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Houston County High School FCCLA Students Celebrate a Season of Wins

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HCHS FCCLA members at the State Fall Leadership Conference pictured above, right to left, are: Abby McLean, Olivia Morrison, Collin Key, Eliya Momin, Hannah Koppel, Sienn Bui, and Maggie Duke.

This fall, Houston County High School students have been actively involved in conferences and competitions held on the state and national level of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). During the month of November, students from Houston County High School have been able to take their leadership to the next level. The students have achieved this by participating in conferences, attending leadership workshops, engaging in youth networking sessions, advocating for FCCLA and Family and Consumer Sciences with elected officials, and more. Students participated in the National Fall Conference, Capitol Leadership, and the State Fall Leadership Conference.



Warner Robins High



Houston County High



Perry High



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Houston County High School FCCLA Students Celebrate a Season of Wins (continued)

The conferences that HCHS FCCLA members have participated in has allowed students to expand their leadership skills, explore opportunities for growth, and expand their potential. HCHS is very proud of the following students who have excelled in competitions at both the FCCLA National and State Fall Conferences:

- Hannah Koppel – 1st in the Nation in Nutrition Challenge Skill Demonstration Event;
- Andy Lu – 2nd in the Nation in FCCLA Knowledge Challenge;
- Collin Key and Hannah Koppel – Georgia FCCLA Statesman Award Recipients; and
- Elizabeth Kirkland – 3rd in the State in Fashion Stylist Competition.



Additionally, the following HCHS FCCLA members have qualified to advance as an Elite Eight Knowledge Bowl Team: Maggie Duke, Collin Key, Hannah Koppel, and Andy Lu. These students will move on to compete in the final State Knowledge Bowl Rounds which will take place in March at the State Leadership Conference in Athens, Georgia.

For more information on Georgia FCCLA, visit www.gafccla.com.



Andy Lu placed second in the Nation in the FCCLA Knowledge Challenge Skill Demonstration Event.



Andy Lu and Maggie Duke proudly "ROCKED THE RED" at the FCCLA conference.

Houston County High School is located at 920 Highway 96 in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Doug Rizer serves as Principal.

Perry High School

Perry High School FFA Students Win First Place at National FFA Agriscience Fair



Perry High School FFA students won first place at the 2021 National FFA Agriscience Fair.

Sophomores Katie Spivey and Fraser Faith Knapek won first place in the nation for their Power, Structural and Technical Systems project entitled “Clamping Down 2.0: The Effectiveness of Heat Lamp Clamps.”



Pictured are Spivey, Perry High FFA Adviser Luke Lineberger, and Knapek.

The National FFA Agriscience Fair recognizes students who gain real-world, hands-on experiences in agricultural enterprises. Students use scientific principles and emerging technologies to solve complex problems related to agriculture, food and natural resources. The agriscience fair is for middle and high school students. Students compete in one of six categories in the agriscience fair and under one of the six divisions, either individually or in a team.



Wesley “Del” Martin serves as Principal at Perry High School. The school is located at 1307 North Avenue in Perry, Georgia. Please visit www.ffa.org for more information about the national FFA program.

PHS FCCLA Building a Legacy of Leaders

Perry High FCCLA members attended the Fall Leadership Conference at the FFA/FCCLA Camp in Covington, Georgia. There were FCCLA chapters and members present from all over the state. Members attended leadership and team building breakout sessions throughout the day led by Georgia State Officers and Region Officers. Perry High FCCLA competed in the Membership Recruitment Display Competition, the Preserve and Serve Competition and the Lapel Pin Competition. Perry High FCCLA won first place in the Membership Recruitment Display Competition. The display had a rock and roll theme and displayed several descriptions and photos of membership recruitment techniques used throughout the year. Even though the chapter did not place in the Preserve and Serve Competition, chapter members learned a lot about the entire canning process as they partnered with their school Ag department to gain knowledge about the canning process. The conference was an excellent learning and networking opportunity for members and advisers. Perry High School is proud of the progress made so far this year as the chapter members and officers continue to Make It Count throughout this school year.



Perry High School
FCCLA Membership Recruitment Board



Amelia Kelly, Jersey Wright, Gracie Svoboda, Sara Ford, and Kama Beaumarchais are pictured above.



Pictured above, left to right are: Sara Ford, Gracie Svoboda, Jersey Wright, and Amelia Kelly.



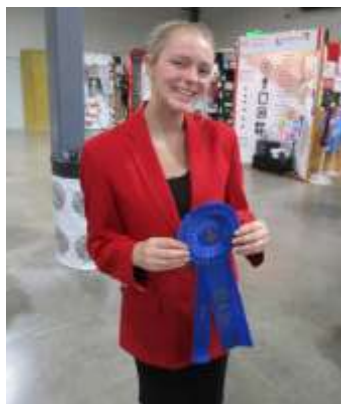
Gracie Svoboda and her Preserve and Serve Competition Okra.

FCCLA at Perry High School Racks up Ribbons at the Georgia FCCLA Fall Leadership Rally

Student members from the Perry High FCCLA chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) recently participated in a motivational rally at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Georgia. Over 2,200 students and advisers from schools across Georgia participated in the leadership rally session and event competitions. Along with other advisers and members from across the state, Perry High School's FCCLA Chapter Advisers, Kama Beaumarchais and Crystal Quick, accompanied a group of members to the meeting.

The Georgia National Fair competitions began with students competing in the Annual Chili Cook-Off for high school and middle school students. The next day, students attended the 2021 FCCLA Fall Leadership Rally in Reaves Arena. The motivational rally was followed by the Peanut Recipe Contest sponsored by Georgia Peanut Commission, Theme Speech and the Culinary Competition.

Perry High FCCLA brought home four ribbons for their school to proudly display. Gracie Svoboda won first place in the high school level chili cook-off competition with her "Sweet Heat Chili" that contained an unexpected combination of both fruits and vegetables. Catherine Geiger won first place in the theme speech competition where she gave a three minute speech about her interpretation of this year's Georgia FCCLA theme "Make It Count". Amelia Kelly and Sarah Ford created an award winning FCCLA brochure covering the topic of "FCCLA Alumni and Associates", these ladies placed second in the competition. Jersey Wright won third place in the chapter t-shirt design. She helped design a t-shirt for her chapter and submitted an essay explaining the design relevance to the state theme and her interpretation of the design elements. Perry High FCCLA chapter members, officers and advisers are all proud of the chapter both at the rally and in the competitive events. What an excellent showing for a state FCCLA event held in their own backyard.



Cathryn Geiger
Theme Speech



Gracie Svoboda
Chili Cook-Off



Jersey Wright
T-Shirt Design



Perry High FCCLA
Chapter Members



Amelia Kelly and Sara Ford
Brochure Design

Houston County Career Academy

HCCA Teaching as a Profession Students Have Mock Interviews

On Wednesday, November 10, 2021, second year students in Erin Morton's Teaching as a Profession class participated in mock interviews. These interviews were to prepare for their upcoming interviews for paid Teaching Intern jobs with the Houston County Board of Education. The mock interview group was comprised of HCBOE staff, Christina Anderson and Marie Porter, Flint Energies VP of Cooperative Communications, Marian McLemore, and Central Georgia Technical College Student Affairs Career Advisers, Courtney Watkins and Adam Hall.

Students were able to have at least three mock interview experiences with different interviewers and then they returned to the first interviewer at the end. Interviewers and students alike agreed that the students grew throughout the process and were much better prepared when they came back to the same interviewer the second time.

Houston County Career Academy is located at 1311 Corder Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. Sabrina Phelps serves as Principal and CEO.



Marian McLemore



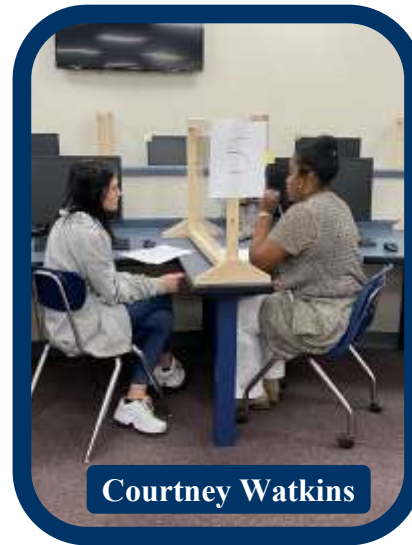
Adam Hall



Marie Porter



Christina Anderson



Courtney Watkins

HCCA Students Attend Skills Challenge Event

On October 28, 2021, welding students who are dual enrolled with Central Georgia Technical College participated in the 2021 Skills Challenge in Macon, Georgia. This statewide workforce development program offered several core competitions including blueprint reading, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, masonry, roofing, and welding.



Pictured at left are: front row, Takori Smarts, VHS 12th; Caden McIver, HCHS 12th; Gage Langdale, NHS 11th; and Mason Hilgendorf, PHS 11th. Back row, Jeffrey Thompson, VHS 12th; Tyrell Taylor, PHS 12th; and Jason Gonzalez, VHS 12th.



Welding students Gage Langdale, NHS 11th, and Jeffrey Thompson, VHS 12th.



Welding instructor, Brian Holcomb and Caden McIver, HCHS 12th grade student.



Lucus Fletcher, Director of Program Support Southwest Georgia, CEFGA K12 Pipeline and HCCA Principal, Sabrina Phelps.



HCCA Healthcare

HCCA Sports Medicine Students are pictured practicing hands on skills for CPR/AED Certification and Heimlich Maneuver.



Veterans High School

Veterans High School FCCLA Wins First Place in the Nation

Veterans High School FCCLA competed virtually throughout the 2020-2021 school year. After placing first at State in Level 2 Fashion Construction, Level 2 Entrepreneurship, and Level 2 Career Investigation members advanced to National competition in July.

Ava Trussell placed first at Nationals in Career Investigation. Jaiden Purvis placed fourth at Nationals in Fashion Construction receiving Gold recognition. Mollie Mize placed fourth at Nationals in Entrepreneurship and received Gold recognition as well. “These three young ladies are such awesome student leaders. I am so proud of their hard work and commitment to making our FCCLA chapter better. They made my first year at VHS one that I will never forget. Proud is definitely an understatement” says adviser, Anna White.



Ava Trussell



Mollie Mize



Jaiden Purvis

Dr. Amy Barbour serves as Principal at Veterans High School, which is located at 340 Piney Grove Road in Kathleen, Georgia. Dr. Sherry Johnson is the CTAE Supervisor and Anna White serves as the FCCLA Adviser.

VHS loves CTAE a LATTE



Veterans High School FCCLA members designed and decorated the CTAE bulletin board for fall. “Most of the CTSOs are recruiting members during this time of year, so we decided to create a board that would highlight each of the CTSOs offered at Veterans High School and of course get us in the spirit of fall” says FCCLA Officer, Sydney Baker. Members who helped design and execute the bulletin board includes: Addison Miller, Aniyah Francis, Hailey Keene, Kamryn McCauley, Mahagony Mitchell, Nyah Fox, and Sydney Baker.



Pictured above, left to right are: Mahagony Mitchell, Addison Miller, Nyah Fox, and Kamryn McCauley.

Veterans High School FCCLA Serves Up Snacks for Senior Night

FCCLA members and teacher, Anna White, prepared refreshments for Senior Information Night. The hospitality room was for the various college, military, and community representatives who attended. The menu included: pimento cheese croissants, chicken salad croissants, chips, cheese straws, miniature fruit pizzas, trail mix, and vegetable tray. Many thanks go out to Jasyria Moody, Sydney Baker, Addison Miller, Kamryn McCauley, Alyssa Keene, and Campbell Watson for helping prepare for this event.



Jasyria Moody

Pictured at left are Addison Miller, Jasyria Moody, and Kamryn McCauley.



Northside High School

Northside High School FCCLA Knowledge Bowl Team Places Seventh in State

Northside High FCCLA students placed in the top eight for the FCCLA Knowledge Bowl competition that took place at the Fall Leadership Meeting for the second round of competition. They qualified because their score for the online test put them as one the top 16 schools in the state of Georgia. They will compete in the third round at the FCCLA State Leadership Conference in March 2022. The top two teams that win the third round will battle it out in a buzzer round on the stage in front of all the conference attendees.



Team members pictured, left to right, are: Isabella Sayers, Alexa Hernandez, Norma Jones and Elizabeth May.

Northside High School is located at 926 Green Street in Warner Robins, Georgia. Marketta Clayton serves as Principal. Advisers are Jill Masee and Carla Jessup.

Work-Based Learning/YAP

Youth Apprenticeship Pathway Completer Supports YAP and His HVAC Pathway After High School Graduation



Pictured are Hoke Morrow, Hoke's Heating and Air, and Andrew Grant.

Andrew Grant joined Sandi Couillard's Youth Apprenticeship Program his senior year of high school while completing his second year of the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning pathway at Houston County Career Academy (HCCA). Andrew's job placement was at Hoke's Heating and Air located in Perry, Georgia. During high school, Andrew worked in excess of 855 hours and earned his EPA 608 Type I, II, and III (Universal) technician certification. He also earned his OSHA 10-hour card, which is training that teaches basic safety and health information to entry-level workers in construction and general industry.

He knew from his first day at Hoke's Heating and Air that HVAC was going to be his forever career. Upon high school graduation in May, 2021, Andrew began his full time HVAC career with Hoke's Heating and Air where he continues to work today.

Andrew is not only growing in his trade area, he is also giving back to the program that prepared him for his career. So far in the fall 2021 school term, Andrew has served as a guest speaking in the HCCA HVAC second year class and has served as a guest speaker during an HCCA HVAC pathway promotional event held at Perry High School on November 16, 2021. Sandi Couillard said of Andrew, "He is always willing to help when it comes to promoting the HVAC program and the HVAC career path as well. I have seen him grow as a speaker which is amazing since he has always been quite shy." Andrew Grant is a true success story.



CERTIFIED
HVAC
TECHNICIANS

Local Business Partners Attend Northside High School's Post-Secondary Options Event



Pictured above, left to right, are: Sonal Mehta, Eva Baumgartel, Sandi Couillard, Lori Johnson, and Lonnie Smith-Blue.

During the November 15-19 Post-Secondary Options Event, local business partners spoke with high school students about career options available right out of high school. State Farm Insurance Agent, Lori Johnson, spoke with students about her job as an agent and also explained how students could begin a career in the insurance industry. Lonnie Smith-Blue, Recruiter for Gilmer Warehouse, LLC, spoke with students about the many different jobs available at Gilmer Warehouse, benefits available, and the application process. Human Resources representatives Sonal Mehta and Eva Baumgartel from Sandler Nonwoven Corporation showed students some of the products produced by their company and described jobs available.

Houston County School's Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, Sandi Couillard, also attended to greet students and to introduce them to the business partners.



Kimberly Tobias is November Youth Apprenticeship Student of the Month



Warner Robins High School senior and Houston County Career Academy (HCCA) Healthcare pathway student, Kimberly Tobias, enjoys her Youth Apprenticeship Program (YAP) job placement at The Lodge. The Lodge is located at 200 South Kimberly Road in Warner Robins. The Lodge bridges the gap between the hospital and home by offering state-of-the-art rehabilitation. Their mission is to promote healing in an environment that fosters independence and dignity, through the collaborative efforts of the patient, family, and team of professionals.

Kimberly is one of six HCCA healthcare students who work as hospitality staff to ensure residents receive the most friendly and helpful experience possible. One HCCA student also works as a Certified Nursing Assistant (C.N.A.). When asked how she likes her job, Kimberly responded, “I enjoy working at The Lodge because it’s a great learning experience where I get to build strong relationships with the residents and use the skills I have learned at HCCA.”

“Kim is an exemplary YAP student. She excels on her job with great reviews from her supervisors and also completes all of her YAP assignments ahead of their due dates. She will be an awesome nurse in the future!” said Houston County School’s Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator, Sandi Couillard.

When asked how Kim’s performance has been thus far, The Lodge Activities Coordinator, Sidney Folsom, said “Kimberly has been a hard worker and has proved to be a good employee thus far. She has been respectful and joyful to our residents and we are glad to have her here at The Lodge.”

Upon high school graduation in May, 2022, Kim plans to attend college to pursue a degree in nursing then begin her career as a Registered Nurse.



Second Year Youth Apprenticeship Student is Growing at Her Job Placement



Houston County High School senior, Peyton Barfield, is a second year Teaching as a Profession Youth Apprenticeship Program (YAP) student whose job placement is with David Perdue Primary.

“I really enjoy working at Perdue Primary. I have gained knowledge of my true affection for both working with children and the education process. It has been amazing to see the children learn new things and see their faces during that process. The sweet expression that says oh yes, I got it! I am blessed to have Mrs. Brooks as a mentor. She is very kind and helpful in my learning experience. I am grateful to Principal Kathy Gibbs for participating in the TAPP and YAP programs to provide the opportunity for me to grow.”

Peyton’s career goal is to become an elementary teacher.



Feagin Mill Middle School

FMMS FBLA Celebrates American Enterprise Day



FMMS FBLA Celebrated American Enterprise Day November 15th by profiling local business for the entire school to see. The FBLA November meeting featured a Monopoly Tournament won by Arav Patel and Jay Patel.



Feagin Mill Middle School is located at 1200 Feagin Mill Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. Mark Sams serves as Principal.



Warner Robins Middle

Bonaire Middle

Feagin Mill Middle

Huntington Middle

Mossy Creek Middle

Northside Middle

Perry Middle

Thomson Middle

Huntington Mill Middle School

HMMS CTAE Teacher Wins My Teacher is Tops Award

On November 16th, Rodney Johnson, Engineering and Technology teacher at Huntington Middle School, was surprised by 13WMAZ to win the My Teacher is Tops Award. His student, Bethelihem Brown, wrote the letter on behalf of her love for technology and how her teacher makes it so interesting and fun for her to learn. Her teacher has made a world of difference.



Huntington Middle School is located at 206 Wellborn Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Gwendolyn Taylor serves as Principal.

HMS TSA Attends Fall Leadership Conference

Huntington Middle School attended the Fall Leadership Conference on Jekyll Island. Students competed, attended workshops, and even enjoyed themselves when they had down time. Huntington Middle took first in the Armada Boat Race where they could only make a boat out of duct tape and cardboard. The team had to make it across the pool while racing against other teams and Huntington Middle was victorious. Quayd Connell, Damien Sergent, and Maria Slattery attended this event along with their TSA advisor Rodney Johnson.



**GEORGIA TSA
ARMADA BOAT RACE**
"Build A Boat and Hope It Floats!"



HMS TSA Partners with Feed the City



As part of their community service project, Huntington Middle School TSA partnered with Feed the City. The group collected over 200 items.



HMS FCCLA Attends Fall Leadership Conference



Huntington Middle School FCCLA members attended the Georgia FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference at the Georgia FFA-FCCLA Center in Covington, Georgia on November 10th. While there, students had the opportunity to expand their leadership potential and develop skills for life planning, goal setting, problem solving, decision making, and interpersonal communication in the workforce. Activities at the conference included personal and professional development workshops, competitive events, and a motivational general session. Attending the conference were Drequan White, Aryn Myles, A'Nyla Savage, Emily Hardy, Lily Hardy, and Sha'Neara Fluellen. Melanie Bratcher serves as Adviser.



HMS TSA Receives Grant

Huntington Middle School (HMS) received a grant from two partner organizations for TSA. HMS TSA is very thankful for the grant.

\$250.00
THE HIGH ROAD INC.

\$500.00
H30 NON PROFIT INC.



HMS FFA Chapter Receives Grant

Huntington Middle School's FFA Chapter received the Living to Serve Grant offered through The National FFA Organization. With funding, the chapter purchased materials to construct raised gardens and planted broccoli for the staff and patients of The Warner Robins Rehabilitation Center. Thanksgiving was the perfect opportunity for students and FFA Adviser, Tracy Ford, to serve the community.



Northside Middle School

NMS FFA Hosts Ornament Making Workshop

Northside Middle School FFA partnered with the Northside Middle School Art Club to host an ornament making workshop to teach students how to make hand-made clay ornaments over a two day period. Students learned how to work the clay and mold it, along with the process of firing, painting and glazing their ornaments. The ornaments will be used to decorate the school Christmas tree and students will be able to take their ornaments home afterwards. The workshop was instructed by Christina Sanders, Ag teacher, and Chelsea Taylor, NMS Art teacher. Over 40 students participated in the event and are excited to see their finished work!



Northside Middle School is located at 500 Johnson Road in Warner Robins, Georgia. Dr. Dustin Dykes serves as Principal.



NMS FCCLA, FFA and Student Council Participates in Christmas Parade



Northside Middle School FCCLA, FFA, and Student Council members joined together to spread holiday cheer in the Centerville Christmas parade. FCCLA and FFA decorated a float for the parade themed “Opening doors to careers with FCCLA and FFA.” The float was decorated with Christmas lights, green and gold garland, and figures representing careers in Family and Consumer Science and Agriscience career pathways. The members dressed in different career themes of their choice and wore their CTSO’s official dress. The students had a fun night of Christmas caroling, passing out candy and promoting FCCLA and FFA.



FFA, FCA and FCCLA at NMS Partner Together to Host Community Food Drive



Northside Middle School FFA, FCCLA, and FCA partnered together to host the community food drive for local charity, “Feed the City”. To promote the activity, the first period from each grade level that collected the most cans was recognized with an ice cream party. Each club sponsored a grade level to help with collaboration, organization and involvement. During the food drive, more than 675 cans of corn were collected, which was more than the goal set of 500 cans.



Perry Middle School

PMS FBLA Hosts Advisory Committee Meeting

In keeping with high FBLA standards and the desire to connect with local industry, the first FBLA Advisory Committee meeting was held November 9, 2021 at 5:30 pm at Perry Middle School. Hosted by Dr. Diana Phillips, Perry Middle's FBLA Adviser, local chapters including school administration, participated in this meeting. Chapters included in the meeting were: Perry Middle School, Perry High School, and Veterans High School. Industry leaders, educators, and administrators provided meaningful insight into a well-rounded education for our business and coding students. Curriculum and the workforce was discussed as well as future course offerings at the high school level. As a small token of appreciation, Perry Middle School FBLA provided each on-site participant with a gift and a meal catered by Firehouse Subs. Those who could not join in person were able to participate virtually through Zoom.



Perry Middle School is located at 495 Perry Parkway in Perry, Georgia. Dr. Heath Burch serves as Principal.

PMS FBLA Attends Fall Leadership Conference

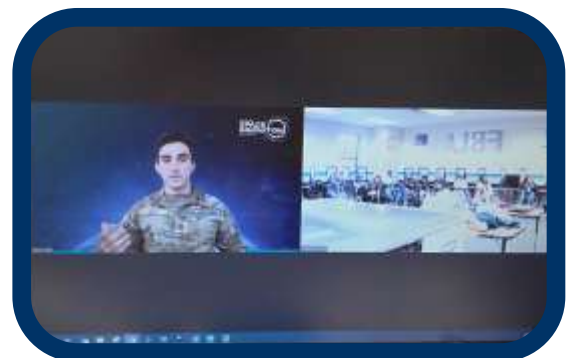


Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Perry Middle School Chapter attended the Fall Leadership Conference on November 10, 2021 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds. Participants attended leadership training, competed in Open-Events testing, a Monopoly Tournament, and listened to state officers present about FBLA. While there, members could purchase a myriad of FBLA items from the site-based store. As a welcomed treat, Chick-Fil-A was provided for lunch as participants took a break from their activities.



PMS Foundations of Interactive Design Class Learns about U.S. Space Force

In celebration of the U.S. Space Force's second birthday, an educational initiative was proposed to help the future generation of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). United States Space Force WingC2 Data Portfolio Product Manager, Chris Toth, presented to Dr. Diana Phillips' Foundations of Interactive Design class at Perry Middle School. He discussed his experience as a mechanical engineer and what it took to achieve his position with the USSF. Students were able to actively engage with Mr. Toth via Zoom. Students seemed especially interested in the new James Webb Space Telescope set to launch on December 22, 2021 and the ability to travel to space – for the right price. Those interested can learn more about space force engagements at <https://sites.google.com/afk12stem.org/destember/space-force-media>.



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