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I acknowledge the grave harm brought by colonialism to this land, especially the systematic attempts to erase indigenous and African identities through violence, slavery and racist segregation laws.

WEEKLY UPDATE

March 29, 2021

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

UTA MSW PROGRAM

**WANTED:
YOUR INPUT!**
you matter.



How could we have made your transition smoother?

**DR. P WANTS TO KNOW
YOUR THOUGHTS
ABOUT THE MSW
ORIENTATION
PROCESS!**

SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW ON
TEAMS WITH HER INTERN MEGHAN
[HERE](#) TO GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK.

Congrats to UTA's Wheelchair Basketball Teams!

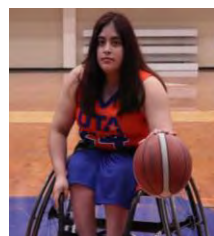
The Lady Movin' Mavs and Movin' Mavs recently played for their respective National Championships. The men's team won and brought home the 9th National Championship to UTA, and the women's received 2nd place after two hard fought games! Congratulations to the School of Social Work's very own Emily Clarke and Denise Rodriguez who are on the Lady Movin' Mavs team!

There are only 5 Women's Collegiate Programs and 15 Men's Collegiate Programs in the nation for student-athletes with physical disabilities to participate in and obtain a college degree. UTA is one of only two programs in the nation that give full ride scholarships to these student-athletes. This is a big accomplishment, but there is still a lot that needs to be done for equity of this program to really exist when compared to the able-bodied basketball programs.

There is currently a bill before the House (HB 2193) and Senate (SB 776) to require UIL to provide adaptive sports programs throughout the State of Texas for students with disabilities to have the same right to compete in sport like their able-bodied peers. The Committee needs to hear from Texas Residents saying that they want this to pass, so if you feel obliged, please reach out to the committee and your representative to ask them to pass this bill! Find more information [here](#).



Emily Clarke



Denise Rodriguez

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GET SUPPORT

Rental Assistance

Rental assistance is available for up to 6 months through Arlington Housing Authority for Arlington residents who are behind on their rent due to the pandemic if they meet certain criteria such as income, need is directly related to the pandemic, currently behind on rent, and a few others. The application is at www.arlingtonhousing.us and funding IS still available for the program.

Did you know as a student veteran you may qualify for free meals?

Meals for Vets is a program that provides student veterans who have low income with free daily meals.

Getting through school is hard enough without the stress of not knowing if you'll be able to afford to eat. Meals for Vets and The University of Texas at Arlington have partnered up to make sure you can get a daily meal to help fuel your success.

To qualify:

- Must have served at least 180 days federal active duty
- Provide proof of service (such as DD-214)
- Provide proof of all household income and benefits
- Meet low income qualifications

To learn more and apply, email: james.kumm@uta.edu



Meals for Vets is a program that provides student veterans who have low income with free daily meals. This program is supported by the University of Texas at Arlington. The program is not affiliated with the Department of Veterans Affairs. The program is not affiliated with the Department of Veterans Affairs. The program is not affiliated with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Interested in joining a Veteran and Military Connected group of students? The MAV VETS are here to get you support and connections to help navigate college life!



CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Instagram:

TEAMS:

Facebook:



SCAN ME

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JOIN THE CONVERSATION

MAVS HOUR

WHO: ALL UTA STUDENTS

WHAT: SOCIAL CONNECTION & SUPPORT FOR MAVS

WHEN: WEDNESDAYS (TIME ROTATES WEEKLY)

WHERE: MICROSOFT TEAMS (LINK SHARED ON MAVS UNITE)

WHY: STAYING SOCIALLY CONNECTED WHILE PHYSICALLY DISTANT

FOLLOWING UTA'S PRINCIPLES OF COMMUNITY, MAVS HOUR IS A SAFE SPACE OF RESPECT, SUPPORT, AND CONNECTION FOR MAVERICK STUDENTS DURING THIS TIME OF COVID-19.

For more Mavs Hour info please e-mail:

Chantinia.Chansler

Check out UTA's on-demand and live classes like HIIT the Deck, Mixxed Fit, Zumba, NASA Nap, Yoga, and Sit & Stretch:



YOU MATTER

Busyness is Not a Virtue

I'm just gonna say it: the more you need a reminder to take care of yourself, the more likely it is that you need to do so. If you are overworked, overcommitted, and too busy, that busyness may have been consciously or unconsciously prioritized, and it is hurting you and anyone and anything that you're aiming to help. So, what does it say about the underlying life, work, or academic culture that, like a broken record, must repeat messages of self-care?

Thomas Merton, in *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander*, writes:

"There is a pervasive form of modern violence to which the idealist...most easily succumbs: activism and over-work..."

To allow oneself to be carried away by a multitude of conflicting concerns, to surrender to too many demands, to commit oneself to too many projects, to want to help everyone in everything is to succumb to violence.

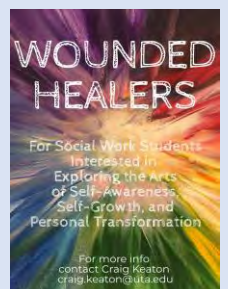
The frenzy of the activist neutralizes [their] work... It destroys the fruitfulness of [their] work, because it kills the root of inner wisdom which makes [the] work fruitful."

The rush, the pressure, the busyness of our culture is real, but that doesn't make it always right. Slowing down, simplifying, and saying "no" are essential and healthy aspects of life, and, at the same time, no easy feats. Staying grounded in integrity, the importance of human relationships, and the dignity and worth of every person, including yourself, are revolutionary acts in a culture that continually abandons its values for the unfounded merits of busyness.

What's the right path, the right work, or the right amount of work for you? Only you, and you alone, can know that. To know it, reconnect with yourself, then others. It's in our nature to nurture, and that's the shared call that brings each of us to this work. In doing so, you will challenge and change the culture. Busy is not synonymous with fruitful. Busyness is not a virtue.

Craig Keaton, MSW | Doctoral Student | Adjunct Professor

If you like You Matter posts and want to explore them more deeply, please consider joining us for a Wounded Healers meeting. You can find us on Teams!





ADVISING

- Students will be able to view the summer class schedule on MyMav starting April 1.
- **Summer class registration opens April 5th.**



We've heard from you that many of you are interested in learning more. Stay tuned as we are developing a guide with the different paths to the **LCDC** that will be shared in this newsletter at a future time.

- If your advisor's appointment schedule is full, please consider emailing them for email-advising, or attend their weekly Power Hour. Please check advising appointments every Monday when new availability opens up for the coming weeks.
- Don't need a full advising appointment but have general questions? Join your advisor for their weekly Power Hour!

Toy Howard	Monday 10-11	Click here to join the meeting
Valerie Adame	Tuesday 11-12	Click here to join the meeting
Maresia Davis	Wednesday 11-12	Click here to join the meeting
Cleondria Marable	Thursday 11-12	Click here to join the meeting

GRADUATION

- We do not yet know which day the Social Work commencement will be. We will share additional details as soon as we receive them.
- **The deadline to apply to graduate in May passed on March 1st. To apply late, contact your advisor. (There is a \$60 late fee.)** All students planning to graduate this spring must apply to graduate using MyMav. **You must apply to graduate regardless of whether you will walk at a commencement ceremony.** Applying to graduate is necessary to have your degree conferred AND in order to receive your diploma. Fee is \$40.
- **In-person, virtual commencement programs planned for May**
 - UT Arlington will host [in-person commencement ceremonies](#) at Globe Life Field from **May 13-16** to celebrate its spring 2021 and all 2020 graduates, while preserving virtual commencement ceremonies for those who prefer an online celebration. The spring commencement exercises will mark the first time UTA has hosted in-person ceremonies since December 2019, as all 2020 ceremonies were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - All 2020 and spring 2021 graduates should RSVP with their intention to participate in [an in-person or virtual commencement ceremony](#). To do so, they should [register with Marching Order](#) using their UTA student email address. (Although the deadline of 3/17 has already passed, students are still able to register via this form).



FIELD PLACEMENTS

- **Summer Field Application closes Apr. 09, 2021.** Late applications will not be accepted.
- The Fall Field application is tentatively scheduled to be open April 12th-Jun 4th.
- **InPlace has a new URL! All students, agencies, and Field Instructors will need to use the new URL.** <https://inplace.uta.edu/>
- The InPlace fee is \$67 per year or \$130 for a lifetime. Each student will need to plan to pay the InPlace fee on the first day of class for that semester they are starting field.
- [InPlace Training](#) and [Logbook Training](#) can be found here!
- The [Spring Field Calendar](#) lists important dates for current field students, as well as summer field application dates.
- [Field forms are available here!](#)
- [Field FAQ](#)
- [Spring 2021 Field Accommodations Q&A](#)
- If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email sswfield@uta.edu and include a screenshot of the issue.

FIELD POWER HOURS

This is an opportunity for you to check in and ask questions, similar to Office Hours for faculty!

- Foundation MSW
 - Field Advisor: Natalie Mangham
 - 1st & 3rd Monday of the month, 3-4
 - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- CAP & Children & Families
 - Field Advisor: Monica Brown
 - 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3-4
 - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- Mental Health
 - Field Advisor: Hector Ramos
 - 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 3-4
 - [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- Aging & Health
 - Field Advisor: Sharon Martin
 - 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 3:30-4
 - [Click here to join the meeting](#)



VIRTUAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Virtual Coffee & Tea with Dr. P



Wednesday, 2-3pm

Please drop in on Teams to visit with me. This is ***your time*** every week to share concerns, questions, suggestions, and triumphs. I look forward to seeing you! (If you have something confidential to discuss, please reach out for a private appointment instead.) [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

UTA School of Social Work Children and Families Committee Presents
Working with LGBTQ+ Youth and Families Through the Lifespan - A Panel Discussion

**Monday, April 5
11 A.M. - 1 P.M.**

Dr. Brittanee Ash (she/her/hers) Devyn Box (they/them/theirs) Dr. Adam McCormick (he/him/his) Dr. De'An Roper (she/her/hers) Angela Tankard (she/her/hers) Dr. Micki Washburn (she/her/hers)

LIVE
Watch Here:
[FB.com/UTASocialWork](https://www.facebook.com/UTASocialWork)

zoom
Register Here:
bit.ly/397G0pM

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**Integrative Seminar
v. Thesis: Which One
is Right for You?**

April 1, 11am (Event will be recorded and shared)

JOIN AN OPEN DISCUSSION WITH YOUR DIRECTOR ABOUT THE POSITIVES AND PROCESSES OF EACH OPTION.

Click [HERE](#) to join the meeting on Teams!

Drinks & Dialogue
4pm on 4/2/21

Students: tune into a lively chat led by professors! Drinks & Dialogue features interesting social work topics that affect us all. Grab your favorite drink and join the virtual discussion!

This session, hosted by **Wanda Bolton-Davis, Theresa Davis, & Bonnie Dockery**, will address engaging with families, groups, and individuals.

Click here to join or search [Social Work: Drinks & Dialogue](#) to find the meeting in Microsoft Teams

Did you know that UTA has a Career Center?

Are you aware of all the services provided even after you have graduated?

Join the Lockheed Martin Career Center Virtual Event!

You will be provided information about the Career Center and all it has to offer students and alumni!

**Thursday April 1, 2021
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN!](#)

Division of Student Success

Maximize LinkedIn for Your Career
Live Demo

Featuring **Chaim Shapiro**

Join Chaim Shapiro for a live demo as he shows you how to best use your LinkedIn profile during your job and/or internship search.

He'll share tips and tricks to ensure your profile is attractive to recruiters and that you're sharing information they want to see.

Social Media Consultant Questions? Contact careers@uta.edu

**Wednesday, April 7th
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

UTA LOCKHEED MARTIN CAREER CENTER
OFFICE: 111000 100000
Contact the Lockheed Martin Career & Development Center at 817-252-2000
or email careers@uta.edu or April 7th 12:00-1:00pm

freshcheckday™
a fun week of virtual sessions, stimulating conversation, and prizes!

**Monday-Thursday
MAR 29-APR 1, 2021**

Spring 2021

#freshcheckdayuta
freshcheckday.com/uta

Join us for a mental health check at any or all of these programs:

Monday March 29	Tuesday March 30	Wednesday March 31	Thursday April 1
10am - 12pm	10am - 12pm	10am - 12pm	10am - 12pm
1pm - 3pm	1pm - 3pm	1pm - 3pm	1pm - 3pm
4pm - 6pm	4pm - 6pm	4pm - 6pm	4pm - 6pm

New Out of the Box: Learn to recognize and respond to the warning signs of suicide.
True: Recognize your strengths, embracing a positive attitude to help you thrive.
Safe: Resources and care, webinars and coping strategies.
Check in & Check Out: Check in on your mental health and learn data management strategies.

For more information on each program visit go.uta.edu/cps-workshops

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH CALENDAR

Tuesdays with Jessica & Cami
Special Guest: Community Partners
1:00PM via Zoom

Denim Day
Wear denim in support of Survivors!
Wednesday, April 28th
UT AUSTIN 12:00-1:00PM

First Ever Survivor Ally Training!
All attendees will receive survivor ally badge!
Email jessica.donchez@uta.edu to register
Wednesday, April 14th
1:00-3:00PM via Zoom

SAAM Swag Weekly Giveaway!
SAAM Swag: totebags, pens, hand sanitizer & mugs!
Wednesday's 12:00-1:00PM, UT AUSTIN

Survivor Support Group!
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
12:00-1:00PM, Room 1000
Wednesday's Virtual via Zoom
2:00-3:00PM

STUDENT GROUPS Questions about events? Contact jessica.donchez@uta.edu

• In-person event
• IG live event
• Zoom event

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FUNDING



Emergency Rental Assistance

Keeping Families in their Homes

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The Neighborhood Services Department is offering an Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) to Fort Worth residents who have been impacted by COVID-19. [Click Here to Apply for Emergency Rental Assistance.](#)

Write for diversity story contest

UTA Libraries encourages students, faculty, and staff to share their creativity and insight in [Shifting Perspectives: A Short Story Diversity Contest](#). Write a fiction story on how the shifting of perspectives has allowed for a more inclusive and equitable viewpoint. The top prize is a \$500 gift card. Submissions are due by **Sunday, April 18**. Winners will be announced **Friday, May 21**, on World Diversity Day.

UTA is Offering Additional Financial Help to Students in Need

UTA plans to provide HEERF II Emergency Grants of \$1,000 for full-time students and \$500 for part-time students who meet federal eligibility criteria, and \$600 for full-time Accelerated Online students and \$300 for part-time Accelerated Online students. You can apply for this grant by logging into your MyMav account, clicking the 'MyForms' tile located on the UTA Student Homepage, and then clicking on the 'Fill Out a New Form' button. Students may apply for assistance through [UTA's Emergency Assistance Fund](#). Please visit our [HEERF II Frequently Asked Questions page](#) for more information.

PAT BRANDENBURG SCHOLARSHIP IN LATINO STUDIES
IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

\$1,500

Requirements:

- Have completed 1 MALS/MAS course with a "B" or higher
- Will enroll in at least 9 hours of coursework in Fall 2021
- Submit a one-page application statement. No recommendation letters needed.

APPLY ONLINE
UTA.ACADEMICWORKS.COM

DEADLINE:
APRIL 9TH, 2021

Contact Information:
Cristina Salinas, Ph.D.
Assistant Director
Center for Mexican American Studies
csalinas@uta.edu

PAT BRANDENBURG SCHOLARSHIP FOR MALS MINORS

\$1,500

Requirements:

- Have declared a Minor in Mexican American Studies (MAS)
- Have completed 1 MALS/MAS course with a "B" or higher
- Will enroll in at least 9 hours of coursework in Fall 2021
- Submit a one-page application statement. No recommendation letters needed.

APPLY ONLINE
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DEADLINE:
APRIL 9TH, 2021

Contact Information:
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Find your summer at Camp Fort Worth—apply today to be a Camp Leader!

Apply to be a Camp Leader or Literacy Support Specialists at Camp Fort Worth.

Camp Leader Qualifications:

- Be 18 or older (Age 17 if a high school graduate)
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Have 6 months of training/experience from volunteering, an internship, or observation work, leading programs for children ages 5-13 in a recreational or educational environment
- Display working knowledge of arts, crafts, games, and a variety of sports
- Candidates should be motivated, creative, energetic, flexible, show initiative and display good decision making skills

Literacy Support Specialists (LSS) Qualifications:

- High School Diploma or GED, degree preferred, and six (6) months teaching experience in specialty area (reading instruction, early learning, elementary education)

Additional Information:

- These positions are seasonal positions with no benefits.
- Camp Leader salary is \$11 - \$12 per hour, depending on years of experience, up to 40 hours per week.
- Literacy Support Specialist salary is \$25 an hour up to 20 hours per week.
- Camp runs 6 weeks and is offered between 7:00 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Both positions must commit to working the entire 6 week program.
- Attendance at orientation is required and will be held one week before the start of camp.

Hiring Fairs

Camp Leader Interviews

Wednesday, March 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Symphony Community Center
2505 E. Rosedale St., 76105

Saturday, April 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Victory Forest Community Center
3427 Hemphill St., 76110

Friday, April 30, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Victory Forest Community Center
3427 Hemphill St., 76110

LSS Interviews

Saturday, March 20, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Victory Forest Community Center
3427 Hemphill St., 76110

Apply online before the hiring fair:
[careers.fortworthtexas.gov](#)



RESEARCH



[Student Research Opportunity Center](#)

[Social Work Course Guides](#)

RESEARCH TUTORING CENTER

DROP-IN SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Calling all students enrolled in SOCW 3308 or 5308! Are you struggling with your research class? Tutors are here to help! Log in through Microsoft Teams to receive assistance.

JOIN IN THURSDAYS FROM 2-7PM. LOG IN HERE.

Unable to drop in during the designated time? No problem! Submit your questions [here](#).



STAY SAFE

UTA continues protocols to protect campus community

In the interest of the health and safety of our community, UTA's current COVID-19 protocols and guidance will remain in effect through May 31, at which point they will be reassessed. This decision has been made after review of the latest Governor's Executive Order, which goes in effect Wednesday, March 10, and its direction that higher education institutions are to follow the most recent guidance issued by the Texas Education Agency. Read the [announcement](#).

Dean Ryan's [Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities](#)

[UTA's COVID Vaccine Resource Page](#)

If you believe you have contracted COVID19, please type in 'COVID-19 Testing' and your zip code into the Texas Health and Human Services to [find a testing location closest to you](#)

Did you know? Any Texas resident can register for a Covid vaccine in any Texas County! Sign up in Tarrant County [HERE](#) or Dallas county [HERE](#).

Have you tested positive?
Had close contact with someone with Covid?

1. **Complete [mandatory reporting form](#)**
2. If needed, you can:

- Ask professors for deadline leniency
- Contact your [USL](#), Program Director and/or Academic Advisor for additional support and guidance.



Face Covering Protocol:

To create the safest possible environment on campus, UTA implemented a mandatory face-covering protocol, effective until further notice. For more information, click [here](#).

MANAGING STRESS AND ANXIETY DURING COVID-19

UTA COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

THERAPIST ASSISTED ONLINE (TAO)

Visit [TAOconnect.org](#)



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[UTA Academic Calendar](#)

[Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide](#)



Check Canvas
for the MavsUnite Page!
To add please e-mail:
[Chantinia Chansler](#)

[SAR Center](#)

(Formerly Office of Students with
Disabilities)



Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Tarrant County
will be distributing meals, food and snacks
Curbside meal distribution will occur Monday - Friday 4:00-5:30pm

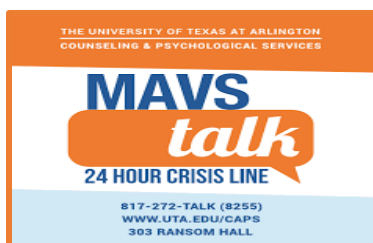
Distribution Locations

Eastside Branch 4851 Ramsey Ave Fort Worth, TX 76105	Main Branch 608 North Elm St. Arlington, TX 76011
Martin Branch 3123 Avenue G Fort Worth, TX 76105	NW Branch 2000 Ellis Ave Fort Worth, TX 76164
Panther Branch 1500 Hemphill Fort Worth, TX 76104	

All Are Welcome!
• Meals available to any child ages 18 years or younger (membership not required)
• Meals will be distributed as long as food supplies last
• Each can is eligible to receive individually packaged meals and snacks as available to the organization
• Weekly at-home learning resources provided with each meal

Contact Us!
For more information or questions contact:
LaToya Greyer
Lgreyer@ggcgc.org

First Come, First Served!



[UTA Library Accessibility](#)

[On-Demand & Live Fitness Classes](#)



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Webinar Library

Isabella Hong, an MSW Alum, graciously compiled a list of webinar resources and a video going over the basic functioning of Teams to any who may need assistance. Special thanks to Jose B. Yerena, LCPAA, who has taken over updating the list on a weekly basis! **Please note that it is necessary to ask your supervisor permission for these to count towards any required field hours.**

[MSW Specialties](#)

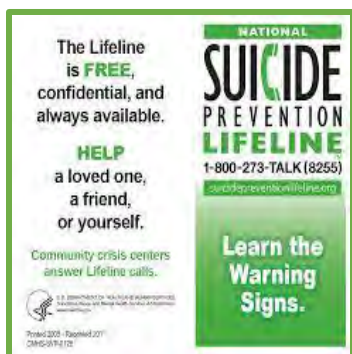
[Social Work Webinars List](#)

[Basic Function of Teams](#)



Rental Assistance Program

The [Tarrant County Rental Assistance Program](#) assists residents who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more details, email renthelp@tarrantcounty.com or call [817-850-7940](tel:817-850-7940).



Emergency Assistance Fund

UTA students with a temporary financial hardship resulting from a sudden emergency [may apply for financial help](#).

[Get Microsoft 365, The Wall Street Journal and Other Apps FREE with your student email!](#)

How to gain access to SSW writing resources: [Advising & Student Success Canvas](#)

[UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry Distributions](#)

Currently distributing groceries on Thursdays only, from 9-11:45 a.m. and 2-4:45 p.m. To receive these grocery bags you must send an email to utafoodpantry@gmail.com to request a pickup time. Include student name, last four digits of UTA ID, requested grocery pickup time, choice of vegetarian, chicken, or any meat groceries.

If you have any questions or content suggestion for the newsletter, please contact Meghan Sheridan: mls9929@mavs.uta.edu



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*"Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the
chance to work hard at work worth doing."*

- Theodore Roosevelt

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