

## *Commencement Dates and Speakers*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	
May 14, 1997	Joseph Savoie	Louisiana Board of Regents Commissioner of Higher Education
August 8, 1997	Byron Davis	Former President and CEO of Fisher-Price, Inc. and NLU alumnus
December 13, 1997	E. Edwards Barham	Louisiana Board of Regents member
May 7, 1998	Stan T. Waldrop	A prominent Texas businessman and NLU alumnus
August 20, 1998	Dr. Wayne Brown	Deputy Commissioner of Higher Education of the Division of Planning, Research and Performance for the Louisiana Board of Regents
December 19, 1998	Dr. Gregory M. St. L. O'Brien	University of New Orleans Chancellor
May 17, 1999	Bill Pryor	Alabama Attorney General and 1984 NLU graduate
August 16, 1999	Earl Casey	A distinguished NLU alumnus and current Vice President of Public Relations for Cable News Network (CNN)
December 18, 1999	Bobby Jindal	President of the University of Louisiana System
May 17, 2000	Dr. Mark A. Emmert	Chancellor of Louisiana State University A&M College in Baton Rouge
August 11, 2000	Kathryn M. Sullivan	CPA, CLU, President and CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana, and a 1978 accounting graduate of NLU
December 15, 2000	Dr. Dave Norris	Mayor of the City of West Monroe, and a 1963 government graduate of NLU
May 12, 2001	Dr. William L. Jenkins	President of the Louisiana State University System and former Chancellor of Louisiana State University A & M College in Baton Rouge
August 10, 2001	Dr. Sally Clausen	President of the University of Louisiana System
December 15, 2001	Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr.	Chancellor of the Troy State University System
May 17, 2002	Dr. Sally Clausen	President of the University of Louisiana System presented Dr. James E. Cofer, Sr. as ULM's new President and Judge Benjamin Jones, 4th District Court of the City of Monroe confirmed him
August 12, 2002	Dr. Carlos Fandal	ULM Dean of College of Arts and Sciences
December 13, 2002	Dr. Daniel Raneau	President of Louisiana Tech University
May 21, 2003	Dr. E. Joseph Savoie	Commissioner of Higher Education for the State of Louisiana
August 8, 2003	Dr. Horace P. Jones	ULM professor of history
December 19, 2003	Dr. Charles R. McDonald	Louisiana State Representative from District 14
May 22, 2004	Robert Wooley	Louisiana Commissioner of Insurance and a ULM graduate
August 13, 2004	Dr. Jeffrey Galle	Head of the Department of English at ULM
December 17, 2004	Karen Puckett	President and Chief Operating Officer of CenturyTel
May 21, 2005	United St. Air Force Lt. General Michael Wooley	Commander, HQ Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field, Florida and a 1972 NLU graduate
August 13, 2005	Dr. Ruth E. Smith	Professor of Spanish and Head of the Department of Foreign Languages
December 17, 2005	Bruce Hanks	Board of Directors with CenturyTel, serves on the Advisory Board for Iberia Bank, former ULM Director of Athletics and ULM graduate
May 20, 2006	Rep. Francis C. Thompson	Louisiana State Representative, former Assistant Professor in the College of Education and Alumnus
August 12, 2006	Louis Nabors	ULM Associate Professor of Voice in the School of Visual and Performing Arts
December 16, 2006	Judge Jay Bowen McCallum	Third Judicial District Court Judge and ULM alumnus
May 19, 2007	Robert W. Levy	District Attorney of the Third Judicial District Court, representing Lincoln and Union Parishes
August 11, 2007	Dr. Paxton Oliver	Associate Dean of the College of Health Sciences
December 15, 2007	Bobby Jindal	Louisiana Governor-Elect
May 17, 2008	Robert Barham	Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries