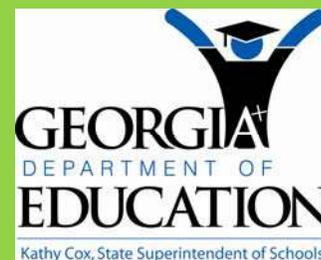


CTAE NEWSLETTER

December 2008

From Dr. Sue Snow, Associate Superintendent
Standards Based Learning
Career, Technical & Agricultural Education



From the Desk of Sue Snow ssnow@doe.k12.ga.us

At the December State Board meeting, Mr. Gary Steppe was approved as the new CTAE Director for the Georgia Department of Education. Gary is currently serving as Superintendent for Stephens County but will begin working at the DOE January 16. I know you will look forward to seeing him at the ALF conference in February.

We are working with the Technical College System of Georgia to address a number of issues related to dual enrollment, including funding, course alignment, and increased use of high school teachers as instructors. Since research shows that DE has a positive impact on retention, grade point average and motivation, it's important to look for ways to increase dual enrollment options for all students. On-line courses might be one option you can use with students. We have identified some on-line dual enrollment courses offered by TCSG that are available this winter. The list attached below includes course and registration information.



TCSG Online DE GaDOE numbers & pathways 12.16.08.doc

Thanks for all you are doing to give Georgia students the best opportunities in CTAE! Have a wonderful holiday!

From the Desk of Emily Spann espann@doe.k12.ga.us

On behalf of your state staff in the CTAE Development and Transition Unit of GaDOE, we wish you and your local staff and family a wonderful holiday season and a very Happy New Year! As a part of this season, we want to tell you how much we appreciate and value your assistance and cooperation throughout the year in carrying out local and state CTAE activities and initiatives. We hope you will always feel welcome to contact any of our state staff if we can be of any assistance to you, your staff, and your students.

Countdown to CTAE End-of-Pathway Assessment Piloting Activities

The CTAE Division would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the CTAE Administrators and local systems that have accepted the challenge to participate in end-of-pathway assessment piloting activities on January 22-30, 2009. During this time frame, two exams (Engineering & Therapeutic Services/Nursing administered through NOCTI) will be piloted in fifteen (15) high schools throughout the state. We are excited to report that approximately 200 career pathway completers will be tested. Pilot sites are being established in the following schools: Lowndes Co HS; Johnson HS/Groves HS (Chatham Co.); Chattahoochee HS/Milton HS/Northview HS (Fulton Co.); Upson-Lee HS (Thomaston-Upson Co.); Chamblee HS/Tucker HS (DeKalb Co.); South Bulloch HS(Bulloch Co.); Jackson HS (Butts Co.); Dade Co. HS; South Effingham HS (Effingham Co.); Tift Co. HS; and Washington Co. HS.

Phase III Course Numbering and Career Pathway Update

The attached files include the latest information regarding course numbering for the Phase III curriculum and other CTAE course changes. The proposed course numbers are pending State Board of Education approval; however, these numbers may currently serve as place holders if registering students now for the **2009-2010** school year. Final approval is anticipated at the February meeting. The Career Pathway Chart includes all pathways with courses and numbers included. These documents will also be available on our CTAE website at www.gadoe.org.



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Pending Phase III Course Numbering 12 8 2008.doc

CTAE GPS Phase I Re-delivery and Phase III Training Information

Training dates have been established and workshops for specific pathways have been posted at www.ctaern.org, under the Phase I GPS Training Workshops or Phase III GPS Training Workshops link in the catalog. Please take note that up to fifteen

(15) Educational Training Centers (ETCs) are being used for professional learning delivery locations. Scroll down and choose the site that you wish to attend. If the site selected is full, please select another site. Note that these event sites do not have overflow areas. The Georgia DOE CTAE Program Specialist will be responsible for the delivery of the content.

Education and Career Partnerships Update

We are looking at ways to improve our Education Career Partnership program for next year as we strive to ensure that this initiative is more effective in the future for our CTAE students and staff. We will be sharing some of those ideas with you at the Winter CTAE Leadership Conference, February 8-10, 2009, at Callaway Gardens.

JROTC

Congratulations are in order to the Army JROTC Raider team at Jenkins County High School. In only the second year of operation, this team finished eighth (8th) at the JROTC Raider National Championships held on November 8, 2008, at Thunder River Boy Scout Camp in Molena, Georgia.

Also, belated congratulations are in order to the Coffee High School NJROTC Unarmed Drill Team for winning the National High School Drill Team Championships at Daytona Beach on May 3. Congratulations are also in order to the Dooly County High School Bobcat Battalion for earning the Honor Unit with Distinction designation by scoring 591 out of a possible 600 points during their inspection on December 9. The inspection was conducted by the Army 6th Brigade from Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Georgia. The honor is signified by a goal star worn above the right breast pocket of the cadets.

Discussion was held in July concerning JROTC enrollment and students failing math on the GHSQT. A suggestion was made that the JROTC instructors keep up with each student's academic grades and provide tutoring services through another cadet or the instructor when students get into academic trouble.

To assist with this remediation, the math department at GaDOE has resource materials available on the GaDOE website. The materials are located on Georgia Standards located on the DOE home page (www.gadoe.org). Click on www.georgiastandards.org and on the right you will see Learning Village, math resources, click on "learning village." This site is designed to follow the new math courses. All you should need to do is enter your username and password. Students may use the Learning Village or teachers may assist. This is a free resource for students and teachers in Georgia.

If assistance is needed with the Learning Village material, please contact Janet Davis at jdavis@doe.k12.ga.us, Program Manager, Math Division at GaDOE.

High Schools That Work (HSTW)

Last year as a collaborative project between SREB/HSTW, CTAE and RESAs, Mathematics/CTAE workshops were conducted and integrated math teaching units were developed. These units are now available at www.georgiastandards.org for use in CTAE and mathematics classrooms.

All schools that took the 2008 HSTW Assessment should look forward to getting notification of a date and time for an Elluminate sessions in early January 2009, on the usage of the assessment data.

Winter CTAE Leadership Conference

Make plans now to attend the Winter CTAE Leadership Conference from February 8-10, 2009, at the Callaway Gardens Lodge in Pine Mountain, Georgia. The deadline for receipt of the registration form and payment is January 23, 2009. Please use the following information to secure your lodging for this event. and contact the Callaway Gardens Lodge at (800) 225-5292.

Conference details, including the registration form, are located at www.ctaern.org, in the catalog at the Administrative Leadership link. (1) Select the workshop entitled: CTAERN2003, (2) Complete and mail the registration form with a check, (3) Make your hotel lodging reservation.

NOTE: signing up for the conference on the CTAE Resource Network secures the possibility of a Certificate of Participation for Contact Hours document.

Emotional Intelligence for CTAE Leaders

Twenty (20) seats are currently available for the Pre-Winter CTAE Leadership Conference workshop to be held on Saturday, February 7, 2009, from 8:30-3:00. The training event will be delivered by Weber & Associates, and will provide a wonderful opportunity for professional growth. All details for this event may be obtained at www.ctaern.org, in the catalog at the Administrative Leadership link. Select the workshop entitled: CTAERN1979. Signing up for the workshop will secure your seat for the event and the possibility of a Certificate of Participation for Contact Hours document.

CTAE Connection: Elluminate Sessions in January and February 2009

Tuesday, January 13, 2009, 10 – 11 am: *CTAE Connection: Georgia Virtual Career Counselor*

Join by using the following link: http://elluminate.gavirtualschool.org:80/doe/join_meeting.html?meetingId=1226499368046
No password is required.

Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 9 to 10 am: *CTAE Connection: The new GeorgiaStandards.org web site and CTAE resources*
Join by using the following link: http://illuminate.gavirtualschool.org:80/doi/join_meeting.html?meetingId=1228939379328
No password is required.

From the Desk of John Wilkinson jwilkins@doe.k12.ga.us

2008 was a great year for Agricultural Education in Georgia. As we pause and reflect during this holiday season, I would like to express appreciation to you on behalf of the entire agricultural education staff for your cooperation and support during the past year. All of us look forward to working with you during the upcoming year. If we can assist you or there are ways that we can better serve you, please let us know.

Georgia FFA Association

The Georgia FFA Association returned home from the 81st National FFA Convention with nine (9) national winners. **Heath Busby of Early County** (Landscape Management), **Bryce Kirkpatrick of Bleckley County** (Turf Grass Management), **Ryan Highsmith of Echols County** (Specialty Animal) and Jason Segers of Pickens County (Forest Products & Management) were all chosen as national proficiency award winners. The **Jefferson County FFA** chapter had the national winning Forestry career development event (CDE) team. Members included **Chris Cooper, Danny Hobbs, and Travis Walden**. Their advisors are Mr. Stevan Sheram and Mr. Olin Cannon. The **Bleckley County FFA** chapter had the national winning Agricultural Mechanics CDE team. Members of the team were **Brantley Bell, Ryan McLeod, Josh Poole, and Seth Peavy**. Their advisors are Mr. Kevin Jump and Mr. Doyle Floyd. **Nicholas Worley** of the **Lowndes County FFA** was named the National Agriscience Student of the Year, and **Edward Moore** of the **Perry FFA** chapter was the national winner in of the Zoology (Division 1) category of the national Agriscience Fair. Finally, **Regina Holliday**, of the **East Laurens FFA** chapter, was elected to serve as 2008-2009 National FFA Vice President. Regina was one of six officers elected. Over the next year Regina will travel over 100,000 miles across the U.S. and Japan representing agricultural education and the FFA.

Local FFA chapters across the nation, including the 260 chapters here in Georgia are gearing up to celebrate National FFA week on February 21-28, 2009. In preparation for National FFA Week, the Georgia Association will hold its annual FFA Day at the State Capitol on February 17, in Atlanta. Local FFA chapters across the state will celebrate with teacher appreciation meals, TV and radio spots, newspaper articles, and a variety of activities to highlight FFA in their schools and communities. The theme for National FFA Week is *Step Up & Stand Out*

Agricultural Education Curriculum

Agriculture Teacher Program of Work and Monthly Report Access

Local administrators may now view the Program of Work and Monthly Reports for their local Agriculture Teachers using the on-line system. If you would like access to this service please send an e-mail from your school e-mail account to davidturner@gaaged.org and request the login ID and password for your school or system.

Agriculture Teacher Directory

A new on-line directory is now available for locating and contacting the agriculture teachers in Georgia. The directory is accessed through the agriculture education website at www.gaaged.org. The contact information and a picture are listed for all agriculture education professionals in our state. You can click on a teacher's name to visit that teacher's school portal.

Curriculum Review

The Agricultural Education program is in the process of reviewing the Plant Science –Horticulture Pathway courses. The lesson plans for each of these courses are being reviewed and enhanced. The new course lessons will be available on our web site by May 2009.

Georgia Young Farmer Program

The Georgia Young Farmer Program has had a very active fall. Many events have taken place in recent months that affords our members educational opportunities to become more efficient and productive in the agricultural industry. The Sunbelt Expo was a prime example of young farmer members seeing the latest technology in the field. Other events included our region caucuses where directors are elected to assume leadership roles in our organization.

The 39th Annual Georgia Young Farmer Association Convention will take place on January 30-31, 2009 in Columbus, Georgia at the Iron Works Convention Center. The convention will be highlighted with an Ag Industry Trade Show, a special ladies program and awards banquet to recognize young farmer programs and individuals for their accomplishments during the past year. We encourage any CTAE Director interested in attending to contact their young farmer instructor for information or go the Georgia Young Farmer website at www.georgiayoungfarmers.org to register.

We had two new full time programs to come on line July 1. We would like to recognize Floyd County with Carey Harris as young farmer teacher and Screven County with John Harrison as young farmer teacher. We wish much success for these programs.

Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center

The holidays are approaching and the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center is gearing up for a busy winter season! Construction is underway on the new Melvin Johnson Cabin and the dedication ceremony is tentatively set for January 24, 2009. Mr. Johnson served as camp director for 17 years and served as State Director of Agricultural Education for four years. The cabin was funded by the Department of Education and will be an excellent asset to the Camp, housing up to 64 campers and advisors!

Don't forget about the educational leadership programs available at the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center! There are numerous opportunities available for any CTSO organization including BASIC Training, the High Ropes Course, and functional meeting spaces where you can host your next retreat. Dates in the spring are filling up fast; sign up today! For information, visit www.BuildingChapters.com for BASIC Training and the High Ropes Course and www.georgiaffacamp.org for hosting an event at the Center.

Camp John Hope

Camp John Hope is working hard to revitalize buildings on Camp and increase usage in 2009! The first stage of improvements includes refurbishing two old bunk cabins into hotel-style cabins. Each cabin will have five rooms with private baths. The cabins will be named after Agricultural Hall of Fame members Mr. Josiah Phelps and Mr. Earl Cheek who served as honorable ambassadors of hard work, dedication and leadership in the FFA Organization. Renovations to the cabins are being completed by the Department of Corrections through a partnership with Camp John Hope.

From the Desk of Scott Carey scarey@doe.k12.ga.us

As we come to a close of another year, it's time to step back and enjoy the holidays! It was an exciting Fall, but challenging to say the least. Our Program Delivery Team is putting together a strong set of activities for your teachers in the upcoming months. I personally appreciate the support you have provided your teachers in all areas of their CTAE programs.

Architecture Construction Communication & Transportation (ACCT) – Sonny Cannon

The 2009 TIEGA Winter Conference will be held at the Coweta County Fairgrounds Conference Center and Central Education Center in Newnan on January 30-31. Registration forms are on-line at <http://www.tiega.org>.

SkillsUSA Georgia

Three SkillsUSA Georgia workshops will be held on January 30, at the Central Education Center in Newnan, Georgia. Participants may register for one of the three workshops via www.ctaern.org.

CTAERN1999 Chapter Management Institute

Chapter Management Institute (CMI) will provide instructors with the tools they need to develop, manage and advise a SkillsUSA chapter in their school or classroom. Participants explore the mission of SkillsUSA; learn to use the multitude of resources available and engage in hands-on activities. The training utilizes interactive sessions and provides information such as how to get students involved, the best way to organize activities, what does a chapter set out to do, what is a Program of Work, and what materials are available to help students. This is a must for beginning or novice advisors wanting to start a chapter or better manage an existing chapter.

CTAERN2000 Establishing and Organizing a Chapter

Establishing and Organizing a Chapter is structured to assist advisors in their first through third year of chapter management. Participants will develop an understanding of SkillsUSA programs and resources. In addition, participants will identify basic steps in starting a chapter and determine the role of an advisor.

CTAERN2001 Professional Development Program

Discover how to make employability skills training easy! All students need employability skills. Teaching those skills is a challenge faced by academic and career-training instructors, guidance counselors, school-to-career coordinators and college professors. Likely questions are: What should I teach, how can I make it interesting, when can I fit it into my program? In one seminar you will learn exciting ways to answer these questions. In one seminar you will learn employability skills from experts and seasoned teachers, learn how to integrate the PDP into your program, teach your students to manage their education, learn how to maximize business and industry partnerships, and learn about the on-line version of a Professional Development Program.

Construction Education Foundation of Georgia (CEFGA)

CEFGA continues to move forward to ensure that Georgia's high school construction programs are the best in the world! Along with the three regional workforce alliances (central Georgia, South Georgia and southwest Georgia) CEFGA will kick off three new regional workforce alliances this year. CEFGA has partnered with the Georgia Branch, AGC to start alliances in

east central Georgia, west Georgia and northeast Georgia this year. These alliances bring industry and education together locally.

CEFGA's Construction Career Expo and SkillsUSA State Championships will be held on April 16-17, 2009, and should draw an even larger crowd this year! In addition to the students, educators and industry volunteers, there will be a number of construction associations gathering at the same time. More than 5,000 attendees are anticipated to visit the Expo and SkillsUSA Championships at our new venue – the Georgia International Convention Center.

SkillsUSA Region Championships

Region	Chair(s)	Championship Date	Championship Location
Region 1	Hillari Knight/Paula Pouliecek	February 6, 2009	Coosa Valley Technical College Floyd County Schools Career and College Academy
Region 2	Kenny Floyd	February 26, 2009	North Georgia Technical College
Region 3	Isiah Ellison/Glenda Bonds/Janice Laster	February 5, 2009 (tentative)	Atlanta Technical College
Region 4	Cheryl Rees/Joel Rogers	February 27, 2009	Columbus Technical College
Region 5	Brandi Reid/Barney Poole	February 27, 2009	Central Georgia Technical College
Region 6	Kevin Strickland	February 19, 2009	Ogeechee Technical College
Region 7	Lynn Tanner/Kelly Almond	February 27, 2009	Moultrie Technical College
Region 8	Carlos Jones	February 16, 2009	Altamaha Technical College

2009 Construction and Transportation Career Expos

The 2009 Construction and Transportation Career Expos will be the largest ever. Over 6,000 Georgia students and educators are expected to attend. These events are supported by 600 industry volunteers. The expos are held during the SkillsUSA Georgia State Leadership and Skills Contest. Registration forms may be found at <http://skillsusageorgia.org/>.

Graphic Communication and Design

Graphic Communication instructors have a wealth of resources available through the Printing and Imaging Association of Georgia's (PIAG) Educational Foundation. On Jan. 5, 2009, PIAG is hosting a free teacher training day with Paul Davis from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 pm. Paul, a former graphic arts instructor at DeKalb Tech, has put together curriculum, labs, tests and resources to assist graphic communications teachers with day-to-day instruction. In addition, many of these resources will assist those working toward PrintED certification.

Discussion covers safety procedures (including much of the information needed for the safety portion of PrintED on a take home CD) and competencies related to introduction to the graphic arts such as type, math, color and print knowledge. Plan to bring a laptop, as Paul will touch on InDesign and give participants materials to take home that tie-in to the upcoming SkillsUSA competition. To reserve your spot, please email Sue Rodman at suer@piag.org.

Upon completion of the program, handouts will be posted to the Graphic Communications Network, Georgia Instructors discussion group. This network consists of graphic communication educators and professionals from around the country and provides great discussions and resources. If you are not a member, join today, as membership is FREE.

More resources are available via [The Mentor](#), a blog written for graphic communication instructors and students of all ages.

Finally, the 2009 TIEGA Conference on January 31, 2009, will feature a full day of instruction on CS3 and CS4 from certified Adobe instructors. The conference will provide instructions on the latest software, as well as take home some tricks to use on current software. You certainly don't want to miss this program.

Broadcast Video Production**Brand New – The New Media Education Foundation of Georgia (NuMEFGA)**

On November 13, 2008, a group of businesses and education organizations convened to explore the possibility of creating an education foundation that would support the Broadcast Video Production (BVP) career path. The foundation would also serve to get students involved in creating stories that support and market the other CTAE career paths. Organizations like Broadcast Solutions, the Savannah College of Art and Design, Georgia Public Broadcasting, the Technical College System of Georgia, the Georgia Association of Broadcasters, the Georgia DOE, CEFGA, TEFGA, SkillsUSA and many others were represented.

Kevin Pullen of the Newnan CEC and James Dinsmoor of Rockdale Career Academy gave the group a BVP instructor's perspective on what their students are learning, and what students and teachers need from the business community in order to be more successful. Ideas from the group such as a CEFGA News Network using the best K-12 student created stories to showcase what other students are pursuing within the construction career paths were discussed. The support that the NuMEFGA organization could provide to many organizations was acknowledged as being almost endless while at the same time, helping to grow and support the BVP programs.

The group agreed that there is enough interest and need to push forward and create this foundation under the Georgia Department of Education's direction. The next meeting for the group is being scheduled for the middle of January 2009.

Business and Computer Science Important Dates – Sarah Heath

<u>Business and Computer Science GPS "Roll Out" Training Dates</u>	
Jan 27	Computer Systems and Support Pathway
Feb 3	Computer Networking Pathway
Feb 10	Administrative/Information Support Pathway
Feb 24	Computing Pathway
Mar 3	Administrative/Information Support Pathway (repeat of Feb 10)
Register on the CTAERN under Phase III GPS Rollouts link NOT Business Education link www.ctaern.org	
<u>Other Professional Development Dates</u>	
Feb 6-7	Southeastern Business and Marketing Education Conference (Athens = UGA Continuing Education Center)
Mar 6	Gulf South Conference (Valdosta = VSU)
Apr 9-11	National Business Education Association Conference (Chicago, IL)
Jun (TBA)	Field of Dreams (Warner Robins = Houston County Career Center)
<u>Future Business Leaders of America Dates</u>	
Jan	Region Leadership Conferences (various locations)
Mar 5	Middle Level State Leadership Conference (Macon Metro Plex)
Mar 27-28	High School State Leadership Conference (Atlanta Hyatt Regency)
Jun 25-28	National Leadership Conference (Anaheim, CA)

Announcements

Georgia FBLA would like to welcome two special people to our team: Beth Tedesco (our FBLA Foundation Director) and Linda Grooms (Middle Level Coordinator/Assistant Director of FBLA).

Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) – Julie Kenny

A report detailing all CTSO dues-paying members was sent to all administrators on November 30. The Department would like to help each CTAE teacher get their membership up to 60 percent, or 60 members.

The Advisor Toolbox publication is available for each CTAE teacher at GaDOE expense. If you have not requested your copies, please do so as soon as possible in order to help encourage your CTAE teachers. Please provide a mailing address. Requests can be made at jkenny@doe.k12.ga.us.

I would like to challenge every CTAE director, supervisor, and department head to get involved in our state competitions that are just around the corner and judge an event. This is the best way to learn what your teachers and students are involved in and lend them your support. State competitions are listed on the CTSO calendar at www.gactso.org. Please contact the executive director of your CTSO if you are interested.

Marketing, Sales and Service – Linda Smith

The Winter Professional Development Conference for Marketing and DECA is back! Once GaCTE expanded the affiliate programming, our Marketing Conference (held in September) was dissolved due to the close proximity in time. However, we learned that no matter how efficient and effective we were, we could not “push everything into one day.” Therefore, our conference will be held on January 8-9, 2009, at the Westin Hotel, Perimeter North in Atlanta. Registration information can be found at <http://www.mygmea.org/winter.cfm>.

If you will send your teachers to the conference, the Georgia Marketing Education Association (GMEA) and I will make it well worth their time. The GPS lesson plan CD which was previewed last July at GaCTE will be unpacked so that teachers will actually have the opportunity to work with several lessons in depth. Beyond this intensive GPS session, there will be “best practices” sessions in which teachers and their business partners unfold excellent projects and activities that can easily be included in every teacher’s classroom. DECA sessions, which focus on the co-curricular competitive events and leadership development, will be offered throughout the conference. This conference, along with several of the DECA sessions, will allow teachers on the state extended day grant to complete several of the criteria.

Do you have a Travel/Lodging (Hospitality) Program? Or do you offer one of the new Travel/Lodging courses? If so, then please allow your teacher(s) to attend the Travel/Lodging Seminar to be held at 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 8, 2009. Four year college professors, technical college instructors, and high level industry executives will be present to begin a “connect the dots” session leading lead to a State Advisory Committee in Travel/Lodging. These connections are vital to successful programs. As always, thank you for your support of Marketing Education and DECA!

From the Desk of Charles Banks cbanks@doe.k12.ga.us

Please take some time to celebrate and enjoy the holiday season with family, great friends, great food and great cheer! Happy Holidays

Consolidated Application: On 11/26/08 an email was sent encouraging all CTAE directors to review their grants to ensure that they have all been approved. Please note that for your CTAE Extended Day, FCCLA, ECP and all the Ag grants there is just one sign-off, and this is on the budget tab. If the “Budget Status” for these grants shows “Approved” then they are Ok. If any of the grants mentioned above shows “Coordinator Sign-Off” or “New” on the DC status, please ignore this as no sign-off is required on the data side of these grants.

“SAVE THE DATE”

In order to provide you will quality and personalized technical assistance in completing your FY10 Local Plan, a series of regional technical assistance workshops are being planned. The tentative dates are March 19, 24, 25, 26 and April 14, 15, & 16. The meetings will be at various locations within the North Region, Central Region and South Region. Multiple sessions are planned so that your driving time and travel expense will be minimal. By the next newsletter, all the facility locations should be confirmed and you will be able to go onto the CTAE Resource Network and register for the session of your choice.

CTAE New Leaders' Academy will be held at Lanier Technical College in Oakwood, GA on January 21-22, 2009. The topics will focus on legal issues and policies related to CTAE and Perkins Laws. Presenters will be from Harbin and Hartley. New CTAE Leaders will receive more detailed information by email.

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