

Founder of Boston College

Rev. John McElroy, S.J.
Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Boston
1861-1863

Presidents of Boston College

1.	John Bapst, S.J.	1863 – 1869
2.	Robert W. Brady, S.J.	1869 – 1870
3.	Robert Fulton, S.J.	1870 – 1880
4.	Jeremiah O'Connor, S.J.	1880 – 1884
5.	Edward V. Boursaud, S.J.	1884 – 1887
6.	Thomas H. Stack, S.J.	1887
7.	Nicholas Russo, S.J.	1887 – 1888
8.	Robert Fulton, S.J.	1888 – 1891
9.	Edward I. Devitt, S.J.	1891 – 1894
10.	Timothy Brosnahan, S.J.	1894 – 1898
11.	W. G. Read Mullan, S.J.	1898 – 1903
12.	William F. Gannon, S.J.	1903 – 1907
13.	Thomas I. Gasson, S.J.	1907 – 1914
14.	Charles W. Lyons, S.J.	1914 – 1919
15.	William Devlin, S.J.	1919 – 1925
16.	James H. Dolan, S.J.	1925 – 1932
17.	Louis J. Gallagher, S.J.	1932 – 1937
18.	William J. McGarry, S.J.	1937 – 1939
19.	William J. Murphy, S.J.	1939 – 1945
20.	William L. Keleher, S.J.	1945 – 1951
21.	Joseph R. N. Maxwell, S.J.	1951 – 1958
22.	Michael P. Walsh, S.J.	1958 – 1968
23.	W. Seavey Joyce, S.J.	1968 – 1972
24.	J. Donald Monan, S.J.	1972 – 1996
25.	William P. Leahy, S.J.	1996 –

Source: President's Office

Honorary Degrees Awarded by Boston College 1955-2002

1955

Fred J. Driscoll, LL.D.
Christian A. Herter, LL.D.
Edward A. Hogan, Jr., LL.D.*
Rear Adm. Bartholomew W. Hogan, Sc.D.
John B. Hynes, LL.D.
His Beatitude Maximos IV, LL.D.
(August 23, 1955)
Valerian Cardinal Gracias, LL.D.
Russel Kirk, Litt.D.
Edward A. Sullivan, LL.D.

1956

Bartholomew A. Brickley, LL.D.
Peter J. W. Debye, Sc.D.
Most Rev. Frederick A. Donaghy, LL.D.
John F. Kennedy, LL.D.*
John W. King, LL.D.
Charles Munch, D. Mus.
Edward F. Williams, LL.D.

1957

Wallace E. Carroll, LL.D.
Arthur J. Kelly, LL.D.
Augustus C. Long, LL.D.*
Adrian O'Keeffe, LL.D.
Very Rev. Msgr. Patrick W. Skehan, LL.D.
Nils Y. Wessell, LL.D.

1958

Most Rev. Amleto G. Cicognani, LL.D.
(April 21, 1958)
Carl J. Gilbert, LL.D.
Paul Horgan, Litt.D.
Barnaby C. Keeney, LL.D.*
Henry M. Leen, LL.D.
Jacques Maritain, LL.D.
Raissa Maritain, LL.D.
Harold Marston Morse, D.Sc.
Rev. John B. Sheerin, C.S.P., LL.D.
Francis Cardinal Spellman, LL.D.
(December 8, 1958)

1959

His Excellency Sean T. O'Kelly, LL.D.
(March 22, 1959)
Ernest Henderson, LL.D.
Rev. John LaFarge, S.J., LL.D.
Henry Cabot Lodge, LL.D.
George Meany, LL.D.
Carlos P. Romulo, LL.D.*
Helen C. White, Litt.D.

1960

Marian Anderson, D. Mus.
J. Peter Grace, LL.D.
Caryl P. Haskins, LL.D.
Robert F. Kennedy, LL.D.
Charles Malik, LL.D.*
Most Rev. Russell J. McVinnie, LL.D.

Samuel Eliot Morison, LL.D.
 Rt. Rev. Matthew P. Stapleton, LL.D.
 Rev. Henry M. Brock, S.J., D.Sc.
 (October 12, 1960)

1961

Allen W. Dulles, LL.D.
 Anthony Julian, LL.D.
 Robert D. Murphy, LL.D.*
 Louis R. Perini, LL.D.
 Abraham Ribicoff, LL.D.
 Rt. Rev. Robert J. Sennott, LL.D.
 Edward Teller, LL.D.

1962

Detlev W. Bronk, D.Sc.*
 Ralph J. Bunche, LL.D.
 Christopher J. Duncan, M.D., LL.D.
 Sir Alec Guinness, D.F.A.
 Rt. Rev. Francis J. Lally, Litt.D.
 Ralph Lowell, LL.D.
 Phyllis McGinley, Litt.D.
 Perry G. Miller, Litt.D.

1963

Augustin Cardinal Bea, S.J., J.U.D.
 (March 26, 1963)
 Rev. Edward B. Bunn, S.J., LL.D.
 (April 20, 1963)
 Lady Barbara Ward Jackson, Litt.D.
 (April 20, 1963)
 Nathan Marsh Pusey, L.H.D.
 (April 20, 1963)
 Bruce Catton, Litt.D.
 Anthony Joseph Celebrezze, LL.D.*
 Arthur Joseph Goldberg, LL.D.
 John Jay McCloy, LL.D.
 James Barrett Reston, LL.D.
 Rt. Rev. John Joseph Ryan, L.H.D.
 Jose Luis Sert, Litt.D.
 Joseph Leo Sweeney, LL.D.
 Robert Clifton Weaver, LL.D.
 James Edwin Webb, D.Sc.

1964

John Coleman Bennett, LL.D.
 Henri Maurice Peyre, LL.D.
 Most Rev. Ernest John Primeau, LL.D.
 Sidney R. Rabb, L.H.D.
 Paul Anthony Samuelson, LL.D.
 Rev. Joseph L. Shea, S.J., LL.D.
 Robert Sargent Shriver, Jr., LL.D.*
 Mary Sullivan Stanton, LL.D.

1965

John P. Birmingham, LL.D.
 Robert McAfee Brown, LL.D.
 J. N. Douglas Bush, Litt.D.
 Victor L. Butterfield, L.H.D.
 John T. Connor, LL.D.
 Edith Green, LL.D.
 Rev. John Courtney Murray, S.J., L.H.D.*
 Rt. Rev. Lawrence J. Riley, LL.D.
 Alan T. Waterman, D.Sc.

1966

Most Rev. John W. Comber, M.M., L.H.D.
 Edward F. Gilday, L.H.D.
 Edward M. Kennedy, LL.D.
 Francis Keppel, LL.D.*
 Mother Eleanor M. O'Byrne, R.S.C.J., LL.D.
 Stephen P. Mugar, LL.D.
 Abram L. Sachar, L.H.D.
 Rene Wellek, Litt.D.
 George Wells Beadle, D.Sc.
 (November 12, 1966)
 William Bosworth Castle, M.D., L.H.D.
 (November 12, 1966)
 Donald Frederick Hornig, LL.D.
 (November 12, 1966)
 James Alfred Van Allen, D.Sc.
 (November 12, 1966)

1967

Sarah Caldwell, Litt.D.
 Richard Palmer Chapman, LL.D.
 Very Rev. John Francis Fitzgerald, C.S.P.,
 L.H.D.
 John Kenneth Galbraith, LL.D.
 John William Gardner, LL.D.*
 Everett Cherrington Hughes, LL.D.
 John Anthony Volpe, LL.D.

1968

Kingman Brewster, Jr., LL.D.*
 Rev. Henri de Lubac, S.J., L.H.D.
 Erwin N. Griswold, LL.D.
 Rita P. Kelleher, D.Sc.
 Most Rev. John J. McEleney, S.J., LL.D.
 Cornelius W. Owens, LL.D.
 James J. Shea, Sr., LL.D.
 Roger J. Traynor, LL.D.

1969

R. Buckminster Fuller, D.F.A.*
 Katharine Graham, D.Journ.
 Philip J. McNiff, L.H.D.
 Talcott Parsons, D.S.S.
 A. Philip Randolph, LL.D.
 Henry Lee Shattuck, D.C.S.
 Terence Cardinal Cooke, LL.D.

1970

James Edward Allen, Jr., D.Sc.Ed.
 Rt. Rev. John Melville Burgess, LL.D.
 Joan Ganz Cooney, D.Sc.Ed.
 Sterling Dow, L.H.D.
 Hartford Nelson Gunn, Jr., L.H.D.
 Rev. Bernard Joseph Francis Lonergan, S.J.,
 Hist.Phil.D.
 Elliot Norton, L.H.D.
 Perry Townsend Rathbone, D.F.A.
 Earl Warren, D.Sc.L.*

1971

Walter Jackson Bate, H.D.
 Andrew Felton Brimmer, S.S.D.
 Rev. Msgr. George William Casey, Litt.D.
 Mircea Eliade, R.D.

Eli Goldston, LL.D.
 Elma Lewis, D.F.A.
 Michael Joseph Mansfield, LL.D.*
 William James McGill, S.S.D.
 Most Rev. Humberto Sousa Medeiros, S.T.D.
 Walter George Muelder, D.Sc.T.
 Leverett Saltonstall, LL.D.

1972

Mary Ingraham Bunting, D.Sc.
 Arthur Fiedler, D.Mus.
 Northrop Frye, L.H.D.
 John James Griffin, D.C.S.
 Sir William Arthur Lewis, L.H.D.
 Louis Martin Lyons, D.Journ.
 Rev. John Anthony McCarthy, S.J., Litt.D.
 Hildegard Elizabeth Peplau, D.N.S.
 Adlai Ewing Stevenson, III, LL.D.*
 Walter Edward Washington, LL.D.

1973

A.J. Antoon, L.H.D.
 Harold Bloom, L.H.D.
 Fred J. Borch, D.B.A.
 Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., LL.D.
 John George Kemeny, D.Sc.*
 Rev. Daniel Linehan, S.J., D.Sc.
 Thomas Philip O'Neill, Jr., LL.D.

1974

Soia Mentschikoff, LL.D.*
 Thomas L. Phillips, D.B.A.
 Carl Thomas Rowan, L.H.D.
 Thomas Paul Salmon, LL.D.
 Sir Ronald Syme, L.H.D.
 Henry Bradford Washburn, Jr., L.H.D.

1975

Melnea A. Cass, L.H.D.
 Silvio O. Conte, LL.D.
 John Thomas Dunlop, LL.D.
 Rev. Francis J. Gilday, S.J., L.H.D.
 Edward Lewis Hirsh, L.H.D.
 Paul Ricoeur, L.H.D.*
 Vincent Charles Ziegler, D.B.A.

Bicentennial Convocation**September 28, 1975**

Thomas Joseph Galligan, Jr., D.B.A.
 Oscar Handlin, L.H.D.
 William J. Harrington, M.D., D.Sc.
 Edward Hirsh Levi, LL.D.
 Rev. Michael Patrick Walsh, S.J., L.H.D.
 Mary Lou Williams, D.A.

1976

Abram Thurlow Collier, D.B.A.
 John Hope Franklin, L.H.D.
 Rev. Martin Patrick Harney, S.J., H.D.
 Mildred Fay Jefferson, M.D., D.Sc.
 Asa Smallidge Knowles, D.Sc.Ed.
 Most Rev. Joseph Francis Maguire, LL.D.
 Daniel Patrick Moynihan, LL.D.*

- 1977**
 Rev. Raymond Edward Brown, Litt.D.*
 Gerhard D. Bleicken, LL.D.
 Alice Bourneuf, D.Sc.
 James F. McDonough, M.D., D.Sc.
 Maria Tallchief Paschen, D.A.
 Michael Joseph Walsh, Litt.D.
- 1978**
 Bruno Bettelheim, Litt.D.
 Rev. Charles F. Donovan, S.J., L.H.D.
 Charles D. Ferris, LL.D.*
 Marvin E. Frankel, LL.D.
 John William McDevitt, LL.D.
 Leo Perlis, D.S.S.
- 1979**
 Dorothy Baker, D.S.S.
 Edward Patrick Boland, LL.D.
 George P. Donaldson, LL.D.
 Richard Ellmann, L.H.D.
 Robben W. Fleming, L.H.D.
 Walter F. Mondale, LL.D.*
 David S. Nelson, LL.D.*
- 1980**
 Germaine Bree, Litt.D.*
 Albert M. Folkard, L.H.D.
 Edward J. King, D.Pub. Admn.
 Joseph Cardinal Malula, LL.D.
 Thomas Aquinas Murphy, The Ignatius Medal
 (March 16, 1980)
 Bernard J. O'Keefe, D.E.Sc.
 Kevin H. White, LL.D.
- 1981**
 Thomas Cardinal Ó Fiaich, Litt.D.
 (October 23, 1981)
 Rev. Joseph Delphis Gauthier, S.J., L.H.D.
 Margaret M. Heckler, LL.D.
 Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, L.H.D.
 Donald F. McHenry, LL.D.
 Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., The Ignatius Medal*
 Joseph Harry Silverstein, D.A.
 Paul Donovan Sullivan, D.S.S.
- 1982**
 Rev. Robert I. Burns, S.J., L.H.D.
 George Bush, LL.D.*
 Robert A. Charpie, D.Sc.
 Dolores Hope, The Ignatius Medal
 (November 6, 1982)
 Josephine L. Taylor, D.Sc.Ed.
- 1983**
 Maya Angelou, L.H.D.
 Virginia A. Henderson, D.N.S.
 Joseph McKenney, D.Ed.
 Rev. Vincent T. O'Keefe, S.J., L.H.D.
 (March 13, 1983)
 Rev. Bruce J. Ritter, O.F.M., D.S.S.*
 An Wang, LL.D.
- 1984**
 Leon Higginbotham, LL.D.
 Richard Hill, D.B.A.
- Most Rev. Bernard F. Law, S.T.D.*
 Robert Merrifield, D.Sc.
 Muriel Sutherland Snowden, D.S.S.
 Otto Phillip Snowden, D.S.S.
- 1985**
 Rev. Frederick Joseph Adelman, S.J., L.H.D.
 Lena Frances Edwards, D.Sc.
 Rev. J. Bryan Hehir, LL.D.
 Agnes Mongan, D.F.A.
 Anthony John Francis O'Reilly, D.B.A.
 (March 17, 1985)
 Andrew J. Young, LL.D.*
 Edward Zigler, L.H.D.
- 1986**
 Corazon C. Aquino, The Ignatius Medal
 (September 21, 1986)
 Guido Calabresi, LL.D.
 Jacques d'Amboise, D.F.A.
 Annie Dillard, L.H.D.
 Lionel B. Richie, Jr., D.Mus.
 Francis C. Rooney, Jr., D.B.A.
 Jamie Cardinal Sin, S.T.D.*
- 1987**
 Josephine A. Dolan, D.N.S.
 Garret FitzGerald, LL.D.
 Walter E. Massey, D.Sc.
 John G. McElwee, LL.D.
 Rev. Francis W. Sweeney, S.J., L.H.D.
 Vernon A. Walters, LL.D.*
- 1988**
 His Grace, Samuel E. Carter, S.J., S.T.D.*
 Esmé Valerie Eliot, Litt.D.
 Hans-Georg Gadamer, L.H.D.
 Robert Francis O'Malley, D.Sc.
 Richard Alan Smith, LL.D.
 Paul A. Volcker, LL.D.
- 1989**
 Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A., R.D.
 George E. Doty, The Ignatius Medal
 (April 6, 1989)
 Jonathan Kozol, D.S.S.*
 Thomas S. Murphy, LL.D.
 Kenneth Gilmore Ryder, D.Sc.Ed.
 Richard Francis Syron, LL.D.
 (March 18, 1989)
 Jerzy Turowicz, L.H.D.
- 1990**
 Edward A. Brennan, D.B.A.
 Thomas J. Brokaw, L.H.D.*
 Raymond G. Chambers, The Ignatius Medal
 (April 5, 1990)
 Franklyn G. Jenifer, LL.D.
 Rev. César A. Jerez, S.J., L.H.D.
 Eunice Kennedy Shriver, L.H.D.
 Robert M. Solow, LL.D.
- 1991**
 William Aramony, The Ignatius Medal
 (April 18, 1991)
- Raymond Edward Brown, S.S., The Ignatius Medal (July 25, 1991)
 John J. Curtin, Jr., LL.D.
 Rev. Timothy S. Healy, S.J., L.H.D.*
 Seamus J. Heaney, Litt.D.
 Rachel A. Robinson, D.Sc.Ed.
 John R. Smith, D.B.A.
- 1992**
 Barbara Bush, The Ignatius Medal
 (April 2, 1992)
 Mary Ann Glendon, LL.D.
 Roberto C. Goizueta, D.B.A.
 John E. Jacob, L.H.D.
 John J. Moakley, LL.D.
 Caroline C. Putnam, R.S.C.J., D.F.A.
 Warren B. Rudman, LL.D.*
- 1993**
 Jack Kemp, The Ignatius Medal
 (April 22, 1993)
 William J. Vouté, The Ignatius Medal
 (April 22, 1993)
 Queen Noor of Jordan, LL.D.*
 James F. Cleary, D.B.A.
 Elias J. Corey, D.Sc.
 Henry E. Hampton, L.H.D.
 Thérèse Higgins, C.S.J., L.H.D.
 Thomas H. O'Connor, L.H.D.
 John T. Williams, D.Mus.
- 1994**
 Daniel P. Tully, The Ignatius Medal
 (April 21, 1994)
 James P. Comer, LL.D.
 Louis V. Gerstner, Jr., D.B.A.
 Frances Hesselbein, L.H.D.
 Corinne Boggs Roberts, LL.D.*
 Donald J. White, L.H.D.
- 1995**
 Rita Dove, L.H.D.
 John Hume, LL.D.*
 Teddy Kollek, LL.D.
 Peter S. Lynch, LL.D.
 Cornelius Clarkson Vermeule, III, L.H.D.
- 1996**
 Lawrence A. Bossidy, The President's Medal
 for Excellence (April 18, 1996)
 T. Berry Brazelton, LL.D.
 William M. Bulger, LL.D.
 William H. Cosby, L.H.D.*
 Marian L. Heard, D. Pub. Adm.
 Michael J. Mansfield, The Speaker Thomas P.
 O'Neill, Jr. Award for Distinguished
 Citizenship
 J. Donald Monan, S.J., LL.D.
- 1997**
 John S. Chalsty, The President's Medal for
 Excellence (April 17, 1997)
 Peter Dervan, D.Sc.
 Roger Cardinal Etchegaray, LL.D.
 John A. McNeice, Jr., D.B.A.

Bernice Johnson Reagon, L.H.D.
Janet Reno, LL.D.*

1998

An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, T.D., LL.D.*
Archibald Cox, The Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Award
for Distinguished Citizenship
Margaret A. Dwyer, LL.D.
John N. Hatsopoulos, D.B.A.
Catalina Montes, L.H.D.
James W. Skehan, S.J., D.Sc.
Frank G. Zarb, The President's Medal for Excellence
(April 16, 1998)

1999

Richard A. Grasso, The President's Medal for Excellence
(April 15, 1999)
Anna Faith Jones, L.H.D.
Alice E. McDermott, L.H.D.
Bill Richardson, LL.D.*
William F. Russell, L.H.D.
David Trimble, LL.D.

2000

Fayette M. Long, L.H.D.
Jaime Cardinal Ortega y Alamino, LL.D.
Richard W. Riley*
Kip Tiernan, L.H.D.
Sanford L. Weill, The President's Medal for Excellence
(April 13, 2000)
Robert C. Wright, LL.D.

2001

Francis B. Campanella, LL.D.
Thomas S. Durant, MD, L.H.D.
John J. Moakley, The Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Award
for Distinguished Citizenship
Clare S. Pratt, RSCJ, L.H.D.
Patrick E. Roche, D.B.A.
John F. Smith, Jr. The President's Medal for Excellence
(April 19, 2001)
Cherryl Thomas, D.Pub.Adm.
Tommy G. Thompson, LL.D.*

2002

R. Nicholas Burns, LL.D.*
Rev. Robert J. Bowers, L.H.D.
Charles Dolan, The President's Medal for Excellence
(April 18, 2002)
Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot, L.H.D.
Rev. John W. O'Malley, S.J., L.H.D.
Sister Marie Santry, S.N.D. de Namur, L.H.D.
Elisabeth Zweig Leoni, D.Pub.Adm.

* Commencement Speakers.
Source: President's Office

Types of Degrees Conferred at Boston College

Bachelor of Arts (A.B.)
Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
Master of Arts (M.A.)
Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.)
Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
Master of Education (M.Ed.)
Master of Science (M.S.)
Master of Science in Teaching (M.S.T.)
Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)
Certificate of Advanced Educational Specialization (C.A.E.S.)
Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (C.A.G.S.)
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
Doctor of Law (J.D.)

Honorary Degrees Granted by Boston College

D.A.	Doctor of Arts
D.B.A.	Doctor of Business Administration
D.C.S.	Doctor of Commercial Science
D.E.Sc.	Doctor of Engineering Science
D.F.A.	Doctor of Fine Arts
D.Journ.	Doctor of Journalism
D.Mus.	Doctor of Music
D.N.S.	Doctor of Nursing Science
D.Pub.Adm.	Doctor of Public Administration
D.Sc.	Doctor of Science
D.Sc.Ed.	Doctor of Science in Education
D.Sc.L.	Doctor of the Science of Law
D.Sc.T.	Doctor of the Science of Theology
D.S.S.	Doctor of Social Science
H.D.	Doctor of History
Hist.Phil.D.	Doctor of History in Philosophy
J.U.D.	Doctor of Civil and Canon Laws
LL.D.	Doctor of Laws
L.H.D.	Doctor of Humane Letters
Litt.D.	Doctor of Letters, Doctor of Literature
R.D.	Doctor of Religion
S.T.D.	Doctor of Sacred Theology
Sc.D.	Doctor of Science

Source: Commencement Programs, 1955 - present