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# College Graduates Boo Commencement Speakers Over AI Issues

## Description

Graduation season has begun in the United States, bringing speeches from well-known figures to worried students. Many graduates feel anxious due to student debt and a difficult job market. Recently, at the University of Central Florida, Vice President Gloria Caulfield spoke about the impact of artificial intelligence (AI) during a ceremony. When she mentioned AI, students loudly booed her, showing their dislike for the topic. Caulfield commented on the sudden backlash and noted how AI has changed our lives.

Other speakers faced similar reactions. On May 10, Scott Borchetta, CEO of Big Machine Records, spoke at Middle Tennessee State University. He compared AI to an unused musical instrument, but students interrupted him. Former Google CEO Eric Schmidt also received boos when he spoke at the University of Arizona about AI's role in society.

Many students worry about AI's negative effects on their futures, including job opportunities and social issues. They see AI as a problem rather than a helpful tool. However, Delta CEO Ed Bastian connected well with graduates when he said he had used AI for his speech but decided to write a more personal message. Students responded positively to his honesty.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **graduation** //grædʒu'eɪʃən// (noun): a ceremony when students receive diplomas
2. **anxious** //ˈæŋkʃəs// (adjective): worried and nervous about what will happen
3. **debt** //dɛt// (noun): money that you owe to someone
4. **backlash** //ˈbæk,læʃ// (noun): strong public anger or criticism after something
5. **interrupted** //,ɪntə'rʌptɪd// (verb): stopped someone from speaking or continuing
6. **impact** //ˈɪmpækt// (noun): a strong effect on people or things

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. Who spoke about the impact of artificial intelligence at the University of Central Florida?

Option: Scott Borchetta

Option: Eric Schmidt



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Option: Gloria Caulfield

Option: Ed Bastian

2. What did Scott Borchetta compare AI to during his speech?

Option: A musical instrument

Option: A car

Option: A computer

Option: A book

3. Where did former Google CEO Eric Schmidt speak about AI's role in society?

Option: University of Central Florida

Option: Middle Tennessee State University

Option: University of Arizona

Option: Harvard University

4. Who is the CEO of Delta Airlines?

Option: Gloria Caulfield

Option: Scott Borchetta

Option: Ed Bastian

Option: Eric Schmidt

5. What was a common reaction from students when AI was mentioned by speakers?

Option: Applause

Option: Cheers

Option: Booing

Option: Silence

6. What issue were many graduates worried about during the graduation season?

Option: Student debt

Option: Weather

Option: Travel arrangements

Option: Punctuality of speakers

### True-False

7. Graduates are excited about the job market.

8. Gloria Caulfield received boos from students at her speech.



9. Scott Borchetta's speech was well-received by the audience.
10. Many students view AI as a helpful tool.
11. Ed Bastian used AI for his speech but chose to write a personal message.
12. Eric Schmidt spoke at the University of Central Florida.

### Gap-Fill

13. Graduation season has begun in the United States, bringing speeches from well-known figures to worried students. Many graduates feel anxious due to \_\_\_\_\_.
14. When Vice President Gloria Caulfield mentioned AI, students loudly \_\_\_\_\_ her.
15. Scott Borchetta spoke at \_\_\_\_\_ Tennessee State University.
16. Many students worry about AI's negative effects on their \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Delta CEO Ed Bastian connected well with graduates by being \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Students interrupted Scott Borchetta when he compared AI to an unused \_\_\_\_\_.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Gloria Caulfield 2. A musical instrument 3. University of Arizona 4. Ed Bastian 5. Booming  
6. Student debt

**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. student debt 14. booed 15. Middle 16. futures 17. honest 18. musical instrument

### Vocabulary quizzes

#### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What event typically marks the completion of a degree program?  
Option: Graduation  
Option: Enrollment



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- Option: Examination  
Option: Application
2. What financial obligation often causes anxiety for recent graduates?  
Option: Savings  
Option: Debt  
Option: Investments  
Option: Income
3. What term describes a strong negative reaction to a policy or decision?  
Option: Support  
Option: Endorsement  
Option: Backlash  
Option: Advocacy
4. In e-commerce, what process involves sending products to customers?  
Option: Production  
Option: Shipping  
Option: Marketing  
Option: Sales
5. What term is used for something that has been changed or adjusted?  
Option: Deleted  
Option: Created  
Option: Modified  
Option: Copied
6. What term refers to a service providing essential needs such as water and electricity?  
Option: Luxury  
Option: Utility  
Option: Barter  
Option: Trade
7. What term describes authorities that oversee and ensure compliance with laws?  
Option: Shareholders  
Option: Regulators  
Option: Investors  
Option: Consumers
8. What feature allows users to determine their location and plot routes?  
Option: Navigation  
Option: Monitoring  
Option: Inspection



Option: Assessment

9. What is the term for autonomous vehicles designed to transport passengers?

Option: Robotaxis

Option: Bicycles

Option: Buses

Option: Trains

10. What term refers to water that has overflowed from rivers or lakes during heavy rain?

Option: Floodwaters

Option: Surface Water

Option: Rainfall

Option: Irrigation

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. Many students feel anxious on the day of their graduation due to \_\_\_\_\_.

12. The merger is expected to have a significant \_\_\_\_\_ on the market.

13. Students need to complete a certain number of \_\_\_\_\_ to graduate.

14. The speaker was \_\_\_\_\_ several times by audience questions during the seminar.

15. Customers who \_\_\_\_\_ the new product were given special discounts.

16. The company ramped up \_\_\_\_\_ to meet the high demand from customers.

17. To secure the rental, a \_\_\_\_\_ was required upfront.

18. Proper \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial for maintaining air quality in large buildings.

19. The technicians will show you how to \_\_\_\_\_ the new equipment safely.

20. The company is \_\_\_\_\_ thousands of products due to safety concerns.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The companies decided to collaborate and form a merger to enhance their market presence.

22. The new policy came under scrutiny from both the public and various organizations.



23. The utility company was responsible for ensuring that all households had reliable services.
24. Students can earn extra credits by participating in after-school activities.
25. The job interview made her feel anxious about her future career.
26. The environmental policies will have a long-term impact on the community's health.
27. The latest smartphones include advanced navigation features for easier travel.
28. The city approved a pilot program for robotaxis to help reduce traffic congestion.
29. The government faced immediate backlash after announcing the controversial policy change.
30. Residents evacuated their homes as floodwaters rose rapidly during the storm.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Graduation 2. Debt 3. Backlash 4. Shipping 5. Modified 6. Utility 7. Regulators 8. Navigation 9. Robotaxis 10. Floodwaters

**Gap-Fill:** 11. unexpected outcomes 12. impact 13. credits 14. interrupted 15. preordered 16. production 17. deposit 18. ventilation 19. operate 20. recalling

**Matching sentence:** 1. merger 2. scrutiny 3. utility 4. credits 5. anxious 6. impact 7. navigation 8. robotaxis 9. backlash 10. floodwaters

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