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Commencement Speakers Announced: Carroll, Concor

Mountain CC, Hollins, Jarvis Christian, Maryland Institute of Art, McDaniel, NYU, Susquehanna, Texas Tech, U of La Verne, U of Maine at Farmington, U of Maine at Presque Isle

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The following colleges and universities have announced their commencement speakers

- Carroll College: Jack Hanna, director emeritus of the Columbus Zoo and the Wilds.
- [Concordia University Chicago \(https://cuchicago.edu/news-events/news/2015/04/jay-w-christopher-honorary-degree--from-concordia-university-chicago/\)](https://cuchicago.edu/news-events/news/2015/04/jay-w-christopher-honorary-degree--from-concordia-university-chicago/) : Jay W. Christopher, one of the four
- Estrella Mountain Community College: Harold Branch, the poet.
- [Hollins University \(http://www.hollins.edu/news/hollins-alumna-one-americas-dynamic-commencement/\)](http://www.hollins.edu/news/hollins-alumna-one-americas-dynamic-commencement/) : Reverend Cynthia L. Hale '75, founding and senior pastor of Ray of Hope
- Jarvis Christian College: Andrew Young, the former mayor of Atlanta and U.S. ambassador to
- Maryland Institute College of Art: Robert Farris Thompson, the Colonel John Trumbull Professor of American Studies at Yale University; and Rick Lowe, cofounder of Project Row Houses, a community organization.
- [McDaniel College \(http://www.mcdaniel.edu/information/headlines/news-at-mcdaniel-at-145th-commencement-may-23\)](http://www.mcdaniel.edu/information/headlines/news-at-mcdaniel-at-145th-commencement-may-23) : Victor McTeer, a civil rights lawyer.
- [New York University \(http://www.nyu.edu/about/news-publications/news/2015/04/28/fund-leader-and-nyu-law-alum-to-speak-at-nyus-commencement.html\)](http://www.nyu.edu/about/news-publications/news/2015/04/28/fund-leader-and-nyu-law-alum-to-speak-at-nyus-commencement.html) : Sherrilyn Ifill, president of NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.
- [Susquehanna University \(http://www.susqu.edu/news/comedienne-carol-leifer-to-deliver-address%20.asp\)](http://www.susqu.edu/news/comedienne-carol-leifer-to-deliver-address%20.asp) : Carol Leifer, the comedian, writer, producer and actress.
- Texas Tech University: Arcilia Acosta, president and CEO of CARCON Industries and Construction
- [University of La Verne \(http://voice.laverne.edu/2015/04/interfaith-leader-to-speak-at-ceremony/\)](http://voice.laverne.edu/2015/04/interfaith-leader-to-speak-at-ceremony/) : Eboo Patel, the interfaith leader.
- [University of Maine at Farmington \(http://inside.umf.maine.edu/2015/04/27/umf-announces-2015-commencement-speaker/\)](http://inside.umf.maine.edu/2015/04/27/umf-announces-2015-commencement-speaker/) : Joan Benoit Samuelson, Olympic gold medalist and champion
- [University of Maine at Presque Isle \(http://www.umpi.edu/news/releases/item/educational-speaker-speak-during-umpi-s-106th-commencement-exercises\)](http://www.umpi.edu/news/releases/item/educational-speaker-speak-during-umpi-s-106th-commencement-exercises) : J. Duke Albanese, a senior policy advisor to the Partnership for a



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