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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

December 9, 2023

College of Arts and Humanities

College of Business and Social Sciences

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

College of Professional Studies



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# HISTORICAL SKETCH OF WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY



West Virginia State University was founded under the provisions of the Second Morrill Act of 1890 to provide education to black citizens in agriculture and the mechanical arts. Like many other states at that time, West Virginia maintained a segregated education system. On March 17, 1891, the West Virginia Legislature passed a bill creating the West Virginia Colored Institute to be located in the Kanawha Valley. Federal funds provided \$3,000 for faculty salaries and the West Virginia Legislature appropriated \$10,000 to purchase land and to construct a building. We now celebrate that as the official “Founders Day” of West Virginia State University.

In 1915, the school became known as West Virginia Collegiate Institute and began offering college degrees. Under the leadership of President John W. Davis, academic programs were expanded and new buildings were constructed. In 1927, the Institute received accreditation from the North Central Association and in 1929 it became West Virginia State College.

After the 1954 United States Supreme Court historic decision outlawing school segregation, West Virginia State College became an integrated institution serving a predominately white, adult, commuter student population. At that time, land-grant status was lost due to a decision of the West Virginia Board of Education; West Virginia State College was the only 1890 land-grant institution to lose that status. The College regained land-grant status in 2001, by an act of Congress.

With reinstatement of its 1890 land-grant status, and accompanying federal funding, West Virginia State College strengthened its mission of teaching, research and service to the community. The first graduate degree programs began in fall 2003. With the passage of Senate Bill 448 during the 2004 legislative session, the Institution became West Virginia State University.

From a modest beginning, West Virginia State University has emerged into a multipurpose institution serving a diverse student body. From a small tract of land and one building, the University has developed into a multimillion-dollar education system.

## *What is West Virginia State University?*

It is all of us who believe in it – who absent or present, work in it and wish it well. It is an exponent of trust which sweeps aside the petty jealousies of men and all propagandic proposals which would minimize or depreciate personality. It is an institution containing faults and defects which challenge the constructive efforts of students, teachers, officers, and graduates. It is incomplete and desires to remain so, to be in an advantageous position for changing life situations.

It is spirit; it cannot be touched by hand; it is based upon communions between the living and those who though dead yet live in immortality made practical through enlistment in the college program, which of necessity requires eternity for completion. What is the university? You and those graduates ahead of you are the university.

paraphrased from John W. Davis  
Fifth President, West Virginia State College, 1932





# Commencement Ceremony

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WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
COMMENCEMENT  
ORDER OF EXERCISES



PRELUDE ..... Classical Selections

PROCESSIONAL ..... Pomp and Circumstance

MARCHING ORDER

- Grand Marshal
- President and Deans
- Platform Party
- College Flag Bearers
- Faculty and Administrators
- Candidates for Degrees

POSTING OF THE COLORS ..... Yellow Jacket Battalion Color Guard  
United States Army ROTC

NATIONAL ANTHEM ..... WVSU Concert Choir  
Josh O’Dell, Director

INVOCATION ..... Clinton Arnold  
Executive Pastor, Abundant Life Ministries

GREETINGS FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ..... Dr. Lateef Saffore  
Member, West Virginia State University Board of Governors

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER ..... Dr. J. Paige Carney  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS ..... Karen Williams  
Retired Educator, Social Justice and Voting Rights Activist

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE ..... Ericke S. Cage, J.D., LL.M.  
President

MUSICAL SELECTION ..... *My Home Among the Hills* ..... WVSU Concert Choir  
Savannah Russell, Director





**CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

Candidates for the Degree of Master of Arts, Education,  
Public Administration and Sciences. . . . . Dr. Robert M. Wallace  
Dean, College of Arts and Humanities

Ericke S. Cage, J.D., LL.M.  
President

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts and Sciences . . . . . Deborah Williams  
Dean, College of Business and Social Sciences

Ericke S. Cage, J.D., LL.M.  
President

*The University Registrar, Roy Simmons, announces the names of the graduates,  
during the conferring of degrees by President Cage.*

REMARKS . . . . . Ericke S. Cage, J.D., LL.M.  
President

MUSICAL SELECTION . . . . . *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. . . . . Kiana Dyess

ALUMNI PLEDGE . . . . . Dr. Lateef Saffore  
President, WVSU National Alumni Association

ALMA MATER. . . . . Caitlyn Taylor and Michael Thompson

CLOSING REMARKS . . . . . Dr. J. Paige Carney  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

BENEDICTION . . . . . Clinton Arnold  
Executive Pastor, Abundant Life Ministries

RECESSIONAL . . . . . Grand March

*Please remain seated while the graduates recess.*

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER KAREN WILLIAMS



Karen Williams is a retired educator, social justice and women's right to vote activist, board member and community volunteer.

Since 1975, Williams has been an educator committed to helping children of all ages learn to read and succeed. Her love and commitment to helping children do their best started when she became a teacher at Glenwood Elementary School. From 1975 she held numerous positions from Classroom Teacher, Title 1 Parent Educator, Alternative School Lead Teacher/ Administrator, Kanawha County Schools Personnel Coordinator, to becoming Head Start Director in 2004. She also taught 10 years as an instructor at West Virginia State University in the ROTC, English, and Education Departments. For 40 years, Williams has been a powerful

and caring teacher who has touched the lives of many young people in helping and guiding them to love reading and education. She recently returned to work managing The Health Resource Service Administration Grant for the Our Future West Virginia, Partnership of African American Churches and is currently the Coordinator for the East End Resource Division's Senior Citizen's Program.

Williams love of activism came very early in her life. For years, Williams has led campaigns for social justice and women's right to vote. She has organized rallies, caravans and spoke to young people, and adults about the importance of registering to vote. Her passion for equal economic, political, and social justice is recognized in word and deed. She will serve her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., as the West Virginia State Cluster Co-Chair of Connection and Social Action. She was recently awarded the 2023 YWCA Women of Achievement Award and the 2023 Governor's Civil Rights Award for Advancing Civil Rights Through Advocacy for her work in the community.

Williams is a member of Simpson Memorial United Methodist Church, the Charleston-Institute (WV) Chapter of the Links, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Gamma Chi Omega Chapter, Poor People's Campaign, Rise Up WV, NAACP, Black Voter Impact Initiative, The Democratic Women, Tuesday Morning Group, WV Panhellenic Council, and the Charleston Light Opera Guild. She has also served on numerous boards and committees, giving her time and resources to serving others in our community.

She is the wife of 47 years to her college sweetheart and travel partner, John Williams, mother of adult children Janelle Williams, Jocelyn and Johnny. She is most pleased to be the grandmother of her three-year-old grandson, Bryson.

## WVSU ALUMNI PLEDGE

To join hands with other alumni in perpetuating the ideals of West Virginia State University, nurturing its growth and promoting its programs, to serve with honor in my chosen profession, and to make myself a symbol of the best traditions of West Virginia State University – this is my commission and my challenge.

## THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION



The Academic Procession is composed of administrators, honored guests, faculty, graduates and the University Board of Governors. This procession is led by a marshal who seats the graduates, faculty and platform guests. Faculty members wear costumes that had their origin in the Medieval English University system. The costumes were devised to distinguish academic persons from lay persons, since everyone wore robes or gowns to ward off the cold. The recession is in reverse order, with the platform guests leaving the dais first, followed by the faculty and the graduates.

The colors of the academic dress have a significance deeply rooted in the tradition of academic life and are specified by a uniformed code maintained by the American Council on Education. Caps are black and are usually mortar boards with tassels. Doctors of Philosophy wear gold tassels, usually of metallic thread; other degrees wear black or discipline colors.

The bachelor's gown is simple and black with long, pointed sleeves. Master's gowns, also black, are longer than bachelors. Older gowns have sleeves that terminate at the elbow, while those since 1960 have sleeves extended to the wrist. Doctor's gowns are full, with bell-like sleeves. The front is marked by velvet panels, and the sleeves are marked by three velvet bars. While most gowns are black with black velvet, one variation is to replace black velvet with velvet in the discipline color. A second variation is a colored gown, usually of the university's colors.

All hoods specify the level of degree, the discipline studied, and the awarding institution. First, degree level is signified by the size of the hood with bachelor's smallest, master's larger and doctor's quite large and of a different shape. West Virginia State University does not award hoods for bachelors' degrees. The width of the velvet trim also conveys the degree. Secondly, the discipline is indicated by the color of the trim edging the hood to form the throat over the gown. Finally, the color of the hood's lining specifies the awarding institution. The colors are displayed in combinations that are drawn from heraldry.

The colors of the tassels worn by candidates for bachelor's degrees represent the fields of study in which the degrees will be conferred. At West Virginia State University, the following colors of tassels and hoods are used to designate the various degrees:

### TASSELS

- Bachelor of Arts - White
- Bachelor of Fine Arts - Brown
- Bachelor of Science - Yellow
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration - Drab
- Bachelor of Science in Communications - Yellow
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice - Royal Blue
- Bachelor of Science in Education - Light Blue
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing - Apricot
- Bachelor of Science in Social Work - Citron

### HOODS

- Master of Arts in Media Studies - White
- Master of Arts/Science in Biotechnology - Yellow
- Master of Education in Instructional Leadership - Light Blue
- Master of Public Administration - Peacock Blue
- Master of Science in Computer Science - Yellow
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration - Midnight Royal
- Master of Science in Sport Studies - Sage

## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES



### COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES

#### *Master of Arts in Media Studies*

Tanya Cheyanne Abbett  
Aleeshia Fiaunia Watson

### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

#### *Master of Public Administration*

Jacob Timothy Allen\*  
Austin Lewis Hatfield

### COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

#### *Master of Science in Biotechnology*

Ambika Bhattarai\*  
Kamal Chhetri\*  
Rachana Pandey\*  
Alicia Guadalupe Talavera Caro\*

#### *Master of Science in Computer Science*

Manthena Shravan Kumar  
Samuel A. Temesgen

### COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

#### *Master of Education in Instructional Leadership*

Ryan Wilson Colaw  
Mariah ReAnn Goldizen\*  
Crystal Michele Huffman-Warner\*  
Chase Gannon Jarrell\*  
Alexander Joseph Keiffer\*  
Kristie Dawn Keiffer\*  
Andrew Ross Kinkead  
Brittany Leigh Lowe\*  
Lindsay Beth Lucas\*  
Amy Michelle Mitchell\*  
Jacqueline Lynn Propst\*  
Laura Ann Schuyleman\*  
Erika Leeann Shannon  
Darin Michael Sigmon\*  
Ryan Michael VanMeter  
Chloe' Jonee White\*

#### *Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration*

Bradford Scott Burner\*  
Keisha M. Johnson  
Brandon Michael Oiler\*  
Seth Addison Stout\*

#### *Master of Science in Sport Studies*

Taylor Brooke Bonnett  
Kalia M. Cunningham\*  
Kris E. Kern\*  
Jordan Javon McCormick\*  
Fred Quigley  
Turan De'Angelo Rush  
Emma Angela Ruth\*  
Matthew Tyler Stonestreet\*  
Brookelyn Ciara Walker\*

### COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES

#### *Bachelor of Arts in Art*

Emily LouAnn Asbury  
Chelsea Lynn Carrier  
Joseph Ryan Hayslette

#### *Bachelor of Arts in English*

James Elton Barrentine, III  
Kasey Erin Lineberg  
Sarah Elizabeth Rogers  
AnDréa Smith

#### *Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies*

Marcellus Hughes-Brewster  
Maryam Mostafa Rawash

#### *Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music Performance*

Caitlyn Anne Taylor  
Michael Andrew Thompson

#### *Bachelor of Science in Communications*

Dewey Preston Fletcher\*  
Garrett Walker Samples

#### *Regents Bachelor of Arts*

Joanie Crystal Bender\*  
Derek Charles Blunden  
Erin Edwina Brown  
Jacob L. Dempsey\*  
Gwendolyn Deskins  
Carmella Jean Gore  
Hannah Greer Grubb  
Angel Paige Mackey\*  
Brooke Kristin Marker  
Erin Elizabeth Martin  
Zedan Raul Martin  
Andrea Belle Miller  
Christopher Wayne Myres  
Joi Renae Oden  
Wanda Asokan Outlaw  
Heather Poole  
Blair Elizabeth Ruddle  
April Dawn Sigman  
Caleb Michael Woods

### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

#### *Bachelor of Arts in Political Science*

Kristiana Jade Fleeman  
Tevin T. Gordon  
Austin Gerencir McNeely\*  
Matthew Paul Wazelle\*

#### *Bachelor of Arts in Psychology*

Brooklyn Hope DeMoss  
Emmalysse Ann Neill  
Jayley Dawn Peters



## PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES



### *Bachelor of Science in Business Administration*

Gerald L. Anderson, II  
Joslyn Nancy Barnhart\*  
Lyndi Elaine Barr  
Anna Kristen Alexis Darby  
Michelle Victoria Darnell  
Matthew Steven Dolin\*  
Austin Cain Fisher  
Jace Dalton Fisher  
Katelyn Makena Gaddy\*  
Sumitra Ghale  
Laura Sofia Gil Sanchez  
Chad Thomas Holstine  
Chance Bailey Jones  
John Casey Kemplin  
Stephani Charisse Maynard  
Savanah Miller  
Blake Scott Newhouse  
Adam Kenneth Pennington  
Allison Marie Plants  
John Michael Pozega, II\*  
Elaina Maria Sowards  
Cloey Annabelle Toney\*  
Rhianna Delanyi Turturice\*  
Tuva Isabella Rut Wallin  
Stephanie Lynn Witt

### COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS

#### *Bachelor of Science in Biology*

Jourdyn R. Barrow\*  
Grace Craze  
Jafet Rivera Hernandez  
John William Thomas

#### *Bachelor of Science in Chemistry*

Abigail Lynn Blizzard

#### *Bachelor of Science in Computer Science*

David Michael Coleman\*

### *Bachelor of Science in Engineering*

Leonce Dylan Ali  
Riley Franklin Faber  
Danielle Nichole Jividen

### COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

#### *Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice*

Hosen Alkatrib\*  
Keirsten Shanae Campbell  
Kevin Oscar Cheers, II\*  
Ciara Rose Davis  
Zachary Alan Dorsey  
Charles Douglas Felder\*  
Sidney Lynn Foster  
Jordan Brooke Gill\*  
Jordan Nicole Goble\*  
James K. Harris, Jr.\*  
Jalil Isiah Hines  
Nieshia Letar Kornegay  
Jacob Charles Lucas\*  
Jonathan Paul Nester, Jr.  
Christian Lydell Thompson  
Preston Scott Tucker  
Ashlyn Grace Whittington  
Diamond'Nique Skylar Young  
Elizabeth Kay Young

#### *Bachelor of Science in Education*

Abigail Lynn Blizzard  
Sydney Elizabeth Brown  
Zachary Quinn Cochran  
Aaliyha Dawn Fennimore  
Ramona Oniga Jefferson  
Hanna Lee Johnson  
Faith Isabella Lovejoy  
Dylan Blake Luikart  
Jacob Andrew Massey  
Markahala Paige McCormick  
Alicia Mae Nutter  
Alicen McKenna Parsons  
Grace Polk Patton  
Kensley Taylor White

### *Bachelor of Science in Health Science*

Diana Loraine Birchfield\*  
Jeanette Williams Morgan\*  
Stacey Dawn Troyer

### *Bachelor of Science in Social Work*

Valerie Renee Boggess  
Kaitlyn Dawn Dillon  
Rebecca Grace Jackson  
Ceontaneshia Aguilera Kadazsha Knox  
Julia Dalaina Minor  
Tawni Raquel Staats  
Aaron Lee Vance  
Tammy Jean Vance

### *Bachelor of Science in Sport Studies*

Colin Dupree  
Anthony Michael Losito  
Joshua Glen Parsons\*  
Kiya Lachelle Thompson

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\* Denotes summer graduate

A name on the program does not assure that  
final degree requirements have been met.

## ACADEMIC HONORS



### **Cum Laude**

Candidates who have attained cumulative grade point averages between 3.25 and 3.49

### **Magna Cum Laude**

Candidates who have attained cumulative grade point averages between 3.50 and 3.74

### **Summa Cum Laude**

Candidates who have attained cumulative grade point averages of 3.75 and above

### **With Distinction**

Candidates, who are graduating with a second bachelor's degree, who have completed at least 30 hours beyond the first degree and have attained a grade point average of 3.5 and above in these additional hours

### **Graduating Seniors in Honor Societies**

To become a member in a University Honor Society, a student must have earned 30 hours toward his/her degree and must have met the society's specific requirements for eligibility.

Congratulations to the seniors listed for your commitment to academic excellence and thank you for the national and international recognition that you bring to West Virginia State University by your membership in these societies.

### ***Alpha Phi Sigma***

### ***National Criminal Justice Honor Society***

**Dr. Leighann Davidson, advisor**

**Dr. Cassandra Whyte, advisor**

Kevin O. Cheers

Jordan B. Gill

Keisha M. Johnson

### ***Delta Mu Delta***

### ***International Honor Society in Business***

**Dr. Alan R. Tillquist, advisor**

Allison Plants

### ***Kappa Delta Pi***

### ***International Honor Society in Education***

**Billie A. Hauser, advisor**

Sydney Elizabeth Brown

Aaliyha Dawn Fennimore

Ramona Oniga Jefferson

Faith Isabella Lovejoy

Alicen McKenna Parsons

Kensley Taylor White

### ***National Society of Leadership and Success***

**Dr. Christopher Jackson, advisor**

**Jaleesa Nunez, advisor**

James Elton Barrentine, III

Joanie Crystal Bender

Diana Loraine Birchfield

Bradford Scott Burner

Kevin Oscar Cheers, II

David Michael Coleman

Kalia M. Cunningham

Ciara Rose Davis

Zachary Alan Dorsey

Aaliyha Dawn Fennimore

Dewey Preston Fletcher

Joseph Ryan Hayslette

Jalil Isiah Hines

Ramona Oniga Jefferson

Keisha M. Johnson

Chance Bailey Jones

Alexander Joseph Keiffer

Kasey Erin Lineberg

Faith Isabella Lovejoy

Lindsay Beth Lucas

Dylan Blake Luikart

Stephani Charisse Maynard

Zedan Raul Martin

Austin Gerencir McNeely

Julia Dalaina Minor

Jeanette Williams Morgan

Alicen McKenna Parsons

Adam Kenneth Pennington

Bradley Guy Plantin

Allison Marie Plants

Jacqueline Lynn Propst

Maryam Mostafa Rawash

Laura Ann Schuyleman

AnDréa Smith

Tawni Raquel Staats

Christian Lydell Thompson

Brookelyn Ciara Walker

### ***Phi Alpha***

### ***National Social Work Honor Society***

**Lena Lambert, advisor**

Aaron Vance

Tammy Vance

### ***Psi Chi***

### ***International Honor Society in Psychology***

**Dr. Paula McCoy, advisor**

Emer Carrington

Brooklyn Demoss

### ***WVSU Honors Program***

**Dr. Timothy Ruhnke, advisor**

Grace Craze

## THE MACE



The Academic Mace precedes the entire procession and is carried by the Grand Marshal. The mace is a symbol of authority and its placement and removal from a place of honor signifies the opening and closing of ceremonial sessions. The mace had its origin in the Middle Ages, being used first as a weapon by royal bodyguards to protect their monarchs in processions. Today, the mace is primarily used in academic ceremonies including commencements.

The original mace used by West Virginia State University had historical significance in that it was created from a spindle used in the staircase of West Hall, the second building erected on the campus, in 1895. This mace was restored by James Huffman when he was the assistant director of Admissions at the University, and has since been retired from usage.

The mace being used today was created by Seth Davidson, class of 2005, and Mike Cunningham of Cardinal Creek. The mace was hand turned on a lathe and is made from solid walnut sourced in West Virginia. It is engraved with the names West Virginia State University has been known by since its founding in 1891. The mace is topped with a solid brass medallion that is the great seal of West Virginia State University and features the university's motto Veritas Lux Mundi, or "Truth is the Light of the World."

## COLLEGE BANNERS



West Virginia State University students will proceed to their respective places behind gonfalons. Gonfalons are flags or banners hung from crosspieces on poles, used since medieval times in the republics of Italy as symbols of state or office. Universities and colleges around the world have adopted gonfalons to increase the ceremonial nature of commencement exercises.

This new tradition associated with commencement symbolizes the accomplishments of the graduates whom we honor on this occasion and the University's commitment to their success.

Four gonfalons of the old gold with black lettering will be carried by two faculty members from each College: the College of Arts and Humanities; the College of Business and Social Sciences; the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and the College of Professional Studies.

### **Banner Carriers**

#### ***College of Arts and Humanities***

Dr. Reidun Ovebo

Dr. Lan Wang

#### ***College of Business and Social Sciences***

Dr. Frehot Hailou

Dr. Derek Taylor

#### ***College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics***

Dr. Eyas Mahmoud

Dr. Xiahong Zhang

#### ***College of Professional Studies***

Jay Canterbury

Lena Lambert

### ***Grand Marshal***

Dr. J. Paige Carney

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

### ***Faculty Marshals***

Josh Martin

Patricia Wilson

### ***Stage Marshals***

Dr. Leighann Davidson

Dr. Walter Stroupe

### ***Student Marshals***

Debbie Anderson-Conliffe

Patricia King

### ***Sign Language Interpreters***

Jasmin Neely

Ashley Turley



## THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Francis Scott Key

*Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we bailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thru the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

## LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

J. Rosamand Johnson, composer, and James Weldon Johnson, lyrics

*Lift every voice and sing, till earth and Heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.*

## ALMA MATER

Ernest Wade '30, Martha Spencer '31

*There is a place we love so dear—  
Its name we'll ever praise and revere  
'Tis West Virginia State we love—  
Just one more step from there is Heav'n above.*

### REFRAIN

*West Virginia's praise we'll sing—  
Lift our voices 'til heavens ring—  
As we gaily march along—  
We'll sing a song—  
For Alma Mater  
How we love her  
Pride of all our loyal hearts—  
From her we will never part—  
Thoughts of thee will ne'er be few  
Alma Mater we love you.*



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