

## FAMOUS SOCIOLOGY MAJORS

There are thousands of accomplished people with BA, MA, and PhD degrees in sociology, who are not necessarily Sociologists with a capital “S.” Below is a list of just a few, found by Peter Dreier, Occidental College, for his commencement address to the 2001 department of sociology graduating class of the University of Oregon.

- Rev. Martin Luther King
- Roy Wilkins, former head of NAACP
- Rev. Jesse Jackson
- Barbara Mikulski, US Senator from Maryland
- Tim Holden, Congressman from Pennsylvania
- Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington, DC
- Saul Alinsky, father of community organizing
- Ronald Reagan, President and actor (double major in sociology and economics)
- Emily Balch, 1946 Nobel Peace Prize winner (a social worker and social reformer)
- Francis Perkins, social reformer and former Secretary of Labor
- Richard Barajas, Chief Justice, Texas Supreme Court
- Saul Bellow, novelist
- Dan Aykroyd, actor/Blues Brother
- Robin Williams, actor/comedian
- Dinah Shore, singer
- Ruth Westheimer, the “sex doctor”
- Alonzo Mourning, Miami Heat
- Joe Theisman, NFL quarterback
- Ahmad Rashad, Sportscaster

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<http://www.asanet.org/student/famoussocs.html>

