Meharry Graduates Largest Class in History

The largest graduating class in the history of Meharry Medical College received their diplomas at the College’s 139th Commencement on May 17 at Nashville’s Grand Ole Opry House. The School of Graduate Studies and Research awarded 78 diplomas across four degree programs — PhD, MHS, MSPH and MSCI. The School of Dentistry awarded 41 diplomas and the School of Medicine 97.

Commencement speaker, Norman C. Francis, JD, president of Xavier University of Louisiana, told the graduates the nation owes a debt of gratitude to Meharry, which was founded in 1876. He added, “Meharry graduates have a very special responsibility to lead. You are going to have to stand for people who cannot speak for themselves and make their case clearly.”