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Honorary Degrees

Honorary degrees are granted to those who exemplify the ideals of Olivet College through their significant achievement and contributions to society.

Recipients of honorary degrees are persons of accomplishment who demonstrate the college's vision of *Education for Individual and Social Responsibility*. They are often recognized for:

- Outstanding contributions through leadership in education, business or public service
- Dedication to humanitarian deeds
- Notable achievement in an academic field, the arts and letters, professions or public service
- Exemplifying the college's aspirations for its diverse student and employee body as well as demonstrating the principles of the *Olivet College Compact*.

Recipients

2006

Marty Mitchell, Ed.D.; president and chief executive officer of Starr Commonwealth;
Doctor of Humane Letters

2005

Winston S. Churchill III; author, journalist and Parliamentarian (grandson and namesake to Britain's wartime prime minister);
Doctor of Humane Letters

Charles McPhail '64;
Honorary Undergraduate Degree

Preston Ports '64;
Honorary Undergraduate Degree

2004

The Rev. Donald Olsen, Ph.D.; associate executive secretary for Ministerial Development and Services with the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches;
Doctor of Divinity

John J.H. "Joe" Schwartz, M.D.; former Michigan senator and head and neck surgeon;
Doctor of Laws

2003

Michael Murphy; Michigan state representative;
Doctor of Humane Letters

Mary Robinson; former president of Ireland;
Doctor of Laws

The Rev. Susan Thistlethwaite, Ph.D.; president of the Chicago Theological Seminary;
Doctor of Divinity

Kathleen Kennedy Townsend; Maryland's first woman lieutenant governor;
Doctor of Laws

2002

John "Jack" Fowler '44; founder of the Fowler Center educational and recreational facility for the disabled;
Doctor of Humane Letters

The Rev. Prof. Peter Gomes; Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in The Memorial Church, Harvard University;
Doctor of Divinity

2001

Eleanor Josaitis; co-founder of Focus: HOPE civil and human rights organization;
Doctor of Humane Letters

2000

Brazeal Wayne Dennard; music educator, conductor, church choirmaster, lecturer, music clinician;
Doctor of Music

Carl Levin; United States senator (D-Michigan);
Doctor of Laws

1996

Stephen Covey; bestselling author of "7 Habits of Highly Effective People"

1994

The Hon. Dennis Archer, Ph.D.

Arthur Stevens, Ph.D.; Olivet College professor emeritus of political science

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Richard Fleming, Ph.D.; Olivet College biology professor
The Rev. George Heartwell

1992

Kenneth Smith

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Russell Mawby, Ph.D.
Roger Pohl

1990

The Rev. Harry Clark
The Hon. Frederick Upton
Howard Wolpe

1989

The Hon. Judith Frey
The Rev. Mark Jensen

1988

Ansley Throckmorton
Elizabeth Walker '73;
Doctor of Letters

1987

Albert Deal;
Doctor of Laws
Fred Gruen, Ph.D.; Olivet College chemistry professor;
Doctor of Science
James Lyons;
Doctor of Divinity
Donald Morris, Ph.D.; Olivet College president;
Doctor of Laws

1986

Lewis Jeffries;
Doctor of Humane Letters
William Skillman;
Doctor of Laws
Laura Berghorst Verplank '38;
Olivet College alumni director;

Doctor of Letters

Robert Wuellner;
Doctor of Divinity

1985

Joseph Falls;
Doctor of Humane Letters
The Rev. David Graham '58;
Doctor of Divinity
Larry Holcomb '60, Ph.D.;
Doctor of Science

Robert Miller;
Doctor of Humane Letters

Edwin Overman;
Doctor of Letters

1984

The Rev. Charles Erickson, Ph.D.;
Doctor of Divinity

John Everett;
Doctor of Science

Stephen Starr;
Doctor of Letters

Stephen Upton;
Doctor of Humane Letters

1983

The Rev. Z. William Colson;
Doctor of Divinity

Henry Davis Jr.;
Doctor of Laws

Joseph Radom;
Doctor of Laws

Edward Speare, Ph.D.; Olivet College biology professor;
Doctor of Science

1982

Terence Johnson;
Doctor of Divinity

Ernest Jones;
Doctor in Music

The Rev. Charles Hastie '33; minister emeritus at Olivet Congregational Church;
Doctor of Divinity

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1981

John Fitzgerald Jr.; *Doctor of Divinity*
Robert Ode; *Doctor of Humane Letters*
William Revelli; *Doctor in Music*
Jack Sparks; *Doctor of Business Administration*

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Halley Oliver; *Doctor of Divinity*
Elnora Walcott; *Doctor of Humane Letters*

1979

Glenn Baumann; *Doctor of Divinity*
Chester Byrns; *Doctor of Laws*
Edith Crawford, Ed.D.; *Doctor of Humane Letters*
George Rider; *Doctor of Laws (in absentia)*

1978

David Barnes; *Doctor of Science*
Erwin Britton; *Doctor of Sacred Theology*
William Dole; *Doctor of Fine Arts*
George Schumm; *Doctor of Laws*
Stanford Stoddard; *Doctor of Laws*

1977

Richard Ambrose; *Doctor of Laws*
Russell Kirk; *Doctor of Journalism*
Dorothy Kresge; *Doctor of Humane Letters*
John Rogers; *Doctor of Divinity*

1976

John Dawson; *Doctor of Laws*
Milton Horn; *Doctor of Fine Arts*
John Iliff; *Doctor of Divinity*

1975

Arvella Bentley; *Doctor of Humane Letters*
Robert Davis; *Doctor of Science*
George Fisk; *Doctor of Sacred Theology*
Howard Peckham; *Doctor of Humane Letters*
L. William Siedman; *Doctor of Humane Letters*

1974

Virginia Allan; *Doctor of Laws*
Edward Frey; *Doctor of Laws*
Benjamin Mays; *Doctor of Sacred Theology*
William Willard Wirtz; *Doctor of Juridical Science*

1973

Mary Coleman; *Doctor of Laws*
Dexter Ferry; *Doctor of Laws*
Louis Gerhardt; *Doctor of Divinity*
Paul Goebel Sr.; *Doctor of Humane Letters*
Norman Stockmeyer; *Doctor of Humane Letters*

1972

George Gullen Jr.; *Doctor of Humane Letters*
George Kirk; *Doctor of Sacred Theology*
Frederick Upton; *Doctor of Humane Letters*
William Whitehouse; *Doctor of Humane Letters*

1971

William Blair Jr.; *Doctor of Humane Letters*
Robert Crawford; *Doctor of Divinity*
Stanley Kresge; *Doctor of Humane Letters*
Robert Swanson; *Doctor of Humane Letters*

1970

Charles Anspach; *Doctor of Humane Letters*
Alphonse Aymond; *Doctor of Laws*
John MacNaughton Sr.; *Doctor of Laws*
George Robertson; *Doctor of Divinity*

1969

Fritz Grob; *Doctor of Humane Letters*
Russell McConnell; *Doctor of Divinity*
Charles Mott; *Doctor of Laws*
Gorton Riethmiller; *Doctor of Laws*
Durward Varner; *Doctor of Laws*

1968

Gus Harrison; *Doctor of Laws*
Frank Jensen; *Doctor of Divinity*
Helen Mitchell; *Doctor of Science*
Rex Royal; *Doctor of Laws*

1967

Harold King; *Doctor of Divinity*
William Stirton; *Doctor of Laws*
Lela Troutner; *Doctor of Humane Letters*

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1966

Nicholas Hood; *Doctor of Divinity*
Charles Parkhurst; *Doctor of Letters*
William Paton; *Doctor of Economic Science*
James Pollock; *Doctor of Laws*
Howard Schomer, D.D.; *Doctor of Laws*

1965

Charles Mott; *Doctor of Laws*
Orville Rush; *Doctor of Laws*
Charles Schneid; *Doctor of Divinity*

1964

Harold Kohn; *Doctor of Humane Letters*
James Miller; *Doctor of Laws*

1963

Roy Brownell; *Doctor of Laws*
John Forsyth; *Doctor of Divinity*
Edward Moseman; *Doctor of Humane Letters*

1962

George Carrothers; *Doctor of Humane Letters*
Harris Fletcher; *Doctor of Humane Letters*
Graham Griswold; *Doctor of Laws*

1961

Kenneth Hance; *Doctor of Humane Letters*
Harold Skidmore; *Doctor of Divinity*
John Swainson; *Doctor of Laws*
John Vary; *Master of Science*

1960

Carroll Grant; *Doctor of Science*
Edward Ransom; *Doctor of Laws*
Herman Shibler; *Doctor of Laws*

1959

Algo Henderson; *Doctor of Laws*
Howard Nutting; *Doctor of Divinity*
Peter Viereck; *Doctor of Humane Letters*

1958

Walter Koelz; *Doctor of Humane Letters*

1956

Walter Judd, M.D.

1955

Eugene Bard

No records exist for the following honorary degree recipients:

George Berkaw
Yvonne Caamal-Canul '73
Gordon Guyer
Frank Ham
The Rev. Clark Hock
Frantz Kleijn
Helen Lefler
Richard Rasmussen '35, M.D.
Anna Sprandel
Ruard Vanderploeg
Charles Witte