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# MCLENNAN

## HIGHLANDER QUARTERLY

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*Please remember the MCC Foundation in your annual giving, estate planning and memorials*

JANUARY - MARCH 2015

## 2015 HEARTS IN THE ARTS GALA “GEORGE M!” SETS EVENT RECORD



*Above: Gala evening view from the gala home of Clifton and Betsy Robinson  
Below: Patrons enjoy indoor and outdoor views during the buffet dinner*



The McLennan Community College Foundation’s Hearts in the Arts Gala is known by local theatre and arts enthusiasts as one of Waco’s most elegant evenings celebrating the arts. Each year, the gala offers a cocktail dinner in a prominent Waco home followed by McLennan Theatre’s annual musical production at the Ball Performing Arts Center on campus. All proceeds from the evening benefit McLennan student scholarships and special projects!

The MCC Foundation’s 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Hearts in the Arts Gala took place on February 19. This year’s gala brought a record number of patrons — just over 300 — to the beautiful lake-side home of Waco’s Clifton and Betsy Robinson for dinner and then on to the Ball Performing Arts Center on McLennan’s campus for a spirited performance of the Broadway classic, “George M!” Our sincerest thanks go out to Clifton and Betsy for their friendship and support in making this year’s gala the best ever. The gala raised a record-setting \$21,682 for student scholarships!

The evening began with an optional VIP cocktail hour, featuring home tours by the Robinson family and personal friends. Afterwards the patrons enjoyed a delectable buffet dinner catered by Blanek’s Custom Catering of Waco. Patrons then traveled to campus for the production of “George M!”

McLennan Theatre’s production of “George M!” showcased an incredibly talented group of students in the Visual and Performing Arts division. These students and McLennan faculty worked tirelessly to produce an outstanding show. From the orchestra, costumes, set design to the dramatic choreography, and each detail is crafted by McLennan students to captivate and entertain the audience. Congratulations to the McLennan Theatre department for a job well done!

During intermission, the Visual & Perform-

ing Arts division honored retiring professor Jerry MacLauchlin, who has spent 24 years at the helm of McLennan Theatre's productions and choreography. The Visual & Performing Arts division created the "Jerry MacLauchlin Musical Theatre Scholarship" in his honor and presented him with a "George M!" production poster signed by the student cast.

Intermission concluded with Foundation Executive Director Harry I. Harelik announcing the winners of the gala raffle, which included four stunning pieces of jewelry from Boozer's Fine Jewelry in Waco.

The McLennan Community College Foundation also extends our thanks to the 2015 Gala Planning Committee: MCC Foundation board members Sharon Allison, Betty Bauer, Diane Deaver, Luanne Klaras, Nelwyn Reagan, Valerie Robinson, Dr. Hazel Rowe and Lisa Sheldon. We also want to thank Nell Hawkins and Gordon Robinson for leading two of the home tours and Rosie Gulig for assisting with the tours.

In addition to these fabulous committee members and volunteers, we thank the McLennan staff and students who volunteered during the evening: Derek Clapp, Jodi Harper, Gale Kissinger, Stan Mitchell, McLennan Community College Presidential and First Generation Scholars, Hispanic Student Association students and the Highlassie golf team.

Finally, we thank the McLennan Community College Physical Plant employees, who coordinated the set-up and tear-down of the event tables, chairs and fixtures, as they do each year.

There will not be a theatre gala in February of 2016. The special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala will be held on May 5, 2016 at Waco Hall on the Baylor University campus and will feature a performance by Steinway artists Anderson & Roe with the Waco Symphony Orchestra. Stay tuned to upcoming *Highlander Quarterlies* for more information on this very special evening.



### The McLennan Community College Foundation

gratefully recognizes our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Sponsors who made our event possible.

**Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Robinson, Gala Home Hosts**



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*Our special thanks to our Hearts in the Arts members and the Waco Transit System for their support of this event.*



**Hearts**  
*in the arts*

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## 2015-2016 SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

It's that time again! The MCC Foundation Scholarship Committee, comprised of 12 McLennan Community College faculty and staff members, has been hard at work reviewing **757** applications. Applicants are evaluated based on financial need, academic merit, community service, essays and references. As of publication date, **379** scholarships totaling **\$346,250** have been awarded for the 2015-2016 academic year. The students are very appreciative of these awards and demonstrate this by writing thank-you cards to the donors. Below are excerpts from some of the thank you notes:

- Your scholarship is helping me receive the education needed to help people in the future by becoming a medical laboratory technician. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity. *Katy A.*
- Your generosity and thoughtfulness have given me the ability to complete my degree and make a better life for myself and my family. *Juanita M.*
- I am humbled and grateful to have received these funds. I am completing my freshman year here at MCC and eventually hope to continue my education by getting my bachelor's degree. *Tyler R.*

Applications for the 2016-17 academic year will be available online beginning October 1. For more information on the scholarship process, please contact Shelley Cotten at [scotten@mclennan.edu](mailto:scotten@mclennan.edu) or 254-299-8818.

Want to be a part of this amazing opportunity to help deserving students? Ways to give include:

- payroll deduction (current McLennan Community College employees);
- one-time gifts;
- honor a loved one or co-worker with a gift to the Foundation in his/her name.

If you would like information on deferred gifts, such as retirement funds, wills, life insurance, trusts, charitable gift annuities or gifts of stock or real estate, please contact Harry Harelik at [hharelik@mclennan.edu](mailto:hharelik@mclennan.edu) or 254-299-8606.

*Every gift matters, no matter how big or small. All donations, unless designated otherwise, go directly to fund scholarships.*

## MCLENNAN'S ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT

Return on investment is a very common term when making decisions on personal investments. This includes your philanthropic decisions and the organizations you support. How can you measure the return on investment for supporting student scholarships at McLennan Community College?

In December 2014, McLennan Community College partnered with EMSI to conduct an economic impact study. This report evaluates the impact McLennan Community College has on the local economy.

Please [click here](#) to access the two-page fact sheet from the report.

**Save the Date**  
Friday, October 2, 2015  
Cottonwood Creek Golf Course

Special tournament celebrating  
McLennan's 50 years of quality education!  
Contact the McLennan Community College Foundation  
today at **299-8604** or [jbland@mclennan.edu](mailto:jbland@mclennan.edu).

Accepting sponsorships through Sept. 16, 2015

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THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MCC FOUNDATION

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*-Sir Winston Churchill*

SEPT. 1, 2013 - AUG. 31, 2014

2014  
OUR YEAR IN REVIEW



*Stained glass double-helix structure in McLennan's  
LEED-certified Science building*

It is with great pleasure that we can report that the fiscal year that ended August 31, 2014, proved to be another period of happily unforeseen historical highs in several categories:

- 1) For the first time in history, net proceeds of the annual MCC Foundation golf tournament, one of the oldest continually operating fundraisers in McLennan county, exceeded \$50,000.
- 2) The largest gift in the college's and Foundation's history was announced. This gift, a bequest from the Estate of Iris Jeffress, widow of former McLennan Community College library director Victor Jeffress, is estimated at over \$1.8 million and will be used for a new endowed scholarship fund.
- 3) As a result of increases in market value along with the phenomenal Jeffress bequest, fund balances in the MCC Foundation surpassed the MCC Foundation Board of Trustees' enhancement goal of \$15 million, ending the year at \$15,550,526, an increase of \$3.9 million (over 33%) from the previous year.
- 4) Capitalizing on the fundraising, the Jeffress bequest, annual donations and investment market value increases, the MCC Foundation scholarship committee was able to award over \$320,000 in scholarships, a 28.4% increase in scholarships awarded in the previous academic year and a

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MISSION  
*Statement*

The McLennan Community College Foundation promotes quality higher education that enriches the academic, economic and cultural life of our diverse community.

To further this mission, the Foundation acquires financial resources and strengthens support to fund scholarships, professional development and capital improvements for the students, faculty and staff of the College and the broader communities it serves.

In so doing, the Foundation hopes to enhance quality of life, encourage success and positively change the futures of students and their families.



### Professional Development Grants

Professional development grants awarded for January 1 - March 31, 2015 total \$20,851.14.

Funding is provided through the Foundation's special \$1.5 million dollar Professional Development Fund, formed with a U.S. Department of Education Title III grant, along with matching donor-provided funds.

Congratulations to the following staff and faculty who received funding:

- Lawrence Brooks - Project Management Fundamentals
- David Davenport - 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Business Institute for Community College Faculty
- Michele Davis - Infectious Disease in Primary Care
- Sondra Dubowsky - HAPS 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference
- Scott Geiger - Title IX and Mandatory Reporting: Developing a Training Program for your Employees
- Peaches Henry - 19<sup>th</sup> Century Studies Association's Annual Conference
- Renee Jacinto - AHEAD in Texas 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference
- Rita Jacinto - Ellucian Live Annual Conference
- Missy Kittner - Title IX and Mandatory Reporting: Developing a Training Program for your Employees
- Jennifer Norman - NCMPR Conference
- Susan Olson - Curriculum for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- Kim Patterson - NCMPR Conference
- Alisa Petree - American Society of Microbiology Conference for Undergraduate Educators
- Bonnie Sneed - National American Choral Director Conference
- Holly Surginer - Ellucian Live Annual Conference
- Staci Taylor - Association of Training & Development
- Laura Wichman - 2015 TAIR Conference

### MCLENNAN STUDENTS ATTENDED COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT THE STATE CAPITOL



A cohort of 25 McLennan Community College First Generation scholars and Student Council members (pictured left with Dr. Johnette McKown, Dr. Drew Canham, Claudette Jackson and Elaine Fagner) participated in Community College Day at the Texas Capitol on February 3. Students spoke with state Representatives Charles "Doc" Anderson and Kyle Kacal, in addition to state Senator Brian Birdwell.

### STRIPES FOUNDATION AWARDS \$32,000 FOR MCLENNAN SCHOLARSHIPS

The McLennan Community College Foundation was recently awarded \$32,000 from the Stripes® Foundation to fund \$1,000 scholarships to 32 students for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Stripes® Convenience Stores and the Stripes® Foundation held an in-store fundraiser last December for the Stripes® College Scholarship Fund. Over \$600,000 was raised for student scholarships and is being distributed to schools across Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

The McLennan Community College Foundation was approached to participate in November 2014 and the scholarships have now been awarded through the regular MCC Foundation scholarship award process.



### Arts Notes

#### 2014-2015 STEINWAY SERIES CONCLUDES WITH BREATHTAKING PERFORMANCES

For the first time in several years, the Steinway Series hosted two concerts in one semester.

Despite freezing temperatures and light precipitation, the January 8 concert featuring Donnie Balmos and Gail G. Wade drew a record crowd of over 200 to McLennan's Ball Performing Arts Center! Donnie and Gail entertained the crowd with a duo piano recital, featuring Carlos Guastavino's "Tres Romances Argentinos," Samuel Barber's "Souvenirs," William Balcom's "The Garden of Eden," and Francis Poulenc's "Elegie."

The 2014-2015 Steinway concert series concluded on January 15 with a concert by McLennan Community College Alumnus Richard G. Leonberger. Leonberger, a tenor who trained under McLennan's Lise Uhl, gave an awe-inspiring performance to a generous crowd at the Ball Performing Arts Center. See the Alumni Spotlight on page 7 to learn more about Leonberger and his experience at McLennan.

The next Steinway Series concert will take place September 10 and will feature McLennan alumni as the "Tartan Tenors." Please stay tuned for more information on this special concert!

*We continue to thank all of the generous donors to the All-Steinway Campaign for their enrichment of Waco's arts community.*



#### MCLENNAN OPERA ALUMS REUNITE

McLennan Opera alumni reunited on Sunday, January 18, at the home of Lise Uhl. These alumni performed for McLennan Opera from 1983-1985.

Opera alumni: (pictured standing left to right) Paul Brown, Sue Barger Sowder, Bob Sowder, Michael Sorley, David Thomas, Belinda Honea, Lise Uhl, John Ross, (pictured seated left to right) Luis Navarra and Glenn Beals.





## Alumni Spotlight

Q&A with Alumnus Richard G. Leonberger



Pictured above: Richard G. Leonberger with mentor Lise Uhl, McLennan music professor

**Q: How did you hear about McLennan Community College and what prompted you to attend?**

A: I attended Midway High School and knew I could not attend college without financial assistance. Lise Uhl visited during choir practice one day and encouraged students to apply for scholarships to McLennan Community College from the arts department. I did and was awarded a Hearts in the Arts scholarship, which made going to college actually an option for me.

**Q: How did you discover your passion for opera?**

A: My only musical background prior to McLennan Community College was choir. When I started at McLennan, I originally thought I would pursue linguistics. However, Ms. Uhl urged me to audition for the opera and I managed to get the lead even though I was not an opera major at the time. I knew my career path changed the first night of the opera when I

stepped on stage. I remember thinking: I have to do this ... this is what I want to do with my life.

**Q: How did the faculty at McLennan Community College help you succeed?**

I was not a model student when I arrived at McLennan Community College. I built relationships with the faculty and came to discover that they understood and believed in my potential, and they also gave me opportunities to succeed. They frequently said, “no you can do better than this,” and eventually I started to believe them and expect greater things from myself.

**Q: What was your favorite moment at McLennan?**

A: All of the operas I performed in, of course. But I also enjoyed hanging out with friends in the LTC. My favorite opera to perform in was *Pirates of Penzance* because I enjoyed the collaboration between the music and theatre departments at McLennan Community College. That spirit of collaboration is unique to McLennan Community College and really built camaradery amongst the cast and everyone involved.

**Q: What would you say to current and future students at McLennan Community College?**

A: You have the opportunity to find and connect with mentors. Mine were teachers like Lise Uhl and Dr. Ruth Pitts. All of the faculty at McLennan Community College set high standards and give you the foundation and guidance needed to achieve. Some students might think of McLennan Community College as a last resort, but that is not what it is. McLennan Community College is a pool of extremely experienced and talented teachers who want to bring out excellence in each student on campus. And that is exactly what happened to me.

**Q: What is next for Richard Leonberger?**

A: I am currently pursuing my doctoral degree at Louisiana State University. Right now I am focused on my dissertation: *A Swann's Song in Middle Earth: an Exploration of Swann's "The Road Goes Ever On" and the Development of a System of Lyric Diction for Tolkien's Constructed Elvish Languages*. I hope to complete my program in the very near future and begin teaching and performing opera.

## 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HIGHLANDER ALUMNI & FRIENDS REUNION PICNIC JUNE 18, 2015

McLennan Community College Foundation's  
Highlander Alumni & Friends  
Association 8<sup>th</sup> Annual

### Alumni & Friends Reunion Picnic

6:30-8 p.m.

**Thursday, June 18, 2015**

Bosque River Stage at McLennan  
Community College

**\*Free hamburger, chips, drink & dessert & t-shirt for association members! (Must RSVP online by June 10<sup>th</sup> to reserve your free meals!)**

*\*When registering, alumni members and one guest will be charged a \$5 per person reimbursable fee. (Alumni members plus their one guest will be reimbursed for their attendance up to \$10. In order for an alumni member to receive a refund for their ticket and ONE guest, the alumni member MUST sign in at the event "Welcome Alumni" table. Alumni members who make reservations and do not attend will not receive a reimbursement. Non-members of the alumni association are not eligible for a refund. Alumni members are not eligible for a refund for more than their reservation and one guest.)*

**New members or additional Meals:** \$8 per additional meal (non-refundable)

Free **River Sounds** concert\* featuring Waco's own Holly Tucker!

Concert begins at 8 p.m. and is free — tickets not required for stadium or lawn seating. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a reunion picnic and concert under the stars!

*\*Concert is open to the public, but the hamburger dinner is for alumni association members and their guests only!*

To reserve your meals, you must RSVP on the Highlander Alumni Association website by Wednesday, June 10.

**Please, no on-site registration.**



Membership in the Alumni Association is free and open to all alumni and friends of McLennan! For more information, contact the MCC Foundation's Highlander Alumni Association:

alumni.mclennan.edu  
299-8481 or jbland@mclennan.edu



Finished Top 6 on Season 4 of NBC's "The Voice"



## Now Accepting Nominations for 2015 Highlander Alumni and Friends Association Distinguished Awards

Each September, two outstanding alumni are recognized at the McLennan Community College Foundation's Scholar, Donor and Alumni Recognition event. The awards are given through a nomination and competition process during the spring and summer of each year.

The two awards are:

- **Distinguished Young Leader**, recognizing a recent McLennan grad who was particularly active during his or her time at the college; and
- **Distinguished Alumnus**, for a McLennan grad who has pursued professional excellence and distinction after graduating from McLennan Community College.

Nomination forms and information are now available online, and we encourage college employees and community members to please a special individual you would like to nominate for these prestigious awards. Forms are on the MCC Foundation website at [www.mclennan.edu/foundation](http://www.mclennan.edu/foundation) under "Quick Links and Resources."

Please contact Jana Bland (jbland@mclennan.edu or 254-299-8481) at the McLennan Community College Foundation for questions or more information.

*Please note that this is separate from the McLennan 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hall of Fame.*

**REGISTER ONLINE: [alumni.mclennan.edu](http://alumni.mclennan.edu)  
by Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**



## REMEMBERING "HILDA'S SUITCASE"

*By Harry I. Harelik, Executive Director, MCC Foundation*

What encourages people to make plans for future gifts to a not-for-profit organization? One encouragement is learning from other donors' stories. Below is a meaningful story condensed from an article by fundraising executive Norma Cameron, originally appearing in the October "2010 Gift Planning in Canada" and reprinted in the U.S. "Advancing Philanthropy" Winter 2015 published by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. The story is called "Hilda's Suitcase." The story concerns the author's mother.

"I had no idea that my mother would end up teaching me a very important lesson about gift planning...despite my best efforts to raise the topic [of planned giving], she would say "I don't have very much, and when I am gone, I'm sure you'll all be able to work it out.".....Then one day, things changed---the day my mum told me the following story: She was heading home from a five-day coach tour of Cornwall with four of her closest friends....They were having a particularly riotous time reliving one of their holiday highlights, laughing heartily, when suddenly Hilda, one of her oldest friends, slumped over her seat.....When the coach reached its final destination.....there my mother stood with her now only three friends, all staring at one [suit] case that no one picked up. It was Hilda's and no one really knew what to do with it. You see, Hilda was a widow with one estranged son who lived in Australia....And so they stood staring at that old brown suitcase..... After my mother had finished telling me her story, there was a pause on the line, and she said, "When you come home.... do you think we could talk about, you know, those arrangements?"....After another shorter pause, she said that if she had a choice, she'd like to "go" the same way Hilda had, returning from a great holiday, surrounded by friends and spending her last moments on this earth enjoying a good laugh... For my mother, the time was suddenly right when she sat at home, not knowing what to do with Hilda's suitcase that now sat facing her on the living room carpet."

And so it goes for each of us...to, in the right time and before it is too late, make sure we don't leave a suitcase with which no one knows what to do. Making plans for the disposition of an estate is easier than one may think. Having a good, up-to-date will is essential, of course and, if there are charitable gifts to be made, being sure the charities are written into the will is essential. But charities can also be remembered as beneficiaries of life insurance contracts, retirement plans, charitable gift annuities such as those offered by the McLennan Community College Foundation and/or donor advised funds such as those offered by the Waco Foundation.

I, personally, have remembered the McLennan Community College Foundation and several favorite charities in my estate planning and Waco Foundation donor advised fund. I want to be sure those not-for-profits are supported after my death as they have been during my lifetime. Just because I pass away doesn't mean those organizations need my support any less. And just because I was supporting them doesn't mean my descendants and heirs will support them. But I can assure the support continues by planning ahead. I don't want to leave "Harry's suitcase" sitting on anyone's living room carpet.

Sincerely,

*Harry I. Harelik*

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HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS TO THE FOUNDATION  
JANUARY 1 - MARCH 31, 2015

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In Honor of Gene Gooch, by:  
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## HONORARIUMS & MEMORIALS TO THE FOUNDATION JANUARY 1 - MARCH 31, 2015

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Mark Barnes and Family  
Wanda Barnes

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Harry and Beverly Harelik

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In Memory of Elizabeth Bunk Uhl, by:  
Harry and Beverly Harelik  
Drs. Stanley and Johnette McKown  
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Bill and Ruth Pitts  
David and Annette Scott  
Darren and Marisa Sliva  
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In Memory of Linda Joy Wood, by:  
Harry and Beverly Harelik

## MCLENNAN FACULTY WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



Dr. Cynthia M. SoRelle, McLennan Professor of Theatre, was named the 2015 College Theatre Educator of the Year by the Texas Educational Theatre Association. The Texas Educational Theatre Association, Inc. was founded in October, 1951 as an organization concerned with improving the status of educational theatre in Texas. "Among its most important goals is to promote vigorously the development and continuation of high quality theatre programs in Texas schools, colleges and universities." SoRelle has served as Chair of the Board of Directors of Literary Managers & Dramaturgs of the Americas (LMDA) since 2010. She is also a member of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education and has chaired its Dramaturgy Debut Competition for 15 years. In 2000, she received the Texas Educational Theatre Association's Founders Award for "outstanding contributions to theatre in Texas."

SoRelle was very honored to win the award, and said, "The two most important opinions are from your students and peers. Awards like this are wonderful because it allows you to get feedback from both." Katy Baker Cocovinis, one of SoRelle's former students, said, "Dr. SoRelle is among the most knowledgeable, caring and ethical professors I have ever had. Her support through college and beyond has helped me gain the skills and pedagogy which have led to my success as both an educator and artist." SoRelle holds a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. Congratulations, Dr. SoRelle, on this achievement!

## CONTACT US



### MCLENNAN HAS THOUSANDS OF REASONS TO GIVE

The McLennan Community College Foundation is committed to enriching the college by supporting its 8,500 students, 800 faculty and staff members, and by improving facilities on our 200-acre campus. Consider strengthening our community by giving to the McLennan Community College Foundation. Visit [www.mclennan.edu/foundation](http://www.mclennan.edu/foundation) to learn how you can support your local college.

The 2015 McLennan Community College Foundation Board of Directors are: Sharon Allison, Betty Bauer, Mike Bidwell, Randy Cox, Judge Rex Davis, Diane Deaver, Louis Englander, Wesley Filer, Fay Gutierrez, Nashim Hamilton, Harry Harelik, Dana Hassell, Kent Keahey, Luanne Klaras, Annette Lindsey, Paul McClinton, Dr. Johnette McKown, Ellie Morrison, Bill Patterson, Nelwyn Reagan, Valerie Robinson, Dr. Hazel Rowe, J. Clay Sawyer, M.D., Winfred Watkins, Geneva Watley and Murray Watson, Jr.

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