

Past Golden Gavel Recipients



| Year | Recipient | Industry |
|------|--------------------------|--|
| 2014 | Rohana Rozhan | Business leader |
| 2013 | Susan Cain | Leadership expert, author |
| 2012 | John C. Maxwell | Leadership expert, author |
| 2011 | Robin Sharma | Leadership expert, author |
| 2010 | Carolyn Kepcher | Author, media personality, business leader |
| 2009 | Bruce Tulgan | Author; founder and chairman, RainmakerThinking |
| 2008 | Pamela Wallin | Canadian journalist, media personality |
| 2007 | Barbara De Angelis | Radio personality, author |
| 2006 | Jim Kouzes | Leadership expert, author, speaker |
| 2005 | Marcus Buckingham | Leadership expert, author, speaker |
| 2004 | Dr. Stephen Covey | Author; co-founder, Franklin Covey Company |
| 2003 | Debbie Fields Rose | Author; founder, Mrs. Fields Cookies |
| 2002 | Dr. Richard Lederer | Author, communication and leadership expert |
| 2001 | Jim Cathcart | Author, speaker, human-development expert |
| 2000 | Nido Qubein | Speaker, consultant, entrepreneur |
| 1999 | Zig Ziglar | Speaker, author |
| 1998 | Jeanne Robertson | Speaker, humorist |
| 1997 | Dr. Deepak Chopra | Author, speaker |
| 1996 | Dr. LeRoy Walker | President, U.S. Olympic Committee |
| 1995 | Tony Robbins | Author, seminar leader |
| 1994 | Les Brown | Motivational speaker |
| 1993 | Peter Legge | Speaker, publisher |
| 1992 | Dr. Kenneth H. Blanchard | Author, management expert |
| 1991 | Bill Gove | Professional speaker, seminar leader |
| 1990 | Tom Peters | Author, management expert |
| 1989 | Joel H. Weldon | Professional speaker, seminar leader |
| 1988 | Grace M. Hopper | Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy Reserve (retired); computer pioneer |
| 1987 | Dr. Wayne Dyer | Psychologist, author, speaker |
| 1986 | Art Linkletter | Author, speaker, TV personality |
| 1985 | Marva Collins | Educator |
| 1984 | Dr. Charles W. Jarvis | Humorist, lecturer |
| 1983 | Mark Russell | Humorist, writer, lecturer |
| 1982 | Dr. Joyce Brothers | Psychologist, author, speaker |
| 1981 | James L. Hayes | Management expert, speaker |
| 1980 | Dr. Kenneth McFarland | Philanthropist, lecturer, author |
| 1979 | Bob Richards | Motivational speaker, Olympic champion |
| 1978 | Dr. Robert H. Schuller | Theologian, author, lecturer |
| 1977 | Gordon Sinclair | Newsman, broadcaster, author |
| 1976 | Earl Nightingale | Broadcaster, author |
| 1975 | John W. Warner | Administrator, American Revolution Bicentennial Administration |
| 1974 | Bobby Richardson | Speaker, athletic coach |
| 1973 | Dr. S.I. Hayakawa | Author, lecturer |
| 1972 | Cavett Robert | Author, lecturer |
| 1971 | Wallace Jamie | Director of International Public Relations, Carnation Company |
| 1969 | Walter Cronkite | Newsman, journalist |
| 1968 | Greer Garson | Stage, screen and television personality |
| 1967 | John W. Fisher | Commissioner and Chairman of the Board, Canadian Centennial Commission |
| 1966 | Eugene J. McNeeley | Former President, AT&T |
| 1965 | Robert Moses | City planner and president, New York World's Fair 1964-65 |

| | | |
|------|----------------------|--|
| 1964 | Lowell Thomas | Writer, commentator, lecturer |
| 1963 | Dr. Ralph C. Smedley | Founder, Toastmasters International |
| 1962 | Reed Harris | Executive Assistant to the Director, U.S. Information Agency |
| 1961 | Eric Johnston | President, Motion Picture Association of America |
| 1960 | Joseph N. Welch | Boston attorney |
| 1959 | Dr. Frank C. Baxter | Professor Emeritus, USC; television personality |