

## Commencement Speaker Suggestions

Last	First	Identifying Information	Affiliation	Date Submitted
Abrams	Stacey	American politician, lawyer, voting rights activist, and author. Served in the Georgia House of Representatives 2007-2017.	Student	07.20.2020
Bader Ginsburg	Ruth	Second woman Justice to serve on the US Supreme Court.	Student	06.22.2020
Bush	George W.	Former US President.	Student	02.29.2020
Biden	Joe	President-elect of the US (2020), College of Law alumnus.	Student	09.19.2019
Dr. Brown	Brene	Research professor at the University of Houston where she holds the Huffington Foundation.	Graduate Student	09.20.2019
Brown	Jim	Former American professional football player, SU alumnus.	Alum	11.10.20
Chast	Roz	Staff Cartoonist for the NYTimes.	Alum & Mother of 2020 Graduate	09.20.2019
Colbert	Stephen	Comedian & political commentator.	Student	10.22.2019
Cooper	Anderson	American journalist, CNN anchor.	Student	06.22.2020
Costas	Bob	Emmy Award-winning American sportscaster, MLB Network commentator and host of <i>Studio 42 with Bob Costas</i> . Known for his long tenure with NBC Sports (1980-2018) and as the prime-time host of 11 Olympic Games (1992-2016).	Masters Candidate	12.25.2019

Coughlin	Tom	American Football Coach - led teams to the Superbowl twice in his career. SU alumnus.	Parent of current students	01.21.2020
DiCaprio	Leonardo	Actor, environmentalist, producer.	Student	10.22.2019
Downey Jr.	Robert	Golden Globe-winning actor, known for his role as Tony Stark in "The Avengers."	Student	06.22.2020
Fiss	Owen	Parent of a College of Law Graduate. Yale Law School Sterling Professor, author, and presenter on democracy and free speech.	Parent of 2020 Graduate	11.26.2019
Dr. Goodall	Jane	Named one of the most influential people in the world by TIME Magazine (2019). Her important work and peaceful message of embracing one another is more important today than ever.	Alum & Parents of 2020 Graduate	11.25.2019
Ellis Ross	Tracee	Comedian, actress, television host.	Student	02.25.2020
Hanks	Tom	Actor, filmmaker. Funny and inspirational.	Student	11.27.2019
Hayden	Carla	Library of Congress.	Student	10.16.2019
Hochul	Kathy	Lieutenant Governor of New York, demonstrates dedication to public service throughout her life. Graduate of Syracuse University - Class of 1980.	Student	02.03.2020
Kenny	Tom	Voice of SpongeBob SquarePants & Syracuse Native.	Alum & Parent of 2020 Graduate	11.15.2019
McDonough	Sean	ESPN sports broadcaster. Graduate of Syracuse University - Class of 1984.	Alum	05.10.2020

Musk	Elon	Business mogul, renewable energy investor & influencer, entrepreneur, founder & CEO of SpaceX, co-founder of Tesla.	Student	09.23.2019
Noah	Trevor	Comedian, political satirist, author.	Student	02.13.2020
Nye	Bill	Popularly known from television as "Bill Nye the Science Guy," Climate Change activist and educator.	Student	03.09.2020
Obama	Michelle	Former First Lady of the US.	Student	09.25.2019
Ocasio-Cortez	Alexandria	US Representative for the 14th congressional district of New York.	Student	10.17.2019
Oliver	John	Comedian, writer, producer, political commentator, TV host.	Student	11.25.2019
Owens	Candace	Author, conservative commentator, founder of the <i>Blexit</i> movement - the black exit from the Democratic Party (Fox News).	Student	12.16.2019
Platt	Ben	American actor, singer, and songwriter. Known for his roles in the Broadway productions of "The Book of Mormon" and "Dear Evan Hansen."	Student	07.20.2020
Raisman	Aly	Olympic Gymnast, Public Speaker, Influencer.	Graduate Student	01.31.2020
Ramanathan	Veerabhadran	Professor of Applied Ocean Sciences and Director of the Center for Atmospheric Sciences at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego. Fellow of the US National Academy of Sciences who specializes in climate	Student	03.10.2020

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Richardson	Kevin	One of the Exonerated Five.	Student	11.01.2019
Rogan	Joe	Famous podcaster, comedian, TV personality.	Student	10.02.2019
Rye	Angela	Political commentator for CNN, entrepreneur. She is at the forefront of today's issues and has an amazing ability to deliver inspiring speeches.	Newhouse Graduate Student	12.01.2019
Scranton	Roy	Recipient of the Theresa A. White Literary Award (2009), Mrs. Giles G. Whiting Fellowship (2014), Lannan Literary Fellowship (2017). Accomplished writer published in the New York Times and Rolling Stone, currently teaching at the University of Notre Dame.	Student	03.09.2020
Solomon	Susan	Recipient of the National Medal of Science (1999), Nobel Prize as a member of IPCC (2007), Inaugural Class member of the Government Hall of Fame (2019). Internationally recognized climate scientist, specializes in atmospheric chemistry and currently teaching and researching at MIT.	Student	03.09.2020
Swift	Taylor	American singer-songwriter, actress, activist.	Student	08.26.2020
Thunberg	Greta	Recipient of Time Magazine's Person of the Year award (2019). Swedish environmental activist who gained popularity as she began the "Climate Strike" in 2018, at age 16.	Student	03.09.2020

Trudeau	Justin	Canadian Prime Minister - Advocate for equality, human rights, immigration reform, and global change	Student	02.27.2020
Trump	Donald	Current President of the US.	Student	12.16.2019
Union	Gabrielle	American actress, voice artist, activist, and author. NAACP Award recipient, American Film Academy Award recipient, Susan G. Komen Circle of Promise Ambassador.	Graduate Student	01.05.2020
Vaynerchuk	Gary	Internet personality, NYTimes best-selling author. He is known for digital marketing & social media.	Student	09.19.2019
Warren	Elizabeth	US Senator & 2020 Presidential candidate.	Student	10.05.2019
Williams	Vanessa	First African-American to be crowned Miss America 1984, SU Alumna, successful actress.	Student	02.25.2020