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Because of the donors who support the athletics program at North Carolina A&T State University, student-athlete Tracy King is able to attend the university without the worry of paying tuition and other fees. The senior graphic communication systems major from Alexandria, Va., has a full scholarship, which gives her the opportunity to pursue her academic goals and her first love—basketball!

MERCK AWARDS \$1 MILLION GRANT TO COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Merck & Co. Inc. has awarded the College of Arts and Sciences at North Carolina A&T State University with a \$1 million grant in support of the university's new Center for Outreach Alzheimer's, Aging and Community Health.

"N.C. A&T State University is excited about the proposed center, which will significantly expand the university's capacity to impact education, outreach, and policy in Alzheimer's and aging," said Dr. Goldie S. Byrd, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"The center will attract an interdisciplinary team of faculty, staff and students across the College of Arts and Sciences—and the university—to conduct community based outreach activities that influence healthy aging."



Dr. Goldie Byrd

The center will be located in the college of arts and sciences. It will create outreach and educational programs and resources that will foster the creation of translational research, positively influence curricula in aging, and advance research funding opportunities and faculty scholarship in Alzheimer's, aging and healthy living.

"Merck is pleased to be part of the remarkable effort by North Carolina A&T State University to establish a new Center for Outreach in Alzheimer's, Aging and Community Health that will improve education about this debilitating disease while increasing support to Alzheimer's patients and their families," said Willie A. Deese, executive vice president and president of Merck Manufacturing Division and N.C. A&T alumnus and chairman of the board of trustees. "The new Center's goal to create a pipeline of researchers and social support personnel to combat this disease is very much aligned with the Merck mission to preserve and improve human life."

The grant will be awarded in three annual installments. The first was received last month and totaled \$400,000. The final two of \$300,000 each will be awarded on Dec. 31, 2013 and 2014.

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PREPARATION LANDS MILLER AT N.C. A&T

By Jeuron Dove

For Barbara Pitts Miller, the road to North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University is one she was in preparation for her entire life, even at times she never realized.

Since assuming the position of vice chancellor for the Division of University Advancement in July 2012, Miller has vigorously embarked on goals such as increasing the university's endowment and overall rate of alumni participation in giving.

"We appreciate and thank our alumni for supporting our efforts in raising funds for scholarships and professorships, but we're asking new alumni and alumni that have not given to support us in those areas," says Miller.

Miller was raised in Mobile, Ala., and spent a significant portion of her formative years across southwestern Missouri. Her father, a Baptist minister for over 70 years, played a big role in shaping her into the woman and professional she is today.

"My father made an immeasurable impact on my life in so many ways. It has taken me a while to realize just how much his job performance impacted the career choices I made."

She feels fortunate to have had the privilege of observing his work as a parishioner from the time she was a child up through adulthood. As a minister, he's spent his life inspiring others to reach their goals.

Miller draws many parallels between the work of the ministry and development in higher education.

"In a sense, my father fundraises every Sunday, asking people to support a cause they believe in and to gather regularly in support of that cause, which isn't all too different from the function of an alumni association."

Miller received a B.A. degree in psychology at Southwest Baptist University and obtained her M.A. degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma. She later earned a Juris Doctor from Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C.

In conjunction with her law studies, Miller perfected her craft by working in school-sponsored law clinics where she provided legal services, under the tutelage of professors, to those unable to afford them. She described Antioch's curriculum as particularly innovative.

Following law school, Miller had a brief stint working with the U.S. Department of Justice. While most would consider the moment a career highlight, it was instead a period of transition she used to discover her true calling. After realizing that her passion did not lie in the practice of law, she began a career in development as assistant director of capital gifts at the University of Alabama.

While the practice of law wasn't the proper outlet to showcase her true potential, the areas of planned giving and fundraising were right up her alley as a result of the educational and professional experiences she absorbed.

Miller has held development positions at The College of William & Mary, Georgia State University, Norfolk State University and Auburn University.

When describing the role of university advancement, she is quick to address the significance of teamwork.

"We are comprised of offices from all areas of university and are the face of the university. We are respectful, provide great customer service, and are here to support the university financially as well as in our professional presence and participation."

Outside of work Miller is an avid hiker and ballroom dancer. Despite the rigorous demands of her schedule, she makes it a priority to get around the office to meet one-on-one with her staff on a daily basis. It's a responsibility just as essential as maintaining the image of North Carolina A&T.

"It's important for everyone to know they can reach out and have a conversation with leadership."



Barbara Pitts Miller

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MARCH	
4-8	Spring Break
11-16	MEAC Tournament (Norfolk, Va.)
21	Founders Day
29	University Holiday
APRIL	
1-22	Registration period for summer and fall
10	Students Honors Convocation
17-19	Retirement Celebration for Dean Quiester Craig
19	Annual Student Donor Breakfast
MAY	
10-12	Alumni Weekend (3's and 8's)
11	Commencement

PERDUE® MANAGERS FIND POTENTIAL IN THE SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

By Jeuron O. Dove

IN SEPTEMBER, Willie McKoy '72 of Perdue Farms presented North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University with a corporate contribution of \$30,000, to be used for scholarships in the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences.

McKoy is complex human resources manager for Perdue's operations based in Lewiston, N.C. He worked in various human resources positions prior to joining Perdue in 2009, and he is currently responsible for heading the company's recruitment efforts at North Carolina A&T.

"I've attended every career fair over the last couple of years in hopes of attracting the brightest talent to our company," said McKoy, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in history and currently resides in Raleigh with wife Ozetta '73. Their daughter Jessica is also an A&T alum.

"As an Aggie, it's very gratifying to work for a company that allows me to support my alma mater," he said.

McKoy has helped to place numerous Aggies into employment with the company's various feeding mills, hatcheries and live production areas across the state.

The initial partnership was formed years ago when David Jones, human resources manager of Perdue's corporate live production area, and Dr. Willie Willis, professor of animal sciences at A&T, served together on the U.S. Poultry and Egg Student Advisory Committee.



Willie McKoy (right) of Perdue Farms presents a check from his company to (l-r) Dr. Willie Willis, Kishaa James and Dr. Randolph Noble for the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences.

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— WILLIE MCKOY '72

"A commitment to excellence and producing future agriculture leaders is what comes to mind when I think of our partnership with A&T," said Jones. "Dr. Willis shared with me the success of the animal sciences department and I knew we wanted to be part of that."

While citing Willis's commitment to excellence as an important factor, it was a 2010 tour of the campus's agriculture facilities that influenced Jones to renew the partnership. At that moment he was sold that the university and its program were there to ensure the future growth of the industry. It is his hope that the mutual value of the partnership will be for the students they hire to become future leaders within the organization.

"The return on our investment into A&T will be measured by the students we hire—either in plant management roles, or as service supervisors or interns into our various operations in North Carolina or in other states where we have operations."

Founded in 1920, Perdue is one of the largest American producers of broilers (ready to eat chicken) with annual sales in excess of \$4.6 billion. The company is headquartered in Salisbury, Md.

MARCHING BAND, FACULTY/STAFF HAVE SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS

Thanks to the generosity of alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends, the university has had two successful fund raising campaigns thus far this fiscal year.

The Road to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade®

Cash contributions of more than \$227,944 helped the Blue and Gold Marching Machine realize its goal of traveling to New York City and participating in the 2012 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade®, where the band was viewed by approximately 3.5 million of spectators along the 2.3 mile parade route and about 65 million via television broadcast. One of the highlights was performing for one minute, 15 seconds on the parade logo in front of the iconic Macy's store.

The trip to one of the nation's most popular holiday parades was five years in the making.

"We tried five years ago and we weren't selected. Then about two years ago, we got a call saying we might want to submit again and (in April 2011) we found out we'd been invited," said Dr. Kenneth Ruff, band director and N.C. A&T alumnus.

Along with appearing in the parade, the itinerary included visits to landmarks in Manhattan and Harlem, a performance by the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall and a Broadway production of "The Lion King."



The trip and activities cost each band member \$1,500. To pay for their trip, students participated in car washes and a letter writing campaign while helping the band with additional fund raisers. The band has also partnered with local Quiznos and McDonald's franchises to receive 10 percent of sales on certain days.

University Employees Campaign Surpasses Goal

Again this year, the contributions of university faculty, staff and retirees exceeded the \$250,000 goal of the University Employees and State Employees Combined Campaigns. The generous contributions yielded a total of \$312,199 (as of press date).

These donations will have a positive impact on A&T students as well as the community at large.

The 2012-13 employees campaign was co-chaired by Joyce Edwards, director of career services, and Carletta Simmons, director of annual giving.

Tiffany S. Jones contributed to this article.

LINCOLN FINANCIAL FOUNDATION AIDS PROGRAM THAT FOSTERS STUDENTS' ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL GROWTH

By Jeuron O. Dove

THE IMPACT of monetary and other contributions is felt on a daily basis at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. While new equipment and updated facilities are essential, the most significant measure of any contribution lies in the difference it makes in the lives of students.

Through its commitment to local philanthropy, the Lincoln Financial Foundation has helped to make a difference in the lives of numerous Aggies.

The Lincoln Foundation, established in 1962, is a nonprofit organization formed and supported by Lincoln Financial Group. Under Lincoln Foundation guidelines, grants are made in the areas of arts, education, human services, and workforce/economic development.

One of their key beneficiaries has been the Aggie Mentoring Program, a program that pairs upperclassmen student mentors with academically fragile first year students. In 2011, Lincoln Foundation awarded a grant of \$60,000 to the program. Earlier this year, they awarded it with a portion of a \$50,000 grant (which also went toward the STEM Early College at N.C. A&T).

"We chose to contribute because of the integral role this program plays in preparing students to become productive members of the workforce upon graduation," said Jana Barrett, program officer of the Greensboro-based charitable contributions committee. "The level of engagement it offers is unlike anything I've seen."

Recognizing that the employees in its affiliate offices can best determine the needs of their respective communities, the Lincoln Foundation created an employee-giving network by establishing local charitable contribution committees in its primary business locations. These committees review grant proposals and award grants to the nonprofit organizations that they believe will make an enduring impact on their communities.

The Aggie Mentoring Program (AMP) is the brainchild of Dr. Michael Cundall, director of the Honors Program at N.C. A&T, and Darnell Hairston, academic program coordinator. What began in 2008 as the Aggie Freshman Academic Success Program has morphed into a comprehensive mentoring program with a heavy focus on development outside of the classroom.

"Retention is our goal and we've discovered that it's best obtained when students feel like they are part of something bigger than the classroom," said Hairston. Mentees actively participate in campus organizations related to their majors and attend cultural enrichment activities in the Greensboro community.



Jana Barrett

"True learning is more than just a process of attending class; it takes place once the mentees are fully acclimated to campus life," he said.

The mentors, who take on the role of an academic coach, find the experience so rewarding that many end up doing it for more than just one year.

One of the biggest success stories of the program is Deionta Sutton, a sophomore animal science major. After enrolling as a mentee last year, he made the Dean's List both semesters and became a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society. Today, he is an AMP mentor and Honors Program member with a 3.6 cumulative GPA.

"The AMP Program is a huge asset to this campus because it allows students to get help from other students, and not feel like they are being talked down to," said Sutton. "It is easier to learn from a person who has or is going through the same things you are."

Sutton credits former mentor Chukwuemeka Anazia, a senior supply chain management major, with getting him to see the campus as a place where he could experience more than just classes.

"He pushed me to go to various lecture events and programs, which helped me to experience things I had never experienced before," said Sutton.

This level of success reaffirms the faith Barrett has always placed in A&T to meet the needs of its local community and student population.

"I've always had a high regard and respect for A&T and am fortunate to have met many outstanding individuals associated with the school. The accomplishments of those individuals, and the students in this program, serve as a reflection of the university as a whole."



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— JANA BARRETT, LINCOLN FINANCIAL FOUNDATION

YOUNG ALUM VALUES GIVING BACK

By Jeuron O. Dove

Almost from the moment he entered North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University as a freshman, Rico Beans '05 understood the value of leadership. It's a principle that has guided every step he's taken since those formative years.

Today, Beans is associate marketing manager at Walmart headquarters in Bentonville, Ark. With over 8,500 stores in 15 countries, Walmart is the world's third largest public corporation and world's largest retailer.

As associate marketing manager it is his responsibility to ensure that every store of the company's eastern geographical business region is firmly committed to serving the needs of their local community. In September 2012, he presented a gift of \$1,500 to North Carolina A&T on behalf of the C.N.O.T.E. Foundation, an organization whose mission is to promote secondary educational opportunities for students attending historically black colleges and universities.

"From the moment I arrived on campus, there were numerous professors, upperclassmen and administrators that challenged me to be a leader," Beans said. "It also helped that I took advantage of the leadership opportunities that were presented before me during my time as a student here." He cites former Chancellor James C. Renick as one of his major influences.

While a student, Beans worked as a development intern and co-wrote a \$65,000 grant for a leadership and education program exposing youth to academia. Following graduation, he fulfilled various management roles with the United States Air Force and Fortune 500 companies such as Amgen and Eaton Corporation. He is also a board member for the C.N.O.T.E. Foundation.

Beans believes any student wanting to see great things take place in their life must intentionally set out to make them happen.

"As a student you're constantly evaluated on grades, leadership potential, work experience and the way in which you present yourself. You must be excellent in everything because being exceptional in the area you're currently in will put you into a position for unexpected opportunities," Beans said.

In addition to his work ethic, Rico attributes his optimistic outlook on life as a key factor that has helped him to attain many of his goals.

"Talent alone will only get you so far in life, but a positive attitude is what will take you to the next level," he said. "You can have all the technical skills in the world, but your attitude and the way you see yourself will make you do what is necessary to achieve your dreams."

As a young donor, Beans encourages all alumni to do their part in giving back to the university, regardless of the amount. He likens it to an analogy of climbing a ladder. He says it's not about how high one climbs up the ladder, but how far down that person reaches to help pull another up. That is the true importance of giving.

"I'm motivated to give because I know that scholarships enable students to focus on academics and not be burdened down with financial hardship," he said. "Many of the kids who attend A&T are like me in that they are first generation college students who may not have the resources to get through college smoothly. If everyone contributes a little, we can make it that much easier for those kids to succeed."

His desire is for disadvantaged students at A&T to achieve a quality education and become productive members of society.

Beans graduated with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics. He later earned a master's in logistics management from Georgia College and State University and an M.B.A. from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business.

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ALUMNA PAYS IT FORWARD WITH GIFTS OF TIME AND MONEY



Angela Alston-Jenkins '92

TO SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY graduate Angela Alston-Jenkins '92, North Carolina A&T State University provides a nurturing, supportive yet stringent educational environment.

"The school provides every student with the tools to be successful within their career of choice. It was up to me to embrace and utilize these tools to become a successful alumnus, and bring corporate America back to support the schools and its future alumnus," Alston-Jenkins said.

Alston-Jenkins has worked for several Fortune 500 companies in her manufacturing management career. Over the years, she has used her experience and connections to participate in career fairs; recruit and hire technology and engineering students for summer internships, co-ops and permanent employment; provide career mentorships for students; serve as a corporate liaison for sponsorships; arrange company tours for technology students; serve on committees; and work with alumni to boost support for the School of Technology.

"Ultimately, I want to make sure that the students, especially those in the School Of Technology, understand what corporate America is looking for (in employees). My goal is to make sure all students are exceptional representatives and come back to support by providing internships, co-ops, permanent employment and through providing financial support whether personally or through their corporation," she said.

Alston-Jenkins said N.C. A&T changed my life from a small town country girl to a prominent African American female in corporate America. Like many other students who came to A&T clueless about what she wanted to do in life.

"I started out with student loans (and) a couple of small scholarships ... What I was exposed to at A&T was more than what I could ever imagine. By the second semester of my freshman year, I was awarded a full academic scholarship for the remainder of my time at A&T."

At that time, Alston-Jenkins chose the School of Technology as her area of focus. The electronics and computer technology and manufacturing systems majors were relatively new to industry. This choice was the beginning of her personal and professional development journey that made a huge paradigm shift in her life. She credits this journey with being the catalyst for what she has become.

"I thank every faculty member who impacted my and my husband's (alumnus A.J. Jenkins) education, personal and professional," she said.

OPPORTUNITIES, EXPERIENCES AT A&T LEAD TO SUCCESS

By Jeuron Dove

Looking back on his time as a student at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Roderick McLean attributes the opportunities and experiences he received as playing a pivotal role in laying the foundation for his future success.

“Opportunity and experience are the two words that most come to mind when thinking about North Carolina A&T,” said McLean. “The sense of connectedness I shared with my professors and fellow students resonates with me to this day...building on the opportunities I received inside and outside of the classroom is what prepared me for the challenging situations that came in my career.”

A native of Jackson, N.C., McLean is vice president and deputy of the F-16/F-22 Integrated Fighter Group of Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company. Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin Corporation is an industry leader in global security and information technology. The company recently celebrated its centennial anniversary.

During Career Awareness Week last September, McLean returned to A&T, on behalf of Lockheed Martin Philanthropy, to present a contribution to the College of Engineering in the amount of \$115,000.

“The professors who really invested their time into helping me are my main inspiration for wanting to give back.”

In his current capacity, McLean is responsible for ensuring the financial, schedule and quality performance targets for an \$8 million program portfolio. He leads an organization of over 3,000 employees specializing in aircraft production, avionics subsystem development, aircraft integration and product support/sustainment. McLean began working with Lockheed Martin 18 years ago as a radar systems engineer and has served in various roles since that time.



Roderick McLean '92

Having come from a small town to now leading a group of thousands, he wants to remind current students that any of their dreams can be achieved through hard work and dedication.

“I want to let others know the opportunities are out there if you’re committed to excellence and setting yourself apart from the crowd. I am a living example that success is possible.”

Lockheed Martin prides itself on its philanthropic efforts as they contribute generously to global, national, regional and local

programs and non-profit organizations that focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education, customer and constituent priorities and community involvement.

In addition to their current gift, Lockheed Martin, as a whole, has significant ties to the A&T community. Over 100 alumni are currently employed by the company.

“We provide a number of gifts to universities nationwide, but A&T is one of the key schools we identify for future talent of our business,” said Derek McGowan, campus relations manager of global university talent acquisitions for Lockheed Martin. “We’re a high-tech company and we need talented engineers to help sustain our growth as well as to execute programs we are currently on contract to perform.”

One of the things that stood out most to McLean on his recent visit was witnessing the increased focus on students from a total development perspective, particularly when learning how faculty and staff reaches out to engage them from the moment they arrive onto campus. He strongly believes an element of professional development, in addition to the academic development, is required to be successful at the end of the day.

“You can be the most technically competent person in the institution, but if you are unable to present yourself in a positive manner, and exude confidence, it will be more difficult to become a success in the workplace.”

McLean is a 1992 summa cum laude graduate of the College of Engineering. He received his master’s degree in engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology and an M.B.A. from the University of Maryland.

He currently resides in Fort Worth, Texas, with his wife Kathy and their three children.

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— RODERICK MCLEAN '92

TAX RELIEF AND YOU

ON JAN. 1, the U.S. House of Representatives passed fiscal cliff legislation that preserves the charitable deduction.

The legislation keeps an individual's charitable deduction rate equal to their marginal tax rate and permanently extends the estate tax, exempting the first \$5 million of an estate and taxing the remainder at a 40 percent rate. Going forward, the \$5 million exemption is indexed for inflation.

In addition, the legislation includes a two-year extension of the IRA Charitable Rollover, which expires this year on Dec. 31. The two-year extension is fully retroactive to Jan. 1, 2012, and runs through Dec. 31, 2013, with special transition rules in effect for gifts made in December 2012 and January 2013 (see below).

The Charitable IRA Rollover Gift

The Charitable IRA Rollover Gift is available again this year. Act now to take advantage of this tax-smart gift. If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can donate up to \$100,000 a year directly from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to North Carolina A&T State University and receive the equivalent of a 100% income tax charitable contribution deduction. Both traditional and Roth IRAs may be used to make the gift. The Charitable IRA Rollover Gift must be made directly by the IRA custodian to N.C. A&T.

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For questions and to make your charitable gift, contact the Office of University Development at North Carolina A&T State University at 336-334-7600. We will be happy to help you with Charitable IRA Rollover Gift planning.

NOTE: The aforementioned overview of the 2013 gift and tax issues along with the IRA rollover provision is designed to provide a general understanding of the law and should not be construed as legal, accounting, tax or other professional advice. It is important to consult your tax advisor.



CORPORATE GIFTS ADD TO SUCCESS OF 2012 FALL CAREER AWARENESS PROGRAM AND FAIR

MORE THAN 150 EMPLOYERS from across the United States participated in the Office of Career Services' 38th annual Career Awareness Program and Fair, held Sept. 11-12.

This event, which includes a reception, banquet and fair, continues to be the largest of its kind among historically black colleges and universities, and is one of the largest in North Carolina. The fair is free and open to undergraduate and graduate students in all majors. More than 2,224 students met with recruiters at the fair.

The invitation-only banquet was held at the Sheraton Four Seasons. The keynote speaker was N.C. A&T alumnus Roderick M. McLean, vice president and deputy of the F-16/F-22 Integrated Fighter Group within Lockheed Martin Aeronautics.

During the evening, several corporations and alumni presented monetary gifts to the university, totaling more than \$400,000.



General Motors Foundation presents \$100,000 to N.C. A&T.



Representatives from Chevron present \$175,000 to Chancellor Harold L. Martin Sr. for scholarships and student organizations in the College of Engineering.



Lockheed Martin presents \$115,000 for student organizations and departments in the College of Engineering.



N.C. A&T engineering alumni Anthony "T.J." Jackson '81 (left) and Steven D. Cook '82 present \$25,000 for an unrestricted endowment in engineering.

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Greetings alumni and friends! What an exciting academic year we have experienced to date. Our students and faculty are working hard in exceeding academic boundaries and enhancing our reputation for excellence.

During the first half of this academic year, North Carolina A&T State University—in partnership with the Guilford County School system—opened the STEM Early College at A&T; the National Science Foundation awarded the university a five-year, \$5 million grant to establish a bioenergy center; and athletically, our football team had a winning season including wins over Norfolk State (Homecoming) and arch rival North Carolina Central University.

Thanks to support from our alumni and friends, America now knows what Aggies have always known: the best marching band resides at North Carolina A&T. The Blue and Gold Marching Machine did a magnificent job opening the renowned Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade® in New York.



Fiscally, the state budget has stabilized following four years of significant cuts. However, we still face significant funding challenges as North Carolina and the nation continue to emerge from the global economic downturn. Private giving is more important than ever. Your continued support makes it possible for A&T to help students, faculty and staff excel in classrooms, research laboratories, athletics and in our communities. Please consider a gift to A&T today. For your convenience, we enclosed a gift slip, or you can give online at www.ncat.edu/giving.

Aggie Pride!

Timothy A. Minor

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Associate Vice Chancellor for Development

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