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Lewis J. Bennett High School *of Innovative Technology*

C h a n g e s a n d T r a n s i t i o n s

BY ROBERTA ALLBERT DAYER, '53

This past academic year at Bennett has been a difficult and sad one, but also hopeful and inspiring, as we shepherded out the final graduates of the past Bennett, and prepare to welcome in the new ninth and tenth grade classes to the Lewis J. Bennett School of Innovative Technology. Human beings do not like change. Yet, we all recognize that change is a necessary and an inevitable part of life to which we must adapt.

You will find in the pages which follow, photos and reports of our last senior activities and accomplishments, as well as photos and first-hand reports of the freshmen in the Computing Academy (which will transition into the tenth grade class of Lewis J. Bennett.). Your Alumni Board also has made the transition, informing the new faculty and students about Bennett traditions and encouraging them with the financial assistance which our generous alumni provide. We know you will be proud of what you read and what your faith has accomplished. Bennett has survived and is moving forward! Optima Futura!

Continuing the Legacy

T o B e n n e t t ' s C l a s s o f 2 0 1 7

FROM THE BENNETT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

For almost 100 years, students have been graduating from Bennett High School. You now are a part of this very special group of alumni. You may be leaving with a sense of relief; a feeling of pride; and/or a bit of anxiety, as you invent new lives. Regardless of where your journey takes you, Bennett has become part of your inheritance. You now join the thousands of other alumni who remain connected to their friends, their teammates and their community through their common high school.

With diplomas in hand, you, the Class of '17, leave 2885 Main Street. You have your goals to accomplish and you will face challenges ahead. You will be inventing your careers in many different places, meeting scores of new people along the way. You now begin an exciting adventure, with much to be achieved.

However, there is one thing to remember: You always will remain part of the "Bennett family". You, and the thousands of other Bennett alumni, share the "tie that binds". While you are progressing with your lives, every once in awhile, take a look back. Reconnect with your Bennett friends and perhaps one day, return and become a part of our vast and active Bennett Alumni Association.

Meanwhile, congratulations and welcome to each member of the Class of 2017! We are glad you have joined us.

Alumni Honor Roll

2017 Nomination Form

BY SUE SHAFFER GARDNER, '48

please use this form to make your nomination

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Nominee _____ Class of _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____

Briefly describe the accomplishments of this graduate in the field of endeavor.

Information of person submitting the nomination.

Name _____ Class of _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please feel free to duplicate this form and send in as many nominations as necessary. We would like to recognize all those Bennett Alumni who have done so much for our community Please submit your nominations before August 30, 2017!

Return this form to: Bennett High School Alumni Honor Roll
2885 Main Street
Buffalo, New York 14214

Honor Roll Nominations

Our September annual

meeting and brunch is fast approaching. It will take place this year on September 24, 2017 at noon at Milo's Restaurant in Williamsville, New York.

On the page next to this article, you will find the 2017 Nomination Form. Please note that you can photocopy the form and nominate more than one person. There are many attributes which qualify someone for nomination. The Alumnus does not have to have won the Nobel Peace Prize, but qualifying for nomination is outstanding performance in one of the fields of endeavor listed on the form.

Many of our more recent graduates are distinguishing themselves and should be recognized. We look forward to receiving your nominations. As of this press, we already have five nominees and look forward to receiving at least that many more. Nominations will close on August 30th.

Mission Statement

We believe in the power of education to transform lives and society. To that end, as graduates of Bennett High School, we are committed to promoting equity and social justice through service and reaching out to students and faculty at our alma mater.

We recognize the value of our support in assisting them in reaching their goals. The Bennett High School Alumni Association's contributions will be substantive and creative in order to achieve these goals.

Bennett Mentoring Matters

Another year completed, yet with bitter-sweet sentiments, involving the transitioning of our beloved alma mater Bennett High School, and the opening of our new and improved, Lewis J. Bennett High School of Innovative Technology.

Congratulations to the Redesign Team who worked feverishly to orchestrate this victory. Congratulations to the Alumni Association that also worked to keep our organization alive and functioning. Like the phoenix, Bennett rises again.

With that said, I must pay tribute to the many mentors who volunteered their time and efforts to mentoring. Once again validating that mentoring

matters.

Contributions, large or small all helped to improve the lives of our students. All came together with one goal in mind, that being, that each child, deserved the opportunity and the nurturing that this building afforded us all. Giving back to what we received, was the noble thing to do. Mentors, I salute you for your tireless work and sincere dedication.

Alumni, remember there is room for you as well to become a part of the past, that can touch the future. Please consider mentoring this coming school year!

Remembered by Msgr. John Zeitler

The Bennett High School Alumni Association and the Bennett Sports Hall of Fame Committee wish to express our gratitude to the late Msgr. John Zeitler for his estate donation to our school.

Let this set an example for those of our alumni who are able to do likewise. These funds are used judiciously to benefit the ideals of our school and its promising future as expressed in our Mission Statement and demonstrated by the deeds of our organization.

Thanks for remembering your Alumni Association and its works.

Words of Insight

Lewis J. Bennett
School of Innovative Technology

Davon Scott
Class of 2020

I came from St. Mark's school and I chose this program because it was a new and fresh school with pathways to our futures.

The expectations that students had in September were to make sure all work was done and to cross the finish line. During the 4th quarter this was a long haul. I think our goals were met this year with all of us passing important classes and making good decisions that will benefit our lives.

At this moment my goal is to be the best student I can be and graduate high school. My other goal is to win a basketball high school championship before leaving this school.

Congratulations Students

Bennett's Class of 2017 Academic All-Stars:

Rayshaunna Minter: Valedictorian

Exauce Mawangu Mafwa: Salutatorian

Tierra White: Third in Class

Ricky McCarley '62 Memorial Award:

Shantia Jackson

Marcellus Toliver

Both of these students have demonstrated the qualities which Ricky possessed - honor, dependability, reliability and humility.

Thank you to Debra Stanczyk, our Physical Education teacher, for nominating these two deserving honorees.

Paul Feinstein '60 Scholarship Award:

Tyler Cartwright

Tyler plans to enroll at Medaille College in September to study Criminal Justice.

Samuel Cohen, '53

Dennis A. Beagle, '58

James Demetrios Liaros, '51, July 2014

Sherwin "Bud" Miller, '47, 2015

Herbert Wagner, '59, age 77, November 20, 2015

Aaron Feuerstein, '37, December 30, 2015

Warren K. Guerr, '40, age 94, February 27, 2016

Betty Murphy, '44, May 26, 2016

Donald Wortman, '56, June 9, 2016

Carol Yager Wehmueller, '48, September 2, 2016

Paul J. Kent, '64, September 8, 2016

• In Memoriam •

(Reported since Winter 2017 Bennett Beacon)

Frederick Ressel, '49, December 12, 2016

Dorothy Lee, '49, 2017

Joan Gneiser Taylor, '47, 2017

Troy Allen Burton, age 75, January 31, 2017

Alan Erenstoff, '59, age 76, February 26, 2017

William Stuart Anderson, age 91, March 2017

Norma Wright Roscover, age 95, March 26, 2017

Sheldon (Shelly) Rickler, '50, age 84, April 3, 2017

Robert J. Virginia, '51, age 84, April 4, 2017

Anne Haggerty Collins, '39, age 95, April 20, 2017

Barbara Lewis Lewis, '59, age 75, April 24, 2017

Larry Levite, '58, age 77, April 26, 2017

Park L. Metzger, Jr., '42, age 93, June 11, 2017

Rasheed A. Cole, '07, age 28, June 16, 2017

FACULTY:

Loretta Urso Peszynski, History Dept., Age 73, June 6, 2017

• Your additions or corrections are requested. Please forward to the Bennett Beacon staff.

class reunion

Class of 1968

Planning 50th Reunion

Plans are being made for a 50th Reunion for the Bennett High School Class of 1968. The reunion weekend will take place in Buffalo sometime in the summer of 2018. We are trying to locate as many classmates as possible

If you are part of Bennett High School's Class of 1968 (or know any members of the class) and would like to attend, please contact one of us. You can contact Mimi Maslekoff Ganz at daisybugg21@aol.com or call or text Diane Sartini at (702)400-8475. We look forward to hearing from you!



Anime Book Club Created

Teacher, Melissa Kenney, reports that the first 9th grade book club meeting has been held. The students are reading the anime book, *Naruto*. They want to read and discuss the points and graphics of the book as well as create their own anime book. Ms. Kenney's goals for the group are to foster a love of reading and creativity while having the students form new friendships and build community.

Your former Bennett High Classmates would love to know what you are doing, what you have done, where you're living and simply how you're doing. Send a note about yourself and keep in touch with old friends.

Mail your UPDATES to:



**Bennett Alumni Beacon
Attention: Class Notes
2885 Main Street
Buffalo, New York 14214**

**What are
you
doing?**

Championship Football Team Honored

The BHS Football Team recently had its recognition banquet at the Kenmore Knights of Columbus. This team, coached by Steve McDuffie and his assistant coaches, went to the Ralph Wilson stadium for the Section 6 Championship three years in a row, winning Class A in 2016.

Trophies were presented at this banquet.

In addition, the Buffalo Board of Education also recognized this team at a Board Meeting. Each player announced his name, school year with seniors telling their college selections. The applause of those present was thunderous and well deserved. The trophies will be placed in the school for all to observe.

How proud we all are!



BY CAROL NEWMAN CASERTA, '60

Sports Hall of Fame Induction Slated for October 14, 2017

Continuing in the fine tradition of Bennett sportsmanship, the Bennett High School Sports Hall of Fame Committee is delighted to announce that the 2017 Induction Ceremony will be held at the school on Saturday, October 14, 2017. The festivities begin at 4:00 p.m. with a reception in our front foyer. Hors d'oeuvres, sandwiches, salads, desserts, soft drinks and coffee will be offered. The ceremony and presentations begin at 5:30 in the auditorium.

Dedicated to recognizing the accomplishments of our athletes, candidates need to meet the following criteria for selection:

- Must be Bennett graduates;
- Must have graduated at least five years before being inducted;
- Must have been a member of at least one varsity sports team;
- Must have achieved All-High honors in that sport.

This year's Induction Class includes the following outstanding individuals:

- **Tommy J. Adams, '02 (Basketball)**
- **Francis J. De Young, '57 (Earle Hannel Award)**
- **Peter Gunn, '79, (Deceased) (Baseball)**
- **David Knight, '94 (Swimming)**
- **Robert Malecki, '95 (Football)**
- **Steve Poliachik, (Career Achievement Award)**
- **Dr. Cary Present, '60 (Tennis)**
- **Nicole Smith, '02 (Basketball)**
- **Elson Turner, '65 (Deceased) (Cross Country and Track)**
- **Kristy Zimmerman Swigart, '95 (Soccer and Bowling)**

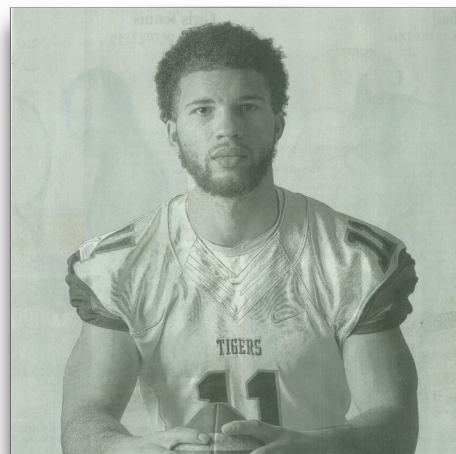
Tickets are \$20.00 per person. Please make checks payable to:

***Sports Hall of Fame Committee
3842 Harlem Rd, Suite 40, #290
Cheektowaga, New York 14215***

Please remember to include your name, return address and the names of those attending. We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our athletes on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at this wonderful event.

Isaiah McDuffie is Buffalo News Football Player of the Year

At 6-foot, 209 pound running back and linebacker, Isaiah McDuffie became just the third Buffalo Public Schools player to earn News Player of the year honors - but the second in his family to achieve that feat. Isaiah joined his uncle Teddy, the former Grover Cleveland star who was POY in 1992. Isaiah, who earned a full scholarship to attend Boston College, is a rare three-time first team All-WNY selection. The fast, powerful runner rushed for 1,531 yards and 21 touchdowns on just 145 carries in helping Bennett win its first Section VI championship. On defense, the hard-hitting linebacker finished his career with over 400 tackles. He holds school records for touchdowns (70), rushing yards (5,529), tackles in a season (161) and in a game (29).





Faatir Khan
Class of 2020

Words of Insight Lewis J. Bennett School of Innovative Technology

“Without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement and success have no meaning” - *Ben Franklin*

I came from a school in Brooklyn. I chose this program because many people told me it was a good school.

My expectations were to get an 80 or over average. I met my expectations and got higher. The program has many add-ons that fit everyone’s personality. There are sports teams and clubs such as chess. I believe this is a good way for kids to interact and it also looks good on their resume.

Laptops that we have help us in an educational way because we do most of our work on them. We use Schoology and Castle Learning.

I wasn’t expecting much, but this program has it all. I believe everyone has a chance. All they need to do is try. I try to help my friends as well because that would be selfish of me to keep doing good in classes and watch my friends fail.

My goals in the future are to try to get over a 95 average. I also want to try to make it to a good college because this school motivates you to go there. I know that you get paid at different rates depending on your knowledge.



MINI GRANT MONEY WAS USED TO HELP WITH THE FORMATION OF A CHESS CLUB. STUDENTS COMPETED AGAINST SCHOOLS FROM ALL OVER THE REGION.

Bennett Sports Hall of Fame Members Honored

The Bennett Alumni

Association along with the Bennett Sports Hall of Fame Committee wishes to extend a heartfelt congratulations to Don Gilbert, '60, Bob Lanier, '66 and Larry Veronica, Retired Faculty and Coach upon being inducted into the third annual Section VI, New York State Public High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame for 2016.

The Section VI Hall of Fame was established to honor and recognize those within its organization that excelled in their roles as Athletes, Administrators, Coaches, Officials or Contributors who have provided meritorious service.

The class of 2016 induction ceremony took place on Friday, December 9, 2016 at the Columns Banquets on Transit Rd. in Elma, NY.

Don and Larry are extremely active on our Hall of Fame Committee, identifying recipients, planning the event (which will be held on October 14th) and organizing all of the details that make our Sports Hall of Fame so wonderful!

Congratulations!

• Loud Our Voices Raise •

Annual Alumni Brunch

We'd love to have you at the Annual Brunch!

- Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 12 noon
- Milos Restaurant • 5877 Main Street • Williamsville, New York 14221 • 716-810-9489

\$25⁰⁰ *per person*

Please PRINT! • Please respond by September 10, 2017

Name _____ Class of _____

Maiden Name _____

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Nicole Baker
Class of 2020

Words of Insight

Lewis J. Bennett

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“Fortune favors the prepared mind.” - *Louis Pasteur*

The school I came from was Grabiarcz #79. I chose this program because it seems fun and cool and it is the first year the program was started.

My expectation is that the program will continue to grow.

My goal is to go to college. I would like to get my Bachelors Degree in Computer Science.

Class Notes

The 2000s

Melodie Matthews Baker, '01, who co-founded the Charter School of Inquiry, also was the Assistant Director at Bethel Head Start Program. Presently she serves as the Director of Education at the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County.



Class Notes

The 1940s

Thomas P. Sheehan, '47, describes his dream of the “Seventy Year Anniversary Party” of the Class of '47: It included a champagne dinner and joyful memories of Bennett. He also reports that he has donated his US Navy Officer’s sword to the Naval Museum.

at the outpouring of support from so many who knew Paul and shared remembrances with me.”

Duane Tananbaum, '67, is a Professor of History at Lehman College, City University of New York, where he has been teaching for more than 30 years. Duane’s book; Herbert H. Lehman: A Political Biography, was recently published by SUNY Press.

Class Notes

The Faculty

Class Notes

The 1950s

Sally (Laurie) Drake Murphy, '51, encourages Bennett alumni to: “keep up the amazing work being done to keep Bennett alive and well”.

Class Notes

The 1990s

James Karagiannis, '99, known as “James, the Ice Creamcycle Dude”, continues to deliver frozen treats to kids across Buffalo, even to those without a dollar to spare.

Neil Lange, retired “Mr. Bennett”, a Director of the Riviera Theatre since the early 1980s, spoke at the Theatre’s 90th Anniversary ceremony in May 2017. His entire family has been instrumental in keeping the theatre thriving.

Congratulations to **Stephen and Clair Poliachik** on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on July 8, 2017. **Clair**, a former English teacher at Bennett and **Steve**, a former Special Ed teacher and coach at Bennett, are planning a trip to Italy to celebrate this wonderful milestone.

Donald Dean, retired science teacher and his wife Elaine, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary! Congratulations to you and continued blessings!

Class Notes

The 1960s

Dick Killinger, '64, has been recognized and thanked by Carol L. Kent, the widow of **Paul J. Kent, '64**, who died September 8, 2016. She writes that Dick organized a card sending and letter writing campaign for Paul while he was in the hospital for nine weeks. “I am overwhelmed



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2017 - 2018 Dues Statement

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 2885 Main Street
 Buffalo, New York 14214

I am requesting that all future copies of the **Bennett Beacon** are sent only to my email address!

It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

Each year, with the publication of the *Summer Bennett Beacon, Alumni Edition*, our organization starts its membership year. Simply put, your dues are due **now** for the next year.

You see, we follow the **school calendar** so dues run from the beginning of September until the following June. That means, if you pay your dues now, you will be an Alumni Member in good standing. In last winter's *Beacon*, we ran a list of all current members (as of that time). Some people who paid dues in the Spring of 2016 thought that our dues were for the calendar year as opposed to the School Year.

It is our hope that this makes things a little clearer for you.

As always, thanks for supporting the efforts of your Association and the students of the Lewis J. Bennett High School.

You can now Use PayPal for Convenient Dues Payments!

Our younger alumni rarely, if ever, write checks. For most, they have gone the way of having an attendant put gas in your car or going to the store to pay a bill.

For all our tech savvy graduates and friends, younger and older, your Alumni Association will now offer an electronic option, PayPal, for donations and dues.

PayPal has three big benefits: it is widely used, so there is strong familiarity and trust around the service; it is very convenient and it secures your personal information. Best of all, it saves the time and bother of writing and mailing a check.

You do not have to have your own PayPal account to send money to the Alumni Association. A link will be provided on our website and in information sent by the Association which directs you to PayPal and walks you through the payment steps.

While your Association offers this electronic choice, please remember that paper checks are always received with appreciation and gratitude.



BY IRENE MCLEISH GREENE, '57

News From Our President

Remembering Our Dear Friend Barbara Lewis Lewis

Hello Fellow Alumni and friends! I am paying tribute in this article to one of our most beloved Alumni Board members, who recently passed away.

Her name is Barbara Jean Lewis. She graduated from Bennett High in 1959. She was the widow of Howard Lewis, a retired Assistant Superintendent for the Buffalo Public Schools. Together they raised six children and provided them with educational opportunities so that they could reach their goals.

Because education was always important to Barbara, she worked with several organizations to help

other young people. Barbara joined the Alumni Association in 2010 and began mentoring students at Bennett. She also took on the task of organizing materials and decorating our Alumni Board Room. Despite the illness, which gradually took over her body, Barbara struggled to attend meetings and mentor students. Her passion for her alma mater was unequalled!

She will be truly missed by all who knew her, and especially by her family, friends and fellow Board members. We all are saying, "good-bye" to a wonderful friend.

Words of Insight

Lewis J. Bennett
School of Innovative Technology

Takara Gest

Class of 2020

I came from South Buffalo Charter School. I chose the computer program because it was the first year and it would be nice to start in a new program.

The expectations were met for me because the only expectation I had was for the program to continue and this program is growing.

My goal is to go to college and to be successful in life. Another goal of mine is to be the best I can be at all times. The last goal of mine is to make people proud of me. Oh, and in college I really want to get a master's degree.

"When the years have hurried onward..."

Words of Insight

Lewis J. Bennett
School of Innovative Technology

Jordan Graves

Class of 2020

I came from a Charter School. I chose this program because I want to design games and I like computers. I want to go to college and get a job and buy a house for me and my family.



David Novak

Class of 2020

The school I I came from was Grabiarcz #79. I chose this program because it is new and it has technology.

The expectations that I had when I came to Bennett is just what it is, a good school and phenomenal classes and courses. My goals were met during this school year.

Some future goals that students have is that they want to go to college and have a good career.

Words of Insight

Lewis J. Bennett
School of Innovative Technology

"Prepare yourself in every way you can by increasing your knowledge and adding to your experience." - *Mario Andretti*

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** As of June 30, 2017. We apologize for any omissions or errors.*

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The Class of 1956

Julie Horn

Marilyn Wittman

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Nancy Rice Hunt, '45
Patricia Schlehr Frizelle, '55
Elaine Schrott Brothman, '53
Louise Seereiter, Faculty
Sue Shaffer Gardner, '48
Gloria Van Riper Webster, '56

THE ALUMNI WALKWAY AND GARDEN

Remembering and
Honoring - September 22,
2017

Our Annual Gathering of Remembrance will kick-off Alumni Weekend on Friday, September 22, 2017. We will gather at the Walkway and recall all of the wonderful people who have gone before, paving the ways of our glorious school. We will recite all of the names on the pavers and benches and trees and pause to reflect. Details of the event are being finalized at this time, so be sure to check the website for the exact time.

There is still the opportunity to sponsor pavers, trees and benches. As there are lots of pavers, we will continue this sponsorship opportunity until all the pavers are used.

Unfortunately, we have to order paver engraving in lots of ten or more (to save costs), so there will be delays in installing pavers until we get at least ten.

A form is available in this issue to place your order for pavers.

www.bennettalumni.com

This is our official website!!!

There are several other websites that claim they are Bennett Alumni sites! Be aware that we have no affiliation with these sites. Dues they collect go to private companies and in no way help our students or our endeavors!

To Reserve Your

Alumni Walkway Paver

Please fill out the form below and return it with your check made payable to:

Bennett Community Foundation

Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

SINGLE PAVER 4" x 8" \$100 donation

Maximum of THREE (3) lines. 13 characters per line. Includes punctuation and spaces.

DOUBLE PAVER 8" x 8" \$200 donation

Maximum of SIX (6) lines. 13 characters per line. Includes punctuation and spaces.

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For more details, additional information or other sponsorship options, please contact Neil Lange(716) 308-5451 or neilriv@aol.com.

Return this form and your check to: **Bennett Alumni Walkway
2885 Main Street
Buffalo, New York 14214**

End of the School Year Words of Thanks

The Bennett High School Alumni Association would like to acknowledge the wonderful, wonderful work our interim principal Mr. John Vella accomplished throughout the last three months of his tenure at Bennett. Our sincere congratulations are sent to John on increasing our graduation rate to a magnificent 67% this past June. As a former science teacher and administrator at BHS, John is still passionate for the orange and blue and it certainly was manifested!! Hail to Thee, John! We appreciate your dedication!

Your Alumni Association would also like to say thanks to all of our faculty and staff who worked so hard to ensure the success of each of our students. A luncheon was held in their honor on Monday, June 12th in the Alumni Room to say good luck to all!

A Glorious June 23rd Graduation!



Mr. Neil Lange delivered the Commencement Address about the importance of developing relationships. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kriner Cash and Mr. David Potter presented diplomas at the Commencement Ceremony.

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