

# Columbia College

## Chicago

### A Celebration Of Artists In Human Service

The Columbia College Chicago Commencements each year honor outstanding individuals in the arts, education, politics and public information who have engaged their great talents in important human service and whose life work and example embody the college's ideal and spirit.

Some of these have leading prominence, some ennobled by courageous labor in unpopular causes would not be awarded the usual recognitions, and some are at only the beginning time of their great promise.



### Honors In 1993

#### Doctorates To Be Conferred

At Commencement Exercises On May 28, 1993

Etta Moten Barnett

Stage and Film Performer, Arts Educator

Cindy Pritzker

President, Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library

Rigoberta Menchu

Nobel Peace Prize Winner

Jane Alexandroff

A Prime Contributor to the Success of Columbia College

Carol Moseley-Braun

United States Senator

Cokie Roberts

Senior News Analyst, National Public Radio



## A Record Of Recognitions\*

### 1964-1993

Columbia College Chicago has conferred these recognitions for itself and to represent this city whose healthy traditions and aspirations are honored by these honors—this whole city which is the college's campus and the vital spring of its learning.

- 1993 ETTA MOTEN BARNETT Stage and Film Performer, Arts Educator
- 1993 CINDY PRITZKER President, Board of Directors, Chicago Public Library
- 1993 RIGOBERTA MENCHU Nobel Peace Prize Winner
- 1993 JANE ALEXANDROFF A Prime Contributor to the Success of Columbia College
- 1993 CAROL MOSELEY-BRAUN United States Senator
- 1993 COKIE ROBERTS Senior News Analyst, National Public Radio
- 1992 HEDRICK L. SMITH Journalist
- 1992 MATHILDE KRIM Medical Scientist and AIDS Crusader
- 1992 HENRY AARON Baseball Player and Executive
- 1991 DOUGLAS TURNER WARD Founding Artistic Director, The Negro Ensemble Company
- 1991 HELEN VALDEZ President, Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum
- 1991 JOHNATHAN RODGERS President, CBS Television Stations
- 1991 WILLARD L. BOYD President, Field Museum of Chicago
- 1990 FAITH HUBLEY Animator and Illustrator
- 1990 LEON DESPRES Advocate of Social Justice
- 1990 YOUSUF KARSH Photographer
- 1990 HASKELL WEXLER Cinematographer
- 1990 CLARENCE PAGE Editorial Columnist
- 1989 BERNARD LOWN Nobel Laureate for Peace, 1985
- 1989 STERLING STUCKEY Historian
- 1989 BERNICE WEISSBOURD President, Family Focus
- 1989 LEON LEDERMAN Nobel Laureate in Physics, 1988
- 1988 KENNETH G. RYDER President, Northeastern University, Boston
- 1988 MIKE ROYKO Newspaper Columnist
- 1988 JOHN BIRKS "DIZZY" GILLESPIE Jazz Trumpeter
- 1988 WILLIAM JULIUS WILSON Sociologist
- 1988 ARDIS KRAINIK General Director, Lyric Opera of Chicago
- 1987 LAWRENCE K. GROSSMAN President, NBC News
- 1987 PASTORA SAN JUAN CAFFERTY Professor, Social Service Administration
- 1987 JACK BRICKHOUSE Sports Broadcaster
- 1987 MARGARET BURROUGHS Founder, Du Sable Museum
- 1987 IRVING B. HARRIS Distinguished Contributor to Human Welfare
- 1987 JAMES HIGHTOWER Texas Commissioner of Agriculture
- 1986 FRED FRIENDLY Broadcast Journalist and Educator
- 1986 LINUS PAULING Nobel Laureate Chemistry 1954 and Peace 1962
- 1986 RANDALL ROBINSON Executive Director, TransAfrica
- 1986 WILLIAM FORD United States Congressman
- 1986 RUTH ADAMS Editor, *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*
- 1985 JAMES HOGE Publisher, *New York Daily News*



- 1985 EILEEN SOUTHERN Music Historian
- 1985 RAY NORDSTRAND President, WFMT, Inc.
- 1985 HON. CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN Diplomat, Writer
- 1984 WILLIAM APPLEMAN WILLIAMS Historian
- 1984 JOHN LEWIS Composer, Musician, Founder, Modern Jazz Quartet
- 1984 VICTOR NAVASKY Editor, *The Nation Magazine*
- 1984 PAMELA HARRIMAN National Civic Leader
- 1983 HONORABLE HAROLD WASHINGTON Mayor, City of Chicago
- 1983 MARJORIE CRAIG BENTON United States Representative to  
U.N.I.C.E.F.
- 1983 MARCEL OPHULS Documentary Filmmaker
- 1983 CHRISTOPHER JENCKS Educator
- 1982 HELEN CALDICOTT Peace Advocate
- 1982 SHERRY LANSING President, 20th Century Fox
- 1982 LUIS VALDEZ Writer, Director, Producer
- 1982 JAMES VAN DER ZEE Photographer
- 1982 GARRY WILLS Columnist
- 1981 FRANKLIN A. LONG Scientist
- 1981 HARRY EDWARDS Sociologist
- 1981 MICHAEL CACOYANNIS Film Director
- 1981 MARILYN FRENCH Writer
- 1981 GEORGE MC GOVERN Statesman
- 1980 HERMON D. SMITH Chairman, Field Foundation of Illinois
- 1980 HARRY WEESE Architect
- 1980 LOIS WILLE Journalist, Pulitzer Prize Winner
- 1980 RONALD WILLIAMS President, Northeastern Illinois University
- 1979 JESSIE WOODS Director, Urban Gateways
- 1979 JOHN FISCHETTI Political Cartoonist
- 1979 MAYA ANGELOU Poet
- 1979 CARLOS FUENTES Novelist
- 1979 TOM WICKER Journalist
- 1978 ROBERT COLES Social Philosopher
- 1978 EDGAR Y. "YIP" HARBURG Lyricist
- 1978 ABBY MANN Television-Film Writer
- 1978 ADDIE WYATT Labor Humanist
- 1978 CARLOS CHAVEZ Composer-Conductor
- 1977 ORIANA FALLACI Journalist
- 1977 ELIOT WIGGINTON Educator
- 1977 MARIA MARTINEZ Potter
- 1977 GORDON PARKS, SR. Photographer, Filmmaker, Writer
- 1977 DANIEL SCHORR Broadcast Journalist
- 1976 JOHN HAMMOND "Columbus" of American Music
- 1976 ROMAN VISHNIAC Biologist and Microphotographer
- 1976 KATHERINE KUH Art Critic, Curator, Writer
- 1976 JONATHAN KOZOL Educator, Social Critic
- 1976 ED BULLINS Playwright
- 1975 ARTHUR MITCHELL Director, Dance Theatre of Harlem
- 1975 "BRICKTOP" Entertainer
- 1975 ALEXANDER L.C. WILDER Composer



- 1975 GEORGE W. BONHAM Editor-in-Chief, *Change*
- 1975 SEYMOUR M. HERSH Pulitzer Prize Reporter
- 1974 ALBERT E. JENNER, JR. Distinguished Lawyer
- 1974 IVAN ALBRIGHT Artist
- 1974 JAMES T. FARRELL Writer
- 1974 RUTH PAGE Dancer
- 1974 CHARLEMAE ROLLINS Acclaimed Librarian
- 1973 HARRISON E. SALISBURY Associate Editor, *New York Times*
- 1973 BOB FOSSE Film, Theater and Television Director
- 1973 ROSA PARKS Montgomery, Alabama
- 1973 MYLES F. HORTON Director, Highlander Folk School
- 1973 JAMES B. HOLDERMAN Executive Director, Illinois Board of Higher Education
- 1972 QUENTIN D. YOUNG National Chairman, Medical Committee for Human Rights
- 1972 PAULINE KAEI Motion Picture Critic
- 1972 CHESTER BURNETT Musician ("Howlin' Wolf")
- 1972 NEIL SHEEHAN Reporter, *New York Times*
- 1972 WILLIAM F. RUSSELL Sports Commentator, Coach, Athlete
- 1972 NEWTON N. MINOW Public Servant, Attorney
- 1971 WILLIAM PROXMIRE United States Senator, Wisconsin
- 1971 KAY BOYLE Writer
- 1971 JOSEPH PAPP Director, New York Public Theatre and Shakespeare Festival
- 1971 CHARLES G. HURST, JR. President, Malcolm X College, Chicago
- 1971 AARON SISKIND Photographer, Teacher
- 1970 R. BUCKMINSTER FULLER Architect
- 1970 FRANK REYNOLDS Broadcast Journalist
- 1970 FANNIE LOU HAMER Chairman, Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party
- 1970 WILLIAM M. BIRENBAUM President Staten Island College, New York
- 1969 SISTER ANN IDA GANNON, B.V.M. President, Mundelein College, Chicago
- 1969 CHARLES WILBERT WHITE Artist
- 1969 DAVID HALBERSTAM Reporter, Pulitzer Prize Winner
- 1968 EDWARD KENNEDY "DUKE" ELLINGTON Composer
- 1968 LOUIS J. "STUDS" TERKEL Writer
- 1968 RALPH NADER Citizen
- 1967 DWIGHT W. FOLLETT Publisher
- 1967 KENNETH F. MONTGOMERY Attorney
- 1967 NORMAN CORWIN Writer, Poet, Playwright
- 1967 LANGSTON HUGHES Poet
- 1966 EUGENE RABINOWITCH Editor, *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*
- 1966 FREDERICK DOUGLAS O'NEAL President, Actors' Equity
- 1966 JOHN BRADEMAS United States Congressman
- 1965 CURTIS D. MACDOUGALL Distinguished Teacher
- 1965 PAUL HAMILTON ENGLE Poet and Teacher
- 1964 GWENDOLYN BROOKS Poet

\*Honorary Doctorates in Arts, Science, Letters, Music and Humane Letters



**Etta Moten Barnett**, as a young actress in the 1930s, challenged the Hollywood stereotype of black women by only portraying characters of beauty and talent in films such as "Flying Down to Rio" and "Gold Diggers of 1933." With her husband Claude Barnett, founder of the Associated Negro Press, she traveled throughout Africa where she served as an official delegate to various nations. A noted collector of African art, she continues to teach and lecture on this subject and on the African American musical and artistic heritage. She is a board member of Columbia College's Center for Black Music Research and of numerous other arts organizations.

**Cindy Pritzker**, a prominent philanthropist and community leader, has been actively involved with the Chicago Public Library system for the last decade, and was a vital force in transforming the Harold Washington Library Center from a dream into reality. As president of the board of directors of the Chicago Public Library, and as president of the Chicago Public Library Foundation, she has taken the leadership in raising more than \$13 million earmarked exclusively for books. She is a member of the board of trustees of the Museum of Science and Industry, and of the women's boards of Northwestern University and the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

**Rigoberta Menchu**, recipient of the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize, is internationally recognized for her struggle for human rights. She and her family, descendants of the Mayans, have worked as organizers among indigenous communities throughout Latin America, defending their land against acquisition by large landowners. Her autobiography, *I, Rigoberta Menchu: An Indian Woman in Guatemala*, has been translated into 11 languages. Last September, she spoke at Columbia College and received the college's first International Humanitas Award.

**Jane Alexandroff**, wife of Columbia College president emeritus Mike Alexandroff, is the co-architect of Columbia's remarkable success. In the college's early days, she filled the role of registrar, advisor, placement office, and recruiter of students, faculty and board. For more than 35 years she was an active participant in the philosophical direction and management of Columbia. In 1985 she founded, obtained funding for and began a noteworthy career as director of Chicago Artists Abroad, an organization which has provided opportunities for hundreds of Chicago artists to exhibit and perform around the world.

**U.S. Senator Carol Moseley-Braun** is a pioneer in American politics. Elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1978, she was the first woman and first African American in Illinois history to serve as Assistant Majority Leader. An uncompromising advocate for education and accountability in government, she was voted "Best Legislator" for each of her ten years in the legislature by the IVI-IPO. In 1987, she was elected Cook County Recorder of Deeds, becoming the first woman and first African American ever to hold executive office in Cook County government. Last November, she became the first African American woman ever elected to the U.S. Senate.

**Cokie Roberts**, award-winning journalist, is a senior news analyst for National Public Radio. Her reports can be heard regularly on NPR's newsmagazine "Morning Edition;" she has served as the network's congressional correspondent for 15 years. Since 1988, she has also been a special correspondent for ABC News, frequently appearing on "World News Tonight," "Nightline" (which she occasionally hosts), and "This Week with David Brinkley." In 1990, she was the recipient of public radio's highest recognition of excellence, the Edward R. Murrow Award.



## I Am Woman

I am woman, hear me roar  
in numbers too big to ignore,  
and I know too much to go back to pretend.

'Cause I've heard it all before  
and I've been down there on the floor,  
no one's ever gonna keep me down again.

Oh, Yes, I am wise, but it's wisdom born of pain.  
Yes, I've paid the price, but look how much I gained.  
If I have to I can do anything.  
I am strong,  
I am invincible,  
I am woman.

You can bend but never break me  
'cause it only serves to make me  
more determined to achieve my final goal.

And I come back even stronger,  
not a novice any longer,  
'cause you've deepened the conviction in my soul.

Oh, Yes, I am wise, but it's wisdom born of pain.  
Yes, I've paid the price, but look how much I gained.  
If I have to I can do anything.  
I am strong,  
I am invincible,  
I am woman.

I am woman, watch me grow  
see me standing toe to toe  
as I spread my lovin' arms across the land.

But I'm still an embryo  
with a long, long way to go  
until I make my brother understand.

Oh, Yes, I am wise, but it's wisdom born of pain.  
Yes, I've paid the price, but look how much I gained.  
If I have to I can do anything.  
I am strong,  
I am invincible,  
I am woman.

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