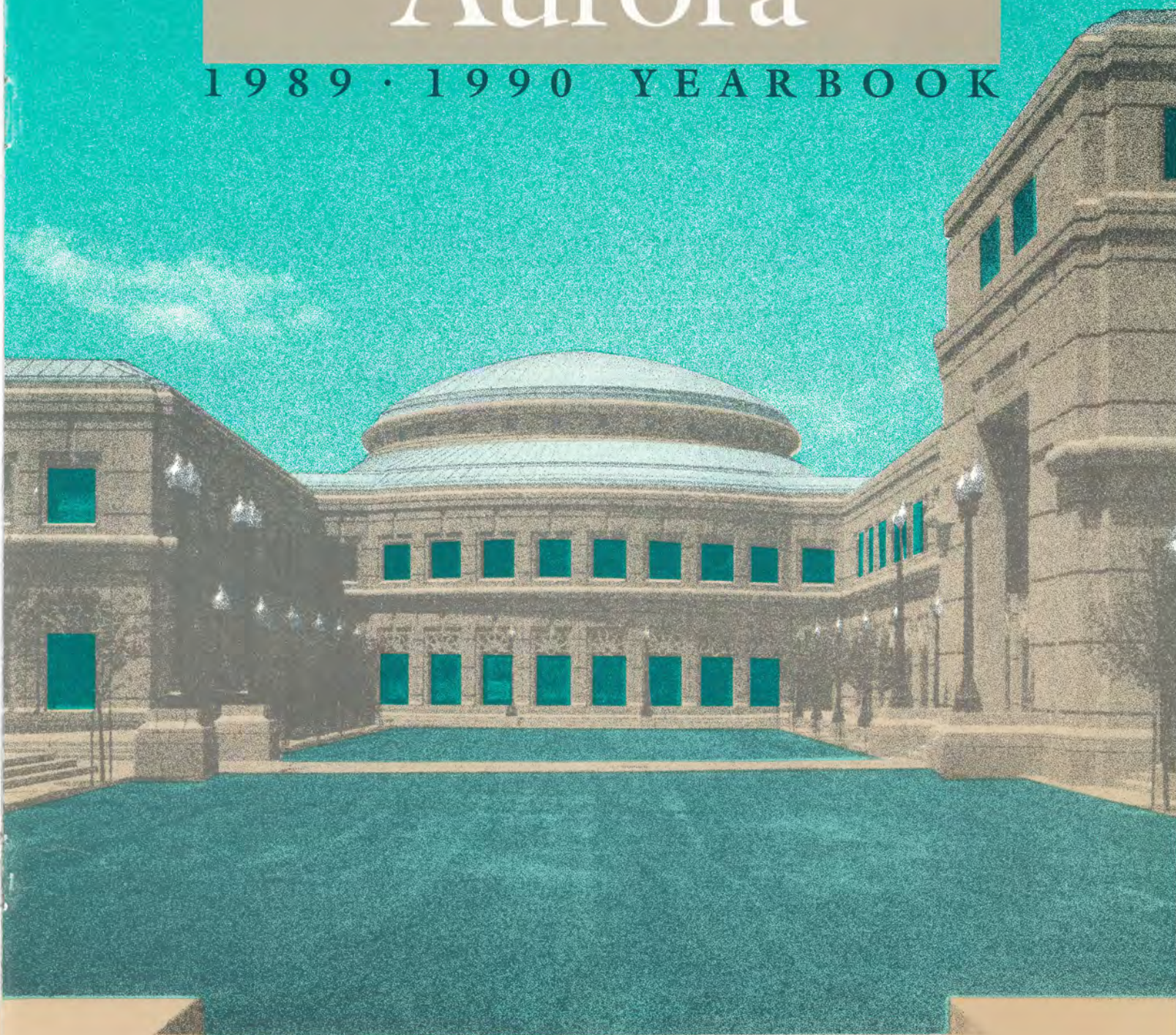


# Leadership Aurora

1989 • 1990 YEARBOOK



AURORA  
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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Jim Wilson

President  
Leadership Aurora



The 1989-90 Leadership Aurora class finished with an outstanding year. It began in September with a retreat at Copper Mountain led by Colorado State Representative Peggy Kerns and former Aurora City Councilman Paul Reid.

In the following months, we were treated to thoughtful and insightful sessions in which we learned about a variety of issues, including but not limited to, city government, the military, the aerospace industry and education. We learned about the media and how to respond to reporters' questions when giving news interviews. We were players in a thought-provoking game called "Critical Choices" during our session on health care. This year we made a concerted effort to involve past Leadership graduates in our programming efforts by having them conduct and facilitate some of our monthly sessions.

The 1989-90 Leadership Aurora class was comprised of outstanding and diverse individuals including members of the Aurora Police and Fire Departments, an attorney, a dentist, a bank president, a small business owner, a dean of an academic institution and a myriad of other outstanding individuals.

We say goodbye to Leadership Aurora Board members Sherrie Kantor and Randy Stith, who provided the Board with years of encouragement, direction and support. We salute and thank Sherrie and Randy for their loyal service.

The Leadership Aurora program would not be possible without the able assistance of Bret Taylor, the staff at the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, and the dedication and good work of the Board of Leadership Aurora. Everyone worked hard, and as a result, we had a successful year.

The future of Leadership Aurora is bright. We now have approximately 180 graduates, many of whom have taken leadership roles in the community or are active in leadership roles at work.

The Leadership Aurora program will change and evolve in future years but the program has a solid base from which to grow. The Aurora Chamber of Commerce is to be thanked for its sponsorship and continuing assistance.

Congratulations to the fine class of 1990. We wish them future success and look for them to be outstanding leaders in the community.

## Carla Adams

Captain  
U.S.A.F.



*Carla Adams is the Commander of the 3415 Services Squadron, United States Air Force at Lowry Air Force Base. A native of Kansas, she is completing a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma. She received a B.A. from Fort Hays Kansas State University. In 1984-85, she was named Pacific Air Force's Services Manager Operations Officer in Yokota AB, Japan from 1983-86, and served as Command Services Officer at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii from 1986-89.*

## Ray Barnes

Director of Training  
City of Aurora Fire Department



*Ray Barnes is the Director of Training for the City of Aurora Fire Department. A native of Colorado, he recently completed a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Denver. He serves as an adjunct faculty member for the National Fire Academy and is the Region VIII Co-chair and TRADES coordinator and Co-director of the Rocky Mountain Fire Academy. He holds a B.S. in Aerospace technology from Metropolitan State College.*

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## Julie Bender

President  
ECO Aurora, Inc.



*Julie Bender is President of ECO Aurora, Inc. A native of Colorado, she holds a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Eastern Washington University and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She is a member of the Metro Denver Network Executive Committee, is co-chair of the Metro Denver Network Marketing Committee, and is a member of the Economic Developers Council of Colorado, the American Economic Development Council and the Aurora Rotary.*

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## Susan Bobka

Seniors Association Director  
Humana Hospital-Aurora



*Susan Bobka is the Seniors Association Advisor and Program Director for Humana Hospital Aurora. A native of Ohio, she obtained a diploma from the School of Nursing Good Samaritan Hospital and is currently working toward a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. She has been active with the Aurora Optimist and Lions Clubs and was involved with the planning of the 1987 Colorado Governor's Conference on Aging.*

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## Sue Clark

Director of Communications  
Aurora Public Schools



*Sue Clark is the Director of Communications Services for Aurora Public Schools. A native of Indiana, she obtained a B.S. from Ball State University and subsequently earned a Masters Degree from Indiana University. She is a member of the Smoky Hill Rotary, Aurora PTA, National School Public Relations Association and the Colorado School Public Relations Association. She was chosen twice as Distinguished Teacher of Journalism by the Colorado High School Press Association.*

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## Tommy Collins

Lieutenant  
City of Aurora Police Department



*Tommy Collins is a Lieutenant with the City of Aurora Police Department. A native of Colorado, he is completing a B.S. in Management from Metropolitan State College. He was selected as "Counselor of the Year" by the Colorado Boys State sponsored by the American Legion.*

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## Gayle Dinga

Owner  
Framing Unlimited



*Gayle Dinga is the owner of Framing Unlimited. A native of Jamaica, New York, she graduated from Monroe Community College with an Associates Arts Degree. She is involved with the Aurora Rotary, is on the Advisory Committee for the Salvation Army and is active with the Professional Picture Framers Association.*

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## John Dingess

Partner  
Petrock, Fendel & Dingess



*John Dingess is shareholder with the law firm of Petrock, Fendel & Dingess. A native of West Virginia, he obtained a Ph.D. in Applied Microbiology from West Virginia University and obtained a J.D. from the University of North Dakota. He serves as the Aurora Director for the Metropolitan Denver Sewage Disposal District No. 1 and is a representative to both county and state Republican party conventions.*



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## Steven Doney

Assistant Executive Director  
Humana Hospital-Aurora



Steven Doney is Assistant Executive Director at Humana Hospital Aurora. A native of Missouri, he obtained a B.A. in Biological Science from the University of Missouri at Columbia and earned an M.S. in Hospital Administration from the University of Missouri at Columbia. He is active in Junior Achievement, the Colorado Hospital Association and the American College of Healthcare Executives.

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## Margaret Faciszewski

Counselor  
Mrachek Middle School  
Aurora Public Schools



Margaret Faciszewski is a counselor at Mrachek Middle School, Aurora Public Schools. A native of South Dakota, she received a B.S. from St. Mary College in Xavier, Kansas and obtained an M.A. from the University of Colorado at Denver. She is Quadrant Coordinator for the Drug-Free Schools; serves as District Resource Teacher for the Aurora Public Schools, and is active in the Aurora Education Foundation and the Parents' Club of the Air Force Academy.

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## Barbara Fosbaugh

Marketing Director  
AT&T



Barbara Fosbaugh is a Marketing Consultant for AT&T. A native of Wyoming, she received an Associates Degree in Business Management from Laramie County Community College. She is involved with the National Association for Female Executives, the United Way and the American Management Association. She received the AT&T Western Region Pathfinder Award in 1985-86, the AT&T Denver Achievement Award in 1986 and the AT&T Western Region Challenge Team Award in 1987-88.

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## Leon Groce

Lieutenant  
Small Business Development Officer



Leon Groce is the Small Business Development Officer for the City of Aurora Small Business Development Office. A native of Texas, he received a B.S. in Economics and Finance from the University of Colorado at Denver. He is co-founder of the Aurora Small Business Alliance, is a member of the Smoky Hill Rotary, the American Economic Development Council, the Economic Development Council of Colorado, the National Council for Urban Economic Development and the Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry.

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## Renee Gullickson

Assistant Vice President  
United Bank-Buckingham Square



Renee Gullickson is Assistant Vice President at the United Bank of Buckingham Square. A native of Wisconsin, she received a B.S. in Business Administration and Personnel Management from the University of Wisconsin. She is involved with the National Association of Bank Women and the Future Business Leaders of the American Advisory Committee for the Cherry Creek School District.

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## Barbara Hansen

Director of Imaging Services  
AMI Presbyterian Aurora Hospital



Barbara Hansen is the Director of Imaging Services for AMI Presbyterian Aurora Hospital. A native of Virginia, she received an Associates Degree in Radiologic Technology from the Virginia Commonwealth University. She is active with the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, the American Healthcare Radiology Administrators and the Colorado Council of Radiology Administrators. Other involvements include the American Planning Association and the Aurora Housing Corporation.

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## Alice Hanson

Director of Planning & Development  
Aurora Housing Authority



Alice Hanson is the Director of Planning and Development for the Aurora Housing Authority. A native of Colorado, she received a B.A. from Hastings College and obtained a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Colorado at Denver. She is involved with the American Planning Association and the Englewood Urban Renewal Authority.

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## Reagan Heese

Deputy Director of Resource Management  
Fitzsimons Army Medical Center



Reagan Heese is the Deputy Director of Resource Management for the Department of Army at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center. A native of Idaho, she received a B.S. in Political Science from the University of Idaho and obtained a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Idaho. She is active in the American Society of Military Comptrollers and was awarded an HEW fellowship for graduate studies in Public Administration.

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## Jack Heimbichner

President  
United Bank-City Center



Jack Heimbichner, President of United Bank of Aurora South, is a native of Colorado. He received his B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Northern Colorado. He is President and Director of the Cherry Creek Valley Optimist, emeritus Board Member of the Comitis Crisis Center, Director of the Smoky Hill Rotary, and Fund Raising Chairman of the Boy Scouts Centennial District.

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## Sally Hekkers

Journalist  
Freelance Writing & Editing



Sally Hekkers is a freelance writer, editor and marketing consultant. A native of Kansas, she received a B.A. in English from the University of Colorado at Denver. She is active with the Denver Women's Press Club and was a member of the Denver Public Library's marketing team which received the prestigious John Cotton Dana Award for the Library's Censorship/Expo Exhibition in 1986. She also received the Silver Peak Award for her newsletter, "Viewpoint" for the Denver Public Library, given by the American Marketing Association Colorado Chapter.

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## Jeffrey Kaes, D.D.S.

Dentist  
Drs. Evans, Kaes & Liggett, P.C.



Jeffrey Kaes, D.D.S., is a dentist with the practice of Drs. Evans, Kaes & Liggett, P.C. A native of Colorado, he received a B.A. in Biology from Colorado College and was awarded his D.D.S. degree by the University of Colorado School of Dentistry. He is past President of the Smoky Hill Rotary Club and is active with the Boy Scouts of America and the Aurora chapter of the Metropolitan Denver Dental Association of Colorado and the American Dental Association.

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## Ted May

Director of Student Development  
Community College of Aurora



Ted May is the Director of Student Development at the Community College of Aurora. A native of Colorado, he received a B.A. from Colorado State University and obtained an M.A. from the University of Northern Colorado. He is a member of the Aurora Gang Task Force, serves as Chairperson of the Colorado Consortium of Postsecondary Handicapped Student Support Programs and serves on the Advisory Committee of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for the State of Colorado.



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## **Gary Meyers**

Senior Vice President  
Aurora National Bank



*Gary Meyers is a Senior Vice President with Aurora National Bank. A native of North Dakota, he received a BSBA degree from the University of Central Florida and obtained a graduate degree in banking from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He is a member of the Aurora Rotary, is active with the Aurora Boy Scouts and is involved with the Colorado Bankers Association.*

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## **Ermalinda Monge**

Branch Administrator  
American Red Cross-Aurora



*Ermalinda Monge is Branch Administrator for the Mile High Chapter of the American Red Cross. A native of Colorado, she received a B.A. in Public Management from Metropolitan State College. She is a board member of the Hispanic Media Association, a member of the Hispanic Advisory Council to the Denver Art Museum, is a member of the League of Women Voters Minority Outreach Committee and is a member of the Denver Justice and Peace Committee.*

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## **Darcie Obourn**

Assistant Vice President  
Colorado National Bank



*Darcie Obourn is Assistant Vice President of the Colorado National Bank Aurora. A native of Colorado, she attended the University of Northern Colorado. She is active in the National Association of Banking Women and the Bank Administrative Institute. She received the prestigious Community Service Award for Colorado National Bank.*

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## **Elliott Phelps**

Captain  
Aurora Police Department



*Elliott Phelps is a Police Captain with the City of Aurora. A native of Colorado, he received an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Arapahoe Community College, a B.S. from Metropolitan State College and is presently working towards a Masters Degree in Management from Webster University. He is the Police representative to the Downtown Aurora Business Association.*

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## **Linda Winkler**

Deputy Director/Public Affairs  
Air Force Accounting and Finance Center



*Linda Winkler is Deputy Director of Public Affairs for the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center. A native of Colorado, she majored in Public Relations at the University of Colorado at Denver and the University of Denver. She is a member of the National Association of Government Communicators, is a volunteer with the Channel Six Auction and is a costumer and back stage volunteer with the Aurora Hinkley High School Drama Department and Younger Generation Players (a non-profit children's drama group).*

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## 1989-1990 Leadership Aurora sessions were held from September through May

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|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>September</b> | Opening Reception/Retreat Weekend<br>at Copper Mountain |
| <b>October</b>   | Local Government/Justice                                |
| <b>November</b>  | Education                                               |
| <b>December</b>  | Social Services                                         |
| <b>January</b>   | Media                                                   |
| <b>February</b>  | Military                                                |
| <b>March</b>     | Health                                                  |
| <b>April</b>     | Business and Economic Development                       |
| <b>May</b>       | Regional Issues                                         |
| <b>June</b>      | Graduation Ceremony                                     |

# ALUMNI

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Jo-Morgan Brooks  
John Buckner  
Kathleen Buys  
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David Clary  
Michael Coffman  
Barbara Ann Coffee  
Arlen Cohn  
Carole Costello  
Stephen Cross  
Evelyn Daniels  
Lawrence Davila  
Dale Davis  
Paul Davis  
William Davis  
Winfred "Win" Deal  
Dennis Deas  
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Young Park  
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Randall Patrick  
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Thomas Ragland  
Major Steven Re  
Paul Reid  
William Rickord Sr.  
G. La Von Robertson  
Anne Robinson  
Richard Roller  
Stephen Ruddick  
Mark Sands  
Floyd Sasa  
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Sheila Schingle  
Skip Schlenk

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Barbara Shannon-Banister  
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Mallory Smith  
Sylvia Snider  
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Hugh Sweeney  
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Geri Towndrow  
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