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Donovan Livingston is an award-winning educator and public speaker whose convocation address for the Harvard Graduate School of Education went viral, reaching more than thirteen million views. Livingston and his speech have been featured on CNN, NPR, BBC, and in outlets across Europe, Australia, India, and South Africa. He holds master’s degrees from Columbia and Harvard universities and has now returned to his home state as a doctoral candidate studying education at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro.

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