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**A Commencement Speaker Pledges to Pay Off an Entire Class’s Student Loans**
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**Summary:** During Morehouse Colleges’ Class of 2019 commencement the keynote speaker, Robert F. Smith, made the announcement that he has made a donation to the 400-member class to pay off all of their student loan debt. This grant is estimated at more than 40 million dollars and is reported to be the largest gift ever made to an HBCU. Smith ended his speech saying, “I know my class will pay this forward”.

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