

HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED 1971-

- 1971 Commencement (May 31) - William M. Randall, D. Letters
President Emeritus, Wilmington College
- Addison Hewlett, Jr., D. Laws
Former Speaker NC House of Representatives
Member of Board of Trustees
- Robert Scott, D. Laws
Governor of North Carolina
- 1972 September 7, 1972 - James Graham Kenan II, D. Laws
Benefactor
- 1974 Commencement (May 19) - David Brinkley, D. Letters
News commentator and journalist
Wilmington native
- 1977 Commencement (May 15) - Susie Marshall Sharp, D. Laws
Chief Justice of NC Supreme Court
- 1980 Commencement May 17) - Joseph Needham, D. Letters
British Sinologist
- 1981 Commencement (May 16) - Albert Coates, D. Laws
Founder, NC Institute of Government
- 1982 Commencement (May 15) - Dallas Herring, D. Laws
Founder, Community College system in NC
- 1983 Commencement (May 14) - Claude Flynn Howell, D. Letters
Founder, UNCW Art Department
- 1985 Commencement (May 18) - Hubert A. Eaton, D. Laws
Chairman, UNCW BOT
- J. Paul Reynolds, D. Science
Retired UNCW administrator
- 1987 Commencement (May 16) - Althea Gibson, D. Letters
US Tennis Champion
- 1990 Commencement (May 12) - Thomas Grey Wicker, D. Letters

Journalist, NC native

1991 Commencement (May 11) - Admiral William J. Crowe, Jr., D. Laws
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Commencement (Dec. 7) - James E. Holshouser, Jr., D. Laws
Governor of NC

1992 Commencement (May 16) - Graham T. Allison, Jr., D. Letters
NC native

Convocation (Sept. 9)- Ida Howell Friday, D. Letters

William Clyde Friday, D. Laws
President, UNC System

Commencement (Dec. 5) - L. Richardson Preyer, D. Laws
Former US Congressman
Douglas Dillon Professor of Gov't, Harvard

1993 Commencement (May 15) - John Hope Franklin, D. Letters
Professor Emeritus of History, Duke University

October 4 (Schweitzer Lecture) - Oscar Arias Sanchez, D. Laws
Former President of Costa Rica

1994 Commencement (May 14) - Alice M. Rivlin, D. Laws
Deputy Director, OMB

Commencement (Dec. 10) - Lee Marshall Smith, D. Letters
Author

1995 Commencement (May 13) - Jerry Shinn, D. Letters
Founder, Museum of World Cultures

Commencement (Dec. 9) - Dale Chihuly, D. Letters
Glass Artist

1996 February 27, 1996 - Frank Kenan, D. Laws
Benefactor

Commencement (May 11) - Charlie Daniels, D. Letters
Musician/Recording Artist

Commencement (December 7) - Leroy T. Walker, D. Laws
Chancellor Emeritus, NC Central University

		Ralph Werner Brauer, D. Science Former faculty member
	(In absentia)	Will Scott Deloach, D. Science Retired, Chairman of UNCW Chemistry Department
1997	Commencement (May 17) -	Bruce B. Cameron, Jr., D. Laws Benefactor
		Daniel D. Cameron, D. Laws Benefactor
	Commencement (Dec. 6) -	Betty Ray McCain, D. Letters Secretary, NC Department of Cultural Resources
1998	None conferred	
1999	Commencement (May 15) -	Frank Warner Capra, Jr., D. Fine Arts Motion Picture Executive
		Stanley Landau Colbert, D. Fine Arts Literary Agent, TV Producer
	Commencement (Dec. 18) -	Johnnetta B. Cole, D. Humanities former president of Spelman College and presidential distinguished professor of anthropology, women's studies and African-American studies at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.
2000	Commencement (May 13) -	Istvan Hargittai, D. Science Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at UNCW; Professor, Budapest Technical University
		Magdolna Hargittai, D. Science Visiting Scientist at UNCW 96/97, S98, F99; Research Professor Eotvos University, Budapest
		John Shelton Reed, D. Letters William Rand Kenan, Jr. Professor of Sociology, UNCCH
	Convocation (August 15)	Bertha B. Todd, D. Humanities Educator

2001	Commencement (May 19) --	Thomas V. Morris, D. Humanities Chairman, Morris Institute for Human Values
2002	Commencement (May 18) --	Percy Heath, D. Fine Arts Musician
2003	None conferred	
2004	Commencement (May 8)	Douglas Carmichael McIntyre II, D. Laws U.S. Representative
	Commencement (Dec. 11)	Hugh Morton, D. Humanities Internationally recognized photographer, environmentalist, tourism advocate, and owner of Grandfather Mountain
		Julia Morton, D. Humanities Former UNCW trustee (3 yrs.) and member of the UNC Board of Governors (16 yrs).
2005	None conferred	
2006	None conferred	
2007	None conferred	
2008	Commencement (May 10)	Irwin "Ike" Belk, D. Humanities Philanthropist, retired CEO of Belk Stores
		Bernard Osher, D. Humanities Philanthropist, founder of Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
		Barbro Osher, D. Humanities Philanthropist, chair of Osher Foundation