2016 Commencement Speakers Announced

Georgetown University unveiled the list of speakers for Commencement Weekend, running from May 19 to May 22. Each Georgetown school has a separate speaker. This year’s Law Center commencement speaker is Yuejiao Zhang, a 1983 Law Center LLM graduate and current member of the World Trade Organization’s Appellate Body. She will be joined by Eric Rosenthal, Founder and Executive Director of Disability Rights International, who is receiving an honorary degree of law.

Zhang is a Professor of Law at Shantou University in her native China. She also serves as an arbitrator in the Chinese International Trade and Economic Arbitration Commission, and as Vice President of China’s International Economic Law Society. She served at the Asian Development Bank in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Prior to that, she held the position of Director-General of Law and Treaties with the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Development, where she was an architect of many of China’s trade laws.

Commencement will take place on Georgetown University’s main campus, at 2:00 p.m. on May 22, on Healy Lawn. Other Georgetown commencement speakers include current Secretary of Homeland Security Jeh Johnson for the School of Foreign Service, explorer and environmentalist Alexandra Cousteau for Georgetown College. Humana, Inc. CEO and President Bruce Broussard will speak for Business graduates, National League for Nursing CEO Beverly Malone for Nursing and Health Studies graduates, and Agency for International Development Administrator Gayle Smith will speak to graduates of the Public Policy school.