

**FOUNDER OF BOSTON COLLEGE**

Rev. John McElroy, S.J.

Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Boston

1861-1863

**PRESIDENTS OF BOSTON COLLEGE**

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|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 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        |
| 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        |
| 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 –      |

**HONORARY DEGREES AWARDED  
BY BOSTON COLLEGE 1955-2003****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. McViney, 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 Etcheagaray, 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.  
William F. Connell, The Ignatius Medal  
(August 21, 2001)  
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.

**2003**

Sister Kathleen Carr, C.S.J., L.H.D.  
John L. Mahoney, L.H.D.  
Dawn E. McNair, L.H.D.  
Robert L. Reynolds, The President's Medal for  
Excellence (April 23, 2003)  
Thomas A. Vanderslice, D.B.A.  
Erik Weihenmayer, L.H.D. \*

\* 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