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2015: Patterson Place saved! One example among many ...

On the covers:Stonebridge Hall, new dormitory on the Western Campus that in 2015 began housing WCAA reunion attendees (front). WCP Mega Reunion 2018 Farewell Circle, Peabody Hall in the background (back).

From the restoration of the Heath Chime in 1974 (actually, from our very incorporation that year) to the creation of the Western College Legacy Circle in 2014, the Western College Alumnae Association, Inc. has been intent on preserving and promoting our legacies. Eyes always focused forward, looking back only long enough to review the incredible creativity and perseverance of our predecessors and derive energy from them. We have carried our past into the present and now thrust it into the future.

## The Essence of Western College ...

Throughout the history of the WCAA, Inc., your Board of Trustees has lovingly planned, prepared, and executed countless programs and projects furthering the Mission of the Association:

- To preserve and encourage communication among and with alumnae,
- To support education and human values that continue the heritage and tradition of The Western College.

As you will see in this, our latest quinquennial, your unwavering support of Western helped fulfill still more from 2014 to 2019.

Moreover, Western's legacy and accomplishments were acknowledged and celebrated by our colleagues at Miami University. Miami commemorated Freedom Summer 1964 by hosting a conference and reunion on campus and establishing the Freedom Summer '64 Award, which was first presented to U.S. Representative John Lewis in Washington, D.C. Miami also recognized Western's forward-thinking international focus with a Western alumnae panel discussion attended by members of the Miami and Oxford communities.

Dr. Jana Braziel was named the first Western College Endowed Professor and hundreds of Western scholarships were awarded to enthusiastic students. The Western College Memorial Archives found a permanent home in an impressive climate-controlled wing of Miami's King Library, under the direction of expert archivists and accessible to students and researchers on campus and around the world. Patterson Place was renovated and will continue to be the home of the WCAA through June 30, 2024. The Western College Legacy Circle was completed and dedicated.

At the center of the Legacy Circle is the Western College seal, including a book inscribed with these words:

"Unless there is a depth of understanding of the balance of heart and mind, of learning and thinking, the essence of Western College is hard to catch. It cannot be bought. It cannot be sold. It cannot be captured. It cannot be mimicked. It is too spirited, too lively, too full of zest for that. ... Our limits are the limits of our lives and the lives we touch from now on."

- Phyllis Hoyt, at the dedication of Hoyt Library, March 9, 1974

May the essence of Western continue to inspire and touch all our lives from now on. ..

— the Editors



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### From the Miami University Board of Trustees

ver my eight years on Miami's Board of Trustees, I have been extremely fortunate to have engaged with the Western College Alumnae Association and have learned the significant history of the Western College. In the fall of 1973, Western College and Miami University negotiated and signed a final agreement regarding the closure of the College and the transfer of its property to the University. In July 1974, the College closed and shortly thereafter the WCAA, Inc. was born. Thereby began a collaborative relationship between the University and the WCAA that greatly benefited both.



David Budig

During my time as a student at Miami, I unfortunately did not partake in the wonderful program of Interdisciplinary Studies that was offered by Miami's Western College Program. However, I have come to appreciate the great work being done — then and now — by the WCAA to promote and preserve the historical legacy of Western College. I believe these efforts will allow Western College to never be forgotten and to always be recognized as a major partner in educating the quality students who graduate from Miami.

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend a WCAA Board of Trustees meeting and was impressed by the passion and commitment of each member. It is clear that the new Western Center for Social Impact and Innovation will provide a lasting legacy for both Western and Miami. I also believe the most critical takeaway is that — even though the WCAA will cease to exist in June 2024 — Western College will never end.

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David H. Budig Chair, Miami University Board of Trustees

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### 2014-2015 Sylvia Stanfield '65

My tenure as President was the concluding year of my six-year maximum term on the Board of Trustees — and what a year it was!

Trustees returned for the fall meeting to find changes on our campus. Still, it remained as beautiful as ever. The old Alexander Dining Hall was razed. Across from Clawson Hall, Miami University opened a beautiful dining hall and named it "Western Dining Commons." Miami also named a new cross campus walkway from Bachelor to Peabody Hall "Western Walk" and opened three new residence halls on the campus. Alums attending our June reunion were housed in the new Stonebridge Hall.

Patterson Place was saved from destruction when Miami's then president, David Hodge, withdrew his recommendation to raze the historic building and construct a 300-bed residence hall on the site. After learning of the proposal, Western trustees voiced strong concern about the plan at a meeting with President Hodge and senior university administrators. A subsequent public outcry opposed to the plan included Western alums and members of the Oxford community, as well as Miami University faculty, staff and students. Shortly afterward, the President Hodge decided not to proceed with the destruction of Patterson Place "because it was the right thing to do." The WCAA board voted to support a MU-led fundraising plan to raise monies for needed renovations to Patterson Place.

The Board of Trustees moved ahead on projects designed to secure our legacy in perpetuity. It approved MU architect emeritus Bob Keller's rendering of a proposed Western College Legacy Circle. The Board worked on finalizing an articulation agreement with the Miami University Board of Trustees that will govern our relationship through the WCAA's closure in 2024 and the period afterwards. Work also continued with Miami's College of Arts and Science on implementation of our endowed



professorship and efforts to ensure WCAA scholarship recipients are apprised of Western's history.

Miami honored Western when it held its first International Education Week celebration on the benefits of global exchange and international education. A panel of Western alums was invited to return and discuss how international education had informed their lives.

A great pleasure at the conclusion of my tenure was welcoming our beloved WCAA staff — **Director Mackenzie Rice, Senior Program Associate Debbie Baker,** and **Accounting Associate Kaye Wolke** — into the WCAA family as honorary alumnae. The Board approved the decision and the surprise announcement occurred during our June reunion banquet. I am deeply and forever grateful for all Mackenzie, Debbie and Kaye have done for the WCAA, and for their invaluable support during my service as Board President in what was an amazing year.

Sylvie Storfield

#### 2014

October 11-14: Miami University **Freedom Summer Conference and Reunion**, commemorating the Mississippi Project of 1964, held on Western campus.

November: **Panel of Western College alumnae** discuss influence of international in their lives at Miami University's first **International Education Week**, celebrating benefits of global exchange and international education:

Fall: New buildings opened on Western campus, including **Western Dining Commons** and three dormitories.

**Sylvia Stanfield** elected to Miami University Foundation Board.

#### 2015

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February: Western College Memorial Archives moved to the Miami University Archives in Withrow Court.

May 4: **Patterson Place** saved when Miami University President David Hodge withdraws recommendation to raze the historic building..

June 12-14: **Alumnae Weekend** attendees housed for the first time in new **Stonebridge Hall**.

Dedicated WCAA staff members — Director, Mackenzie Becker Rice; Senior Program Assistant, Debbie Baker; and Accounting Associate, Kaye Wolke — recognized as newly named Honorary Alumnae.

June 26: **Dr. Jana Braziel** named first recipient of **Western College Endowed Professor Award** and made Chair of the Department of Global and Intercultural Studies.

















### 2015-2016 Judith Dudman Henderson '62

Dear Cherished Alums,

Such a pleasure it was to serve as your President from 2015 to 2016! As usual, the WCAA was in the midst of fast-paced change and even experienced some surprises.

We had just completed a two-year \$300,000 fund-raising effort for the Western College Legacy Circle. How much we appreciated working with Miami architect David Keller, a man with unending patience and extraordinary listening skills, as we worked our way through the design. Construction began in only to be delayed pending delivery of the marble from a Minnesota quarry. Disappointingly, dedication would have to wait a year!

President Hodge retired in July 2016 To honor his tenure at Miami and support of the WCAA, the Board presented the Harriet Beecher Stowe desk to the Miami University McGuffey Museum. At this desk, considered our most valuable artifact, most of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was penned. The desk now finds its new home in the McGuffey Museum on Spring Street, with a marker honoring the Hodges for their service to Miami How quickly the time passed; no sooner does one begin a term when it's over! Therefore, a wise recommendation was made to extend a president's term from one to two years allowing for the development and completion of projects and tasks.

Thanks for the fun of serving...

Judy Dudman Hendeson

#### 2015

October: **Dr. Jana Braziel**, our first **Western College Endowed Professor**, warmly welcomed at the fall Board of Trustees meeting.

#### 2016

April 7: Harriet Beecher Stowe desk presented to Miami University McGuffey Museum in honor of President David and Ambassador Valerie Hodge.

April 11-28: Miami University Archives — including the **Western College Memorial Archives** — moved to MU's main library, King Library, and merged with Walter Havighurst Special Collections Department.

Spring: Patterson Place Preservation Fund established.

June: Western College Legacy Circle fully funded and designed, ground broken, and work to be completed by Alumnae/i Weekend June 2017.

July: Miami University President David Hodge retires.

Summer: R.I.P. Mary Lyon Hall (1925-2016) deconstructed.

















### 2016-2018 Sharry Patterson Addison '61

s I began my term as President of the WCAA Board, we had just successfully completed our efforts to save Patterson Place. I felt a strong need to strengthen the WCAA relationships with Miami. That became my goal for my two-year term as Board Chair. Because I live so close to Oxford, I was able to become involved in quite a few events at Miami as a representative of the WCAA Board.

I had several opportunities to speak at Miami events on behalf of the WCAA. Perhaps one of the most memorable was the 2018 Miami Freshmen Convocation where Wil Haygood, (Miami '75 grad and author of The Butler, Tigerland and others) spoke to the 4,500 students assembled on the lawn outside of Peabody. The podium was positioned at the bottom of the hill and as I was looking up at all these students on the lawn alongside Kumler Chapel and Peabody in the background, I could not help but be thrilled to see how Miami was utilizing and loving our beloved Western campus. Imagine standing on the long porch of Peabody and looking down at 4,500 students on the lawn. It was amazing and I am sure all of our alums would have shared my enthusiasm. On behalf of the WCAA, we honored Wil by naming the short drive at the north end of Peabody connecting to Western Way "Wil Haygood Lane."

At the end of my term as Board Chair, I felt that my goal had been accomplished and had left the door open to more great connections with Miami. We, as Western women, should feel very fortunate and proud to be an integral part of Miami University as they respect



our WCAA heritage. They have been so generous and are definitely welcoming us as one of them. Just think, our beautiful campus could have been a shopping center!

Shawy Addition

#### 2016

October 8: **Marjorie Lloyd Liggett/William N. Liggett Parlor** formally dedicated at Patterson Place by WCAA Board of Trustees.

October 8: "Debut" of **nearly completed Western College Legacy Circle** attended by many family members further honored the contributions of the Drew, Lloyd, and Liggett families.

October 10 **Western Mace** carried by marshall in Miami University President Greg Crawford's naugural procession .

October: Trustees check out new **Western College Memorial Archives** home, shared with Miami University Archives in King Library.

#### 2017

May: **Reconstructed McKee bridge** joined to extended Western Walk.

June 10: Completed Western College Legacy Circle dedicated during Alumnae/i Weekend.

June 18: **MU President Crawford** and **WCAA Trustee Fran Hoffman '65** accept Social Justice Award from the National Civil Rights Conference, in Philadelphia, MS.

September: Kim Tavares (MU M.B.A. '12) replaces retiring Ray Mock (MU '82, '83) as Associate Vice President for Alumni Relations/University Advancement.

2018

January Retiring WCAA Accounting Associate Kaye Wolke HA honored for 24 years of service.

February: National Underground Railroad Freedom Center recognizes **Western** as being officially designated **one of five Ohio Freedom Stations**.

March 19: **Inaugural Freedom Summer '64 Award** presented to lifetime civil rights activist U.S. Representative John Lewis, in Washington, DC.

October 26-28: WCP Mega Reunion, celebrating 45 years.

Yearlong: Celebration of **Kumler Memorial Chapel's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary**. (Dedicated Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2018.)























### 2018-2020 Janet Smith Dickerson-Stephens '65

y term as President (2018-2020) came at an inflection point both in our Association and in our campus and national communities. As we moved nearer to the "sunset" of the WCAA, Inc. in 2024, we were justifiably proud of our completed Legacy projects and accomplishments, and we planned intentionally to fulfill the vision and assigned tasks (including an audit of our antiques and other memorabilia and a governance review) of our Association founders.

Relationships were central. Within our Board, we mourned the sudden losses in 2018 of two treasured members, **Suzanne Detlefsen Myers '66** and **Jane Smucker Fryman '58**. We cherish their memory. We welcomed five new trustees: **Sharry Patterson Addison '61**, **Elizabeth "Brooksie" Jacobs Harrison '65**, **Susan S. Blake '68**, **Cece M. Peabody '68**, and **Peggy Littrell Strang '73**. Our *Bulletin* and other publications have kept our alumnae community connected and informed.

We celebrated the retirement of Miami's Provost, Professor Phyllis Callahan, whose understanding of our history and mission helped to facilitate excellent relationships with other Miami University leaders. President Greg Crawford and University Ambassador Renate Crawford brought indefatigable new energy and enthusiasm to the Western campus and its programs and values. The 2019 Reunion rocked!

Results were attainable. We have continued to award need-based as well as merit scholarships for students on the Oxford as well as regional campuses. Dean Chris Mackaroff proposed, and we accepted, another major Legacy project, the Western Center for Social Impact and Innovation, which includes funding for an inaugural class of 16 Social Impact and Justice Merit Scholars. We were able to match Miami University funding and partially complete a much-needed refreshment of Patterson Place. We explored the feasibility of restoring the Ernst Nature Theatre and reviewed the University's expanded Digital Archives. The Western College Alumnae Association received Miami's Intercollegiate Athletics Inclusive Excellence Award



for Western's role in promoting diversity and inclusion, both as an academic institution and alumnae organization.

The much-heralded 2020 already seems to be the beginning of a volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous new decade. The global pandemic — exacerbated by political and climate disruption, economic distress and civil unrest — has created unexpected threats and challenges. Because most of us could not travel, our meetings and the 2020 Reunion have all been virtual. We have embraced technology, however. Our Board has been responsive, innovative, and resilient, demonstrating once again our ability to be "masters of the situation anywhere." Our bonds are as close and as meaningful as ever.



#### 2018

August 24: MU's Convocation held at Freedom Summer Memorial; Author and keynote speaker **Wil Haygood MU '75**, honored with street sign on Western campus.

Fall: Formation of Western Center for Social Impact and Innovation announced by **Chris Makaroff**, Dean of the College of Arts and Science.

December: Upon graduation from Miami University, **Debbie Baker HA** becomes WCAA Associate Director.

#### 2019

April 10: Retiring **MU Provost Phyllis Callahan** cited for Dedicated Service to the Western College Alumnae Association Board.

April: MU Project Manager's proposal for preliminary funding for **Ernst Nature Theatre** improvement endorsed by WCAA Board of Trustees.

June 11: Memorial plaque honoring master stonemason **Cephas Burns** presented during Alumnae/i Weekend.

Summer: "Training for Freedom," 40-minute documentary on Freedom Summer '64, by **MU Archi**vist Jacky Johnson and former **MU journalism** professor Kathy Conkwright, presented on CET/ PBS television.

Fall semester: Western Center for Social Impact and Innovation launched with first cohort of **Social Impact and Justice Scholars.** 

October 19: WCAA presented with Miami's Intercollegiate Athletics Inclusive Excellence Award for Western's role in promoting diversity and inclusion.

























# Appendix

#### **OFFICERS OF THE WESTERN COLLEGE** ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, INC, 2014-2019

#### President

Sylvia Stanfield '65 2014-2015 Judith Dudman Henderson '62 2015-2016 Sharry Patterson Addision '61 2016-2018 Janet Smith Dickerson-Stephens 2018-

#### First Vice President/Treasurer

Sharry Patterson Addison '61 2015-2017 Janet Smith Dickerson-Stephens '65 2016-2018 Frances E. Hoffman '65 2018-

#### Second Vice President

Hazel Williams Drew '66 2015-2018 Barbara Williamson Wentz '68 2018-

#### Secretary

Suzanne Detlefsen Meyers '66\* 2015-18 Ann Walton '66 2018-

#### **TRUSTEES, 2015-2019**

Susan Berryhill Hill '63 2008-2017 Sylvia G. Stanfield '65 2008-2015, 2017-Anne Adkins Weissenborn '61 2008-Pheetta Wilkinson '76 2009-2015 2017-Sharry Patterson Addison '61 2010-Judith Dudman Henderson '62 2010-Ella Brown McMahon '63 2010-2016 Jane Smucker Fryman '58\* 2011-2018 Pamela Watts Coates '70 2012-Janet Smith Dickerson-Stephens '65 2012-Hazel Williams Drew '66 2012-2018 Suzanne Detlefsen Meyers '66\* 2012-2018 Suzanne Off Schrope '52\* 2013-2016 Cynthia Ackerman Horne '61\* 2014-2017 Patricia Spokes Snowden '64 2014-Priscilla Strand Berry '54\* 2015-2018 Elizabeth Salt '74 2015-2018 Frances E. Hoffman '65 2016-

Loretta W. Ryder '63 2016-Barbara Williamson Wentz '68 2016-Ann Walton '66 2017-Lynne Drucker Albukerk '64 2018-Susan Blake '68 2018-Suzanne Lutz May '66 2018-Christine Moranda '74 2018-

#### ALUMNAE SERVICE AWARD **RECIPIENTS, 2015-2019**

#### 2015

Vasso Papagregory Louvakis '57 Gretchen Wampler McDowell Mousetis '58\* Shirin Kassam Velji '65

#### 2016

Jennie Lou Fredley Klim '58 Suzanne Lutz May '66 Rhian Miller '78 John Rego '81

Beth Merrill Dixon '86

Donavon Auble FF\* Esin Aka Atil '58\* Judith Dudman Henderson '62 Frances Hoffman '65 Mary Kaye Wolke HA

#### 2019

Peggy Davis Cooper'65 Jane Smucker Fryman '58\* Patricia Jayson '68 Sue Off Schrope '52\*

#### ALUMNAE CHAPELSPEAKERS, 2010-2014 HONORARYALUMNAE/L20152019

- 2015 Fran Hoffman '65
- Margaret Wilmer Bartlett '66 2016
- Elisa Kessler Caporale '67 2017
- Susan Hackley '68 2018
- 2019 Britt Henne '69

#### CLASS REPRESENTATIVES, 2014-2019

**'**78 '41 Suzv Allburt **'**78 Ardis Dechman Coninx \* '45 '80 '46 Dorcas Robson Tim Matune '81 '47 Anne Mack Dean '81 Jean Fudge Alice Crabb Brandon \* '48 '82 Nancy Kohn Jane Osgood Tatge '49 '83 Ruth McVicker Rhodenbaugh \* '51 '84 Sue Off Schrope \* '52 '86 Sandra Franz Barnes '54 **'**87 '54 Barbara Drake McConnell \* '88 Mary Sicer Moore '55 **'**90 Sally Derby Miller '56 **'**91 '57 Charlotte Knox Eberhard **'**94 '57 Sue Mayer Falter **'**97 '58 Jennie Lou Fredley Klim '98 '59 Jane Toy Thomason **'**99 Jan Sandrock MacEwen **'**60 '03 Joy Usner Mary DeJong Obuchowski '61 **'**04 Eric Fox Judi Amos Hubbell \* '62 **'**05 Jill Hartley Fulton '63 **'**06 Evie Small Hohler '64 **'**07 Pam Eggers Gill \* '65 '08 Kathi Ramsey Bumblis '66 '08 Kathy Ehrgood Sturm \* **'**67 **'**09 Susan Blake **'**68 **'**10 Nancy Wilson Kobayashi '69 Kelly Felice **'**70 **'**71 Debbie McDuffie '72 Beth Cramp Dague '73 Christy Wines Elizabeth Ann Salt '74 '75 Cyndie Cole '75 Faith Crook Perrizo Dan Pickard '76 Kim Rotonto Dregalla **'**77

- Debbie Baker 2015 Mackenzie Becker Rice Kave Wolke David Hodge 2016
- Valerie Hodge Jean Perry \* 2017
- Robert Keller 2019
  - Jacqueline Johnson
- Rhian Miller
- Larry Blankemeyer
- Janey Drexler Sharp

- James Boyer
- Cheryl Hainey
- Beth McNellie
- Christine Rebera
- Andy Miller
- Michael Conaway
- Lara Osborne
- Johanna Smith
- Gemma Robinson
- Kjirsten Frank Hoppe
- Karla Schneider Guinigundo

- Abby King Kaiser
- Robyn MacConnell
- Emily B. Brown
- Pulkit Datta
- Stephanie Lee
- Alison Kernohan
- Cayla Adams Matsumoto

2017 Farida Abu-Shady '68

2018



"The Western Program is everything I dreamed college would be: I choose what classes I take, I am in complete control of my own education, and I am surrounded daily by inspiring individuals. Currently, I am pursuing an Individualized Studies maior, a Sustainability co-major, and a

Spanish minor. My hope is to one day work with schools across the country and world to create community gardening programs. A key objective would be to provide healthy meals for children and to show them that eating healthy is easy, fun, and delicious."

- Marla Guggenheimer '16



"I am honored to be one of the recipients of the WCAA Multicultural Scholarship. Throughout my college experience, I have always felt like my dream of pursuing a career in industrial engineering is becoming a reality, thanks to your support and mentorship. Growing up in a less privileged community (Nairobi), a

higher education has always been considered a luxury for a girl. However, through your support you have empowered me to believe in my potential and to chase my career and life goals."

- Yvonne Opuch '19



"As an Individualized Studies major in the Western Program, I have come to love the spirit of friendship that roams the rooms of Peabody Hall. Through my education in the Western Program, I have been exposed to so many different cultures and have learned through different lenses. As a first-generation

college student, my education has always been my top priority. With your generous support, I am able to continue my education in this wonderful program. "

- Heather McCowan '20



"I am a nontraditional student, and an Early Childhood Education major. I have received the Mary West Liggett and Rowena Snyder (Peabody) Scholarships, in all of my years of attending Miami University. In May, I graduated Magna Cum Laude. This scholarship has helped me fulfill my dreams of becoming an

educator .... I plan to use my education to become a teacher, then also pursue a Master's Degree. I am so honored to have continued the legacy of Western and to be a continuous learner."

- Tíffany Hollon '18



"Knowing all the values that your organization stands for, adventure, accomplishment, appreciation, and understanding of other cultures, I can only hope that what I have been doing can make the members of your association proud. ... None of [my] activities or projects would be possible without your scholarship. It has allowed

me to not have to get a job and be able to explore all my resources. You and your organization are amazing, distinguished members of our world and I can only hope to emulate that. Thank you so much!"

- Jacob Almeda '20



"I would like to share my deepest gratitude for your financial support. I strongly believe that international studies is an important aspect of learning and challenging one's self. When abroad, it is possible to develop understandings of the world and people in ways that aren't possible in a

classroom. With that in mind, I would like to thank you for your investment in my education and future." - Arcadía Davies 18



"It is such an honor to be a recipient of the scholarship award. To be in a room full of women who have overcome and conquered so much truly empowered me and encouraged me to my core. I am so thankful for your continuous generosity helping me go forward in my education with a little less financial stress. I can see the finish line ahead! In May 2017, I will

have my BSN in nursing. I am so excited about my future. And I know it will be a little brighter because of you."

- Coya Taylor '17



"Thank you so much for this scholarship! It's an honor to receive this to help fund my semester abroad. My semester in Beijing is going wonderfully so far, with great professors and tutors (not a surprise, since this is Peking University)! Life here is different from what I imagined and is definitely a valuable experience,

not at all comparable to my previous travels to places in Europe. I thank you for helping me have this experience."

- Sabrína Cox '16



"As an involved student at Miami University (Speech Pathology and Audiology major), I greatly admire the Western College's establishment of an honor system, domestic service credit, and music and dance programs. I am so thankful to have support from an

association whose values align so strongly with mine. Thank you for giving me the confidence to embrace every opportunity I am presented with, for it has already made my Miami journey so amazingly fulfilling."

- Paíge Penníngton '20

From 2015 to 2019, seven hundred twenty-seven Miami University student scholars received Western College Alumnae Association scholarships and awards totaling \$1,925, 256! Here are just a few of their hundreds of thank-you letters ...

### WCP 45th Mega Reunion 2018 October 26-28



"Let the circle be unbroken"

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