

Well-Known College Graduates

Graduating from a highly selective college is not a prerequisite for success. Below is a sampling of the diversity of college experiences and career paths.

Arts & Entertainment

Annie Leibovitz	Photographer	San Francisco Academy of Art
Arnold Schwarzenegger	Actor and Governor of California	University of Wisconsin-Superior
David Letterman	Television Host	Ball State University (Indiana)
James Gandolfini	Actor	Rutgers University
Jay Leno	Television Host	Emerson College (Boston)
Jon Stewart	Television Host	The College of William & Mary
Norah Jones	Musician	University of North Texas
Oprah Winfrey	Television Host	Tennessee State University
Steven Spielberg	Director, Producer	CSU-Long Beach
Tom Hanks	Actor	Community College & Cal State Sacramento
Toni Morrison	Author	Howard University

Politics

Antonio Villaraigosa	Mayor of Los Angeles	UCLA
Barack Obama	President of the United States	Occidental College & Columbia University
Barbara Boxer	United States Senator	Brooklyn College
Colin Powell	Secretary of State	City College of New York
Condoleezza Rice	Secretary of State	University of Denver
Elaine Chao	Secretary of Labor	Mount Holyoke College
Gavin Newsom	Mayor of San Francisco	Santa Clara University
Hillary Clinton	Secretary of State	Wellesley College
Joe Biden	Vice President of the U.S.	University of Delaware, Newark
Kofi Annan	Secretary General of the UN	Macalester College (MN)
Michael Bloomberg	Mayor of New York City	Johns Hopkins University
Ronald Reagan	President of the United States	Eureka College (IL)
Willie Brown	Mayor of San Francisco	San Francisco State

Business

Anne Mulcahy	CEO, Xerox Corporation	Marymount College
Bill Gates	Founder, Microsoft	Harvard University (did not graduate)
Donald Trump	Real Estate Mogul	Fordham University
Larry Page	Co-founder, Google	University of Michigan
Mark Cuban	Entrepreneur, NBA Owner	Indiana University
Martha Stewart	Entrepreneur	Barnard College
Michael Dell	Entrepreneur	University of Texas
Sergey Brin	Co-founder, Google	University of Maryland
Steve Jobs	Co-founder, Apple Computer	Reed College (did not graduate)
Warren Buffett	Investor and Philanthropist	University of Nebraska

Other

Christiane Amanpour	Reporter	University of Rhode Island
Cokie Roberts	Reporter, Author	Wellesley College
Dian Fossey	Gorilla Researcher	San Jose State University
Jaime Escalante	Teacher	California State University, Los Angeles
John Wooden	Basketball Coach	Purdue University
Linus Pauling	Chemist and Nobel Prize Winner	Oregon State University
Martin Luther King, Jr.	Civil Rights Activist	Morehouse College
Mia Hamm	Athlete	University of North Carolina
Ruth Simmons	President of Brown University	Dillard University (New Orleans)
Thurgood Marshall	Justice of the Supreme Court	Lincoln University