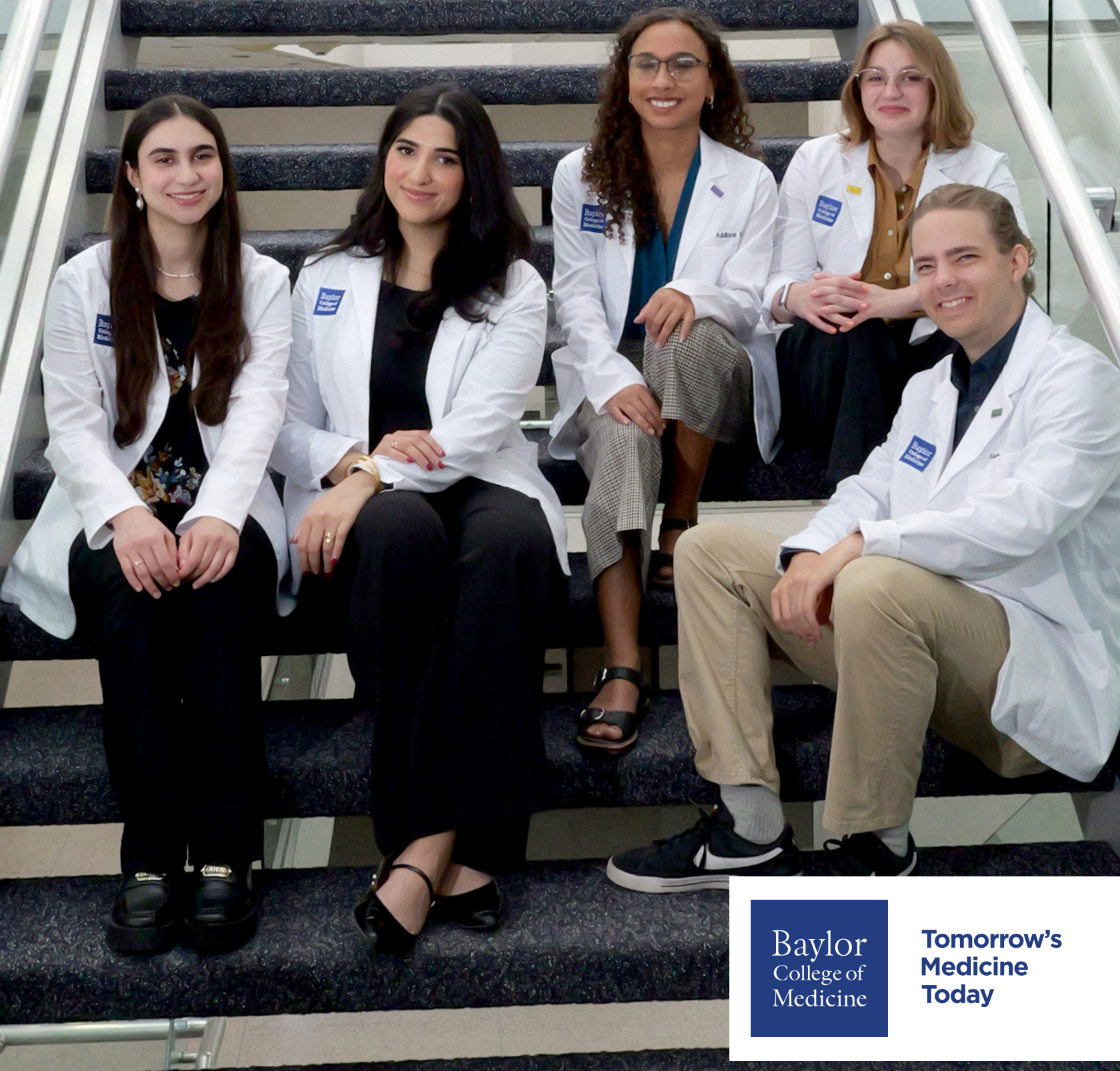


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# With Gratitude

## **Dear Supporters and Friends of Baylor College of Medicine:**

Thank you for making 2025 another incredible year in improving patient care, training tomorrow's leaders in medicine, launching exciting new research and connecting our community to key health initiatives. Together, we celebrated Baylor milestones including the 125th anniversary of our founding and the topping out of the new Lillie and Roy Cullen Tower.

I am pleased to share the 2025 EMPOWER Donor Impact Report and the outstanding accomplishments that you made possible. Because of you, in fiscal year 2025, Baylor raised over \$112.5 million to fund efforts across all our mission areas. Some highlights in this year's report include advancing the work of the departments of Ophthalmology and Dermatology, pioneering new technologies and therapies through the Baylor Innovation Institute, forming new collaborations across Texas to increase STEM+M training and recognizing excellence through donor-funded faculty awards.

It has been an honor to meet many of you and welcome many more supporters during the last 15 years that I have served the Baylor community. Several of the initiatives I pushed forward at Baylor were funded by your generosity, and I remain grateful for the trust you've placed in me and your ongoing support. Together, we have shaped the course of Baylor's future, and I am confident that the Institution will continue to thrive because of what we have built.

As the new year begins, I am honored by your commitment to Baylor and those we serve. Thank you for helping us advance tomorrow's medicine today.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Klotman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**Paul Klotman, M.D.**  
*President & CEO*  
*Executive Dean*

## A Cornerstone of Commitment



*"Giving to a great institution allows you to make a lasting impact while finding real satisfaction in supporting meaningful work."*

— Marc Shapiro



# Jeri and Marc Shapiro, three decades of service and support

For more than 30 years, Jeri and Marc Shapiro have been deeply committed to Baylor College of Medicine, blending personal philanthropy with steadfast volunteer leadership to advance the Institution's mission of excellence in research, education and patient care.

Mr. Shapiro's journey with Baylor began in the late 1980s when he joined the Board of Trustees. As a Houstonian, he recognized Baylor as the foundation of the city's intellectual and medical landscape.

"I felt that Baylor was a cornerstone institution for Houston," he said. "Supporting Baylor was both a way to give back to my community and an opportunity to learn from a completely different part of the world than my own career."

Over the years, his admiration for the Institution's work only deepened. Baylor's leadership in basic research, particularly in the Texas Medical Center, and its commitment to innovative medicine, convinced him that supporting Baylor was both impactful and essential.

Some of the Shapiros' earliest gifts supported Baylor's clinical efforts, and that initial support marked the beginning of a lifelong commitment. Together, they have since made transformative gifts, including recent support for the new Lillie and Roy Cullen Tower, which will house the School of Medicine and the School of Health Professions.

"The critical nature of this new building was apparent to both of us," Mr. Shapiro said. "We wanted to be at the forefront of supporting it and helping Baylor prepare the next generation of medical leaders."

Beyond financial contributions, Mr. Shapiro has devoted countless hours to service, holding roles from Trustee, Board of Advisors, Board Chair and now Life Trustee. Personal experience has also shaped his dedication and knowing that Baylor can recruit nationally recognized physicians provides

reassurance to the Shapiros as they consider the future.

"Having access to such exceptional care, if needed, gives you confidence," he said. "It makes supporting Baylor even more personal and compelling."

Mrs. Shapiro agrees, noting that Baylor's reach extends beyond its walls. "When you see the difference Baylor physicians and researchers make in people's lives, it's deeply moving," she said. "Supporting that kind of excellence gives real purpose to our giving."

Looking ahead, Mr. Shapiro is inspired by Baylor's trajectory.

"This institution has led breakthroughs in heart surgery, cancer treatments, transplant medicine and genomics," he said. "Building on this legacy of innovation, the next decades could be the most remarkable in Baylor's history."

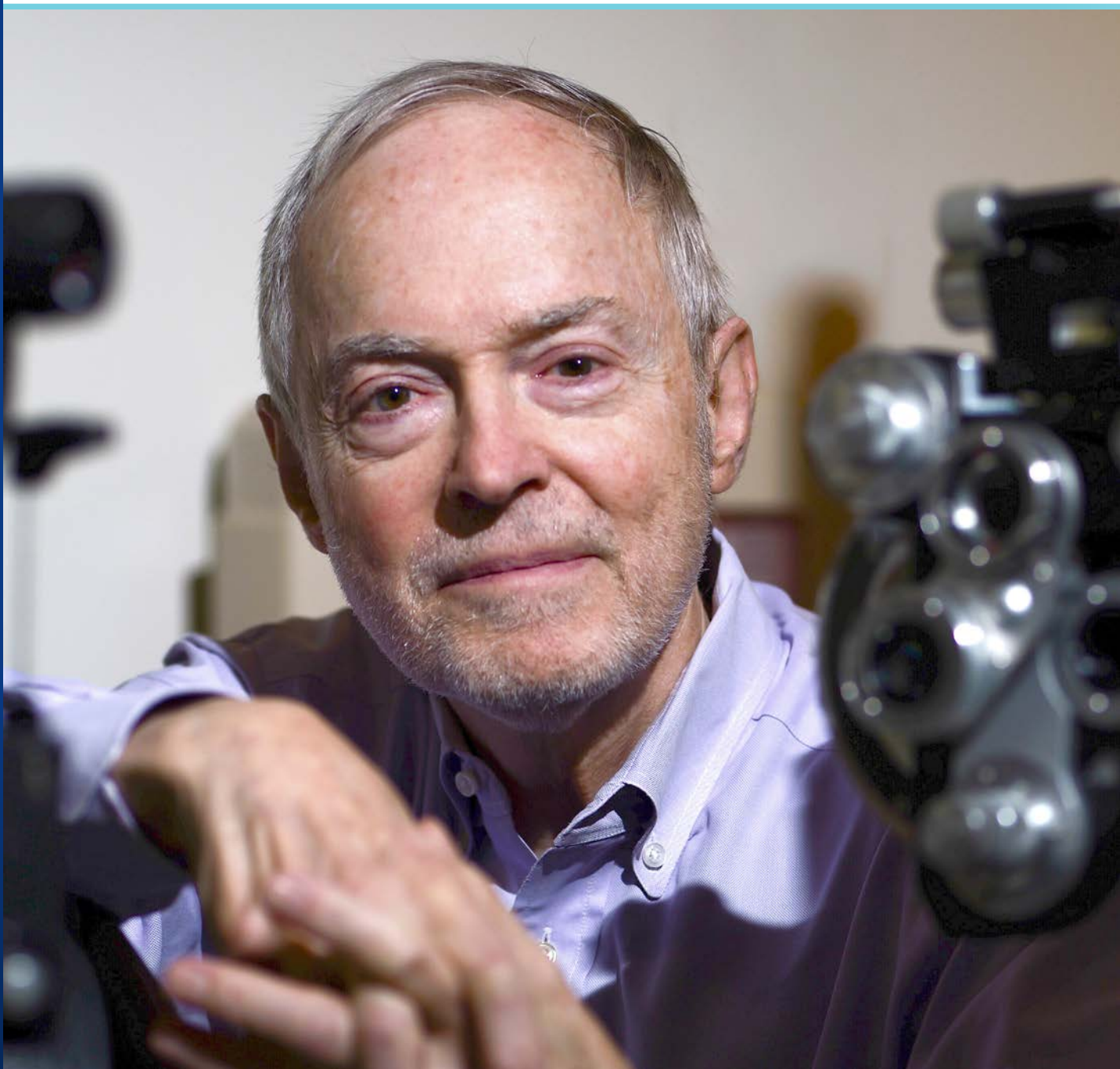
For those considering their first gift, Mr. Shapiro offers a simple, yet powerful perspective.

"Giving to a great institution allows you to make a lasting impact while finding real satisfaction in supporting meaningful work."

Serving Baylor over the years has been, for Mr. Shapiro, not just a responsibility but one of the most fulfilling parts of his life. His decades of leadership, coupled with his and Mrs. Shapiro's advocacy and philanthropy, reflect both their personal dedication and their belief in Baylor's power to transform medicine, science and education. It's a legacy that continues to shape Baylor today and inspire those who will inevitably follow in their footsteps.

Reflecting on their shared journey, Mrs. Shapiro added, "We've grown alongside Baylor in so many ways. Supporting Baylor has given us immense pride and joy—it's been a true privilege to play even a small part in something that touches so many lives."

## Envisioning a New Future for Eye Health



*"Our goal is not only to treat eye disease today, but to redefine what's possible for tomorrow. This gift helps to make that future attainable."*

— Douglas Koch, M.D

# The transformative impact of philanthropy

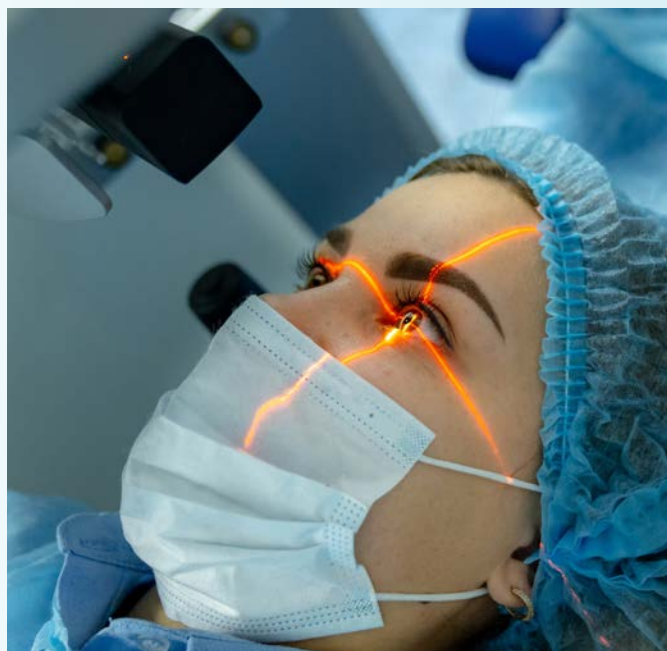
Vision is one of life's most precious gifts—allowing us to connect with loved ones, navigate the world and experience its beauty. Yet for millions, eye diseases such as cataracts, glaucoma and retinal disorders threaten that gift.

Thanks to the thoughtful generosity of an anonymous donor who would like to share the incredible impact of their gift, Baylor College of Medicine is making remarkable strides toward a future where these conditions no longer dictate one's quality of life.

With an initial gift of \$10 million and an additional \$6 million investment in 2025, this donor has empowered Douglas Koch, M.D., and his team in the Department of Ophthalmology to accelerate groundbreaking research, expand clinical impact and train the next generation of physician-scientists. Rooted in a trusted relationship spanning more than 50 years of philanthropic partnership, this gift reflects a deep and enduring belief in Baylor's mission and in Dr. Koch's visionary leadership.

"This generous financial support plays a pivotal role in our research to create better outcomes for patients," said Dr. Koch, professor and Allen, Mosbacher, and Law Chair in Ophthalmology. "It has also provided us with the opportunity to train physician-scientists whom we anticipate will become leaders in our field."

With Dr. Koch's leadership, his team has cultivated a dynamic and collaborative environment where innovation flourishes. This transformational support has enabled Dr. Koch's lab to broaden its research capacity, recruit top-tier faculty, launch promising new initiatives in his team's already extensive research in cataract surgery and explore new areas of focus, such as corneal disease and glaucoma—



conditions that often progress silently until irreversible damage occurs.

This enduring partnership beautifully illustrates how philanthropy can reshape the future of vision care and treatment. It's not only advancing scientific discovery—it's shaping lives, empowering future leaders in ophthalmology and revolutionizing the landscape of patient care. Because of this support, Baylor is one step closer to a world where no one has to face the fear of losing their sight.

"Our goal is not only to treat eye disease today, but to redefine what's possible for tomorrow. This gift helps to make that future attainable," said Dr. Koch.

Together, we are turning vision into possibility and giving countless individuals the chance to see a clearer, brighter tomorrow.



# Supporting Students' Educational and Professional Dreams

Frankel Family Foundation gifts five medical school students with full tuition



Scholarship recipients from left to right: Jenna Zamil, Annabel Langan, Anisa Abdulhussein, Addison Saley and Kade Johnson.

Through the generosity of the Frankel Family Foundation in 2025, five Baylor College of Medicine School of Medicine students have received scholarships covering their full tuition, including fees and health insurance. For these five brilliant young minds from the Houston area, the Frankel Family Foundation Scholarship has not only opened a door but significantly eased the journey these students will undertake, greatly lessening the financial burdens associated with their academic pursuits. It's a profound act of generosity—because while we can estimate the financial return, the true impact on these students' lives and the

countless patients they'll one day care for is beyond measure. The Foundation's support will provide stable footing for these students to reach their educational and professional dreams.

"The Frankel Family Foundation is proud to help aspiring physicians receive the medical skills necessary to excel at the profession they have chosen to pursue," Russell M. Frankel said. "We hope they remain in Houston to serve our community after their training is completed; however, we are confident these individuals will make a meaningful contribution wherever they choose to practice."



Russell M. Frankel

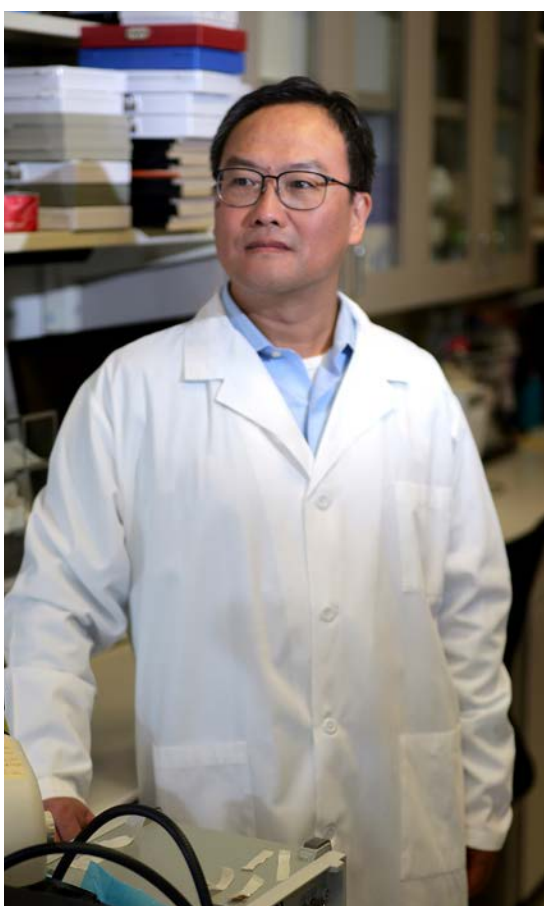
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Baylor Board of Advisors Member Harry Yan and his wife, Weiman Gao.



Xiang "Shawn" Zhang, Ph.D.

## Bringing New Therapeutics to Market

### Support from the Yans is advancing innovative cancer detection and treatment

At Baylor College of Medicine, generous gifts from recently appointed Board of Advisor Member Harry Yan and his wife, Weiman Gao, are fueling bold innovations in cancer research and treatment. Their support is enabling Xiang "Shawn" Zhang, Ph.D., director of the Lester and Sue Smith Breast Center, to explore peptides—short chains of amino acids—as promising cancer markers and drug targets. This research could lead to earlier detection, new vaccines and more personalized therapies for patients.

Through collaboration with Baylor's Innovation Institute, led by Chief Scientific Innovation Officer Joe Petrosino, Ph.D., faculty like Dr. Zhang can gain assistance translating their discoveries into commercial applications. Thanks to the Yans' investment in both Dr. Zhang's work and the Innovation Institute, peptide-based breakthroughs may soon reach patients, offering new hope in the fight against cancer.

"We're honored to support research that could lead to earlier cancer detection and better treatments and bring potential new therapeutics to market," Mr. Yan said. "Baylor's innovative work gives us hope—and we're proud to help move these discoveries closer to patients."





A seventh-grade student experiencing hands-on learning through Midland ISD's STEM+M pathway.

## Sparking Curiosity for Careers in Health and Science

### Scharbauer Foundation fuels STEM+M pathways for Midland students

Thanks to a generous grant from the Scharbauer Foundation, Baylor College of Medicine's Center for Educational Outreach partnered with Midland Independent School District (MISD) in 2025 to launch a district-wide STEM+M (science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine) pathway. This innovative program is helping prepare middle and high school students for future careers in health and biomedical sciences through engaging, inquiry-based learning experiences that spark curiosity and build confidence in STEM+M fields.

Baylor faculty and educators from the Center work closely with MISD teachers, providing tailored

curriculum materials and ongoing professional development to ensure the program's success. The initiative expands Baylor's growing STEM+M network, already making a difference in Corpus Christi ISD, Stafford Municipal School District and Houston ISD.

"At the Scharbauer Foundation, we believe in the power of education to transform lives and communities," said Dan Hord, board member of the Scharbauer Foundation and member of the Baylor College of Medicine Board of Trustees. "We're proud to help open doors for students in West Texas to explore meaningful futures in science and medicine."

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— Dan Hord



# A Legacy That Lives On

## The Deters' enduring gift to medicine

The late Russell Deter II, M.D. '63, was a pioneering Baylor College of Medicine obstetrician-gynecologist, researcher and educator whose work helped shape modern prenatal care. His early advocacy for ultrasound technology and groundbreaking research in fetal imaging transformed how pregnancies are monitored, improving outcomes for mothers and babies worldwide.

Dr. Deter's legacy continues through a planned gift establishing the Russell L. Deter, M.D., and Susan Tipery Deter Endowed Chair in Fetal Imaging at Baylor College of Medicine. The chair, held by Joan Mastrobattista, M.D., professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Baylor, supports ongoing innovation in fetal imaging and honors Dr. Deter's lifelong commitment to science and education.

"He brought this research into the world, and he wanted it to keep going when he was gone," said his brother Dwight Deter, P.A. '76, PA-C Emeritus. "With an endowed chair, this research that he started can be supported and continued for many years."

Dr. Deter's humility, brilliance and passion for helping others live on through this enduring gift.



Russell Deter II, M.D. '63, and his late wife, Susan Tipery Deter.

# A Quarter Century of Support



*"The opportunity to contribute to the College's impactful and lifechanging work is deeply gratifying..."*

— Shauna Johnson Clark

## Norton Rose Fulbright's longstanding partnership with Baylor is advancing tomorrow's medicine today

For 25 years, global law firm Norton Rose Fulbright has supported Baylor College of Medicine through the Norton Rose Fulbright Faculty Excellence Award, which recognizes distinguished faculty for their exemplary contributions. Now, the firm is helping advance tomorrow's medicine today through its generous support of the President's Strategic Initiatives, which gives Baylor President, CEO and Executive Dean Paul Klotman, M.D., and future presidents the resources for Baylor's most critical needs and highest priorities.

"Norton Rose Fulbright is a proud partner of Baylor College of Medicine," said Shauna Johnson Clark, the firm's U.S. chair and head of employment and labor. "The lawyers at our firm, which helped establish the Texas Medical Center 80 years ago, devote their time and talent to aiding Baylor in its endeavor to improve health through science, scholarship and innovation."

"We are honored to continue our longstanding support," she said. "The opportunity to contribute to the College's impactful and life-changing work is deeply gratifying, and our partnership is a true source of pride for the firm."

## Champions for Change



*“Ruth and I want to ensure that others benefit from the enhanced research, education and treatments we found at Baylor College of Medicine. Their work in this field is world-class, and we are proud to support it.”*

— Nolan Ryan

Hear the Ryans' story at [give.bcm.edu/champions-for-change](https://give.bcm.edu/champions-for-change)



# Nolan Ryan Foundation invests in the fight against skin cancer

Few names carry the same weight in Texas as Nolan Ryan. Known to generations as a baseball legend, Mr. Ryan is also known today for his resilience off the field as a skin cancer survivor. Together with his wife, Ruth, he has transformed a personal challenge into a mission to help others. Through a generous \$2 million gift from the Nolan Ryan Foundation to Baylor College of Medicine, the Ryans are advancing research, education and prevention in skin cancer and melanoma.

The gift will be directed under the leadership of Ida F. Orengo, M.D., chair of the Department of Dermatology, who has dedicated her career to helping patients and families facing skin cancer. For Ruth and Nolan Ryan, supporting her work was not only an act of philanthropy but also an act of gratitude.

“Skin cancer is a personal battle we’ve faced, and we’re fortunate to have had Dr. Orengo’s expertise and care,” Mr. Ryan shared. “Ruth and I want to ensure that others benefit from the enhanced research, education and treatments we found at Baylor College of Medicine. Their work in this field is world-class, and we are proud to support it.”

For Dr. Orengo, the gift represents both responsibility and an opportunity.

“My gratitude to the Nolan Ryan Foundation is immeasurable,” she said. “My dream as a dermatologist has always been to make a tangible difference in the lives of my skin cancer patients and the broader community, and this partnership brings us closer to realizing that dream.”

The Ryan Foundation’s support will fuel several initiatives, including recruiting and retaining leading researchers, expanding education campaigns to promote prevention and early detection, advancing basic science studies that lead to new treatments and providing specialized training for future dermatologists and fellows.

These efforts come at a critical time when skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States. Melanoma, its deadliest form, claims thousands of lives each year, yet many of these cases are preventable.



**Dr. Ida F. Orengo brings expert dermatologic care at a free skin cancer screening event.**

“Raising awareness about melanoma and skin cancer isn’t just about education—it’s about empowerment,” Dr. Orengo emphasized. “The more people understand the risks and recognize the signs, the more lives can be saved.”

The Ryan Foundation’s investment ensures that Baylor College of Medicine will not only continue to lead in research and care but also extend its reach into communities where awareness and prevention can make all the difference.

For Ruth and Nolan Ryan, this gift is about creating a legacy that goes beyond baseball. It is about giving families across Texas and beyond a better chance at a healthier future. For Baylor College of Medicine, it is a reminder that when personal experience and philanthropy come together, remarkable changes are possible.

## Leading with Purpose, Giving with Heart



*"Everybody can do something beyond themselves. That's always been important to us, and we've tried to live it out as a family."*

— Ronda Brenneman



# The enduring impact of Ronda and Greg Brenneman

For more than a decade, Ronda and Greg Brenneman have been champions of Baylor College of Medicine—bringing generosity, vision and steadfast leadership to every endeavor. Their journey began in 2012, when Greg, encouraged by Houston leaders including Marc Shapiro, Drayton McLane and the late Bob McNair, joined Baylor’s Board of Trustees. What started as a call to serve has grown into a family mission: advancing Baylor’s excellence in patient care, education and research. Today, Greg serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees, guiding Baylor through one of the most transformative periods in its history.

For the Brennemens, philanthropy is far more than financial giving. It’s a way of life. It means investing time, energy and advocacy in the causes that matter.

“Everybody can do something beyond themselves,” Ronda shared. “That’s always been important to us, and we’ve tried to live it out as a family.”

Greg credits his great uncle as an early influence: a man who believed his life’s mission was to give away everything he had to help others.

“Watching him live out that belief left a big impression on me,” Greg said. “It taught me early on that success isn’t just measured by what you accumulate, but by what you give back.”

That spirit has shaped their giving at Baylor, from early support of Baylor’s Best Minds, Best Medicine Campaign to their recent commitment to Baylor Medicine’s new Concierge Healthcare Clinic in The Woodlands, opening in early 2026.

Greg has also helped shepherd one of the most significant periods of growth in Baylor’s history. From the McNair Campus, home to Baylor’s leading clinical and research enterprises, to the Lillie and Roy Cullen Tower (set to open in June 2026), which will house Baylor’s School of Medicine and School of Health Professions, he views these investments as part of a generational responsibility.

“Every generation of leaders is called to leave things better than they found them,” he said. “I



**Greg Brenneman highlights the impact of the Lillie and Roy Cullen Tower during the topping-out celebration.**

think our board and our community have stepped up to do just that, but there’s more to do.”

At its heart, the Brenneman’s story is a testament to a deep and unwavering commitment to philanthropy—expressed through service, mentorship and bold investments in education and health. Their generosity is never about recognition or obligation; it’s about living with purpose and passion and ensuring Baylor’s ability to heal and lead for generations to come.

Ronda often reflects on the legacy they hope to leave:

“Part of me wonders, when Greg and I are further down the road, or not even here, will something in our lives have inspired someone else to give in a way they might not have otherwise? That’s our hope. We both have had people in our lives who gave without expecting anything in return, and it changed us. If our children, or anyone who sees our example, feels called to give of their time, talent or their resources because of something they saw in us, then that’s the most rewarding legacy we could hope for.”

In that hope, the Brennemens embody the very heart of Baylor College of Medicine—where generosity today ensures care, discovery and education for tomorrow.



Hear the panel discussion at [give.bcm.edu/frontline125](https://give.bcm.edu/frontline125)

On The Frontline moderator Dr. Paul Klotman with panelists Dr. Hashem B. El-Serag, Dr. Gustavo S. Oderich and Dr. Joseph G. Rogers.

## Celebrating 125 Years of Impact

On September 15, 2025, Baylor College of Medicine marked a monumental milestone—125 years of advancing science, education and compassionate healthcare. From our founding in 1900 to our role today as a global leader in academic medicine, Baylor has remained steadfast in its mission to improve health for all.

Baylor also honored this remarkable anniversary at its annual **On The Frontline** luncheon, celebrating generations of discovery and dedication that continue to shape the future of medicine. The celebration extended to our inaugural **Give BIG Day**, where our community came together to support Baylor's mission by raising over \$440,000, underscoring the enduring generosity and belief in what's next.

What began 125 years ago as a bold vision continues today as a driving force for global impact—and Baylor is just getting started.



Theresa Blades shares her personal connection to Baylor at the On The Frontline Luncheon.

Hear Theresa's story at [give.bcm.edu/frontline125](https://give.bcm.edu/frontline125)



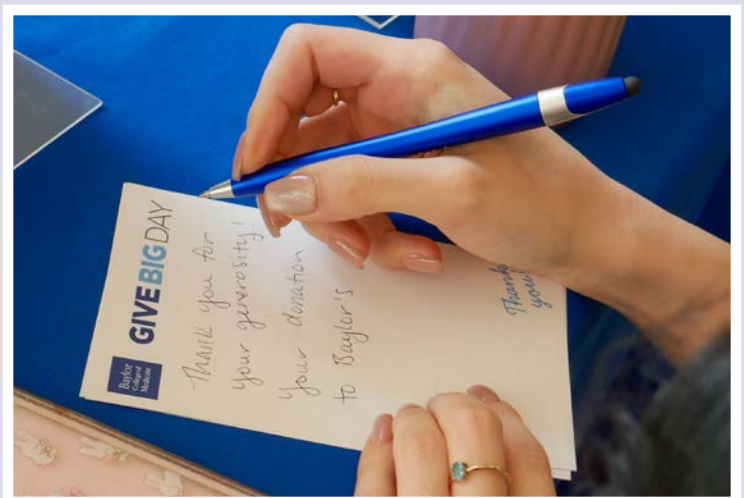


Myra Wilson, Elsie Eckert, Jody Merritt and Edna Meyer Nelson.



Carol Butler and Wendell D. Erwin, M.D.

## GIVE BIG DAY





## Creating Tomorrow's Medicine, Today



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# Dr. Paul Klotman's 15-year tenure as president sees Baylor reaching new heights

As Baylor College of Medicine celebrates its 125th anniversary, it stands on the brink of a new era of progress and growth. Under the visionary leadership of President, CEO and Executive Dean Paul Klotman, M.D., Baylor has solidified its reputation as a research powerhouse and a top institution for education and patient care.

On September 1, 2010, Dr. Klotman began his tenure at Baylor. During his first year, he developed strategies to 1) stabilize the financial platform, 2) build out the McNair Campus, 3) recruit top scientists, clinicians and educators, 4) grow Baylor's clinical enterprise and 5) establish new programs and specialized research centers. Today, he oversees the only private health sciences university in the Greater Southwest, with research funding of more than \$660 million.

## SINCE 2010

**Total Revenue:** Increased from \$1.15 billion to over \$2.6 billion.

**Endowment:** Grew from \$719 million to \$1.6 billion.

**Faculty Growth:** Tripled from under 1,800 to nearly 5,500.

### Departments, Centers and Schools:

Added three new departments, three new academic centers and the National School of Tropical Medicine.

**Research and Innovation:** Established 26 new labs providing cutting-edge support across the Texas Medical Center.

**Global Programs:** Expanded to 60+ countries, focusing on healthcare and educational collaboration.

**STEM+M Programs:** Established 21 K-12 school-based programs in Texas.

**Teen Health Clinics:** Expanded local outreach through these clinics and other educational programs.



## Innovation. Discovery. Education.

**These priorities define the bold vision championed by Dr. Paul Klotman throughout his tenure and continue to guide Baylor College of Medicine as it looks to the future.**

Join us in honoring Dr. Klotman's leadership by supporting two initiatives established to reflect this commitment: the **Klotman Innovation Fund** and the **Paul Klotman, M.D. Scholarship**.

The Innovation Fund gives Baylor's president—and future presidents—the flexibility to invest in groundbreaking ideas that rarely receive traditional funding but have the power to transform healthcare. These opportunities spark new treatments, improve patient care and bring life-changing discoveries from concept to reality.

The Paul Klotman, M.D. Scholarship opens doors for talented students who aspire to become physicians and scientists. These scholars will embody Dr. Klotman's legacy—intellectual curiosity, bold leadership and a commitment to advancing healthcare for all.

With a goal to raise \$20 million, these efforts represent a commitment to innovation and access—two pillars that will strengthen Baylor's impact worldwide.



Scan the QR code or visit **[give.bcm.edu/klotman](https://give.bcm.edu/klotman)** to learn more.



# 2025 Events and Happenings

Office of Advancement and Alumni Affairs



## Lillie and Roy Cullen Tower Topping Out

On April 16, Baylor celebrated the topping out of The Cullen Tower, future home of the School of Medicine and School of Health Professions. This significant milestone was made possible due to generous donor support.



## San Antonio Alumni and Friends

On May 8, San Antonio-area alumni and friends gathered to connect and hear about Baylor updates from Dr. James McDevitt, executive vice president and dean of Clinical Affairs, along with other special guest speakers. Regional ambassadors, George Perry, Ph.D., and Lyssa Ochoa, M.D., helped bring Baylor to San Antonio.





## Alumni Reunion

From May 1–3, nearly 200 Baylor alumni, leaders and guests gathered at Hotel ZaZa in Houston for a weekend celebrating connection and milestone reunion classes ending in 'Os and '5s.



## Food for Finals

Held in May and December, this special event offered Baylor students a relaxing lunch break during semester exams, thanks to volunteers from our giving society—The Partnership—and students' families.



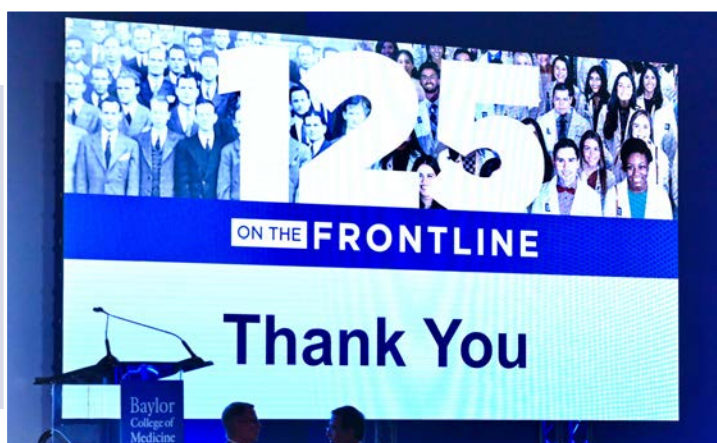
## The Jaworski Society Luncheon

On June 5, The Jaworski Society—a philanthropic group whose members have included Baylor in their gift and estate plans—gathered to enjoy conversation and hear from Baylor faculty about their shared role in advancing Baylor’s mission.



## 125 Years, On The Frontline and Give BIG Day

In September, Baylor celebrated 125 years of game-changing impact during our On The Frontline event and inaugural annual Baylor day of giving. See details on pages 16 and 17.





## Alumni Awards

On October 23, Baylor honored 12 alumni and faculty for excellence in patient care, research and education. Lifetime Achievement awards went to Drs. Matthew Wall and Stuart Yudofsky.



## The Woodlands Comprehensive Healthcare Clinic Gathering

On November 10, guests enjoyed an intimate preview of Baylor Medicine's concierge programs, a personalized, membership-based care experience opening in The Woodlands in January 2026.



## From Our Students

Your Impact Through Their Eyes

thank you

I chose to pursue a medical degree at Baylor because I believe that this program will not only prepare me to be a well-rounded physician but also support the continued growth of my individual interests and strengths, helping me become the best physician I can be. Baylor's strong reputation and community open doors for students to explore and participate in a variety of research and specialties, making it an ideal environment for them to become unique and impactful physicians. Baylor's campuses in the Texas Medical Center and at Baylor Scott & White in Temple also heavily factored into my decision. Not only do both locations allow me to be close to my support system, but they also provide the opportunity to work with diverse patient populations and healthcare teams.

I am beyond grateful that I can continue my journey and continue to grow in the place I have come to call home, surrounded not only by the support of my loved ones but also by the community that has helped raise me. I want to thank each and every Baylor donor and supporter who has helped make this a reality for me and so many others.

— **Anisa Abdulhussein,**  
M.D. candidate '29

thank you

In college, I became a teaching assistant in physics and chemistry for three years. I studied pedagogy and applied what I learned to help others, just as others had helped me. Consequently, when I came to the portion of the medical school application cycle to visit schools, I wanted to see that the faculty was excited and enthusiastic about how to teach, that they realized everyone learning as a fun challenge, that they checked those boxes is different. The only school that checked those boxes was Baylor. I am very grateful for all the support my family and friends have given me. I am also extremely appreciative of every donor who chooses to support Baylor. Because of you, I am confident that Baylor is the place that will help me excel in becoming a physician—and for that, I thank you.

— **Annabel Langan,**  
M.D. candidate '29

THANK YOU

Baylor is a world-class institution that is paving the way in many biomedical research areas, and financial assistance has been crucial in enabling me to do impactful and rigorous research in the Chemical, Physical and Structural Biology program. For international students like me, the United States is a premier destination for doing scientific research. The generous support I received during my graduate studies has enabled me to help advance biomedical research, travel to share our discoveries and work toward improving patients' lives.

— **Janam Dave, Ph.D.**



I grew up in the Houston area since kindergarten after my family moved here in 2008. I later attended the University of Houston, where I earned a degree in biology this past year. When it came to medical school, I chose Baylor because of its innovative curriculum, strong student support, access to unparalleled opportunities in research and service and proximity to the Texas Medical Center. I hope to serve Houston as a future physician beginning with my studies at Baylor. Thank you to the donors who make it possible for future physicians to learn, serve and remain in the community we love.

— Jenna Zamil,  
M.D. candidate '29

Thank  
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I was born and raised in Houston but left home for college at Brigham Young University, my parents' alma mater. As I began preparing for medical school, I was attracted to the idea of returning home and by the international prestige of the Texas Medical Center. I chose Baylor for its reputation as an excellent institution for training physicians and the care I saw demonstrated for their students. I am excited to be back home in Houston, in a familiar setting with my support system close by. Practicing medicine in Houston means caring for the same people and places that shaped me, and I can't think of a better foundation for a meaningful career. I am grateful for donors like you whose generosity plays a meaningful role in my education and in my ability to serve the people and places that shaped me.

— Kade Johnson,  
M.D. candidate '29

I am from Seabrook, Texas, a small suburb southeast of Houston. I pursued my undergraduate education at Rice University to remain close to my family, take advantage of the Texas Medical Center and stay in the city I love. I chose Baylor in part because of my strong connection to Houston because this is my home. Beyond just the location, I was initially drawn to Baylor's commitment to helping medical students develop into multi-faceted physicians. This is showcased through its curriculum structure, emphasis on community and well-being support for medical students. I am beyond grateful to Baylor supporters who help students thrive, which motivates me even more to work hard and make the most of my education.

— Addison Saley,  
M.D. candidate '29





# Looking Ahead to 2026

While 2025 marked the 125th anniversary of **Baylor College of Medicine**—a moment to honor our roots and reflect on more than a century of discovery—2026 will propel us into a new and extraordinary period of growth and impact.

Because of our philanthropic community, Baylor is poised to take a bold step forward with the completion of the Lillie and Roy Cullen Tower in June 2026. This landmark facility will house Baylor's School of Medicine and School of Health Professions and will stand as a testament to your belief in our mission and in the power of education to change lives. When students begin learning within its walls in January 2027, they will do so in an environment designed to fuel innovation, accelerate research and prepare future leaders who will advance health locally and globally.



The year ahead invites us to reflect on more than 15 years of visionary leadership under **Baylor College of Medicine President, CEO and Executive Dean Dr. Paul Klotman**. His steadfast commitment has helped elevate Baylor as a national leader in education, research and patient care, shaping an institution defined by excellence, innovation and impact. The priorities he has championed continue to guide our work and inspire bold progress across Baylor today.

United by a shared commitment to shaping ***Tomorrow's Medicine Today***, we move into 2026 with purpose, optimism and an unwavering confidence in what we can achieve together.





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