hooding Ceremony, June 15, 1997

Leroy Hood, scientist

Commencement, College of Letters & Science, Social Sciences, June 15, 1997

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar '69, basketball player

1997-98

“A Nobel Experience” Lecture, April 9, 1998

Paul D. Boyer, professor of chemistry and Nobel Prize winner

Official Visit and Public Address, April 22, 1998

Kofi Annan, secretary-general of the United Nations

Commencement, Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, June 20, 1998

Richard Riley, U.S. secretary of education

Commencement, College of Letters & Science, Social Sciences, June 21, 1998

Oscar Arias Sanchez, former president of Costa Rica and Nobel Prize winner

Commencement, Doctoral Hooding, June 21, 1998

Michael Apple, professor, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Donor Luncheon, July 18, 1998

Edie Wasserman, philanthropist

1998-99

Lecture and Reception, November 2, 1998

William F. Sharpe '55, M.A. '56, Ph.D. '61 Nobel Prize winner

Charles E. Young Library Renaming, December 6, 1998

Charles E. Young '55, M.A. '57, Ph.D. '60, UCLA chancellor emeritus

Commencement, College of Letters & Science, Humanities, June 19, 1999

Mario Vargas Llosa, Peruvian poet and humanitarian

1999-00

Center for the Book and Joint Degree Announcement, January 21, 2000

James Billington, librarian of congress

Reception, June 1, 2000

Frank W. Clark, Jr., former Regent

Commencement, Doctoral Hooding, June 15, 2000

Jules B. LaPidus, president, Council of Graduate Schools

Commencement, College of Letters & Science, Life Sciences, June 17, 2000

Rita Colwell, National Science Foundation director

Commencement, School of Arts & Architecture, June 17, 2000

Glorya Kaufman, UCLA supporter

Commencement, School of Public Health, June 18, 2000

Rob Reiner, actor, writer, child advocate

2000-01

Brodie Lecture, November 1, 2000

Jimmy Carter, former president of the United States of America

UCLA Medal Ceremony, November 30, 2000

Stanley A. Dashew, Dashew International Student Center chairman of the board of directors

Commencement, Hippocratic Oath Ceremony, June 1, 2001

Iris Cantor, Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Foundation chairman and president

Commencement, College of Letters & Science, Humanities, June 16, 2001

Andrea L. Rich '65, M.A. '66, Ph.D. '68, Los Angeles County Museum of Art president

2001-02

Commencement, Hippocratic Oath Ceremony, May 31, 2002

Lynda Resnick, Roll International Corporation co-chair, philanthropist
Stewart Resnick '59, J.D. '62, Roll International Corporation chair, philanthropist

Commencement, School of Theater, Film and Television, June 14, 2002

Kirk Douglas, actor, director, producer, civic champion

2002-03

Commencement, School of Law, May 11, 2003

Lee Hamilton, Woodrow Wilson Intl. Center for Scholars director, former congressman

Commencement, School of Nursing, June 14, 2003

Lois Capps, California congresswoman, healthcare advocate

2003-04

Commencement, Doctoral Hooding, June 17, 2004

George Aratani, businessman (founder -Mikasa Dinnerware/Kenwood Electronics), community leader, philanthropist

Commencement, School of Public Policy and Social Research, June 18, 2004

George Mitchell, former US senator, distinguished international peacemaker

2004-05

Commencement, Hippocratic Oath Ceremony, June 3, 2005

Jane Semel, founder of ijane.inc., philanthropist
Terry Semel, chairman and CEO, Yahoo!, philanthropist

Commencement, The College, June 17, 2005

Umberto Eco, scholar and author

Commencement, School of Theatre, Film and Television, June 17, 2005

Anthony Hopkins, actor

Commencement, School of the Arts and Architecture, June 18, 2005

Frank Gehry, architect

Commencement, Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, June 18, 2005

James Banks, professor and director, Center for Multicultural Education, Univ. of Washington

2005-06

Campaign Closing Legacy Ball, April 21, 2006

Bob and Marion Wilson, philanthropists, UCLA supporters

Commencement, School of Theatre, Film and Television, June 16, 2006

Samuel Goldwyn, Jr., director, writer, producer

Commencement, School of the Arts and Architecture, June 17, 2006

Edythe and Eli Broad, philanthropists

2006-2007

Commencement, David Geffen School of Medicine, Hippocratic Oath Ceremony, June 1, 2007

Chien Chung Pei, architect

Commencement, Graduate Division, Doctor Hooding, June 14, 2007

Morgan Chu, attorney

Commencement, School of Public Affairs, June 15, 2007

Norman Y. Mineta, former secretary of transportation

Commencement, The College, June 15, 2007

Antonio Villaraigosa, mayor of Los Angeles

2007-2008

Special Ceremony, Chancellor's Residence, May 27, 2008

Lloyd Cotsen, philanthropist

Commencement, Anderson, June 13, 2008

Richard Ziman, philanthropist

Commencement, Engineering, June 14, 2008

Charles M. Vest, President, NAE

Commencement, Graduate School, June 12, 2008

Linda Griego, entrepreneur

2008-2009

Special Ceremony, Lester Breslow Distinguished Lecture, April 16, 2009

Jonathan E. Fielding, doctor

Special Ceremony, UCLA Day, May 9, 2009

Rachel A. Robinson '42, philanthropist, nurse, professor

Commencement, School of Theatre, Film and Television, June 12, 2009

Haskell Wexler, cinematographer, director

Commencement, The College, June 12, 2009

Dolores Huerta, labor activist

Total: 131 Recipients