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## About College of Biblical Studies – Houston

The College of Biblical Studies has been leading biblical education in Houston and around for over forty years. Since 1976, CBS has remained true to our mission of providing a biblically based education that embraces all ethnicities. As we honor our past, we will continue to create a quality, biblically based academic environment with exceptional faculty and staff, and an innovative, life-changing curriculum that serves the body of Christ and the world by developing faithful, educated leaders from “every tongue, every tribe and every nation.”

## Mission

The College of Biblical Studies-Houston provides biblically based education for the Body of Christ, with primary focus on African-American and other ethnic minority groups, and equips its students with a biblical worldview for Christian service to the church and the world.

## Vision Statement

By 2020, the College of Biblical Studies-Houston will become the premier Bible college in Texas focused on transforming a diverse student body to serve Christ and impact families, churches and communities, to the glory of God.

## Six Institutional Goals

Through the College’s curricular and co-curricular experiences, CBS students demonstrate:

1. Biblical and theological knowledge, recognizing Scripture as the

## History of the College

The College of Biblical Studies-Houston has been leading transformational education for over forty years. Formerly Houston Bible Institute (HBI), CBS began as a burden in the heart of the late Rev. Ernest L. Mays, the founder of HBI. He sensed that large segments of the local Christian community were functioning without trained leaders. This was especially true within the inner-city minority groups. Out of this concern, Houston Bible & Vocational Institute was incorporated in 1976. Mr. William Thomas, Jr. and Rev. Joe Wall assisted in the development of a multi-racial, interdenominational board, which began working to make the school a reality. Within a short time, a decision was made to focus on biblical and theological training because they felt that there were already adequate resources for vocational training in the area.

College of Biblical Studies Board of Trustees

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## Administrative Officers

William Blocker  
MDiv, DMin,  
President

Dr. Blocker earned a MDiv from Chicago Theological Seminary and a DMin in Christian Education from Dallas Theological Seminary. Dr. Blocker came to CBS from Moody Bible Institute of Chicago where he managed the Office of IE, Educational Technology Services, Moody DE and Library Services. He also led a number of strategic initiatives including ~~marketing~~ marketing, global impact, technology, the school's media ministry and many others.

Prior to Moody, Dr. Blocker worked with TMI Consulting for 10 years as Chief Consultant on Technology. In the mid-1990s, while serving as

Andy Lively, MS  
Controller, CFO

Andy Lively serves as the Controller and Chief Financial Officer of the College of Biblical Studies. Andy has

oversight of budget control and reporting, financial reporting, treasury operations, internal audit, and risk management for the College.

Prior to coming to CBS, Andy served in operation and commercial finance leadership roles in the chemical and semiconductor industries for 11 years. He also served in the United States Marine Corps as an officer holding numerous leadership roles.

Andy holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Lipscomb University and a Master of Science degree from Boston University. He is a licensed CPA in the state of Texas.

Andy, his wife Kristin, and their six children reside in LaPorte, Texas and attend Watters Road Church of Christ, where he serves as a Deacon in charge of administration.

Dr. Lisa Stewart, PhD  
Associate Vice  
President of  
Enrollment and  
Student Affairs; Dean  
of Students

Dr. Lisa Stewart serves as Associate Vice President of Enrollment and Student Affairs; Dean of Students, & Associate Professor at the College of Biblical Studies in Houston, Texas.

Although she started college after high school, she delayed her education to be a wife and mother. After her children were away at college, she returned and finished her education earning a Bachelor of Business Management in December 2005 from LeTourneau University. Dr. Stewart completed her work for a Ph.D. in Education in spring 2015 with a specialization in Leadership in Higher Education at Capella University. As part of the program, she earned a post master professional certification from Noel Levitz in Enrollment Management in January 2010.

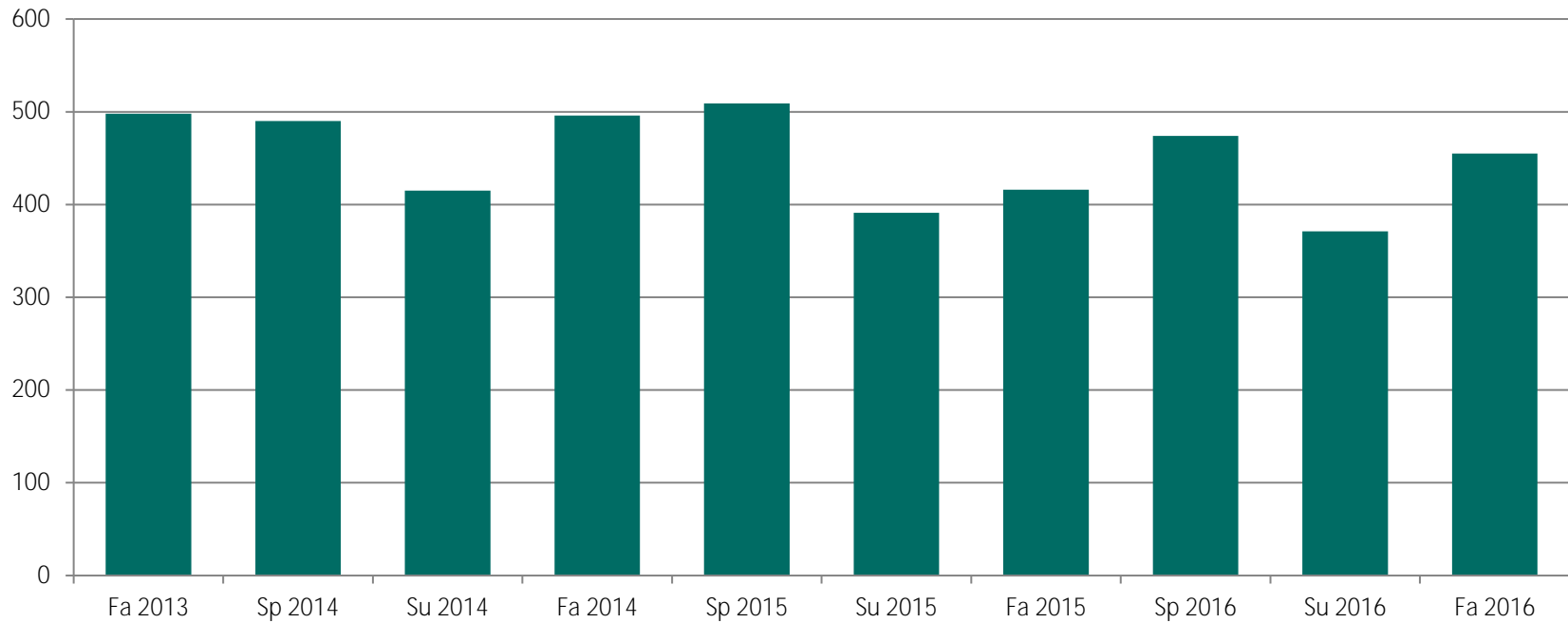
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### Total Enrollment

CBS has had a relatively consistent number of students between fall 2013 and fall 2016. The highest enrollment during this time was the spring 2015

semester with a total of 509 students. There were 455 students enrolled in the fall 2016 semester.

Chart 1.0 shows enrollment for each semester since fall 2013:



\*Source: Sonisweb student information system



## Total Credit Hours

The number of credit hours taken by students has been relatively stable since fall 2013, with valley happening during summer semesters. The total number of credit hours taken peaked in spring 2016 with a total of 3,683 credit hours taken. Total credit hours taken were lowest in summer 2015

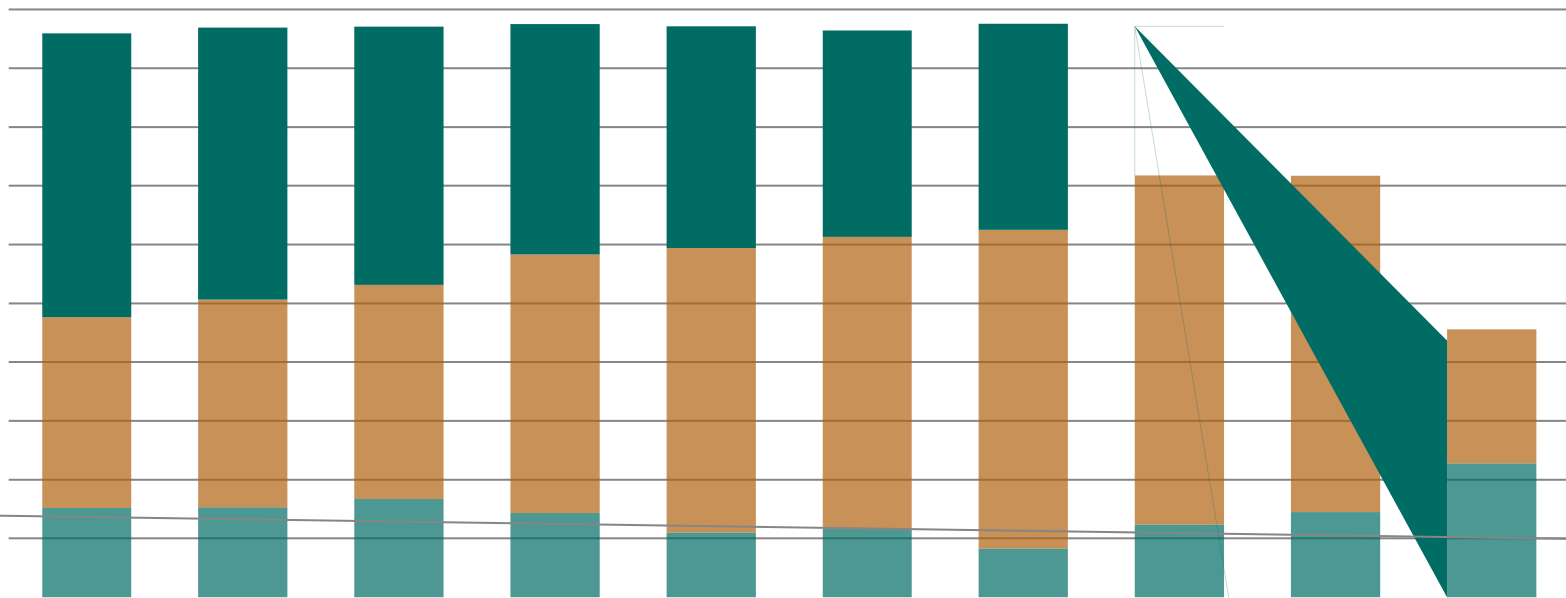
with a total of 2,573 credit hours taken. CBS had a trimester s612 r 0 0 1 165wee

Enrollment: by Degree Program

CBS currently offers associate, bachelor, and accelerated bachelor degree programs with more than ten areas of focus. These include Biblical Studies, Biblical Counseling, Pre-seminary, Christian Education, and Leadership. The

College introduced traditional bachelor degree programs in fall 2009. Chart 3.0 shows growth over time in the areas of the College's bachelor programs, likely as a result of introducing traditional programs.

Chart 3.0 shows the number and percent of enrollment by program for fall 2013 to present:



\*Source: Sonisweb student information system

Enrollment: by Gender

In line with the mission

## Enrollment: by Ethnicity

CBS enrollment demonstrates how it is accomplishing its mission with a "primary focus on African American and other ethnic minority groups." Since fall 2013, at least 46% of students enrolled have been Black or

African American, a minimum of 27% have been Hispanic/Latino, and a minimum of 14% have been White. In fall 2016, 48% of the student body were African American, 32% were Hispanic/Latino, and 13% were White.

Chart 5.0 shows the number and percentage of students enrolled by ethnicity for each semester since fall 2013:

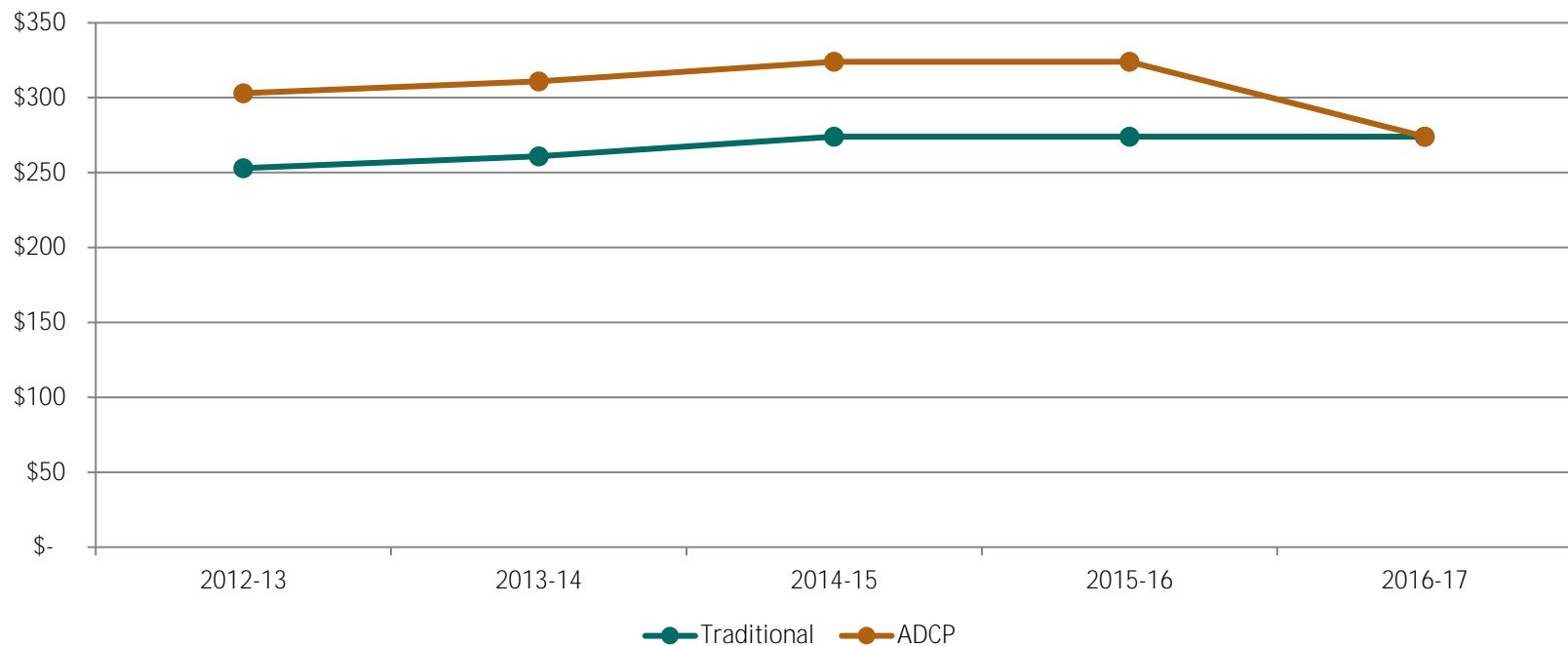
\*Source: Sonisweb student information system

### Price per Credit Hour

The goal of CBS is to provide an excellent Biblical higher education at an affordable price. CBS determined to make the cost of attendance even more affordable for all of our students; thus, the cost of enrolling in the traditional and accelerated programs was standardized across all

programs. In fact, in a nation-wide review of tuition costs conducted by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, it was found that the CBS has the third lowest tuition (In-State and Out-of-State Total) in the State of Texas among Private Four-Year Institutions (Source: [Tuition and Fees](#)).

Chart 6.0 shows price per credit hour from fall 2012 to spring 2017:



\*Source: Institutional [website](#) and financial aid office









## Enrollment: by Degree

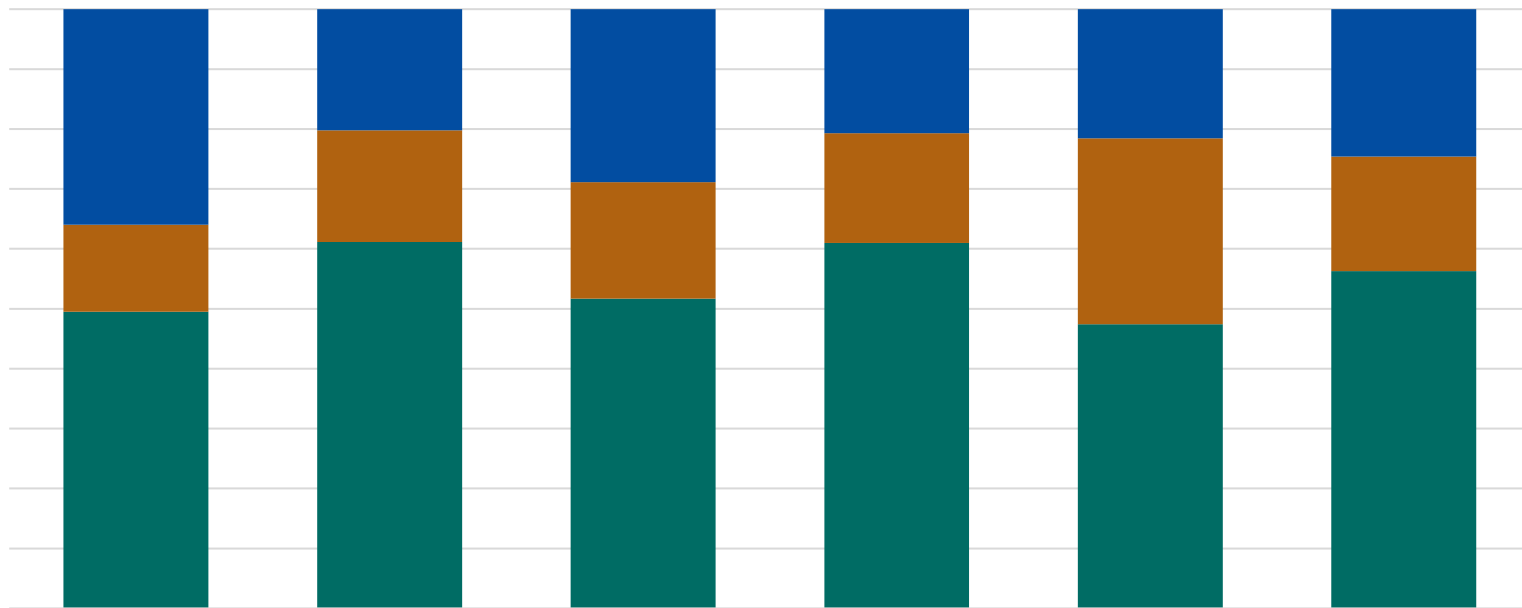
CBS currently offers traditional bachelors, Accelerated Degree Completion (ADCP), and A

### Enrollment: Headcount by Modality

Since 2014, the College has been approved to offer fully online degree programs in the Bible Certificate, Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership, and a Bachelor of Science with Split Majors in

Biblical Studies and Biblical Counseling. There has been clear growth in Distance Education offerings since 2014, with over 50% of the total students enrolled in summer 2016 taking at least one online course.

Chart 11.1 shows Headcount by Modality since spring 2015:



\*Source: Sonisweb student information system

## Authorization to Offer Distance Education

Since CBS became recognized to offer fully online degree programs, CBS has received authorization to offer distance education in 51 states and territories, including Washington D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The map

below demonstrates the states and territories in which CBS is authorized to offer distance education as of June 2017. .

Chart 11.2 State Authorization Approval. CBS has also obtained approval to offer Distance Education in

Enrollment: Credit Hours by Modality

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CBS Alumni

During CBS' 40-year history, the school has awarded over 2,000 degrees. Of those degrees, over 55% have been awarded to Black or African American students. In addition, 19% have been awarded to Hispanic/Latino

students. In total, CBS is proud to state the fact that nearly 77% of CBS' alumni are ethnic minorities.

Chart 14.1 shows the ethnic distribution of CBS alumni:

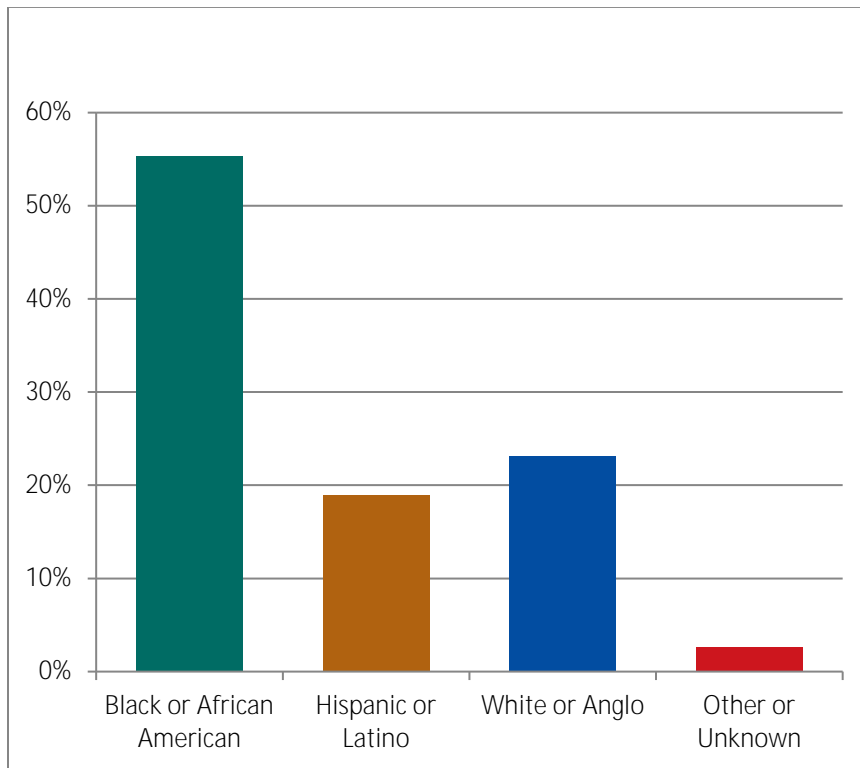
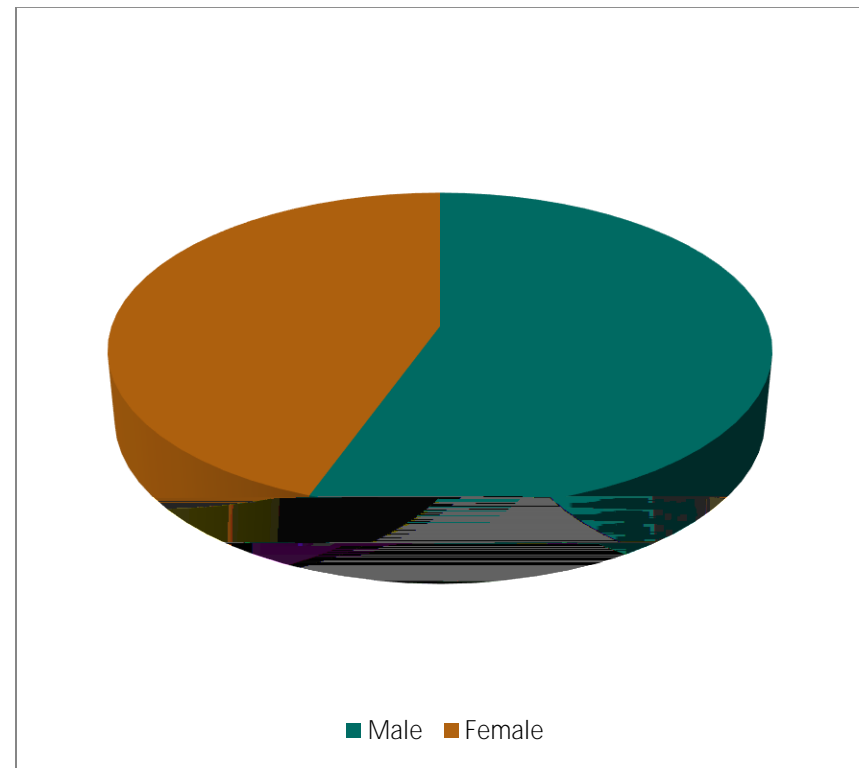


Chart 14.2 shows the gender distribution of CBS alumni:



\*Source: Graduation Exit Survey

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