

# ANNUAL REPORT

VALLE VERDE STUDENT UNION



EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION  
2019-2020



# GOALS EDUCATION

OPPORTUNITY

QUALITY

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# FUTURE





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# Welcome

## A year of challenges, a year of strength.

The El Paso Community College Foundation is pleased to present this annual report reflecting the Foundation's mission to support EPCC student success and college degree completion. Generous individuals and company donors have made the work of the EPCC Foundation rewarding and beneficial for local El Paso students. We are proud to share that more than 1,700 EPCC Foundation scholarship awardees have graduated in the past 10 years.

EPCC students are hard working. They continued to pursue their higher education goals and dreams, despite a global pandemic. A college education contributes to job opportunities and economic success for graduates, as well as overall quality of life for graduates and their families. Many EPCC students are the first in their families to achieve a college degree. A more educated and workforce-ready El Paso is a benefit to us all, and the EPCC Foundation is proud to foster and encourage local students to pursue their dreams with less financial worry.

**"We celebrate the successes of EPCC students and share a few of their inspiring stories.**

**They are strong, resilient, and staying strong."**

**Patricia Marquez**

Board Chair, El Paso Community College Foundation



## REFRESH, RECHARGE, RESTART

Few people could anticipate the many challenges presented by the 2019-2020 academic year. In the midst of a global pandemic, EPCC students persisted. Many students shifted to online instruction by necessity and continued on toward their educational goals. For students, the journey presented unexpected challenges with schedules, personal struggles, family health concerns, financial challenges, childcare and in some cases, job loss. There were students who experienced unexpected food insufficiency and others were challenged by the costs of daily living while trying to achieve a higher education. Yet, EPCC students are resilient, and many became stronger than ever to overcome the unthinkable and achieve success. This would not be possible without the generosity of donors.

# EPCC FOUNDATION STAYSTRONG STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND

EPCC STUDENTS RECEIVE HELP  
DURING THE PANDEMIC



## Course Hero

**EPCC Foundation partners with Course Hero and Excelencia in Education for student emergency funding due to COVID-19 impact.**

The EPCC Foundation partnered with Course Hero/Excelencia in Education to bring a Student Emergency Aid fund to EPCC during the early months of the pandemic. The fund supported EPCC students with emergency needs created by COVID-19. Emergency grants totaling \$10,000 for El Paso Community College students affected by the pandemic were awarded by the EPCC Foundation to help students with needs for tuition, academic materials, healthcare, technology, food, utilities, housing expenses, transportation, and childcare.

### Alejandro Lozano

I appreciate your help, especially in these hard times when we are all struggling. I will make the most of this support. Like the help I received, I hope that we all continue to assist one another in these times of need.  
**Course Hero/ EPCC Foundation Emergency Assistance**

If you would like to help EPCC students to continue their education and overcome financial hardships during the COVID-19 pandemic and into the future, please visit EPCC StayStrong Student Emergency Fund at [epcc.edu/Administration/Foundation](http://epcc.edu/Administration/Foundation). One click on the 'Donate Now' button will help provide a student in need support to continue toward fulfilling their higher education dreams. A gift to higher education is a gift to El Paso's workforce and economic future.



### StayStrong Student Emergency Fund Donors

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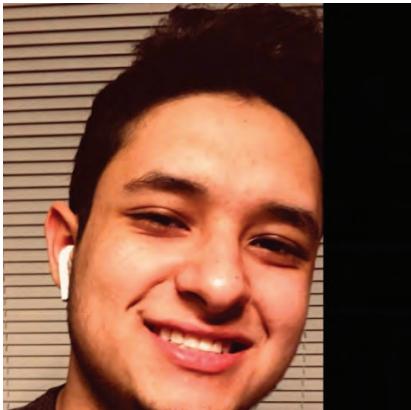
### EPCC Cares, Chefs Share Fund Donors

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**Thank you Supporters!  
To date, the StayStrong  
Student Emergency Fund  
has raised \$35,750!**

# EPCC STUDENT STORIES

## RESILIENCE IN A TIME OF CHANGE



### Julio Marin Bustillos

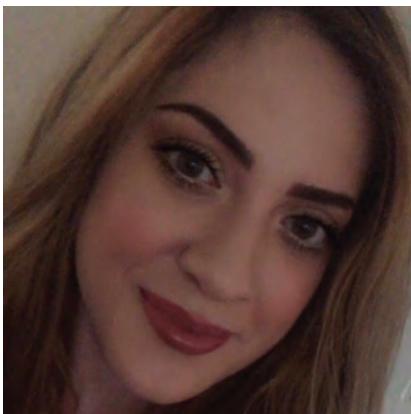
I would like to thank the El Paso Electric Company for giving me this opportunity. They helped me finish my last year at EPCC and get my associate's degree. This experience inspired me to continue my education and to pursue a bachelor's degree.

*El Paso Electric Scholarship*

### Ana Ricarte

Thank you, this money increased my desire to continue my education, especially now since the pandemic has changed our lives drastically.

*EPCC Foundation Student Emergency Assistance*



### Kimberly Olvera Girard

I would like to say thank you to the donor for this scholarship. This scholarship has helped me achieve my career goals by lessening the impact of rising tuition costs. EPCC has also helped with federal financial assistance as I pursue training for my career.

*Wells Fargo Scholarship*

### Karen Gonzalez

First, I want to thank you infinitely for your considerable donation and the sacrifices behind these donations. This opportunity will help me advance my mission, which is my studies. Today more than ever, your donation is a tool to continue my career since the world is going through a tragic situation that is taking away opportunities for many students. Your support is invaluable to me, thank you.

*Officer Andrew Barcena Memorial*



# WHY I GIVE



I give to EPCC because a college education set my path toward making a positive impact in my community.

**LUCIA RODRIGUEZ**  
EPCC Administrator

I give to EPCC because it helps students in need. This past year has been a different and difficult time with Covid-19, therefore, many students and their families have and will continue to struggle. If I can help make a difference in a student's life, I will continue to donate.

**SYLVIA GONZALEZ**  
EPCC Classified Staff



Like many of our students, achieving my academic goals was not easy. I attended classes at EPCC and worked several jobs. I have earned several degrees and owe much of my academic success to my EPCC instructors, coworkers and supervisors. The opportunity to give to students is my way of saying 'Don't give up! Anything worth having takes hard work. But you can do it!'

**CECILIA HINES, M.B.A**  
Retired EPCC Professional Staff & EPCC Adjunct Faculty  
EPCC Teachership Academy Steering Committee

Students deserve the opportunity to excel academically to open doors for their careers. I remember when I was younger, I could not afford to go to college. Fortunately, I was able to attend later in life and I remember the struggle to complete my education while caring for my family, work, and whatever life threw at me. Since many students are going through the same struggles, we need to assist them in their endeavor.

**DR. GEORGE HOLDEN**  
EPCC Adjunct Faculty



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## BUILDING A BETTER EL PASO WITH STUDENT SUPPORT

Thanks to the support of our community partners, the EPCC Foundation was able to provide financial assistance to hundreds of local students attending El Paso Community College. Higher education is a life-changing pursuit for many individuals in the El Paso region.



### Benjamin De Los Reyes

I am very happy and appreciative to learn I was selected for this opportunity. I will put the money you have granted me to good use as I will use it to pay for my educational learning. With all the knowledge I have gained, it will help me achieve a career as an accountant.

*Wells Fargo Scholarship*

### Paola Solis

I would love to thank the donor of this scholarship because it gave me an assurance that I am going on the right path. It may sometimes seem like we are not doing enough for our future, but this scholarship gave me an inspiration to keep going.

*El Paso Electric Scholarship*



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## SUPPORTING EPCC STUDENTS & BUILDING A BETTER EL PASO

### **Adan Breceda**

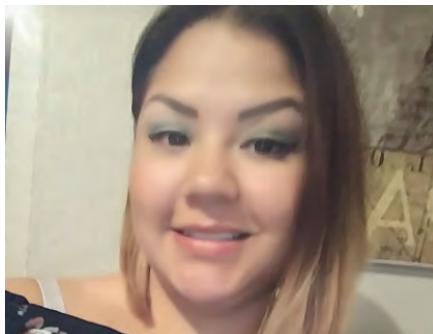
Your donation has greatly assisted me in my studies for the purchase of technology. You have helped my journey not only financially, but mentally by reducing the stress involved in paying for an education.

*GECU Foundation Scholarship*



### **Hospitals of Providence**

The Hospitals of Providence - Tenet Health has been a continued supporter of EPCC student success. EPCC students in programs such as laboratory technology, surgical technology, x-ray technology, amongst others, do their practical internships at Hospitals of Providence. Students graduate with real-world skills, prepared for the workforce.



### **Patricia Capuchin**

These funds will allow me to buy materials to study such as notebooks, a laptop, and my books for every subject. This scholarship is going to help me continue being a dedicated student and reach my goal of becoming a dental hygienist.

*Hospitals of Providence Scholarship*

### **Eduardo Flores**

I want to thank the donor for giving me the opportunity to start my college education at EPCC. College has opened up new experiences and incredible challenges to overcome throughout my journey to become a professional. This scholarship helped me find the courage and inspiration to continue my dreams. It was an honor and privilege to be chosen as a recipient.

*McDonald's Scholarship*



### **McDonald's El Paso**

In its second year, McDonald's El Paso and Mr. Richard Castro partnered with the EPCC Foundation to make full scholarships possible for graduating high school students. Focused on local students of Hispanic origins, McDonald's El Paso provided \$2,000 scholarships, matched by the EPCC Foundation to fund \$4,000 scholarships for entering EPCC students.

These scholarships covered the entire costs of tuition, fees, and academic materials and supplies, allowing students to focus on their studies without financial worry about college costs.

### **Stars Scholarship Fund**

The Stars Scholarship Fund and the EPCC Foundation have partnered since 2014 to provide college students with \$2,000 scholarships for the school year. The EPCC Foundation matches the funding provided by Stars Scholarship.

Through this partnership, more than \$374,000 has been awarded, totaling 252 scholarships. The partnership continues for 2021-2022.



### **Gabriela Davis**

I am extremely grateful for this scholarship. It will allow me to focus my attention on becoming the best medical lab technician that I can, instead of worrying about how I am going to pay for my tuition.

*Stars Scholarship*

# FUNDS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

## 2019-2020

### SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

McDonald's El Paso	\$ 22,000
State Farm Grant	\$ 19,750
GECU Foundation	\$ 10,000
General Scholarships	\$ 8,335
Camino Real Rotary Club & Mexican Consulate	\$ 5,000
Professional Staff Association Scholarships	\$ 4,000
Deas Campbell Memorial Fund	\$ 2,500
Northeast El Paso Rotary Club Foundation	\$ 2,000
Student Science Poster Contest Fund	\$ 1,800
50th Anniversary Building the Future Scholarships	\$ 1,500
Maria Luz Rodriguez Memorial Fund	\$ 850
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 77,735</b>

### ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Dr. Diana Natalicio	\$ 25,000
Senator Joe Christie	\$ 25,000
Buddy Walk	\$ 6,000
Kharisma James Endowment	\$ 1,431
George Lockhart Memorial	\$ 1,375
James Franco Fund	\$ 1,225
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 60,031</b>

### FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Fajitas & Margaritas for Scholarships	\$ 35,345
El Paso Giving Day	\$ 7,350
EPCC 50th Anniversary Luncheon	\$ 2,425
50 for 50 Campaign Donations	\$ 350
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 45,470</b>

## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION ASSETS 2019-2020

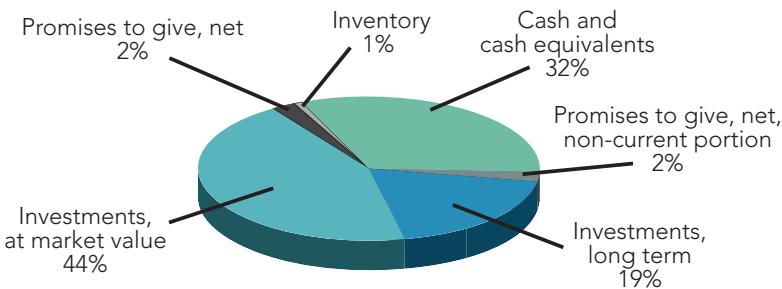
### CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 672,274
Investments, at market value	\$ 924,196
Promises to give, net	\$ 35,000
Inventory	\$ 23,048
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,654,518</b>
Investments, long term	\$ 410,753
Promises to give, net, non-current portion	\$ 35,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,100,271</b>

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES	
Total liabilities	
NET ASSETS	
Without donor restrictions	\$ 57,957
With donor restrictions	
Purpose restrictions	\$ 502,477
Perpetual in nature	\$ 1,539,837
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,100,271</b>

### Current Assets



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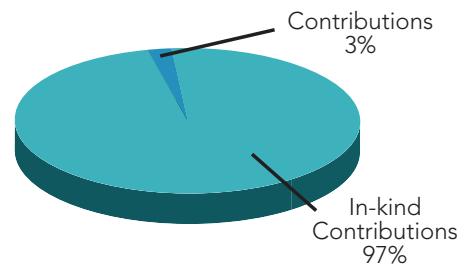
# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

## NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS

### CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Support and revenue	\$ 4,864
Contributions	\$ 157,051
In-kind contributions	\$ -
Realized gain (loss)	\$ 161,915
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 206,391</b>
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	
<b>Total support and revenue without donor restrictions</b>	<b>\$ 368,306</b>

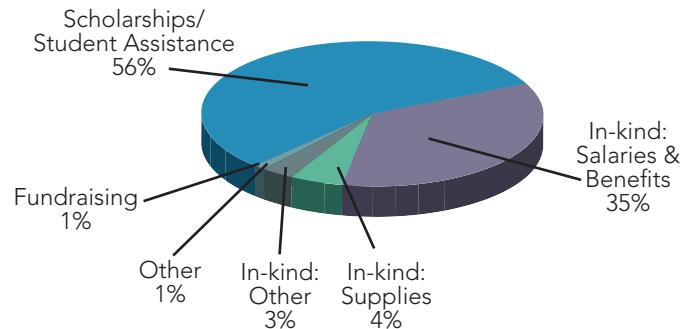
## Unrestricted Net Assets



## PROGRAM EXPENSES

Scholarships/student assistance	\$ 206,505
<b>General and administrative</b>	
In-Kind: Salaries and benefits	\$ 128,645
In-Kind: Supplies	\$ 16,179
In-Kind: Other	\$ 12,227
Other	\$ 1,371
Fundraising	\$ 4,886
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 369,813</b>

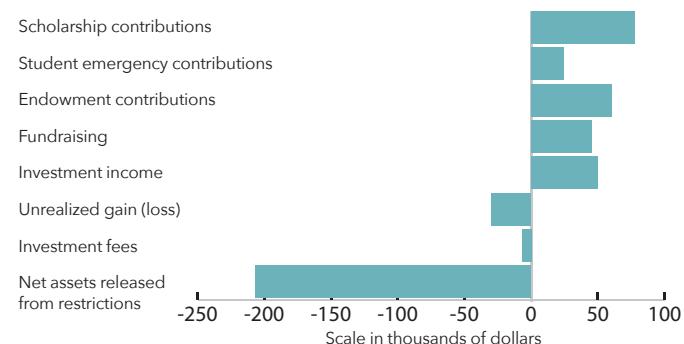
## Program Expenses



## NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Scholarship contributions	\$ 77,735
Student emergency contributions	\$ 24,440
Endowment contributions	\$ 60,066
Fundraising	\$ 45,487
Investment income	\$ 49,661
Unrealized gain (loss)	\$ (29,827)
Investment fees	\$ (6,998)
Net assets released from restrictions	\$ (206,391)
<b>Total Net Assets With Donor Restriction</b>	<b>\$ 14,173</b>

## Temporarily Restricted Net Assets



INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	\$ (1,507)
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	\$ 14,173
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 12,666</b>
NET ASSETS, Beginning of year	\$ 2,087,605
<b>NET ASSETS, End of year</b>	<b>\$ 2,100,271</b>

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# EPCC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

## STUDENT AWARDEES 2019-2020

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE EPCC AWARDEES**  
**THANK YOU COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

### Andrew Barcena Memorial

Cesar Chavez  
Karen Gonzalez  
Michael Rodriguez

### Culinary Arts Club

Mahala Johnson  
Shelia Anthony

### Deas Campbell Memorial

Jeffery Baca  
Maria Vela  
Mia Espinosa

### El Paso Electric

Alan Perez  
Andrea Gonzalez  
Arlet Gamboa  
Collin Whitener  
Jean Rendon Sifontes  
Jose Garcia  
Julio Marin Bustillos  
Marc Loya-Reyes  
Paola Solis  
Richard Martinez  
Rodrigo Centelles Tafolla

### El Paso Architectural Foundation

Collin Whitener  
Mariely Gonzalez  
Oscar Duran

### EPCC Foundation Scholarships

Adan Breceda  
Aristea Cavazos  
April Rodriguez  
Ayana Montgomery  
Brianna Morelos  
Cesar Zepeda  
Christine Sifuentes  
Crystal Palacios  
Diana Vega Urbina  
Grisel Harrison  
Isis Fierro Castillo  
Jezmin Salazar Zacarias  
Jennifer Avila  
Joel Moya

Julie Luna  
Josie Gutierrez  
Luz Vega  
Maria Martinez  
Mia Rios  
Michaela Castor  
Raymond Davis  
Sara Trevizo  
Sulma Soto  
Valeria Alarcon  
Vivian Munoz

### GECU Foundation

Areli Serrano Chacon  
Bryan Mendoza  
Carlos Lerma Mata  
Cristal Encizo Guardiola  
David Ceballos  
Jose Gonzalez  
Karla Carbajal  
Kayla Fierro  
Nuvia Lerma Mata  
Valerie Flores

### Hospitals of Providence

Alejandra Ibarra Tafolla  
Alexandra Roddy  
Allison Prieto  
Catherine Duarte  
Eduardo Garcia  
Elizabeth Garcia  
Janel Dominguez  
Joan Tarin  
Kimberly Pinedo  
Patricia Capuchin

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Jorge Ballesteros Carrera

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Daniel Alvarez  
Dante Munoz  
Efrain Silva  
Hector Hernandez Rascon  
Jaime Gutierrez Portillo  
Joshua Borrego  
Matthew Jimenez

Melissa Vasquez  
Noel Garces  
Pedro Castillo  
Sirena Bermudes

### James Franco

Elsa Aguinaga  
Micshal Davis

### JP Morgan Chase

Cecilia Quiroz  
Jasmine Molina  
Jennifer Parsons  
Mariana Hermosillo Hidalgo  
Paula Chavez

### Kenneth P. Gifford

Camilo Orjuela Correa  
Sujin Shields

### McDonald's El Paso

Alexandra Sanchez  
Arturo Garcia  
Daisy Lopez  
Eduardo Flores  
Itzel Tejeda  
Karen Lozano  
Kate -Lynn Palacios  
Samantha Nunez  
Susana Soto  
Raymundo Felix  
Yared Lara

### Mervin Moore

Karrie Chavez

### Military Dependents

Andreas Buttner  
Jessica Popovich  
Michelle Garrad

### Northeast Rotary Club

Alexis Tamez  
Arleen Andrasko  
Janet Moncayo  
Sarah Martinez  
Stephanie Phillips  
Pablo Gaytan

# EPCC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

## Project Arriba

Janet Luna-Flores  
Marissa Estrada  
Sonia Grijalva

## Stars Scholarship

Abigail Torres  
Alejandro Cano  
Alexis Tamez  
America Ogaz  
Andrea Gonzalez-Barraza  
Anthony Menchaca  
Aristea Cavazos  
Cristina Ramirez  
Dante Munoz  
Diva Mendoza  
Elsa Aguinaga  
Eunice Alarcon  
Gabriela Davis  
Guadalupe Ramirez  
Iliyana Scott  
Issac Salazar  
Jasmine Molina  
Jorge Rodriguez  
Karrie Chavez  
Maria Vela  
Nayely Moya  
Niko Franco  
Pablo Gaytan  
Rodolfo Gonzales  
Sarah Martinez

Stephanie Phillips  
Valeria Aleman

## The Buddy Walk

Brian Avila  
Crystal Nieto  
Dania Gonzalez  
Daniel Perez  
Frances Lamboy  
Isaac Smith  
Karen Corral  
Joanna Castro  
Michael Robinson  
Ramon Contreras

## El Paso Rotary Club

Hector Arzate  
Jasmine Acuna

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Vanessa Reyes

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Victoria Sanchez  
Zaira Rico

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Gabriela Davis  
Heather Mccaslin

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## Sirena Bermudes

Being the last of my siblings to graduate from high school and attend college, it has been hard for my parents to financially support the four of us and having been awarded this scholarship was a blessing not only for me, but for my family as well. This scholarship allowed me to focus on school, not having to worry about paying for books, and even allowed me to buy a laptop to complete schoolwork at home!

## Hunt Family Scholarship

## Mireya Rocha Vejar

This scholarship helped me to pay part of my tuition, kept me motivated, and to realize there are opportunities to help us with educational costs. My dream is to finish a Bachelor in Electrical Engineering at UTEP, and the Wells Fargo scholarship has encouraged me to keep fighting regardless of the circumstances. Thank you very much for giving the same opportunities to all students.

## Wells Fargo Scholarship



# WE ARE HERE FOR EPCC STUDENTS

- The Foundation for EPCC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to raising funds to support EPCC & student scholarships.
- A group of dedicated community leaders work to raise funds and engage local partners in investing in El Paso students.
- In 2019-2020 the Foundation for EPCC awarded more than \$206,000 for student scholarships.
- The Foundation has been helping students achieve college success since 1999.



## Did You Know?

More than 20% of EPCC students paid for school out-of-pocket in 2019-2020, without financial help, often working and taking classes part-time, delaying graduation for financial reasons.

## Scholarships Make a Difference

The Foundation for EPCC has awarded 2,015 scholarships in the past 11 years. This funding resulted in 1,548 college degrees and certificates completed by local students.

## Funds = Graduation!

55% of students who received an EPCC Foundation scholarship graduated in three years or less.

## YOU Can Make an Impact

Scholarships help higher education dreams come true. Your gift will open the windows of opportunity for local students. We invite you to help EPCC students become graduates, benefiting themselves and our community.



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