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2018 CCI Scholarship & Awards Reception

RUSSELL CLAYTON
Graduate Faculty Teaching Award

LORRI MON
College Leadership Board Distinguished Faculty Award

KRISTINE ’TINA’ HOOVER
Outstanding Staff Award

SUSAN BROSNAN-MADDOX
Graduate Faculty Teaching Award

CHRISTY CHATMON
Undergraduate Faculty Teaching Award

J. BARNES-MITCHELL
Outstanding Staff Award

SINDY CHAPA
College Leadership Board Distinguished Faculty Award

(From Left to Right) CCI Students Kaitlyn Bludau, Bridget Kabacinski, Rhiannon Jacobson, Natalie Marcelo
CCI Celebrates Outstanding Students, Faculty, and Alumni at Annual Scholarship & Awards Reception

Once a year, students, faculty, and alumni from all three CCI schools gather, along with community partners, to acknowledge and celebrate exceptional work at the CCI Scholarship & Awards Reception. The ceremony is a chance to say "thank you" to all the members and organizations that keep CCI extraordinary and are committed to excellence in what they do. Awards and scholarships commend the achievements, community involvement, research, and dedication of these members of CCI.

Scholarship Award Winners Nivia Salazar and Stephanie Zuñiga

In recognition of the CCI Leadership Board, Linda Sasser receives the College Leadership Board Distinguished Faculty Award

School of Communication Graduate Students Abigail Reed and Vaibhav Diwanji

Melissa Gross shakes hands with Dean Larry Dennis for the School of Information Graduate Faculty Teaching Award

School of Communication professor, Misha Laurents, accepting the Undergraduate Faculty Teaching Award

CCI Students and Scholarship Recipients Ruth Carrion, Ksenia Chikankova, Samantha Nuñez, Maria Vazquez, Adrian Cadavid

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PR Student Shares FSUSShadow Experience in Washington D.C.

Chelsea Rosasco began her senior year as a Public Relations major by taking advantage of the FSUSShadow program which connects students with employers, community partners, alumni, and friends of the university for one-day job shadowing opportunities.

Chelsea was able to shadow members of the US Food and Drug Administration headquartered in Washington, D.C.

Doctoral Students Publish Research on Feminism in Disney

School of Communication doctoral students Abigail Reed and Kailash Koushik recently had their research paper Star Wars: The Last Jedi, Beauty and the Beast, and Disney’s Commodification of Feminism: A Political Economic Analysis accepted for publication in the Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute (MDPI) on November 18, 2018.

Their research seeks to explore the strategies Hollywood utilizes to capitalize on feminist social movements.
Laura-Kate Gonyea Huse Receives National Communication Award

While pursuing her Ph.D. in Communication, Laura-Kate submitted her research paper, “Am I Appalachian? Sensemaking of Appalachian Identity Through Personal, Cultural, and Media Interactions” to the National Communication Association (NCA). Huse’s paper, co-authored by Assistant Professor Jessica Wendorf-Muhamad, was selected as a Top Student Paper Award from the Applied Communications Division at The National Communication Association (NCA) Conference.

Students Produce Documentary on Endangered River System

Andy Opel, a professor in the College of Communication & Information, organized coursework for the Apalachicola River Project in spring 2017, so students in four departments could work together on an interdisciplinary effort providing valuable hands-on experience.

Students in Digital Media Production, Media and Communication Studies, English and Environmental Science and Policy partnered with Apalachicola Riverkeeper, a nonprofit group dedicated to preserving and restoring the Apalachicola River, its bay and watersheds.

The American Advertising Federation (AAF) hosted eight leading advertising industry professionals in Washington, DC, to select the 2019 class of Most Promising Multicultural Students. Among the fifty undergraduate seniors chosen for this honor, Samantha Nuñez and Ruth Carrion of Florida State University’s School of Communication were named.

Steven Pope, School of Communication Grad Student, Presented at the Third International Conference on Communication & Media Studies at the University of California at Berkeley. Pope presented his work on the Critical Political Economy of the Media piece regarding the documentary TIME: the Kalief Browder Story.
Professor Donna Nudd’s Worlds Collide with National Award

School of Communication Professor, Donna Marie Nudd, co-founded one of Tallahassee’s most unique groups of performers: the Mickee Faust Club. Priding itself on being supportive of people with disabilities and of the queer community, the Mickee Faust Club is a rabble-rousing community theater that has been staging original cabarets in the Deep South since 1987.

The Club has received much recognition for its creative work and inclusivity for over three decades, and early this month, the Club earned a prestigious national award. The Association for Theatre in Higher Education (ATHE) honored the Mickee Faust Club with the award for “Leadership in Community Based Theatre and Civic Engagement.”

Professor & Recent Ph.D. Grad Analyzing Pro-Social Messages

Dr. Katherine Dale and Dr. Danyang Zhao recently had their research paper published through Science Direct. The paper is titled “Pro-social messages and transcendence: A content analysis of Facebook reactions to Mark Zuckerberg’s donation pledge.”

Dr. Zhao messaged co-author Dr. Katherine Dale, an expert on content analysis, and persuaded her to work with her to conduct a content analysis of posts and comments that mentioned or responded to Zuckerberg’s pledge.

Rasul Father and Son Present at International Communication Conference

Dr. Azmat Rasul is an adjunct faculty member at the School of Communication who also teaches at Valdosta State University. This past May (2018), Dr. Rasul had the opportunity to present at the International Communication Association (ICA) Conference working alongside one of his greatest colleagues, his son, Ehab Rasul who is pursuing degrees in both Media Communication and Psychology. Ehab joined his father on the trip to Prague to present together. The paper was titled, “When Celebrities Wade Into Politics: Measuring Political Influence of Celebrities,” and focuses on the impact that celebrities have on voter behavior.
Communication Alumna Appointed First Honorary Consul of Pakistan in Estonia

Early in 2018, The President of Pakistan, Mamnoon Hussain, appointed School of Communication alumna Dr. Mariliis Beger to serve as the first Honorary Consul of Pakistan in Estonia. Her research in Pakistan focuses on health literacy, eHealth and ICTs, and issues related to women’s sexual health. “I am looking forward to strengthening and building new relationships between Estonia and Pakistan in the areas of science and education, tourism, culture, and business” says Dr. Beger who works as a senior consultant and a partner at a communication agency in Tallinn. “As Estonia has become one of the most developed digital societies in the world, e-governance and start-ups will probably be the key topics in future cooperation between the two countries.”

Adriana Joseph becomes Strategy Specialist at HBO Latin America

HBO Latin America’s newest Strategy Specialist, Adriana Joseph, graduated from FSU with her Bachelor’s in Media Communication Studies in 2011. Originally from Miami, Florida her career has led her all over the world to places like Spain, New York and then all the way back to Miami.

Adriana puts together strategically sound creative proposals with the ultimate goal of bringing revenue into the company. She frequently collaborates with departments like research, advertising sales, marketing, and production.

Neleen Leslie: Program Director at University of Technology, Jamaica

Neleen Leslie is the Program Director of Graduate Studies in the School of Advanced Management at The University of Technology, Jamaica (UTech) in Kingston, Jamaica. Neleen is responsible for managing the masters and doctoral programs offered in the College of Business and Management. This includes curriculum development, recruitment, brand building, assisting students, teaching marketing courses and supervising student research in the undergraduate BBA program in the School of Business Administration and graduate programs in the School of Advanced Management.
CCI Alumna Spearheads Coast Guard Donation to Panhandle

On Friday, November 16, 2018 with the help and coordination of Dr. Davis W. Houck and Professor Mark Zeigler, the School of Communication received 1200 lbs. of supplies to benefit the victims of Hurricane Michael in Florida’s panhandle.

This donation came by way of the U.S. Coast Guard and was organized in part by CCI alumna and Lieutenant Officer Krystyn Pecora and Operations Specialist Third Class Danielle Pullen. They are both currently serving on the US Coast Guard Cutter Seneca off the coast of Boston, Massachusetts.

The generous donation provided much-needed relief to families whose homes and workplaces were demolished by the hurricane.

Ritesh Gupta Collaborates with Roc Nation to Produce a New York Times Film

CCI alumnus, Ritesh Gupta, earned his communication degree in 1998 and has recently collaborated with Roc Nation and Meek Mills to create a New York Times op-ed film called Meek Mill: Prisoners Deserve a New Set of Rights”.

Gupta is currently working in New York City as the Group Creative Director for the full-service digital agency VaynerMedia and credits his successful career to classes he took while at Florida State. “FSU offered me access to so many different areas and different experiences that informed me of what I wanted to do.” remarks Gupta. “Whether it was Seminole Productions with Mark Rodin, or learning advertising from Barry Solomon, or just getting inspired by Mark Zeigler.”

Communication Alumnus Directs ESPN Documentary

It seemed like winning six Emmy Awards in five different categories would be enough for Robert Abbott but his latest project had him writing, directing, and voicing the documentary made for ESPN titled “The Last Days of Knight”.

The film chronicles an investigation he did into Indiana basketball coach Bob Knight, while Abbott worked for CNN from 1987-2001. Abbott describes his favorite part of the job as getting to travel the world and connect with people who share things they’ve never told anyone before.
Comm Alumna selected for 2018 Woman of the Year

Joy Lynn Fields

(B.S. Communication '86) was selected by the FSU Alumni Association, W4FSU, and the Atlanta Seminole Club as one of the 2018 Women of Distinction.

Digital Media Production Alumni in Los Angeles

Spring 2018 Digital Media Production graduates, Adison Oliveras, Katy Sartain, & Emma Wilson, participated in the Los Angeles Television Experience (LATE) Program and now work for a Los Angeles Production Company called Renegade 83 which specializes in reality programming.

Jennifer Whelihan: Tampa's 40 under 40 Honoree

Having earned her Bachelor’s in Media Communications Studies from Florida State University in 2001 as well as her Master of Arts in Interactive and New Communication Technology, Jennifer Whelihan has been nominated for Tampa's 40 Under 40 for her contributions to the Tampa community.

TedX Speaker Nathan Macdonald Shares Inspiring Weight Loss Journey

Nathan Macdonald graduated from Florida State University in 2012 with his M.S. in Integrated Marketing Communication. Since then, he has gone on to have an impressive career working in marketing, public relations, and other communication-related fields. Macdonald is currently living and working in Seattle as the Senior Public Relations Specialist for Seattle City Light but his most impressive feat comes from his personal journey of weight loss that landed him the opportunity to speak at his very own TEDx Talk.
Assistant Professor Malia Bruker recently returned from a trip to Haiti where she worked on her latest documentary ‘Batay La’ which highlights an autonomous workers’ rights organization there.

Bruker’s latest film looks at Batay Ouvriye, a group that has been organizing the working class in Haiti since 1994. The literal translation means ‘worker’s struggle’ and that’s exactly what she hopes to capture in this in-depth documentary.

Inagural Event for FSU Civil Rights Institute

The FSU Civil Rights Institute’s mission is to commemorate and study the U.S. civil rights movement and to promote civil rights and social change. CCI is proud to be one of the sponsors.

The institute, now open since November 2018, will host speakers and events, curate museum exhibits, develop publications, support education and research and build library collections that focus on civil rights and social change.

Students & Faculty Highly Recognized National Communication Association

On November 8–11, 2018 students and faculty from Florida State University’s School of Communication attended the 104th annual National Communication Association (NCA) convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In the Mass Communication Division, Dr. Arienne Ferchaud was awarded the inaugural Best Dissertation Award, Drs. Katherine Dale and Art Raney received the Top Paper Award co-authored with FSU alumna Dr. Sophie Janicke-Bowles (Chapman University), Dr. Mary Beth Oliver (Penn State University), and Drs. Robby Jones and Daniel Cox (Public Religion Research Institute). Ph.D. student Laura-Kate Huse received the Top Student paper in the Applied Communication Division co-authored with Dr. Jessica Wendorf Muhamad.
Dr. Jay Rayburn Honored with Veteran's Communication Internship at the FSU Student Veteran Center

The Student Veterans Center has named The Jay Rayburn Communications Internship after School of Communication Associate Professor, Jay Rayburn. The internship aims to foster student’s connection with the communication field and works directly with veterans at Florida State.

“In addition to providing CCI students with challenging and rewarding work experience, the Jay Rayburn Communication Internship also enhances understanding of the U.S. military, as well as those who served or are still serving,” said Student Veterans Center director Billy Francis. “Naming the internship after me was a total surprise, but one that I will cherish forever.” says Dr. Jay Rayburn. “As a veteran I am pleased to be associated with our Veteran's Program and FSU’s effort to be known as the most veteran-friendly university in America.”

Sundance Film Festival to Feature Work of Communication Alumni and Professor

This year’s Sundance Film Festival will feature an original documentary produced by students who participated in the “Fannie Lou Hamer’s America” Young Filmmakers’ Workshop, a component of a multimodal project spearheaded by FSU School of Communication professor Davis W. Houck in collaboration with Communication alumni Dr. Pablo Correa and Joseph Davenport.

Pablo Correa: A Journey of Resilience

Pablo Correa now has his PhD in Communications which marks an incredible accomplishment represented the culmination of a challenging journey of over twenty years.

With guidance and encouragement from Davis W. Houck, FSU’s Fannie Lou Hamer Professor of Rhetorical Studies in the College of Communication and Information, Correa was accepted into graduate school in Media/Communication Studies.
SCSD Students at Annual Doctoral Student Research Presentation

Communication Science and Disorders students participated in FSU’s Annual Doctoral Student Research Presentation on November 28, 2018 at FSU’s Alumni Center Ballroom.

Seven total SCSD students presented their research, five of those students received travel awards. School of Communication Science and Disorders students who won travel awards: Iris Davis, Clariebelle Gabas, Jessica Hooker, Rachel Hoge, Mary Claire Wofford.

Meet the Newest Class of Aspiring Speech Pathologists

On August 2018, the SCSD first-year graduate students gathered together to take a picture to commemorate the exciting first day of classes and the start of their journeys to become speech pathologists. These students will study the nature and development of our communication abilities, a central aspect of the human condition. They will also learn about communication disorders which involve a variety of impairments in language processes.

Doctoral Student Awarded Scholarship From American Speech Foundation

Doctoral student, Claire Wofford, received the New Century Scholars Doctoral Scholarship from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation. The award will allow her to continue her intervention study with families from dual-language, low-resource backgrounds.
Lisa Scott Wins Prestigious Award from The Stuttering Foundation

Lisa Scott, Director of Clinical Education at FSU Communication Science and Disorders, received the inaugural Dr. Alan Rabinowitz Award for Clinical Excellence at the 2018 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention in Boston from The Stuttering Foundation.

The Stuttering Foundation is an advocacy group that provides education, training and information to children and adults.

SCSD Professor Carla Wood Receives National Research Grant

Communication Science & Disorders Professor, Carla Wood, and FSU Psychology Professor, Christopher Schatschneider, recently received federal funding in partnership with Hillsborough County Public School District to evaluate students’ writing outcomes in approximately 44 elementary schools. The research grant from the National Center for Education Research (NCER) of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) will provide the FSU research team and personnel in Hillsborough County with funding to examine writing outcomes of over 3,000 students, including English Learners from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

SCSD Professor Contributes to Six-Year Study on Speech Development on Infants

Kelly Farquharson is a professor for the FSU School of Communication Science & Disorders and has collaborated on a six-year study that tracked the speech development of nine infants by recording their babbling. The authors then met with the children again at six years old to examine their ability to identify letters.

Assistant Professor and Team Awarded Education Research Grant

SCSD Assistant Professor Mollie Romano is the Assistant Director of the Communication in Early Childhood Research and Practice Center.

She's the principal investigator and recipient of a $213,464 research grant awarded from the Institute of Education Sciences.
Doctoral Candidate Presents Research at New York Conference

iSchool Ph.D. student, Lynette Hammond Gerido, presented her research at the International Conference on Healthcare Informatics in New York. Her study with iSchool professor, Zhe He, is intended to identify strategies to increase patient participation in cancer clinical trials. Gerido was also the recipient of the Doctoral Student Research Travel Award in 2017 for her research through the School of Information. Gerido has worked with scientists, academics and researchers alike to develop technology and communication programs for health and science programs.

IT Leadership Class Does Outreach at High School

Students in Ebe Randeree's IT Leadership class visited Amos P. Godby High School in November to tell students about Florida State University and The School of Information. We love when our students do high school outreach!

Doctoral Students Visit UF Health's Clinic and Translational Science Institute

Assistant professor Zhe He took groups of doctoral students and visiting scholars to visit UF Health's Clinical and Translational Science Institute in October.

IT Alumni from Raymond James Host Tech Info Sessions

Alumni came back on campus to recruit IT students from our programs and the kind folks at Raymond James hosted a special IT information session in the Innovation Hub.
iSchool Professor Receives Social Computing Award

Assistant Professor **Yubo Kou** won an honorable mention award for his paper “Entangled with Numbers: Quantified Self and Others in a Team-Based Online Game” and presented at the 21st ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW) in November.

FSU Research Guides Nation’s Libraries on Serving Students with Autism

The Florida State School of Information’s **Nancy Everheart** is helping make Florida State University Libraries a national leader in the effort to reduce library anxiety and enhance learning among people with autism.

Along with CCI Professor **Juliann Woods**, the international scholars teamed up on a study called Project A+ with a mission to develop ideas that reduce library anxiety and boost learning among students with autism.

iSchool Professor Retires After 37 Years at FSU

**Greg Riccardi**, a Professor in Florida State University’s iSchool, retired in June 2018 after 37 years of teaching. Dr. Riccardi has taught many subjects across Computer Science and Information Technology and will be missed by faculty, staff, and students in CCI.

IT Help Desk Going Above and Beyond to Meet Students' Needs

CCI’s **HelpDesk** (located in the Innovation Hub) provides IT support for students, faculty and staff within CCI. Student technicians have opportunities to grow their skill sets to prepare them for careers in IT. Learn more about the HelpDesk and how to contact them at: helpdesk.cci.fsu.edu
Alumna Elected President of Association of Independent School Librarians

Christina Pommer received her Master of Information degree for Youth Services from Florida State University in 2005. She currently works as the Library Director for the Saint Stephen’s Episcopal School in Bradenton, Florida, where she runs the upper division Sunshine Library.

Alexandria Whitaker: ICT Alumna and Breast Cancer Warrior

Meet Alexandria "Alex" Whitaker ('15, B.S. Information, Communication, & Technology). Early in 2018 she was diagnosed with Stage 1, Invasive Ductal Carcinoma at the age of 24. Instead of giving up, she started Whitty’s Titty Committee, which features updates on her personal wellness journey, tips for getting through chemotherapy, and a plethora of ways to support other breast cancer patients with proceeds going directly to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Tallahassee Attorney Kiersten Denny

It’s not often that you come across a lawyer who has their bachelor’s degree in Information, Communication, and Technology (ICT). Kiersten Denny is currently working as an attorney at a company in Tallahassee called F & I Sentinel, LLC.

iSchool Alumna and Librarian in South Korea

Karen Kayir Wilson, graduated in 2012 with her Master’s in Library and Information Science. Wilson currently resides in Pyeongtaek, South Korea as a librarian for Osan Middle/High School. Her passion for library sciences have taken her all over the world to places like Germany, Japan, and now South Korea.

Valencia College Librarian Ciara Hensley

After graduation, Ciara Hensley ('17, M.S. Library & Information Studies) moved back to her hometown of Orlando as an Emerging Technology Librarian at Valencia College. Ciara creates online learning content that focuses on information literacy concepts.
iSchool Alumnus Presented with Lifetime Achievement Award

Marquis Who’s Who presented **Travis Earl Tyer** with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award.

Tyer earned his Master’s degree in Library Science from Florida State University in 1969 and continued at FSU for two additional years for postgraduate work.

He would go on to have an impressive career in libraries across the country filling roles like Coordinator of Young Adult Services at the Dallas Public Library and Executive Director of the Great River Library Systems in Illinois.

He is a lifetime member of the Friends of Lubbock City-County Libraries and the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Science, who inducted him into the Alumni Hall of Fame in 1990 for his accomplishments.

CCI and the School of Information are very proud to have Mr. Tyer as an alumni to the College and wish him a happy life.

IT Alum and Founder of Agribugs

**Darren Raj** earned his Bachelor of Science in Information Technology with a minor in Computer Science in 2009. The inspiration from a class he took while attending Florida State University mixed with his passion for remote control cars sparked an idea. This idea turned into a company he later founded: AgriBugs.

AgriBugs is a drone service provider for agriculture. Their drones use special imaging sensors in order to identify crop stress resulting from pest infestations, water stress, and other nutrient deficiencies. Darren has been able to help numerous commercial farmers and research staff, collecting data throughout Florida, South Georgia, and even California.

Program Director at AT&T Shares His Story of Success

**Richard Basen** ('17, B.S. Information Technology) currently works in Atlanta as a Program Manager for AT&T.

Richard manages the Technology Development Security and Compliance division at AT&T. He is responsible for monitoring the progress of web application vulnerability testing to prevent security threats to websites and internally and externally facing apps. “My team proactively tests applications to strengthen the security and prevent potential malicious attacks such as cross-site scripting and SQL injection.”

As program manager, he also gathers data from the security scans and reports findings to executives and key stakeholders throughout the business.
Annual Chili Cook Off and Barbeque Bring CCI Together

When the days get shorter and the temperature starts to drop ever so slightly, CCI will host the Annual Chili Cook Off where students, faculty and staff are encouraged to enter or judge one of our more more delicious competitions at the Innovation Hub.

The CCI Annual Fall BBQ is hosted by the CCI Student Leadership Council and sponsored by Jackson Properties. This event featured delicious barbecue from 4 Rivers Smokehouse and time to mingle with students, alumni, faculty, and staff in the College.

CCI Fall Career Fair Brings Alumni Back to Campus

The CCI Fall Career Fair featured over 30 employers from local communication and technology sectors. This gives students the opportunity to network with companies that are specifically looking for Information Technology and Communication majors.

A unique feature of this fair is that more than two thirds of the recruiters at the event were alumni of the College, returning to campus to interview and meet with the next generation of talent.

FSU Forensics Team Places Second Overall in Competition

Members of the FSU Forensics Team had a tremendous weekend competing at the Star Invitational this past November hosted by Florida State College in Jacksonville, Florida.

The Team sent out five individuals and just look at how many trophies they came back with! They couldn’t have done it without beloved Coach Katie Lai or Dr. Avery Henry, the Florida State University Director of Forensics.
Doctoral Student Research Presentation & Reception 2018

On November 28, 2018 the FSU Alumni Association was bustling with research ideas and excited student presenters. The Annual Doctoral Student Research Presentation & Reception is where CCI doctoral students presented their research to fellow students, faculty, and staff.

Over 46 College of Communication & Information doctoral students and faculty members gathered at FSU’s Alumni Center Ballroom for the annual event. Twenty posters from the FSU’s School of Communication, School of Information, and School of Communication Science and Disorders competed for travel awards.

CCI student Pat Shafer decided to take advantage of one of our favorite events; the Free Headshot Event! This past Fall we provided students the opportunity to spruce up their LinkedIn profiles and increase chances of their resumes getting noticed with free, professional headshots in front of the Innovation Hub. Say Cheese!

Fall Headshot Event Captures Student Success

CCI Students and Garnet & Gold Scholar Society

Florida State University has a total of 1,501 students in the Garnet & Gold Scholar Society, 167 of which belonged to the College of Communication & Information. To learn why you should be a Garnet & Gold Society member, please visit:

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10 CCI Alumni Selected for Seminole 100

A total of ten College of Communication & Information alumni will be recognized for their success as entrepreneurs for the second annual Seminole 100.

Seminole 100 recognizes the 100 fastest growing FSU alumni-owned businesses in the United States and honors these trail-blazing entrepreneurs.

Here are the 10 CCI Honorees:

Joseph Albano
Dave Fiore
Amy Karimipour
Andrew McNeill
Kimberly Pautsch
Brian Rode
Robert Rogers
Joel Silver
Matthew Thompson
Allison Williams
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Future Noles

Current Noles

Alumni

15 Active Organizations
1000+ Involved Users
1 Upcoming Events
2500 Approved Service Hours

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