

## **For Immediate Release:**

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### **Nebraska FCCLA Recognizes State Leaders and Award Winners**

The Nebraska Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) met virtually for their annual State Leadership Conference April 12-13 from locations across the state. More than 700 students and advisers from 81 Nebraska schools participated in the conference to grow their leadership skills, celebrate their accomplishments from the past year, and prepare for their future careers with Nebraska FCCLA. Molly Kennedy was the keynote speaker for the event. Her message to students was to 'Flip Your 20' and adjust one's mindset in order to overcome to the challenges that life presents. A variety of synchronous breakout sessions and asynchronous activities were available for participants to engage in. Breakout sessions were presented by a variety of individuals and organizations including CommonGround Nebraska, Jana's Campaign, and Project Extra Mile. Chapters were also encouraged to complete the SLC Service Project, Literature for Littles, where they could develop an activity to accompany a children's book related to an FCCLA National Program and complete the activity with elementary school students. 427 students participated in STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events, FCCLA's premier competitive event program. Students placing first and second in the competitive events qualified to compete in the FCCLA National STAR Event Competition will be taking place virtually in May. Members will be recognized for their success through STAR Events during the hybrid National Leadership Conference June 27-July 1, 2021 in Nashville, Tennessee, and virtually online.

#### **The 2021-2022 Nebraska FCCLA State Officers:**

Kaylee Hilbers, Logan View - President

Rylie Wright, Hemingford - First Vice-President

Ally Sedlacek, O'Neill - Secretary

Natalie Brabec, Leigh-Clarkson - Vice-President of Competitive Events

Harleigh Claussen, O'Neill - Vice-President of Development

Tessa Cherry, Twin River - Vice-President of Membership

Milli Ciprian, Kearney - Vice-President of Programs

Abby Fiske, Minden - Vice-President of Public Relations

#### **The 2021-2022 Nebraska State Peer Officer Teams:**

##### **Overall SPOT Council**

Leonardo Luna-Duran, Neligh-Oakdale - SPOT Council Chairperson

Troia Drey, Logan View - SPOT Council Vice-Chairperson

Annie Corkle, O'Neill - SPOT Council Secretary

**Family Leader Team:**

Andrea Lopez, Wakefield - Chairperson

Troia Drey, Logan View - Vice Chairperson

Marissa Bruce, Bloomfield - Secretary

Sophia Oladimeji, Chadron - Public Relations

Alaina Eberle, Medicine Valley - Historian

**Career Leader Team:**

Noah Ziegler, Aurora - Chairperson

Leonardo Luna-Duran, Neligh-Oakdale - Vice Chairperson

Harley Cahoy, O'Neill - Secretary

Gina Alba, Schuyler Central - Public Relations

Koda Pell, Medicine Valley - Historian

**Community Leader Team:**

Joe Brown, Medicine Valley - Chairperson

Jayna Moses, Burwell - Vice Chairperson

Alexz Rodriguez, Overton - Secretary

Madisen Meek, Hemingford - Public Relations

Annie Corkle, O'Neill - Historian

**Nebraska FCCLA Family and Consumer Sciences Education Scholarship:**

Tessa Cherry, Twin River

**Nebraska FCCLA Non-FCS Education Scholarship:**

Jaiden Johnson, Bloomfield

Alexis Butterfield, Chambers

**Nebraska FCCLA Student Teaching Scholarship:**

Tyra Reardon, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

**Nebraska FCCLA SPOT Scholarship:**

Tessa Cherry, Twin River

**Nebraska FCCLA Administrator of the Year:**

Rochelle Clausen, Logan View Jr./Sr. High School

**Nebraska FCCLA Distinguished Service Award:**

Carol Ringenberg Packard

**Honorary Membership Award**

Black Hills Energy

**Nebraska FCCLA Spirt of Advising Award:**

Kimberly Scarborough, Neligh-Oakdale

**Nebraska FCCLA Master Adviser Award**

Kimberly Scarborough, Neligh-Oakdale

Members and chapters receiving State Champion and State Runner-up for STAR events are as follows:

**Baking and Pastry, Level 3**

State Champion – Camelia Bergoch, Ralston, Silver

State Runner-Up – Logan Herberger, Milford, Silver

**Career Investigation, Level 1**

State Champion – Kayla Wilken, Milford, Gold

State Runner-Up – Deakon Lauby, Overton, Gold

**Career Investigation, Level 2**

State Champion – Caydence Guthard, Boone Central, Gold

State Runner-Up – Emma Wubben, Hartington-Newcastle, Gold

**Career Investigation, Level 3**

State Champion – Rebecca Zeleski, Overton, Gold

State Runner-Up – Sarina Radspinner, Hemingford, Gold

**Chapter in Review Display, Level 2**

State Champion – Kaydense Hansen, Ava Neujahr, David City, Gold

State Runner-Up – McKenna Stewart, Izzy Carrier, Scribner-Snyder, Bronze

**Chapter in Review Portfolio, Level 1**

State Champion – Garrett Alexander, Logan Kershaw, Twin River, Gold

State Runner-Up – Ashtyn Contrerez, Jordiya Phillips, Medicine Valley, Silver

**Chapter in Review Portfolio, Level 2**

State Champion – Hana Miller, O'Neill, Gold

State Runner-Up – Kia Clark, Emily Evans, Grand Island Senior High, Silver

**Chapter in Review Portfolio, Level 3**

State Champion – Hayden Wulf, Emily Hagemann, Kearney, Gold

State Runner-Up – Kaci Mashino, Andrea Hipke, Boyd County, Gold

**Chapter Service Project Display, Level 1**

State Champion – Mackinnzie Smidt, West Point Beemer Jr. High, Bronze

**Chapter Service Project Display, Level 2**

State Champion – Madelyn Spaulding, Kelsey Shotkoski, Sydney Howerter, Cozad, Silver

State Runner-Up – Mackenzie Watenpaugh, Jaidyn Bell, Milford, Silver

**Chapter Service Project Display, Level 3**

State Champion – Maria Gonzalez, Sahrai Luna, Katie Vandervenn, Wakefield, Gold

State Runner-Up – Alexis Schnoor, Pierce, Gold

**Chapter Service Project Portfolio, Level 1**

State Champion – Laynie Allen, McKenzie King, Isabella Ferris, Twin River, Silver

State Runner-Up – Aubree Whitaker, Chambers, Silver

**Chapter Service Project Portfolio, Level 2**

State Champion – Teegan Henderson, Natasha Zeisler, Brynn Almgren, Boyd County, Gold

State Runner-Up – Lily Boettner, Milford, Silver

### **Chapter Service Project Portfolio, Level 3**

State Champion – Abby Fiske, Peyton Schoone, Minden, Gold

State Runner-Up – Angelica Corey, Cambridge, Silver

### **Culinary Arts, Level 3**

State Champion – Alayna Landis, Waverly, Silver

### **Early Childhood Education, Level 3**

State Champion – Summar Schaefer, Thedford, Silver

State Runner-Up – Maci Dion, David City, Bronze

### **Entrepreneurship, Level 1**

State Champion – Monica Chavez, Adrianna Mincer, West Holt, Silver

State Runner-Up – Danika Kreifels, Adelyn Ten Kley, Logan View, Silver

### **Entrepreneurship, Level 2**

State Champion – Alivia Olson, Kearney, Gold

State Runner-Up – Olivia Lauck, Brooke Pinkelman, Bloomfield, Gold

### **Entrepreneurship, Level 3**

State Champion – Sydney Fisher, Northwest, Gold

State Runner-Up – Kaylee Smith, Bailey Arnold, Minden, Gold

### **Event Management, Level 1**

State Champion – Ella Urban, Brynn Settje, Leigh-Clarkson, Silver

### **Event Management, Level 2**

State Champion – Chloe Zegers, Kaitlyn Palik, David City, Gold

State Runner-Up – Jazlynn Bechtold, Jozi Edginton, Skylar Ellison, Callaway, Silver

### **Event Management, Level 3**

State Champion – Lexie Brester, Logan Fiala, Jayda Bazata, Howells-Dodge, Bronze

### **Fashion Construction, Level 2**

State Champion – Piper Dather, Crofton, Gold

State Runner-Up – Alexis Tira, Minden, Gold

**Fashion Construction, Level 3**

State Champion – Kylie Catrell, Winside, Gold

State Runner-Up – Claire Weidner, Boone Central, Gold

**Fashion Design, Level 3**

State Champion - Katie Wilson, Cozad, Gold

**Focus on Children, Level 1**

State Champion – Izabel Hollatz, Baylee Settje, Leigh-Clarkson, Gold

State Runner-Up – Medora DeNaeyer, Sydnee Cheever, Mullen, Silver

**Focus on Children, Level 2**

State Champion – Clark Boettger, Norman Sodomka, Grand Island Senior High, Gold

State Runner-Up – Winnie Huber, O'Neill, Gold

**Focus on Children, Level 3**

State Champion – Sara Morrow, O'Neill, Gold

State Runner-Up – Cassidy Aycocock, Courtney Oswald, Aurora, Gold

**Food Innovations, Level 1**

State Champion – Jaquelin Luna-Duran, Ashley Caballero, Neligh-Oakdale, Gold

State Runner-Up – Hailey Romesser, Chambers, Gold

**Food Innovations, Level 2**

State Champion – Myranda Schildt, Milford, Gold

State Runner-Up – Ava Ten Kley, Haley Isaac, Autumn Kotik, Logan View, Gold

**Food Innovations, Level 3**

State Champion – Alexis Butterfield, Mary Walnorfer, Chambers, Gold

State Runner-Up – Trevor Brooks, Kiryn Kayl, Boyd County, Gold

**Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation, Level 2**

State Champion – Eros Nies, Madison Payne, Tyler Hanson, Bloomfield, Gold

**Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation, Level 3**

State Champion – Cassidy June, Milford, Gold

State Runner-Up – Lauren Pinkelman, Bloomfield, Gold

**Interior Design, Level 2**

State Champion – Drew Whitney, Autumn Lindsley, David City, Gold

State Runner-Up – Hailee Kozakiewicz, Northwest, Silver

**Interior Design, Level 3**

State Champion – Kathein Castellanos Perez, Ralston, Gold

State Runner-Up - Brooke Luedders, Waverly, Gold

**Interpersonal Communications, Level 1**

State Champion – Kaitlyn Pedersen, Maxwell, Level 1

**Interpersonal Communications, Level 2**

State Champion – Casey Jones, Alexis Tucker-Kearns, Maxwell, Silver

State Runner-Up – Jayna Moses, Ella Vore, Burwell, Silver

**Interpersonal Communications, Level 3**

State Champion – Noah Ziegler, Aurora, Gold

State Runner-Up – Taylor Schaaf, West Hold, Gold

**Job Interview, Level 2**

State Champion – Kaylee Hilbers, Logan View, Gold

State Runner-Up – Blake Byerly, Bloomfield, Silver

**Job Interview, Level 3**

State Champion – Jenny Goesch, Boyd County, Gold

State Runner-Up – Kathia Dimas, Crete, Gold

**Leadership, Level 2**

State Champion – Emerson Swanson, Arapahoe, Gold

State Runner-Up – Jena Spady, Garden County, Gold

**Leadership, Level 3**

State Champion – Jaiden Johnson, Bloomfield, Gold

State Runner-Up – Rachel Malander, Boone Central, Gold

**National Programs in Action, Level 1**

State Champion – Jaelynn Roberts, Overton, Gold

State Runner-Up - Alyssa Renken, Ava Cramer, Cross County, Gold

**National Programs in Action, Level 2**

State Champion – Gracelyn Eisenmann, Tanyln Larson, Leigh-Clarkson, Gold

State Runner-Up – Jada Araujo, Overton, Gold

**National Programs in Action, Level 3**

State Champion – Abby Lawton, Overton, Gold

State Runner-Up – Emily Loseke, Leigh-Clarkson, Gold

**Nebraska Consumer Issues JR**

State Champion – Madison Shoemaker, O'Neill, Gold

**Nebraska Family Challenges & Issues JR**

State Champion – Gracyn Luther, Overton, Gold

State Runner-Up – Gracyn Hicks, Regan Smith, Burwell, Gold

**Nebraska Family Challenges and Issues SR**

State Champion – Kaitlyn Young, Bloomfield, Silver

**Nebraska Health and Wellness JR**

State Champion – Emmeline Lucas, Jada Nelson, Maxwell, Gold

State Runner-Up – Molly Miller, Marissa Sahagun, Bloomfield, Silver

**Nebraska Health and Wellness SR**

State Champion – Morgan Schnoor, Ciara Garcia, Graison Pfeiffer, Pierce, Silver

State Runner-Up – Jacy Stout, Burwell, Silver

**Nutrition and Wellness, Level 1**

State Champion – Brooklynn Cahoy, O'Neill, Gold

State Runner-Up – Mason Knox, Chambers, Silver

**Nutrition and Wellness, Level 2**

State Champion – Landon Dobbins, Reagan Koliha, Howells-Dodge, Silver

**Nutrition and Wellness, Level 3**

State Champion – Kennady Schmidt, Abigail Pieper, Lilly Praest, Howells-Dodge, Gold

State Runner-Up – Natalie Brabec, Leigh-Clarkson, Silver



### **Parliamentary Procedure, Level 2**

State Champion – Briana Johnson, Cassidy Maricle, Isabella Meyer, Audra Groth, Mazie Beister, Natalie Pelster, Natalie Schrad, Boone Central, Silver

### **Parliamentary Procedure, Level 3**

State Champion – Kalli Niemann, Brittany Preister, Cheyenne Ruhnke, Emma Thompson, Samantha Weeder, Boone Central, Silver

### **Professional Presentation, Level 1**

State Champion – Mollie Corkle, O'Neill, Gold

State Runner-Up - Aubree Brandenburger, Tricia Kunkee, Alyvia Strain, Twin River, Gold

### **Professional Presentation, Level 2**

State Champion - Jessica Nelson, Troia Drey, Logan View, Gold

State Runner-Up – Braxton Small, David City, Gold

### **Professional Presentation, Level 3**

State Champion – Daisy Kanode, Exeter-Milligan, Gold

State Runner-Up – Ayden Brophy, Aurora, Gold

### **Promote and Publicize FCCLA!, Level 2**

State Champion – Yavrexy Abrego, Hannah Armitage, Ashlyn Vazquez, Wakefield, Silver

### **Promote and Publicize FCCLA!, Level 3**

State Champion – Ellery Simpson, Maxwell, Gold

### **Public Policy Advocate, Level 3**

State Champion – Milli Ciprian, Kearney, Gold

State Runner-Up - Kristana Perez, Jennifer Torres, Julia Cisneros, Scottsbluff, Silver

### **Repurpose and Redesign, Level 1**

State Champion – Shayla Jacobsen, Plainview, Gold

State Runner-Up – Ava McFarland, Kaitlyn Byerly, Bloomfield, Gold

### **Repurpose and Redesign, Level 2**

State Champion – Ashley Pischel, O'Neill, Gold

State Runner-Up – Anne Praise Santos, Boone Central, Gold

### **Repurpose and Redesign, Level 3**

State Champion – Sonny Sowles, Leah Livingston, Minden, Gold

State Runner-Up – Ella Mitchell, Mikayla Hinrichs, Aurora, Gold

### **Say Yes to FCS Education, Level 3**

State Champion - Harleigh Claussen, O'Neill, Gold

### **Sports Nutrition, Level 1**

State Champion – Charles Cawley, Elmwood-Murdock, Silver

### **Sports Nutrition, Level 2**

State Champion – Alexis Hans, Hartington-Newcastle, Gold

State Runner-Up – Blair Fiala, Natalie Pieper, Carly Bayer, Howells-Dodge, Gold

### **Sports Nutrition, Level 3**

State Champion – Bailey Lemburg, Mitchel Beeson, Leigh-Clarkson, Gold

State Runner-Up - Jillian Grovijohn, Cassie Pieper, Riley Pokorny, Howells-Dodge, Gold

### **Sustainability Challenge, Level 2**

State Champion – Chelsea Ramirez, Howells-Dodge, Bronze

State Runner-Up – Rachel Garcia, Centennial, Bronze

### **Sustainability Challenge, Level 3**

State Champion - Lluvia Montelongo, Jaqueline Lara-Patino, Scottsbluff, Silver

State Runner-Up – Tram Ngo, Crete, Silver

### **Teach and Train, Level 1**

State Champion – Madison Kratz, West Holt, Silver

State Runner-Up – Aubrey Blackburn, Chambers, Bronze

### **Teach and Train, Level 2**

State Champion – Marisa Malander, Boone Central, Gold

State Runner-Up – Alexz Rodriguez, Overton, Silver

### **Teach and Train, Level 3**

State Champion – Avery Olnes, Boone Central, Gold

State Runner-Up – Megan Riha, East Butler, Gold

## **NATIONAL ONLINE STAR EVENT PARTICIPANTS**

### **Chapter Website, Level 2**

Hannah Ryun, Scribner-Snyder

Koda Pell, Aspen Henderson, Medicine Valley

### **Chapter Website, Level 3**

Klayton Pagel, Maxwell

Emily Pedersen, Aurora

Tessa Hamling, Serena Henry, Boone Central

### **Digital Stories for Change, Level 2**

Miranda Batenhorst, Bailey Harpham, Logan View

### **Digital Stories for Change, Level 3**

Isaak Welch, Boone Central

### **Instructional Video Design, Level 3**

Jillian Dames, Kelby Dames, Scribner-Snyder

Grace Ziegler, Hailey Hanneman, Aurora

**Nebraska FCCLA presented the Adviser Committed to Excellence (ACE) Award** to the following local chapter advisers.

Angie Ehlers, Overton

Ann Mann, O'Neill

Ashley Harrison, Chambers

Britton Andreasen, Twin River

Candace Cain, Burwell

Darla Windholz, Holdrege

Jenn Cramer, Kearney

Jerlyn Hohnholt, Maxwell

Jodi Guthmiller, Bloomfield

Kimberly Scarborough, Neligh-Oakdale

Mallory Gregory, Milford

Marla Prusa, Howells-Dodge  
Mary Lou Vossler, Exeter-Milligan  
Megan Hillen, Leigh-Clarkson  
Michelle Galles, Wakefield  
Miranda Bright, Crete  
Nancy Schlautman, Sutton  
Sarah Medina, West Holt  
Sheelagh Lucas, Maxwell  
Sherry Black, Boyd County  
Suzanne Martin, Medicine Valley  
Suzanne Neefe, Hemingford  
Tamara Nelson, Northwest  
Tracy Way, Lincoln Southwest  
Valerie Hinrichs, Aurora

**Adviser Years of Service Recognition Awards:**

40 Years: Marla Prusa, Howells-Dodge  
20 Years: Nancy Schlautman, Sutton  
15 Years: Patti Tibbetts, St. Paul  
10 Years: Mallory Gregory, Milford  
5 Years: Kaitlin Spaulding, Arapahoe; Valerie Hinrichs, Aurora; Lyndee Koch, Brady;  
Jonelle Thoene, Crofton; Lisa Hynes, Elmwood-Murdock; Christi Krist, Ralston

**Retiring Advisers**

Susan Biba, Fillmore Central  
Patti Tibbetts, St. Paul  
Maggie Rasmussen, Cross County  
Jerlyn Hohnholt, Maxwell  
Kathy Knapp, Ord

**Nebraska FCCLA Knowledge Bowl Team Champions:**

Neligh-Oakdale

**Feed Nebraska Award Winner:**

Kearney

**Red and White Affiliation Awards:**

Howells-Dodge, White

Sutton, White

Chambers, Red Rose

**Nebraska Public Relations Award:**

Twin River

**Nebraska National Program Awards:**

**Career Connection** – Leigh-Clarkson

**Community Service** – Overton

**Families First** – Twin River

**Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety (FACTS)** – Maxwell

**Financial Fitness** – Kearney

**Stand Up** – Howells-Dodge

**Student Body** – Lincoln Southwest

**Chapter Developer Award:**

Howells-Dodge, First Place

Wakefield, Second Place

**Community ServUS Awards:**

Howells Dodge, Gold

Kearney, Silver

Bloomfield, Bronze

West Holt, Bronze

Creighton, Bronze

Twin River, Bronze

**Fuel Your Passion Award:**

Howells-Dodge

**Region Membership Increase Awards:**

Region A: Ralston

Region B: Hartington-Newcastle

Region C: Osmond

Region D: Cozad

**Gold Chapter Awards:**

Aurora

Bloomfield

Boone Central

Boyd County

Callaway

Chambers

Howells-Dodge

Leigh-Clarkson

Lincoln-Southwest

Maxwell

Medicine Valley

Milford

Neligh-Oakdale

Overton

Plainview

Sutton

Twin River

Wakefield

**Silver Chapter Awards:**

Battle Creek

Crete

Grand Island Senior High

Hemingford

Holdrege

**Bronze Chapter Awards:**

Cozad

**State Leadership Conference Chapter Spirit Award:**

Neligh-Oakdale

**Say Yes to FCS Collegiate Signing Participants:**

Kelsey Schroeder, Crofton, studying FCS Education at Northeast Community College

Avery Olnes, Boone Central, studying FCS Education at Wayne State College

Cheyenne Ruhnke, Boone Central, studying Interior Design at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Sara Morrow, O'Neill, studying Early Childhood Education at Northeast Community College

Harlie Pinkerman, O'Neill, studying Early Childhood Education at Northeast Community College

Ruben Vega, Wayne, studying FCS Education at Wayne State College

Alexis Cherry, Twin River, studying FCS Education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Meghan Riha, East Butler, studying Interior Design at Wayne State College

Karlee McBride, Burwell, studying Sociology at Wayne State College

Trevor Brooks, Boyd County, studying Psychology at Wayne State College

**CommYOUity Service Award:**

Milli Ciprian, Kearney

**Child Development & Parenting Knowledge Test:**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Violet Nelms, Overton

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Katie Vanderveen, Wakefield

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Avery Herman, Wayne

**Fashion Construction & Design Knowledge Test:**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Alexis Hamik, Wayne

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Haddi Heckert, Neligh-Oakdale

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Cassie Fulmer, Holdrege

**FCCLA Knowledge Test:**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Ashley Caballero, Neligh-Oakdale

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Ellery Simpson, Maxwell

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Sadie Heckert, Neligh-Oakdale

**General FCS Knowledge Test:**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Ruben Vega, Wayne

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Amanda Burris, Holdrege

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Kaylee Smith, Minden

**Housing & Interior Design Knowledge Test:**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Brooke Luedders, Waverly

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Xavier Hart, Neligh-Oakdale

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Andrea Lopez, Wakefield

**Nutrition Knowledge Test:**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Brooklyn Macholan, Howells-Dodge

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Jessie Tunnell, Minden

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Natalie Bentjen, Wayne



**Personal Finance Knowledge Test:**

1<sup>st</sup> place: Ruben Vega, Wayne

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Natalie Bentjen, Wayne

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Bailey Arnold, Minden

**A Day in Your Future Participants:**

Emma Gomez, Hemingford

Milli Ciprian, Kearney

Sadie Heckert, Neligh-Oakdale

**Power of One Completers:**

Kevin Hernandez-Cano, Ralston

Aailyah Ayala, Ralston

Aiden Brunswick, Ralston

Bethany Cuevas-Lopez, Ralston

Brooklen Buechler, Ralston

Cody Rutledge, Ralston

Emma Huff, Ralston

Evelyn Martinez-Grande, Ralston

Haleigh Bruner, Ralston

Jeiry Sosa Franco, Ralston

Jennifer Mass, Ralston

Afi Dabla, Ralston

Lexi Paskach, Ralston

Makyla Roebuck, Ralston

Micah Koziol, Ralston

Monica Mendez, Ralston

Riley Casterline, Ralston

Robert Perez, Ralston

Sheyla Perez, Ralston

Stacy Partida, Ralston

Tanya Gonzalez Ruiz, Ralston

Vanessa Bejar-Williams, Ralston

Zaira Benitez, Ralston

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