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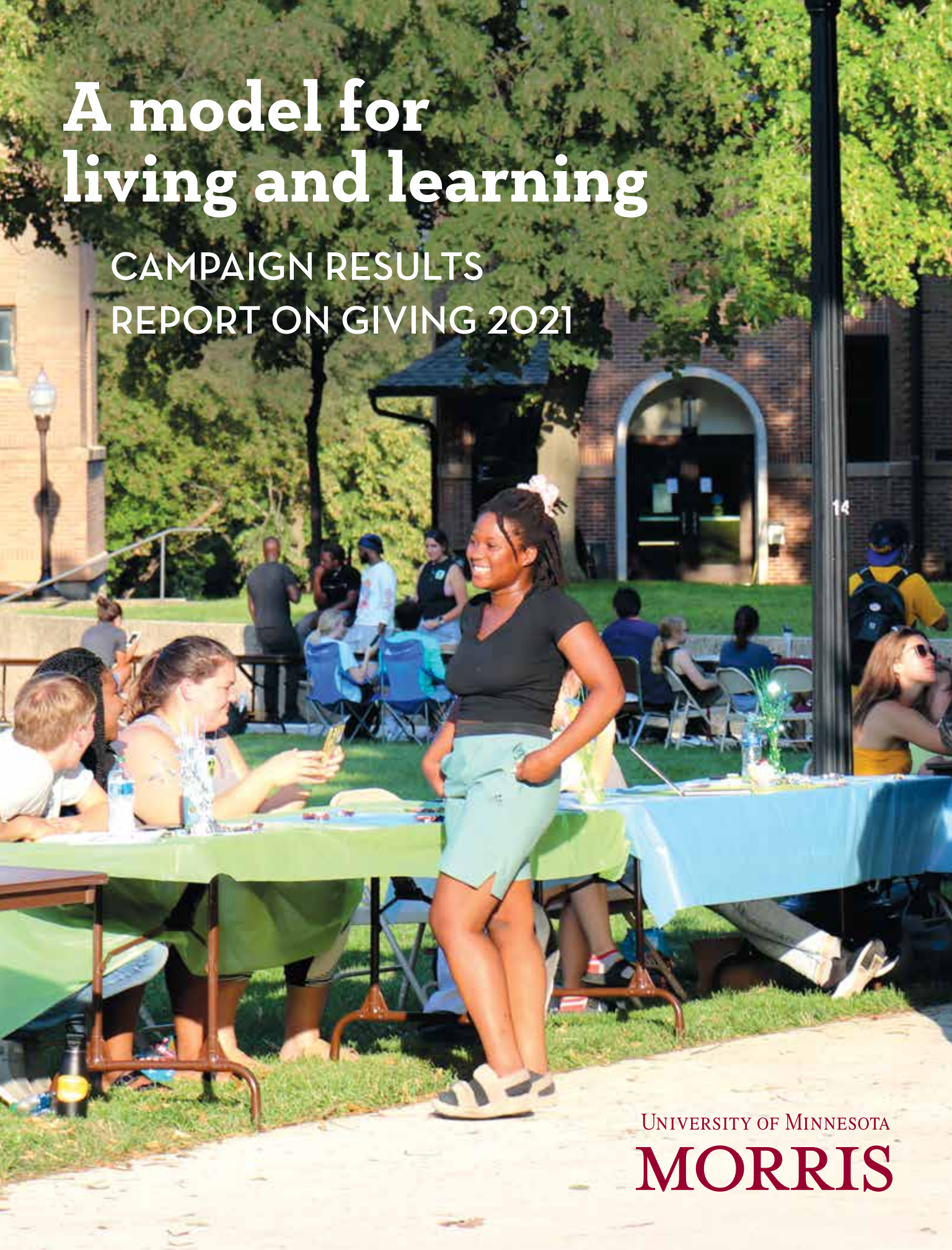
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A model for living and learning

CAMPAIGN RESULTS
REPORT ON GIVING 2021



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
MORRIS

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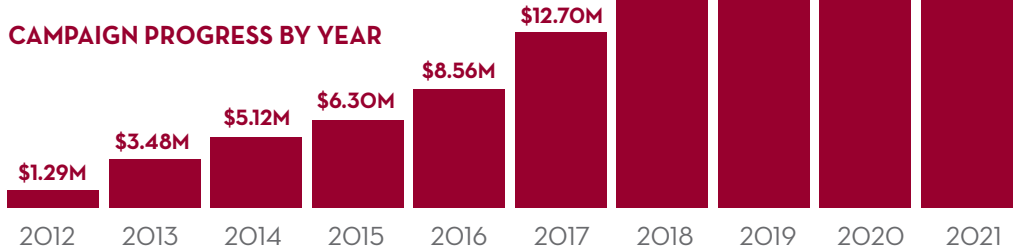
Because of the generosity of alumni and friends, the University of Minnesota Morris will continue to lead as a model for living and learning long into the future. We're increasing access and opportunities for students, supporting faculty leadership, building beautiful, smart spaces, and investing in regional resilience.



ACTING CHANCELLOR JANET SCHRUNK ERICKSEN

\$31.67
MILLION
campaign total

CAMPAIGN PROGRESS BY YEAR



The Work Continues

Thank you for your generosity and support for the exceptional public liberal arts college education at UMN Morris. As you've seen, we've been able to accomplish—and in some cases exceed—our campaign goals, for which I am so grateful. We do, however, still have more to do to serve our students, region, and beyond.

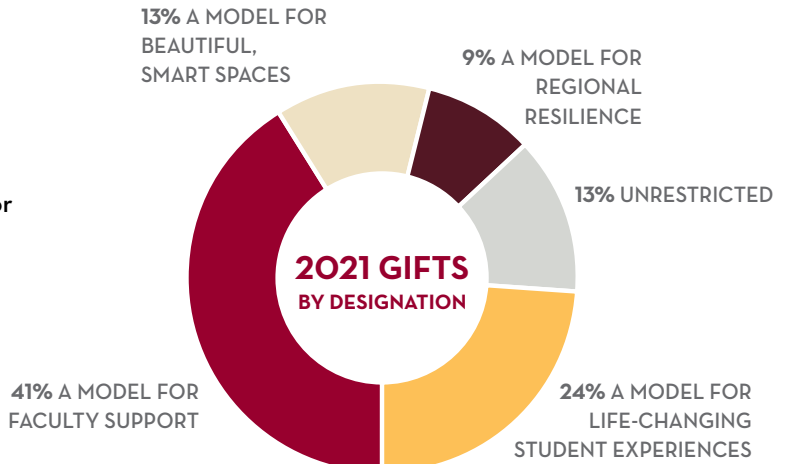
One of my interests is developing further the distinctive UMN Morris blend of opportunity and access, making it possible for an even greater number of talented students to achieve their educational goals, for our accomplished faculty to take new directions in teaching and research, for our campus to honor its history and chart its future, and for our reach to continue to extend throughout and beyond Minnesota.

Won't you join me as we begin the next part of our journey?

—ACTING CHANCELLOR JANET SCHRUNK ERICKSEN

FISCAL YEAR 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

- \$6,211,649 in new gifts and commitments
- UMN Morris's endowment grew to \$23,546,618, a 44% increase over last year
- Creation of the Morton Gneiss Professorship for Environmental Sciences, UMN Morris's first endowed professorship
- Funding and construction complete for Morris Community Softball Complex
- 625 new donors to UMN Morris!



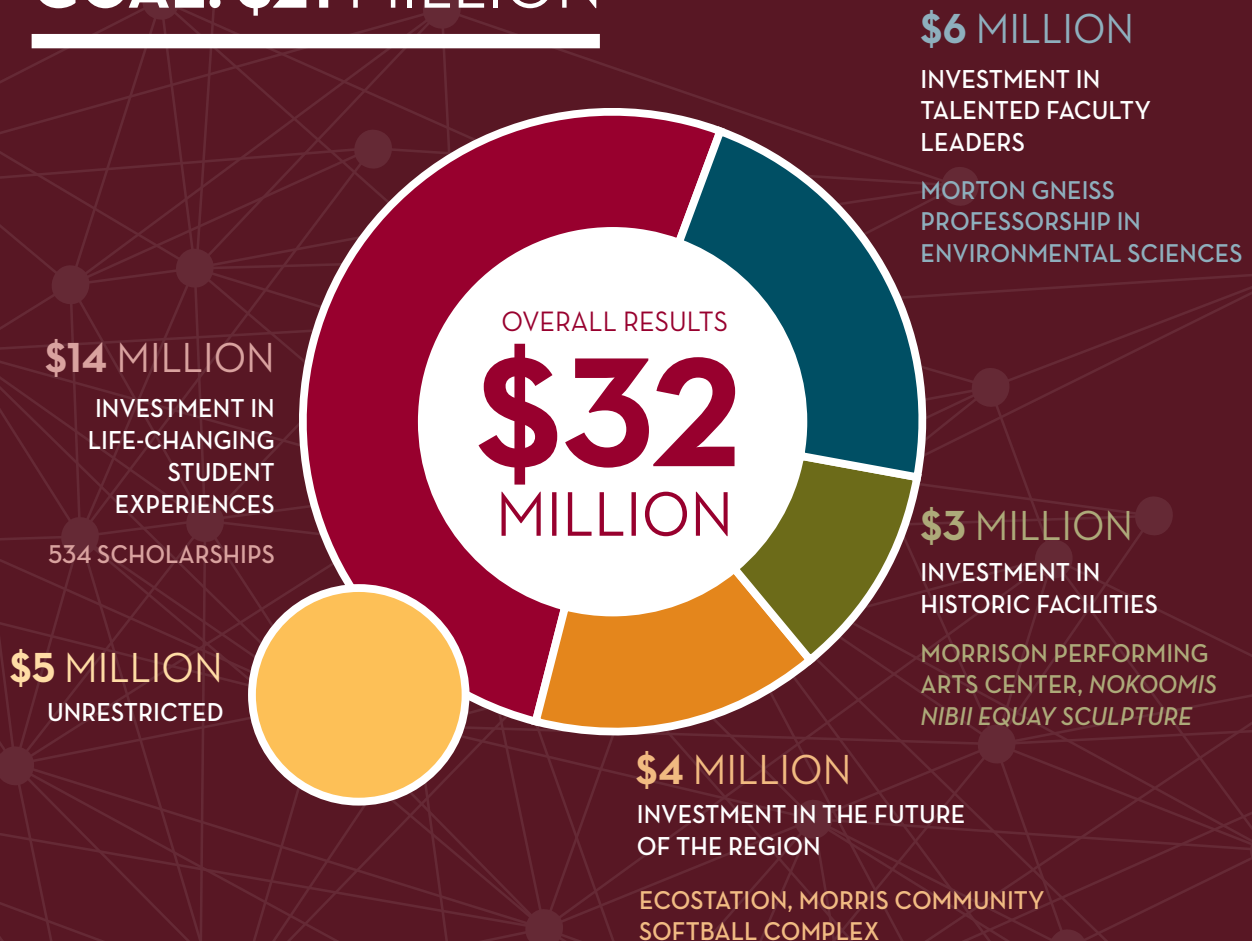
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The campaign for the University of Minnesota Morris

CAMPAIGN RESULTS

\$31.67 MILLION

GOAL: \$21 MILLION



THANK YOU!

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
MORRIS



“ I really appreciate the generous donation you have gifted me in this scholarship. It really helps me and my family—I get to pursue a higher education, and perhaps I will be able to find my dream job because of it. I am able to focus more on my studies, and I am very appreciative.

—CORBYN ALEXANDER '22, MANAGEMENT
ROMILLY JEAN CASSIDA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$14.25
MILLION

for student support

A model for life-changing student experiences

Through scholarships and student support, UMN Morris offers students access to a life-changing education. UMN Morris 21st century graduates are career-ready scholars, creative problem solvers, and community contributors.

Your commitment to students was more than \$14 million—more than 45 percent of our campaign giving total—creating 534 new scholarship awards, along with enhanced undergraduate research, study abroad, internships, and community-engaged learning opportunities.

Your dedication supports today's students and tomorrow's leaders.

“ I would like to thank the donors of the Hammersten Family scholarship. I have been able to get to know my voice and grow so much more as a singer because of your generous donations. And thank you to the donors of the John Q. Imholte scholarship. Your generosity has allowed me to pursue my teaching license without having to worry about taking out another student loan. I would like to thank all of the donors who have contributed to

both my own and the education of my peers. These funds truly do make a difference, and they are always greatly appreciated.



—TESS WALKER '22,
ENGLISH AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
HAMMERSTEN FAMILY CHORAL SCHOLARSHIP AND
JOHN Q. IMHOLTE SCHOLARSHIP

**\$6.25
MILLION**

to enrich
the academy of
current and future
faculty leaders

A model for faculty leadership

The UMN Morris faculty is educating and mentoring today's students and tomorrow's leaders. These teacher-scholars are collaborating with students to advance local solutions to global challenges, conducting research in their fields, presenting new knowledge, and leading the way to advance the Morris liberal arts mission.

Your campaign gifts

- established UMN Morris's first named professorship,
- created funds for faculty development and faculty/student collaborations,
- advanced faculty work in multiple disciplines across campus, and
- ensured a thriving academic community at UMN Morris.

Recently, an anonymous donor couple established the Morton Gneiss Professorship in Environmental Sciences at UMN Morris. Named for the four-billion-year-old bedrock that lies beneath Minnesota, it is Morris's first named professorship.

"Our interests are rooted in nature and the outdoors," says one of the donors. "In recent years, we've become concerned about ecosystem interrelationships, climate change, and anthropologic extinctions. We hope some terribly brilliant person will make an innovation or discover a complex relationship in nature that meaningfully mitigates climate change or helps humanity adapt to change."

The first Morton Gneiss professor is expected to be named in 2023. The recipient will lead one of the nation's top environmental sciences programs at a public liberal arts college.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA PRESIDENT'S CLUB

With gratitude, we welcome these fiscal year 2021 members to the University of Minnesota President's Club and recognize those Morris donors who reached a new giving level.

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Anonymous

MORRILL SOCIETY

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Dr. Denise A. Anderson

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Nicholas Skrowaczewski

Deborah Sodt



THE HEPPNERS WITH GOODWIN AT THE 2018 SCULPTURE DEDICATION

A sculpture on the campus mall honors the past, present, and future of Native people.

Created by Anishinaabe sculptor Duane Goodwin and commissioned by Puncky '73 and Mary Soehren Heppner '76, *Nokoomis Nibii Equay* (Grandmother Water Woman) has become a defining element on campus. The sculpture depicts an important time in the campus's early history: the boarding school days.

"It symbolizes the journey of the Native American, from a traditional people to an assimilated but still proud people," writes Goodwin.

The Heppners chose to commission the sculpture to acknowledge the history of the campus and surrounding lands. "That history, although painful, is important to remember as the institution moves forward and transforms itself into a highly diverse community of scholars."

A model for beautiful, smart spaces

Set on the west central Minnesota prairie, UMN Morris has a distinct past and a promising future. Once home to an American Indian boarding school, an agricultural high school, and now a public liberal arts college, it is a place where the architecture of the past houses the voices of the future.

At UMN Morris, we continue to strengthen student learning, faculty research, and regional outreach. Today, we are carrying this mission into our physical space by achieving carbon neutrality in electricity, being a regional center for the visual and performing arts, having state-of-the-art classrooms, and being a welcoming place for all.

Campus improvements, thanks to campaign giving, include

- the commissioning of the *Nokoomis Nibii Equay* sculpture,
- creating the Edward J. and Helen Jane Morrison Performing Arts Center and renovating Edson Auditorium, and
- constructing the state-of-the-art Morris Community Softball Complex.

\$2.88
MILLION
for campus facilities

“The EcoCenter will foster a culture of exploration and innovation and contribute to an appreciation of and respect for the environment.

—JANET SCHRUNK ERICKSEN
ACTING CHANCELLOR

The 140-acre EcoStation in Ashby, Minnesota, serves as a living laboratory for students and graduates such as Haley Gill '17, who studied the effect of earthworms on forests. The worms, she discovered, eat layers of fallen leaves, which contain seeds and enrich the soil. “You get less tree regeneration, so the forest doesn't grow the way it normally would,” she says.



HALEY GILL '17

A gift from donors, the EcoStation has brought students and faculty together to collect meteorological data, study water quality, research prairie restoration, and more. It also serves as a gathering place for teaching, learning, reflection, and connection to the land and environment.

A 4,000-square-foot EcoCenter will expand the EcoStation's capabilities, providing classrooms, laboratories, and gathering spaces.

\$3.6
MILLION

investment in the
future of the region

A model for regional resilience

UMN Morris has become widely known for advancement in renewable energy, commitment to sustainability, and environmental stewardship. The campus also has a rich legacy of collaborating with community partners and area small towns to promote rural resilience. As an economic engine and center for innovation, UMN Morris provides local solutions to global challenges.

Your campaign gifts support

- the Distinguished Visiting Professorship in the Liberal Arts, which brings recognized scholars to campus from around the world,
- the Sharon Stewart Reeves History and Heritage Center at the Rodney A. Briggs Library, and
- the EcoStation and state-of-the-art EcoCenter facility.

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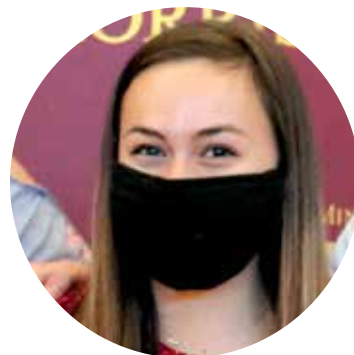
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“After graduation I plan to go to graduate school, where I can earn a PhD in chemistry, so that I may teach college chemistry. Thank you very much for the scholarship and the support you have provided me for my educational journey.



—SAFRON MILNE '22, CHEMISTRY
THEODORE S. AND TONE H. LONG SCHOLARSHIP

The life-changing gift of scholarships, totaling more than \$14 million during the UMN Morris *A model for living and learning* campaign, impacts hundreds of students and their families.

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