

Raleigh-Wake Chapter of the WSSU National Alumni Association, PO Box 24826, Raleigh NC 27611-4826

CHAPTER NEWS & INFORMATION



to all of the Ram Fathers and those that
serve in the capacity of fathers....



The Raleigh-Wake WSSU Alumni Chapter congratulates Mrs.L'Tona Lamonte, '99 as the new Assistant Head Women's Basketball coach at NCCU. Lamonte joins the Lady Eagles coaching staff after serving as an assistant coach at Belmont University in Tennessee for the two past seasons.

Prior to her appointment at Belmont University, Lamonte was the Director of Basketball Operations at North Carolina State University from 2009 to 2013.

A native of Winston-Salem and a two sport student-athlete at Winston-Salem State University, L'Tona is in the NCAA softball history book in five different categories and led the nation in stolen bases her junior season with the Rams.

A sports management major at WSSU, Lamonte obtained a master's degree in kinesiology from Georgia Southern in 2003.

WSSU NEWS & INFORMATION



The WSSU Admissions office is now located in Suite 137 and 111 of the Anderson Center. All phone numbers, fax numbers and email addresses will remain the same.



“Yes, I am an alum and I would like to be a part in WSSU’s alumni reaching 10% goal within the next 10 days and seeing Chancellor Robinson doing his “happy dance”.

This is a special request to all #WSSU Alumni!!! We have reached an all-time high in the number of alumni who contributed to the University during the

fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. This has enabled us to achieve an alumni giving rate of 9.8 percent! This is amazing and I am making a final plea during the next two weeks to get us to double digit giving! I promised our Advancement team that I would do a "happy dance" if we reached 10 percent. The national rate for all colleges and Universities is around 9 percent and for HBCUs it's 4.5.

If you are a WSSU alumni and have not made a contribution this year, please consider going to our website and helping us reach that 10 percent! Any amount you give counts towards achieving this goal! Thank you." #10Day100Rams

Chancellor Elwood L. Robinson

WSSU Chancellor Elwood Robinson wants 10 percent of WSSU Alumni to Donate Money to the School



WSSU Chancellor Elwood Robinson

Winston-Salem State University Chancellor Elwood Robinson is asking more alumni to give donations, hoping to move the contribution rate into double digits.

"If you are a WSSU (alumnus) and have not made a contribution this year, please consider going to our website and helping us reach that 10 percent goal," Robinson wrote on his Facebook page Sunday.

During the 2014-15 fiscal year, 9.8 percent of WSSU alumni donated money to the college, Robinson wrote.

"This is amazing, and I am making a final plea during the next two weeks to get us to the double-digit giving," he wrote. "I promised our advancement team that I would do a 'happy dance' if we reached 10 percent."

June 30 is the last day of the 2015 fiscal year.

The national rate of alumni giving from all colleges and universities is about 9 percent, which the chancellor said is double the rate among alumni of historically black colleges and universities.

"Enhancing a culture of philanthropy is part of the transformative experience that we are designing at WSSU," Robinson said. "The goal is to move from a single gift, to sustained alumni donors, and ultimately to high-impact givers."

Michelle Cook, the vice chancellor of university advancement, said that 1,520 graduates have donated \$498,000 so far this year. If slightly more than 200 additional alumni would donate money by June 30, the school would reach its goal, Cook said.

WSSU had 21,555 alumni in fiscal year 2014, the university said. However, it solicited donations from about 17,000 alumni who have provided WSSU with their email addresses and phone numbers, Cook said. The university is using the latter number as a basis for its fundraising goal.

Terry Griffin, a 1979 WSSU graduate who retired as sales manager of Altria Group Inc., donates to the school and said that WSSU alumni who are not contributing need to understand the importance of giving money.

"Someone made it happen for them to attend college," Griffin said. "All we are asking for them is to reciprocate."

Fred Warren of Charlotte, a 1967 graduate and a donor, said he appreciates the opportunities his education has given him.

"I find it hard to fathom why anyone who went to a HBCU doesn't give back to their school," Warren said.

(Winston-Salem Journal, June 17, 2015)

Chancellor: WSSU Dedicated to Producing Leaders to 'Change the World'

The faculty, administrators and staff at Winston-Salem State University are committed to helping students become critical thinkers and leaders, Chancellor Elwood Robinson said Friday.

“We want WSSU to produce graduates who are leaders and will go out and change the world,” Robinson said. “WSSU is preparing students for the 21st-century world”.

Robinson explained his vision of the university’s liberal-arts education during the WSSU board of trustees meeting at the Reaves Student Activity Center.

Robinson said that the university is preparing its students for a life of service with a sense of social justice.

“Our goal is to have a transformative experience for the students,” he said.

WSSU will use its resources, the experience of its faculty and staff and its academic departments to achieve that goal, Robinson said.

“You can’t do any of this unless you trust one another,” he said. “That trust is extremely important.”

Robinson said the school’s executive staff is developing a strategic plan stressing the goals of a liberal-arts education. He told the trustees that the plan will be completed in December or January.

“I want everyone to have a collective conscious and a collective intelligence about what it is we are trying to do,” Robinson said.

Also during the meeting, Provost Brenda Allen told the trustees that WSSU accepted 2,450 applicants for the fall semester, and 1,025 intend to enroll in classes. That represents a 16 percent increase over the number of incoming freshmen at WSSU in the fall of 2014, she said.

In addition, the students expected to enroll in the fall had an average 3.27 GPA in high school, scored 889 on the SAT and scored 19 on the ACT, Allen said.

“We are seeing more freshmen with better qualifications who are interested in us,” Allen said.

Last year’s pool of applicants had an average GPA of 3.24, scored 883 on the SAT and had 18 on the ACT, university statistics show.

In other business, the trustees unanimously approved a revision to the university’s policy of allowing animals on campus. Under the new rules, residence hall directors living in apartments within the dormitories will be allowed to have a dog or a cat in their apartment, the university said.

Students still will not be allowed to have any pets on campus with the exception of service dogs for disabled students, according to the new rules.

Trae T. Cotton, WSSU’s vice chancellor for student affairs, told the trustees’ student affairs committee Thursday that an employee must request permission in writing to have a dog or cat in a dormitory apartment. The university must approve the request, and the employee then must pay a \$250 deposit to cover any damage caused by the animal, Cotton said.

The employee must obtain \$300,000 in liability coverage for the animal, he said. Aggressive dogs are not permitted under the rules, Cotton said.

The existing policy needed the revision because an individual being recruited as a residence hall director wanted to bring a dog to live on campus, Cotton said.

Cotton didn’t identify that person or the dormitory where the dog will live. The university has seven dormitories, according to its website.

(Winston-Salem Journal, June 12, 2015)

**Elwood Robinson and Harold Martin:
The Time is now to Support the Connect
NC bond Package**

Gov. Pat McCrory’s Connect NC bond initiative is a significant and historic step toward narrowing the skills gap and producing the next generation of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) leaders in North Carolina.

The information age is in full swing and one of the greatest dilemmas of industries today is the

skills gap, a shortage of qualified people who have the knowledge and skills to meet the needs of employers. This shortage is especially dire when it pertains to highly specialized science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) jobs. One of the primary goals of institutions of higher learning is to prepare students for careers of the future. In order to cultivate leaders to solve technical and societal problems, we must have the tools and facilities to support their education and development.

The Connect NC bond package includes \$534 million for the UNC system, primarily for state-of-the-art STEM facilities, to ensure students graduate with the skills needed to become productive members of the workforce. Of the 10 universities to receive bond proceeds, five are Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The Connect NC investments in HBCUs recognize the critical role that these traditionally underfunded universities play in preparing students for careers of the 21st century. This bond invests where the track record of need and results are the highest.

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NC A&T) is the largest HBCU in the nation, and has ranked third in research dollars among the University of North Carolina system institutions for nearly a decade. The College of Engineering has been the top producer of highly competitive African American engineers at the baccalaureate level in the U.S. for 13 consecutive years. Given a proven track record of success, NC A&T is slated to receive \$99.1 million for a new College of Engineering facility from the bond proposal. The youngest existing College of Engineering facility is nearly three decades old. Present day research and instructional activities have advanced significantly over the last 30 years and the student engineering population at the college is booming, which underscores the demand for this important investment.

The bond package would also provide \$53.8 million for a new sciences building at Winston-Salem State University (WSSU). Previous administrations and bond initiatives have historically underinvested in HBCUs. In 2007, the General Assembly appropriated planning funds to

WSSU for a new sciences building. The facility has been fully designed with completed construction drawings, however these plans have been collecting dust in recent years since no additional state dollars have been allocated for development of the facility. Connect NC bond proceeds would be allocated to fund the already planned sciences building, which will provide additional laboratory, classroom and office space for multiple health and science programs.

A highly educated STEM workforce is vital to our future prosperity as it is an essential component in attracting new industries to North Carolina and retaining companies already in the state. We must invest now in our highest need populations and in our highest need fields. This bond package does that.

Interest rates are lower than they have ever been previously and most forecasts expect the Federal Reserve to begin increasing rates in the second half of 2015. This underscores the urgency to act now. Each month we delay will mean higher costs for taxpayers and forgone opportunities for students seeking work-ready degrees at less cost. We urge legislators in the General Assembly to let the voters of North Carolina decide on these important, long-term investments. Our state's future competitiveness and prosperity depend on it.

Elwood L. Robinson is the chancellor of Winston-Salem State University. Harold L. Martin is the chancellor of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University.

(Winston-Salem Journal, June 14, 2015)

WSSU SPORTS NEWS & INFORMATION

Wilhelmi is ready for Rule Changes

The NCAA rule changes for the 2015-16 basketball season will barely affect Winston-Salem State.

The biggest change is the reduction of the shot clock from 35 to 30 seconds. The NCAA hopes it boosts scoring in Division I, where the average of 67.7 points per team per game was the third lowest since 1952. But the rule changes are also for Division II schools.

According to Coach James Wilhelmi of the Rams, who billed themselves as “shock and awe” last season, they never had to worry about too many shot-clock violations while averaging 81 points a game.

“I really think that the 30-second shot clock won’t lead to more scoring,” Wilhelmi said when talking about Division II. “I do believe it will lead to more possessions because the shot clock will run out sooner. The shots that end up being taken might not be quality shots, so the possessions might not add up to more points.”

Scoring hasn’t been a problem in the CIAA, which has more free-flowing offenses (three schools averaged 80 points or higher last season). Overall, the CIAA’s average scoring was 71 points per team last season.

Wilhelmi’s coaching style last season, his first as a head coach, included the Pack Line defense and lots of pressing in the frontcourt. He says that style won’t change, and with just a 30-second shot clock, teams will have to force more things.

“Some people may extend their defense in the frontcourt then fall back into a zone; and when that happens, teams will have a shorter shot clock,” Wilhelmi said.

Another big change that Wilhelmi says hasn’t been talked about a lot is the five-second, closely guarded rule. Now a player can hold onto the ball for as long as he wants without moving toward the basket.

“The rationale was to decrease the inconsistency because some officials have a quick count on that five seconds,” Wilhelmi said.

Having a good point guard who can handle the ball well should come in handy without the five-second rule, Wilhelmi said.

“If you have an elite ballhandling point guard, he can dribble the clock out now without the danger of the five-second count,” Wilhelmi said.

Wilhelmi says that if the NCAA really wanted to increase scoring in all divisions, it could adopt the illegal-defense rule used in the NBA.

“The one thing about the rule is if the true intention of it is to increase scoring, then you might want to look at going the NBA route of illegal defense,” Wilhelmi said. “I don’t like that because I like the various defenses in college basketball. I’m not in favor of reducing the shot clock, but I have an appreciation of the college game because of all the adjustments you can make on defense.”

The restricted-area arc under the basket that determines the block or charge call will also be expanded from 3 feet to 4 feet away from the basket.

In another effort to speed up the game, teams will have fewer timeouts, and coaches won’t be able to call a timeout after a made basket.

Bobby Collins, the Rams’ former head coach who is at Maryland-Eastern Shore, used to always call timeouts after made baskets to set up his press on defense. Wilhelmi also did that on occasion last season.

“If the clock is moving you can’t call a timeout anymore, and that includes after a made basket,” Wilhelmi said.

Another rule change that didn’t receive much fanfare is teams can dunk during warm-ups. In past seasons, if officials saw a dunk in warm-ups a technical foul was called.

Wilhelmi, who was Collins’ assistant for three seasons, says that the Rams were called for that before.

“I can’t remember who it was that did it, but it happened,” Wilhelmi said.

During the heart of the CIAA schedule, with packed gyms and bands playing, there is likely going to be a few dunks in warm-ups, Wilhelmi said, and that could add to the excitement that builds before a game.

“But we need our guys to worry about jump shots in warm-ups and not dunking the ball,” Wilhelmi said. “I’m sure with the environment in the CIAA and the band playing and everything else during warm-ups, guys can jump a little higher, so there might be a little more entertainment before

games.... Now I will have to worry about my guys dunking too much in warm-ups.”

Wilhelmi says that the Rams practice a lot with the shot clock during the preseason and will do more of it this season. With a 30-second shot clock, there will be a little less room for error.

“We’ll talk about the initial rule changes early in the season,” Wilhelmi said, “but we’ll also have our controlled scrimmages, and the officials will talk to the guys before those games.”

(Winston-Salem Journal, June 18, 2015)

Ram Ramblings: WSSU Football on the Outside of Preseason Polls

It didn’t totally shock me when Winston-Salem State didn’t show up in two of the Division II preseason football polls. After all, the Rams didn’t make the NCAA Division II playoffs last season and despite a 9-2 record probably didn’t deserve a preseason top 25 ranking.

When you throw in the fact that the Rams lost all 11 starters on defense and close to 35 seniors off last year’s team it’s hard to reason that they are a top 25 team.

Still, you would think that a program that’s 54-8 over the last five seasons would warrant a preseason ranking.

Coach Kienus Boulware has been busy with recruiting and preparing for youth and high-school team camps this summer so he didn’t see the two polls that came out.

When I mentioned to him that the Rams weren’t in either of the Sporting News Top 25 or Lindy’s Top 25 he wasn’t all that bent out of shape.

“Maybe because we changed offensive coordinators,” Boulware said about John Eder taking over for Steed Lobotzke. “But in reality the polls don’t mean that much, especially since we are in the middle of the summer.”

Not knowing who puts together these two polls it really has to be hard to rank Division II schools since nobody really knows who will show up in the August. Since a majority of the top Division II

schools have Division I transfers the polls should come out in August after practice starts.

One of WSSU’s opponents, Tuskegee, is ranked in both polls and a possible WSSU opponent (Virginia State) is ranked No. 23 in the Sporting News poll. The only way the Rams and Trojans could meet would be in the CIAA championship game.

Last season the Trojans beat the Rams in the title game and went to the Division II playoffs while the Rams missed the playoffs for the first time after going three years in a row.

Boulware is more concerned about how the Rams do in their first four games of the season because they are all on the road.

“I’d much rather see us enter the polls once the season starts and if we do that it would mean we are winning,” Boulware said.

(John Dell - Winston-Salem Journal, June 18, 2015)

Ram Ramblings: It's Summertime so Why Not Talk About WSSU and N.C. A&T Playing Football Again

Yes, the ongoing saga about when – or if – Winston-Salem State will play football against N.C. A&T or N.C. Central, will be addressed again in a story that will run in tomorrow’s paper.

Chancellor Elwood Robinson of WSSU hasn’t been shy about his desire for the Rams to play the Aggies and Eagles again. Robinson has been on the job for six months and says that talks with A&T and Chancellor Harold Martin of N.C. A&T have been productive.

As for the earliest the schools could play football again it looks like 2017 could be the year. WSSU has not played N.C. A&T or N.C. Central in football since 2010 when Coach Connell Maynor beat both of them that season.

WSSU’s football schedule for 2016 is locked and loaded, according to Tonia Walker, the athletic director. One of those non-conference games in 2016 will be UNC Pembroke. The other two schools the Rams will play in 2016 Walker would

not say but as soon as those contracts are signed the opponents will be revealed.

Another aspect of tomorrow’s story is Robinson talked about creating a relationship with UNC Charlotte. He says he wouldn’t mind playing the 49ers in an exhibition basketball game in Charlotte.

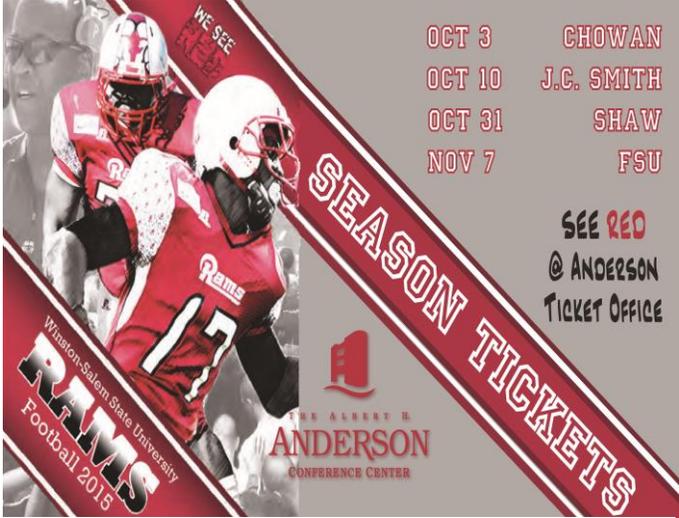
The idea is worth looking into because the amount of WSSU alumni and fans in the Charlotte area is large.

Whenever I write anything about A&T and WSSU in the same sentence folks take notice. I’ve written it before and I’ve said it to anybody who will listen but WSSU and N.C. A&T need to play each other in football or basketball or even checkers.

Everybody talks about the great rivalry between A&T and WSSU but how can it be a rivalry if the schools never play each other?

(John Dell – Winston-Salem Journal, June 15, 2015)





Get your General Admission 2015 Football Season Tickets at the WSSU Ticket Office for \$40 in the Anderson Center or online at [Football Season Tickets](#).

WSSU Athletics Summer Camps and Clinics

[Camps and Clinics Registration](#)

WSSU ALUMNI NEWS & INFORMATION

WSSU National Alumni Association Summer Leadership Retreat

Saturday, July 11, 2015
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

This Event is Open to ALL Alumni

Location: Double Tree Inn by Hilton Raleigh Durham Airport at Research Triangle Park , 4810 Page Creek Lane, Durham, NC 27703

[Summer Retreat Registration Link](#)

Saturday - AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

Time Agenda Item Potential Leader/Facilitator

8:30 am – 9:00 am Registration and Breakfast
9:00 am – 9:30 am Opening Session

- Continental Breakfast
- Welcome
- Introductions
- Retreat Overview & Objectives
- Opening Exercise

9:30 am – 10:00 am Understanding The Association

- Mission/Vision/Goals
- Membership Levels
- Organizational Structure/Bylaws
- Committees/NAA Initiatives

10:00 am – 10:15 am BREAK

10:15 am – 11:15 pm RAMS Learning Together: Session I
11:15 am – 12:30 pm Organizational Best Practices Sessions
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch - Chancellor as guest speaker
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm RAMS Learning Together: Session II
2:15 pm – 3:30 pm Affinity Group Sessions
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Retreat Close-Out

- Learning and Development Session

Bus to the WSSU vs Tuskegee Football Game in Tuskegee, Alabama



Trip Specifics

Game Date and Time:
Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 2:00 PM

Departing from: Walmart, 1525 Glenn School Road, Durham NC 27704
Friday, September 18 at 12:00 Noon

(Arrive promptly by 11:00 AM to assemble for departure at noon)

Return: Leave hotel at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, September 20, 2015
Arrive back in Durham at approximately 8:00 PM

A non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 is due by July 31 to secure your place on the bus. This fee does NOT include the game ticket. The fee does include gratuity for the driver, snacks, and beverages for the entire trip. Please send payments to:

Patricia Wynn
707 Glade Aster Drive
Durham NC 27704.

Accommodations are at the Wingate by Wyndham in Lagrange, Ga. Individuals must make reservation for WSSU ALUMNI BLOCKED ROOMS directly to the hotel by calling **866-416-0401** on or before August 28, 2015. Rooms will be released to the general public if reservations are not made by the deadline. The blocks of rooms are for two night accommodations, which included free breakfast.

Room rates are \$69.00 per night plus 15% tax. Rooms include a King or two queen beds. Request your room type when you make reservations. Only 56 seats are available on the bus, so book early!

If you have questions, please contact me by e-mail or phone listed below.

Thanks,
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WSSU Class of '80 Pre-Reunion
Cook-Out

June 20, 2015

Begins at 12 noon

Reynolds Park

Shelter #1

2450 Reynolds Park Road

Winston-Salem, NC 27107

Food, Fun, Fellowship

For further information please contact

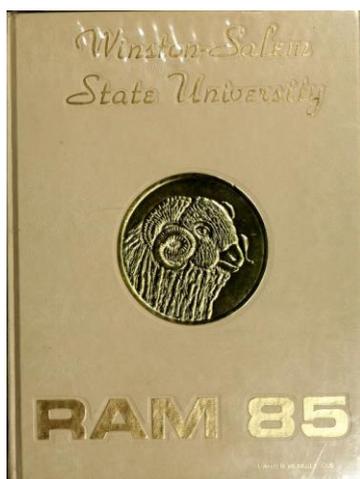
Craig Umstead at

craigumst1@yahoo.com or simply by

calling (910) 332-8577

ASAP!!!

2015 Reunion for WSSU Entering Class
of 1981



The 2015 Reunion for the WSSU Entering Class of 1981 is in the planning stages. For those of you who are participating in the planned events for Homecoming 2015, please remit to me in a money order or cashier's check \$25 before June 29th. If

you are in close proximity to me in the Charlotte area, I will accept cash. This initial \$25 is to secure the venue for our Friday night event.

Also, this will not be the end of the giving for this event. Once we get that firm count based on who pays, I will be asking for the next part which will be the final cost to cover the venue balance and a nice gift to the school on behalf of the CLASS of 1985.

I look forward to hearing from you all. Please pass this information to our classmates who I don't have email addresses for.

My address is **Jackie Gary**
3010 Semmes Lane
Indian Trail, NC 28079

My cell is 704-277-8751 home 704-698-2555

HOMECOMING IS OCT 30-Nov 1 so make your hotel reservations ASAP.



Hello members of the Class of 1975. In case you did not know..... our class reunion is being planned right under your noses.

Facebook Page: WSSU Class of 1975 - All the information is there.

Conference Calls: Yes there have been 3 so far. Contact Joyce Leake (jla71@hotmail.com) if you would like to listen in.

Information: We are looking for all kinds of information. Many have not updated their information since graduation. We are in pursuit of 100% contact. So make sure all your Class of 1975 is at least getting the information.

Memorials - Fallen Rams: We are trying not to miss anyone. I can email the list or you can contact Fred Whitted at blackheritagereview@yahoo.com

or Michelle Blackwell at (shallbee376@hotmail.com).

Money: Almost Forgot; our goal is to give the school a check for \$40K. Ollie B has spelled this out and I will forward next. But basically go to School donations website and specify it is for the Class of 1975.

Athletics: The Athletic Director wants to recognize the members of WSSU's first basketball team (1974). We know; Believe it or not I was on the team. Don't laugh. Coach was Eddie Gregg and Assistant Coach Raymond Cobb; team members were Mary Holden, Maurice Murphy, Phyllis Fink, and others Terrie Ward, Joli Robinson, Fredda Caldwell, Olinda Tillman. I attached a picture.

One other item; not sure how many of you know that WSSU has archives in O'Kelly Library. Thought it would be great to collect as many pictures of our class as we can find. Also we are designing a format to collect our life history. This would be a great tool to show how we have impacted society. Fred Whitted has volunteered to compile information and Ritchie Graham Carroll is designing the format. Some of us are long winded, LOL. And spill the beans on our off springs as well.

If I forgot anything, don't be shy... let me know so we can get it right. I will send out a list of people we have not been able to contact.

And thanks to Ollie Ballard and Sandra Lawrence for spear heading the Reunion.

The WSSU Town Cryer
- Shirley Wright





**WSSU National Alumni Association Fall Board Meeting
September 12, 2015
Atlanta GA**

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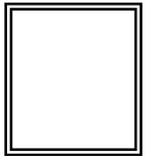
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