



# Bright Future Update

FALL 2011



## Scholar News

Fall 2011



### Director's Corner

By Reza Khastou

#### Bright Future Program and Bright Future Dollars for Scholars

##### A partnership committed to our "Beloved Community"

In 1999, the vote by the Board of Directors of John Marshall Dollars for Scholars Foundation to award a scholarship to the first Bright Future student was one of the turning points in the short history of both organizations. It was the first time in the history of Scholarship America (the parent company of Dollars for Scholars' Foundation) in which scholarships were awarded to students while still in high school.

In 2006, in another bold move, the board members unanimously voted to change the name of the chapter to "Bright Future Dollars for Scholars" and expand the awarding of scholarships to all of the qualified students who participate in the Bright Future Program. This incredible decision needed a lot of courage and was based on the fact that John Marshall High School was closing and board members decided that they were **not** going to "fold," but were going to expand their financial support of Bright Future students.

In 2011, the board of the Bright Future Dollars for Scholars continued this tradition of looking beyond today and decided to expand its responsibilities by voting to add a second focal point to the organization's mission statement; "BFDS also works to promote the replication and expansion of the Bright Future Program throughout the community college system."

##### What is the importance of this addition?

The Bright Future Program is a dual-enrollment program which uses Running Start funding. Unlike the regular Running Start Program, Bright Future students take workforce education classes and earn an industry certificate. Bright Future graduates are equipped to enter the workforce as high school graduates with work-ready skills. They can even use these skills to further their education and support themselves at the same time!

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### A Way of Life

#### And A Step Forward for Our Mission

by Doug Gochanour, BFDS Board President

My attitude toward books has often been "I'll wait for the movie." Sara Glerum and Linda Sorenson (two of my most admired friends) each recommended the book, *A Way of Life*, a speech given in 1913 by Dr. William Osler. The text contrasts "knowledge" which comes and goes, with "wisdom" which soaks into our lives. Dr. Osler's wisdom (in old-fashioned words) for the Bright Future Dollars for Scholars Board of Directors is imperturbability (steadiness), accomplished through compartmentalizing (focus) as we distribute our resources among growing numbers of deserving students with unmet needs.

By not dwelling on past accomplishments nor focusing on future circumstances, we approach our fundraising and distribution tasks as we do our lives, in day-tight compartments. As we joyfully act within the full measure of our present ability, we will also see clearly what new tasks are presented.

At the September Board meeting, the BFDS Board of Directors identified a compelling need, and approved the addition of a second focal point to the organization's Mission Statement. The statement now reads:

*"Bright Future Dollars for Scholars raises funds and awards monetary grants to Bright Future students who have financial challenges. BFDS also works to promote the replication and expansion of the Bright Future Program throughout the community college system."*

The action of adding these words to our organization's Mission Statement seems simple. But where it leads us will be exciting to observe!



As you make your holiday and year-end charitable donations, please consider including Bright Future Dollars for Scholars on your list of valuable and effective organizations. Thank you!

# Every Student Graduated!

By **Taniko Dwyer**

**Student Support Specialist, Bright Future Program**

It was a proud and significantly moving moment as the Health Careers for Youth cohort of summer 2011 gathered together to celebrate their graduation. The group of 17 students successfully completed the Nursing Assistant Certification (NAC) program at Seattle Central Community College (SCCC) during summer quarter. They represent the first group of Health Careers for Youth students to start in a NAC program and have every single student successfully complete.

The students represented nine different high schools, two school districts, and ranged from high school juniors and seniors to recent high school graduates. They came from different educational backgrounds and joined together to form a hard-working team that offered support and encouragement for each other. They overcame many challenges as they progressed through each step of this rigorous academic and hands-on training program.

The students were supported by a partnership of several organizations that consistently worked together to provide a strong support system. The students could depend on this support and guidance throughout their summer quarter studies at SCCC and they have the opportunity to continue to stay connected to this support system in the future should they choose to return to further their career aspirations.

The partners included Seanna Ruvkun, Project Manager of the Workforce Development Council of Seattle- King County, who brought the students the opportunity to succeed in this healthcare program. Seanna also developed a variety of options for how to continue to inspire and help the students explore future career-oriented endeavors and meaningful educational experiences.

Reza Khastou, Director of the Bright Future Program at Seattle Vocational Institute (SVI), brought 30 years of experience working with diverse student populations. This program provided navigational support such as facilitating career interest assessments to help the students identify their interests and explore the types of careers they want to pursue. The students were provided with academic guidance counseling to help them connect their current education and training and create pathways to the next step in their academic and career aspirations. As the Student Support Specialist from the Bright Future Program, I met with the students regularly to assist in keeping them informed and connected to the resources and support system that the partnership offered.

Andrea Samuels, Director of Perkins and I-BEST Programs and Alfred Griswold, Executive Dean of Workforce Education, and Ona Canfield, Dean of Allied Health Division at SCCC worked behind the scenes to provide the students with the resources, tools, and support services from SCCC to build a solid foundation for the students. This ensured that they had what they needed to successfully progress through the program.



## Director's Corner

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### Duplicating the Bright Future Program Makes Sense

Duplicating the Bright Future Program on all 34 campuses of community colleges in Washington will improve the flow of high school students to advanced workforce education programs at community colleges through an already established and successful bridge: the Bright Future Program. We keep high school students not only on track, but graduating with job skills and enthusiasm for learning! These students become contributing members of our society and role models for future generations.



In 2009, 96 Bright Future graduates earned more than \$1,725,000. Imagine the financial contribution of 960 or 9600 Bright Future graduates!

# Update on Graduates

2011 is the Bright Future Program's twelfth year at Seattle Vocational Institute. During these years, we have produced strong graduates and sent them out into our community. These graduates have been functioning successfully in both worlds of work and academics. These successful students demonstrate the value of our Dollars for Scholars contribution. The Bright Future Program staff and the Bright Future Dollars for Scholars Board of Directors sincerely congratulates these young people on their accomplishments!

## Sanford Williams

Network Technician class of 2007, is working as an independent computer repair person. He came to SVI to update his resume and discuss business methods for recruiting new businesses to his repair service.



## Priscilla Estrada

Medical Assistant class of 2008, has been working at UW Medical Center in the Kidney Transplants clinic for the past 2-1/2 years. Priscilla is planning to begin taking pre-requisites courses for her nursing certificate in fall of 2011.



## Lina Ben

Dental Assistant class of 2008, has been married for three years and has an eighteen month old son, Kameran. She is preparing to volunteer at UW pediatrics in hopes of renewing her skills and re-entering the workforce in dental assisting.



## Deng Madut

Medical Assistant class of 2008 completed his third year at University of Washington. In August he traveled to Panama with a group of eighty students and medical professionals with the University of Washington's Global Medical Brigades Program. He spent a week traveling to underserved, rural areas surrounding "Panama City", the capital of Panama, setting up temporary clinics where residents can come to receive medical treatment free of charge. In 2010, the University of Washington chapter visited 4 different villages and treated over 2600 patients.



## Ezedien Kamal

Medical Assistant class of 2009, completed two years at Eastern WA University and transferred to Bellevue College in fall 2011 to continue his education in radiology.



## Katherine Capistrano

Medical Administrative Specialist class of 2009, visited while home on leave from the Air force Reserve of which she enlisted for 8 years. She is stationed at North Texas (soon to move to Sam Airfield at San Antonio) and is training for a job as a Medical Assistant.



## Hibbo Ali

Medical Administrative Specialist class of 2009, is currently working at an Elder Care facility as assistant Activities Coordinator where she helps with planning and assisting of patient activities. Hibbo plans to continue college in Pharmacy Tech training.



## James Siu

Administrative Office Professional class of 2011, WAVE scholarship winner from district 47, was accepted to Central Washington University and is planning on joining the Air Force through the ROTC program and becoming a pilot.



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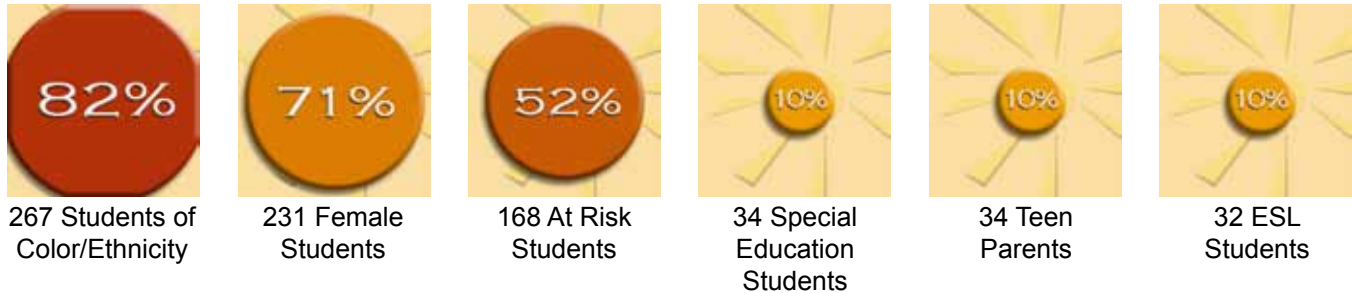
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# BF Performance Report, Fall 1999 - Summer 2011

For the purpose of transparency, accountability and bragging rights, the Bright Future Program collects and tabulates data such as demographic information and academic performance. Below you will find student performance reports for the entire history of the Bright Future Program.

## Who We Serve - Demographics of the 326 Students Served



## 206 Program Graduates as of Summer 2011

76% (144) have more than 6 months training

### BUSINESS COMPUTERS 16%

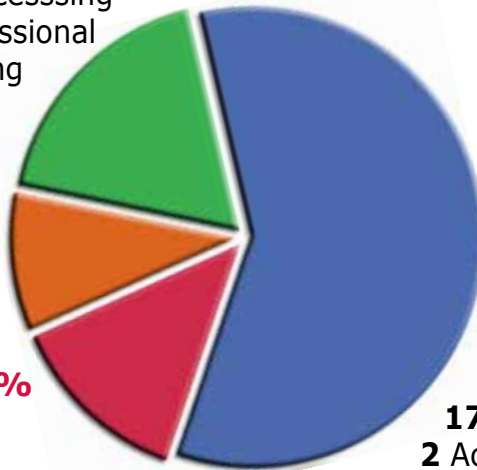
- 6 Computer Information Processing\*
- 7 Administrative Office Professional
- 8 Computer-Based Accounting
- 14 Network Technician

### CONSTRUCTION 8%

- 2 Carpentry at SCCC
- 15 Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Training

### COSMETOLOGY 13%

- 27 Cosmetology



### ALLIED HEALTH 63%

- 44 Medical Assistant
- 36 Dental Assistant
- 1 Medical Administrative Specialist
- 11 Health Unit Coordinator\*
- 17 Nursing Assistant Certified\*
- 2 Acute Care Nursing Assistant\*
- 1 Medical Office Administration\*

\* No Longer Offered

## Completion Rates

### High School Completion Rate - 326 Total Students

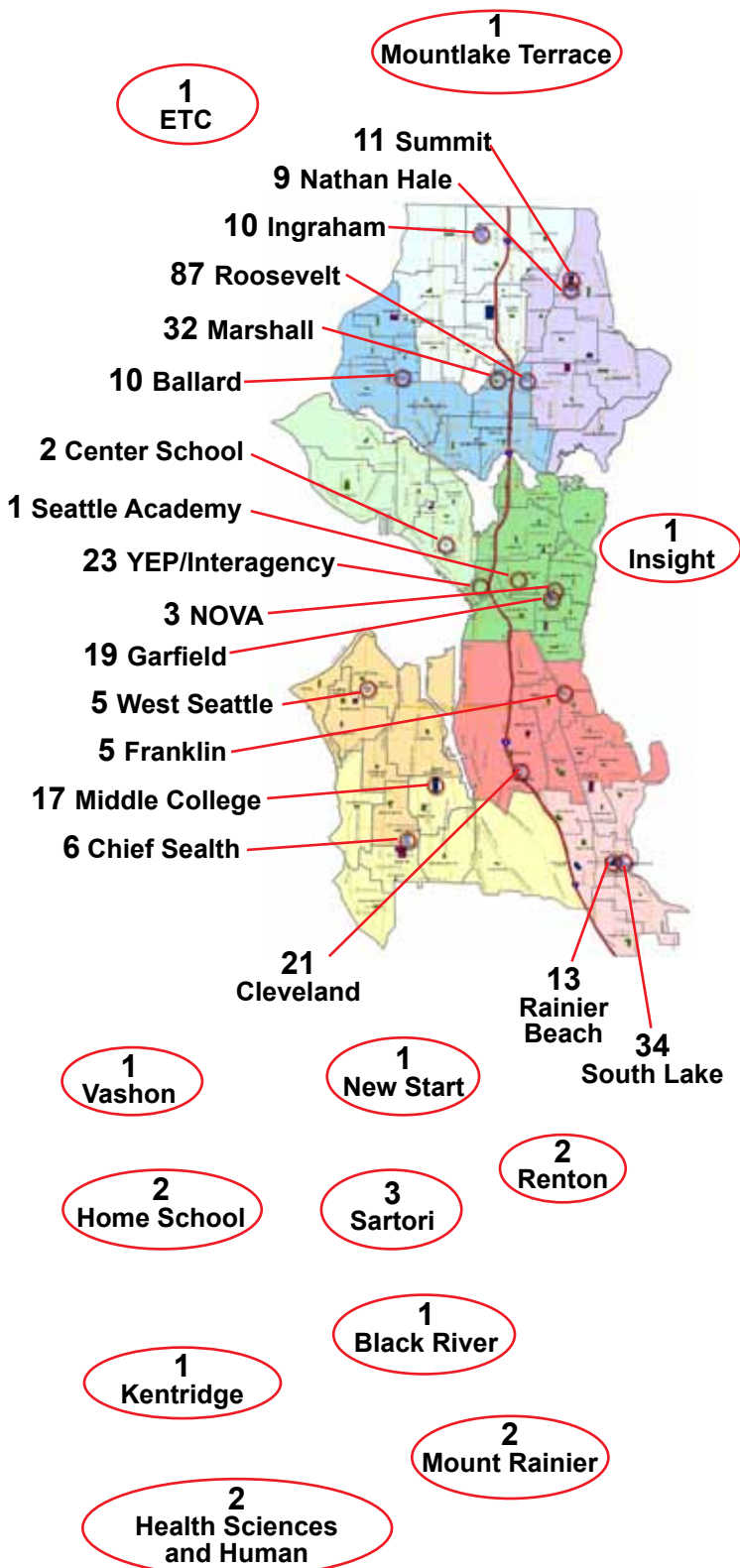


### SVI Program Completion Rate - 326 Total Students



# 326 Students

## Come From These High Schools



## The Bright Future Program

The Bright Future program provides high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to enter an advanced professional-technical program at Seattle Vocational Institute. Credits earned in vocational programs count towards earning a high school diploma. Students are supported through academic and career counseling, paid internships and financial assistance from program partners including Bright Future Dollars for Scholars.

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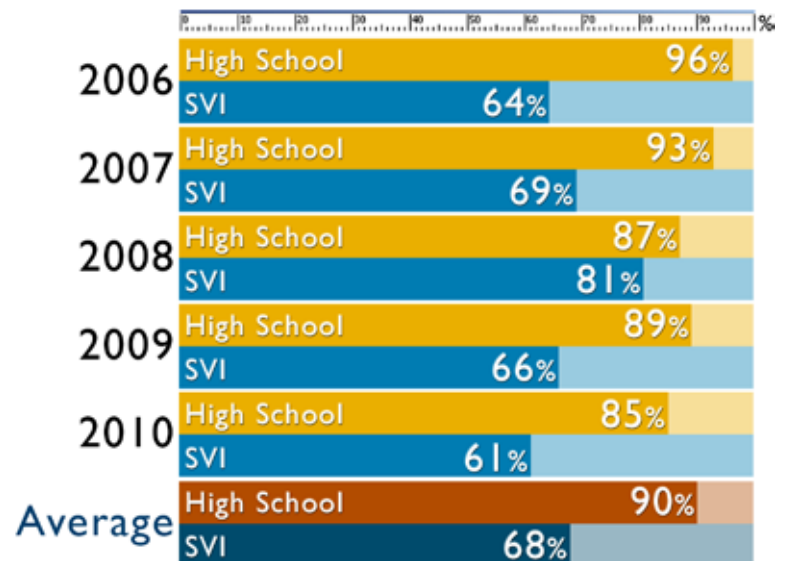
## Serving Seattle and Beyond

Seattle Vocational Institute is located at the heart of Central District and this allows students from all over Seattle access to SVI's programs. Participation from all area high schools is a key to success of the program. (See chart at left.)

## Our Commitment

In the current economic situation, Bright Future Program and Bright Future Dollars for Scholars more than ever are committed to our "Beloved Community".

## Bright Future Student's Graduation Rates by Year High School/SVI



## Creating Scholars

Scholarships Awarded March 3, 2011 through August 31, 2011

### Garfield High School

Heleina Gartrell, Cosmetology, Cosmetology Kit

### John Marshall High School

Michelle Budinick, Dental Assistant, Certification Exam

### Nathan Hale High School

Mario Gill, Medical Assistant, PASS packets/Books  
Brenda Lara Tellez, Cosmetology, Tuition/Fees  
/Cosmetology Kit

### Rainier Beach High School

Stacia Makey-Spears, Medical Administrative Services,  
Books/PASS packets/Uniform

### Renton High School

Victor Fernandez, Dental Assistant,  
PASS packets/Books/Uniform  
Mikylah Hutchinson, Dental Assistant, Books

### Roosevelt High School

Breanna Mozzone, Cosmetology, Five College Credits

### SSCC Middle College

Greysi Gonzalez, Cosmetology, Tuition/Cosmetology Kit

### South Lake High School

Marco De La Pena, Dental Assistant, Books/Uniform  
Isabel Laurista, Dental Assistant, Books/Uniform  
Sismai Marquez, Medical Assistant, Books  
Gina Nguyen, Medical Assistant, Books  
Trang Lam, Medical Assistant, Books  
Stephany Gonzalez, Computer-Based Accounting, Books  
Micah Huff, Computer-Based Accounting, Books

### West Seattle High School

Nicole Broten, Medical Assistant, Books

## Bright Future Dollars for Scholars (BFDS)

**BFDS is an all-volunteer non-profit 501(c)(3) organization begun in 1997**

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The Board of Directors warmly welcomes Chris McMillin-Helsel to the Board. Chris is the Registrar at Roosevelt High School.

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# Investing in the Future by Investing in Students

Donations received March 1, 2011 - August 31, 2011

## Scholarship Donations

Dr. Norward and Violet Brooks  
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 Leroy Drake  
 Pamela Cox  
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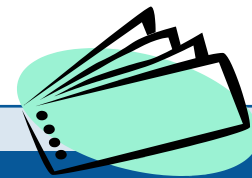
## Gifts In-Kind

The Hearthstone

## Special thanks to Salah and Zineb Salhi

Their donation was the first made by a family who has a Bright Future student, though their son (Abraham Salhi) has not needed a scholarship from Bright Future Dollars for Scholars. Their gift represents their belief in the great value of the program and in those students in the program who have financial needs which cannot be met without assistance. We thank them for this uniquely significant gift.

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 Gifts of \$500 or more will be acknowledged as major gifts.  
 Your employer may match charitable gifts - check with your Human Resources department.  
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## 2011 Raffle Report

### PRIZE

ACT 2011 show, 2 tickets, Value \$110  
 Mariner's Tickets, 1 pair, value \$80  
 Mariner's Tickets, 1 pair, value \$80  
 Seattle Music Theater, 2 adm, value \$80  
 Museum of Flight, 2 passes, Value \$32  
 Museum of Flight, 2 passes, Value \$32  
 Woodland Park Zoo Family Passes, value \$55  
 Seattle Public Theater, 2 Tickets, \$54  
 Macy's, \$50 gift card  
 Ivar's Restaurants, \$50 gift card  
 Express, \$50 gift card  
 Majestic Bay Movie Theatre, 4 passes, \$42  
 Continental Restaurant, \$40 gift certificate  
 Chinook's, \$40 gift card  
 Landmark Theaters, 4 passes, \$40  
 1942-2002 Capitol Records CD's, \$40  
 Fran's Chocolate, \$30 Gift Box  
 Peak's Frozen Custard, \$30 gift card  
 Central (Greenwood/Ballard) Market, \$30  
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 Trader Joe's, \$30 Food Basket  
 Dick's Drive-In, \$26 gift certificates  
 Dick's Drive-In, \$24 gift certificates  
 Safeway, 73rd/Roosevelt, \$25 Food Basket  
 Auntie Anne's Pretzels, \$25 gift card  
 Rosso Nursery, \$25 Gift card  
 Entertainment Book, Value \$25  
 Cold Stone Creamery, \$25 Gift card  
 Tulley's Coffee Basket, \$25 Value  
 Nordic Museum, 4 Passes, \$24

### DONOR

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 WPZoo  
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 Ellen Downey  
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 Donna Frey DeCou  
 Majestic Bay  
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 Chinook's  
 Landmark  
 Millie Anderson  
 Donna Frey DeCou  
 Peak's  
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 Eileen Solemsaas  
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 Nordic Museum

### WINNER

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## Thanks to the wonderful ticket sellers !

Bright Future students and staff	\$ 704
Board member Bernd Schmidt	\$ 554
Residents of the Hearthstone	\$ 361
Everyone else	\$ 573
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	\$2,192





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*How wonderful it is that nobody  
need wait a single moment before  
starting to improve the world.*

- Anne Frank  
1929 – 1945



## Ways to Make a Donation

- Washington State Employees Can Donate through the Combined Fund Drive at [cfd.wa.gov](http://cfd.wa.gov)
- Paypal Through Scholarship America at [scholarshipamerica.org](http://scholarshipamerica.org) (DFS Parent Organization)
- Mail your donation c/o BFDS Secretary, 6720 E Green Lake Way N, Seattle WA 98103

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is part of the  
eSCRIP program!**

### eSCRIP – New Way to Donate to BFDS

Attention all shoppers out there! Do you shop at a mall or online? Do you travel? Do you eat out at restaurants? Imagine the benefit to our students if, for example, the next time you booked an American Airlines flight, a portion of your fare was returned to Bright Future Dollars for Scholars! eScrip sign-up is easy!!

- Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and click on "sign-up."
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- Our Group Name is Bright Future Dollars for Scholars. Our ID number is 500025834.



Bright Future Dollars for Scholars (BFDS) is now registered with eScrip as a recipient of donations generated by supporters as they purchase a wide range of items.

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