



# GARCES

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

FOUNDED  
ROOTED  
GROWING

**ON FAITH  
IN TRADITION  
IN EXCELLENCE**





# MISSION STATEMENT

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Garces Memorial High School is a Catholic, co-educational, college preparatory high school. Our school educates youth to fulfill the mission of Christ by developing students spiritually, academically, and socially. Our mission calls us to instill in every member of the Garces Memorial community the courage to act with faith, knowledge, compassion and justice.



# DEAR FAMILY & FRIENDS,

I read the following in a Catholic journal:

History has long taught that without teachers to announce the Gospel and educate the young, the church struggles to survive. Good teaching is essential to Catholic life. Good Catholic education is what attracts people to Jesus and his church. When it comes to education, nobody has a better track record than the church.

With that quote in mind I want to welcome all students, families and faculty to Garces Memorial. Our goal, as a Catholic school, is to attract people (especially our students) to Christ. We do this not by forcing our religion upon others nor simply by imparting textbook information. We attract students to Christ by demonstrating to them how to live and think in such a way that leads them to living a holy and fulfilled life. Put another way, our goal as a Catholic school is to help students get to Heaven. This may sound somewhat trite, but it is the overarching motivation behind everything we do as a Catholic school.

That is why it is the responsibility of both parents and teachers to be united in this spiritual effort. We are not in the business of simply preparing young people for the possibility of attending a prominent university or having a prosperous career. Most other schools can do that. Rather, our business is the business of God: To instill in the hearts and minds of our students the Gospel values and virtues that will guide them through this life and into the next.

I call upon parents, teachers, coaches, administrators and, of course, future students, to share this common vision. We will not be perfect at it, but we will be blessed for trying.

## GO RAMS!

Msgr. Perry Kavookjian







BE **PREPARED**  
BE **A SERVANT**  
BE **CREATIVE**



BE **A CHAMPION**  
BE **HERD**  
BE **THE FUTURE**







*I encourage you to read about what we have to offer, but more importantly, visit our campus and see what we are all about. We are fondly referred to as the “Little School on the Hill,” rich in tradition and with a big heart, but we are so much more. Visit our FFA and Robotics program, our business entrepreneurial class, and our pathways in Medical, Agribusiness and Engineering. Talk with our students and staff. Walk through our athletic facilities. Spend time in St. Dominic’s Chapel. Feel the Garces Spirit.*

*Myka Peck*  
Myka Peck  
Principal

# BE A RAM



# Garces Memorial offers

a rigorous college preparatory curriculum that prepares students to succeed in a higher academic setting through a core curriculum with classes that meet California State Standards and UC and CSU approval. The school focuses on maximizing learning for all students by offering various curricular programs.



# BE PREPARED

*Garces Memorial High School has been named a 2018-2021 Apple Distinguished School, adding to the over 400 schools in 34 countries to hold this distinction. The school has implemented a 1:1 iPad program to integrate technology into the teaching and learning process.*



## COURSE LIST

### ENGLISH

AP English Language Composition  
AP English Literature Composition  
Creative Writing I (P)  
Creative Writing II  
English 9 (P or H)  
English 10 (P or H)  
English 11 (P)  
English 12 (P)  
Writing Lab

### SCIENCE

AP Biology (AP)  
AP Chemistry  
Biology (P or H)  
Chemistry (P or H)  
General Chemistry (G)  
Environmental Science (P)  
Life Science (G)  
Physics 12 (H)  
Physical Science (G)

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE

AP Spanish Language & Culture  
French I (P)  
French II (P or H)  
French III (P or H)  
Spanish I (P)  
Spanish II (P or H)  
Spanish III (P or H)  
Spanish IV (P)

### THEOLOGY

History of the Catholic Church/Sacraments  
(Theo 11 P or H)  
Morality & Ethics/Philosophy of Man (H)  
Morality & Ethics/Social Teachings of the  
Catholic Church (P)  
Old Testament/New Testament (P)  
Theology of Body/Faith & Revelations

### HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE

AP European History  
AP Macroeconomics  
AP United States Government & Politics  
AP United States History  
Economics/Government (P)  
Psychology (AP)  
U.S. History (P)  
World History (P)

### MATH

AP Calculus AB  
Pre-Algebra  
Algebra I (P)  
Algebra II (P or H)  
General Algebra II (G)  
Geometry (P or H)  
Math Analysis (P or H)  
Statistics (P)

### VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

AP Studio Art (AP)  
Advanced Band (P)

American Film I (P)  
Art I (P)  
Art II (P)  
Dance I (P)  
Dance II (P)  
Dance III (P)  
Floral Design (P)  
PLTW/Intro to Design (P)

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Boys PE (9-10)  
Girls PE (9-10)  
Fitness Boys (10-12)  
Fitness Girls (10-12)

### ELECTIVES

Agriculture Communication & Leadership (P)  
Agriculture Internship  
American Film II  
ASB Leadership  
Introduction to Agriculture (P)  
Introduction to Film Broadcasting  
Jazz Band  
Marching Band  
PLTW-Civil Engineering & Architecture (P and H)  
PLTW-Digital Electronics - recommended prerequisite  
IED (P and H)  
PLTW-Intro to Engineering Design (H)  
PLTW-Principles of Engineering (P and H)  
Publications Journalism (P)  
Service Learning  
Study Skills  
Virtual Business



# PATHWAYS

Many of our students enter high school with a career goal and/or aspirations to pursue a desired course of study in a particular field. While our college-prep curriculum provides the traditional academic track, we have also designated learning pathways in Biomedical, Engineering, and Agriculture to meet the needs of our students.

Growing evidence shows that pathways hold promise for increasing academic achievement and learning, and increasing students' earning

power when they graduate.

Our goal is to connect learning experiences and opportunities across subjects, establish internships within the community, provide fieldtrips that enrich concepts learned in the classroom, expose students to guest speakers and lectures by physicians, entrepreneurs, professors, and community leaders to provide a view of career interests outside the realm

of the classroom and connect what students are taught in school to real-world issues.

Garces has helped prepare me academically; the classes have helped me prepare for going off to college and be prepared for what is to come in the future. They make you feel welcome and are eager to help any student in achieving their goals.

— Kim Briggs, Class of 2019

## AGRIBUSINESS

Intro to Agriculture

Floral Design

Ag Communication  
& Leadership

Agriculture Internship

## BIOMEDICAL

4 Years of Math

5 Science Classes

Science Elective  
(Anatomy & Physiology, Physics 12H,  
AP Biology, AP Chemistry)

Biomedical  
Leadership Internship

## ENGINEERING

Introduction to Design

Principals of Engineering

Civil Engineering &  
Architecture

Digital Electronics

Engineering Internship



# CALLED TO SERVE

It's become a growing trend that schools, both public and private, offer students opportunities to engage in community service. For many, the experience helps to develop important skills such as teamwork and a sense of compassion. But for Garces, community service is more than an admirable option or a nice addition to one's college application. Service activities are fundamental to Catholic education and core to Catholic discipleship.

While students are required to complete 60 service hours before graduation, our hope is that they will approach it not just as a way to fulfill the obligation, but with humility, open hearts, and an eagerness to share God's love with those around them.



# BE A SERVANT

## DEVELOPING FAITHFUL LEADERS

Our greatest mission as a Catholic high school is to create disciples and world changers who will carry the teaching of Christ wherever they go. We know that developing a rhythm of prayer is essential to this. For this reason we offer many on-campus activities for our students. In addition to a quiet chapel for students to spend time in during breaks or before and after school, we offer weekly adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass, confessions, bible studies, and prayer groups. There are also opportunities for domestic and foreign mission trips, Catholic leadership training, and weekend retreats. We believe that by having consistent encounters with God, through the Sacraments, through his Word, and through his people, we can truly develop faithful, compassionate, just, and knowledgeable leaders.





# GAINING PERSPECTIVE

In addition to having activities on campus that foster a daily rhythm of prayer, we also present students with retreats off-campus. Retreats are a great opportunity to leave behind distractions long enough to allow relaxation and inner change. All students are required to attend a retreat each year because we know that taking time from the routine of the day helps them to gain perspective and evaluate priorities; a very necessary practice. Each student will attend a retreat with their specific grade level. Retreat themes are decided annually based on the current climate and need on our campus.



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the church struggles to survive. Good teaching is essential to Catholic life. Good Catholic education is what attracts people to Jesus and his church. When it comes to education, nobody has a better track record than the church.







BE

**CREATIVE**







Garces music provides a  
**fun place** to grow, develop friendships,  
and learn some pretty rockin' tunes.

— Zelas Williams, Class of 2021

The arts are a  
fundamental  
element of the  
college prep/high  
school experience.

Performing Arts at Garces Memorial High School consists of Band, Color Guard, Choir, Dance, Theater, Film and Journalism. These activities nurture our students' spiritual, moral and psychological development while developing an understanding of human experiences and advancing respect for others.

Through the creation and  
exploration of music, our music  
program allows students to expand and better  
appreciate their knowledge of music.

— Evan Smith, Class of 2018







40 SPORTS TEAMS

125 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS  
& COUNTING

500 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS  
OVER THE PAST 70 YEARS

BE A

CHAMPION

I get the feeling  
of a very small  
community here  
at Garces where I've gotten  
to know all the other athletes and  
my friends. I have gotten to know  
all of these friends because of how  
interactive Garces is with all of their  
students. I also get to share the faith  
with my school.

— Rory Begin  
Class of 2022 - Water Polo



To be a champion at Garces Memorial means  
more than just wins and losses.

Being a champion means being a student first and foremost. When work in the classroom is accomplished at a high level, the work on the playing field is even better. With a high-end coaching staff in place for all of our athletic programs, our student athletes are held to a high standard of excellence - from the moment they arrive as freshmen to their last day on campus as seniors. Garces is a special place to be and one can feel it with our athletic programs.





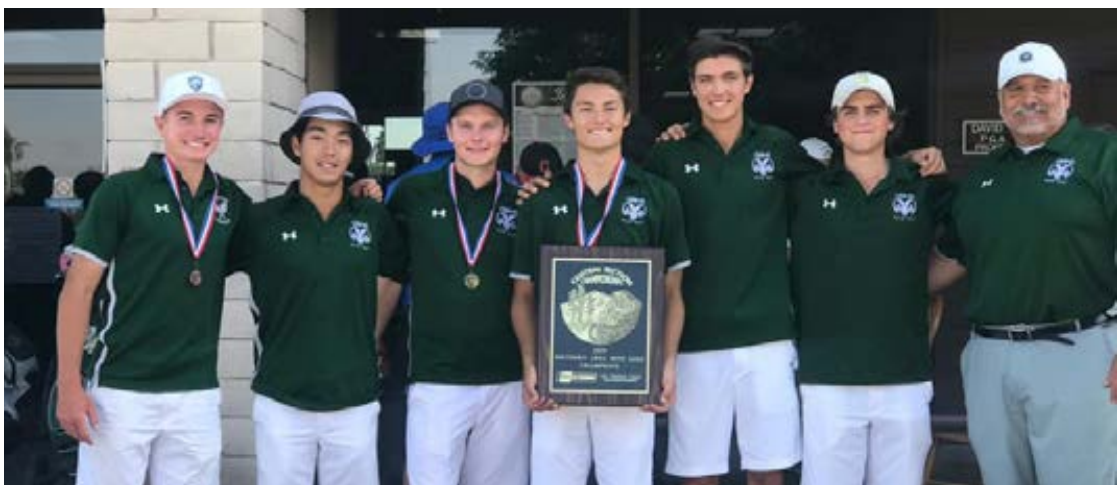
# FALL SPORTS

Football  
Boys Water Polo  
Girls Water Polo  
Cross Country  
Girls Golf  
Girls Tennis  
Volleyball



# WINTER SPORTS

Boys Basketball  
Girls Basketball  
Boys Soccer  
Girls Soccer  
Wrestling



# SPRING SPORTS

Baseball  
Boys Golf  
Boys Tennis  
Softball  
Swimming & Diving  
Track & Field







## Being involved is important to the Garces experience.

With over two dozen clubs on campus, students can showcase their talents and passions in many ways.

In addition to clubs, school rallies help boost school spirit throughout the year. Additionally, students have the opportunity to attend five school dances a year: Aloha, Sadie, Homecoming, Winter Formal and Junior/Senior Prom.



## Garces Memorial has been an amazing place for me

to express myself and grow academically, athletically, and spiritually. Everyone here is more than happy to be a part of your development and preparation for your future.

— Ebubechukwu Ekpemogu, 2019-2020 ASB Co-President







BE

HERD

“To me Garces is not just a school, it is a connection to a **community** of alumni that have come before and future students that will come after me. Garces has instilled in me a passion for Christ, integrity, and success in life.

— Natalina Antongiovanni,  
2019-2020 ASB Co-President





# BE THE

## CLASS OF 2019 TOP SCORES

SAT: 1500 ACT: 35

# FUTURE

The University of Alabama

The University of Arizona

Ave Maria University

Bakersfield College

Belmont Abbey College

Benedictine College

Boise State University

California Aeronautical University

California Lutheran University

California Polytechnic State University,  
San Luis Obispo

California State University, Bakersfield

California State University, Chico

California State University, Fresno

California State University, Long Beach

University of California, Davis

University of California, Los Angeles

University of California, Riverside

Campbell University

The Catholic University of America

University of Colorado at Boulder

Colorado School of Mines

Colorado State University

Columbia College Hollywood

Cuesta College

De Anza College

El Camino College

Franciscan University of Steubenville

Grand Canyon University

High Point University

Holy Names University

Humboldt State University

Loyola Marymount University

University of Mary

Menlo College

University of Mississippi

University of Nevada, Reno

University of Notre Dame

Oklahoma State University

The University of Oklahoma

Oregon State University

University of the Pacific

University of Redlands

Saint Vincent College

San Diego Mesa College

San Diego State University

Santa Monica College

Sonoma State University

Taft College

The University of Tampa

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Texas Christian University

United States Air Force Academy

Virginia Tech

Washington and Jefferson College

University of Washington

Westmont College







## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

4 Academic Levels: College Preparatory, Honors,  
Advanced Placement, General Curriculum

## SUBJECT AREA REQUIRED COURSES

4 Years of Theology  
4 Years of English  
3 Years of Social Studies  
3 Years of Math  
(Minimum of Algebra I & II and Geometry)  
3 Years of Science

2 Years of the same Foreign Language  
2 Years of Physical Education  
1 Year of Visual & Performing Arts  
½ Year of Health Education  
½ Year of Computer Competency  
Plus Community Service

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## ACADEMIC TEAMS

MOCK TRIAL  
ACADEMIC DECATHLON  
ROBOTICS  
SCIENCE OLYMPIAD







# BE A RAM



## CHECKLIST:



### SCHEDULE A SHADOW DAY

Shadow a current Garces Ram and experience what it's like to be a student.



### ATTEND AN OPEN HOUSE

Meet our teachers and staff, get your questions answered.



### TAKE THE PLACEMENT TEST

Requirement for all incoming freshmen.



### APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

## SHADOW DAY INFO

No day at Garces Memorial is typical! However, our Shadow Day enables 8th grade students to experience all that our college preparatory school has to offer. As our special visitor, you will meet our teachers, enjoy a complimentary lunch in our cafeteria, participate in classes, and get a sense of our awesome school community. Your host for the day can be specifically selected for you. Shadow Days are available Tuesday and Friday from September through April. To schedule your Shadow Day, please contact a member of our Admissions Staff.

## ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR

Mr. Eric Coleman  
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## TUITION INFO:

### TUITION

CATHOLIC: \$11,919 ANNUALLY

NON-CATHOLIC: \$12,317 ANNUALLY

### Included in Tuition Cost:

\$75	Application
\$425	Registration
\$550	First-year iPad / Technology Fee (\$250 thereafter)

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

- 1 Annual Payment
- 2 Semiannual Payments
- 4 Quarterly Payments
- 11 Monthly Payments

As a need-based institution, we strive to meet the financial needs of all of our families.

### UNIFORM INFO

Uniforms are available on-campus in room 12 or through Norman's Uniforms at [normansuniforms.com](http://normansuniforms.com)

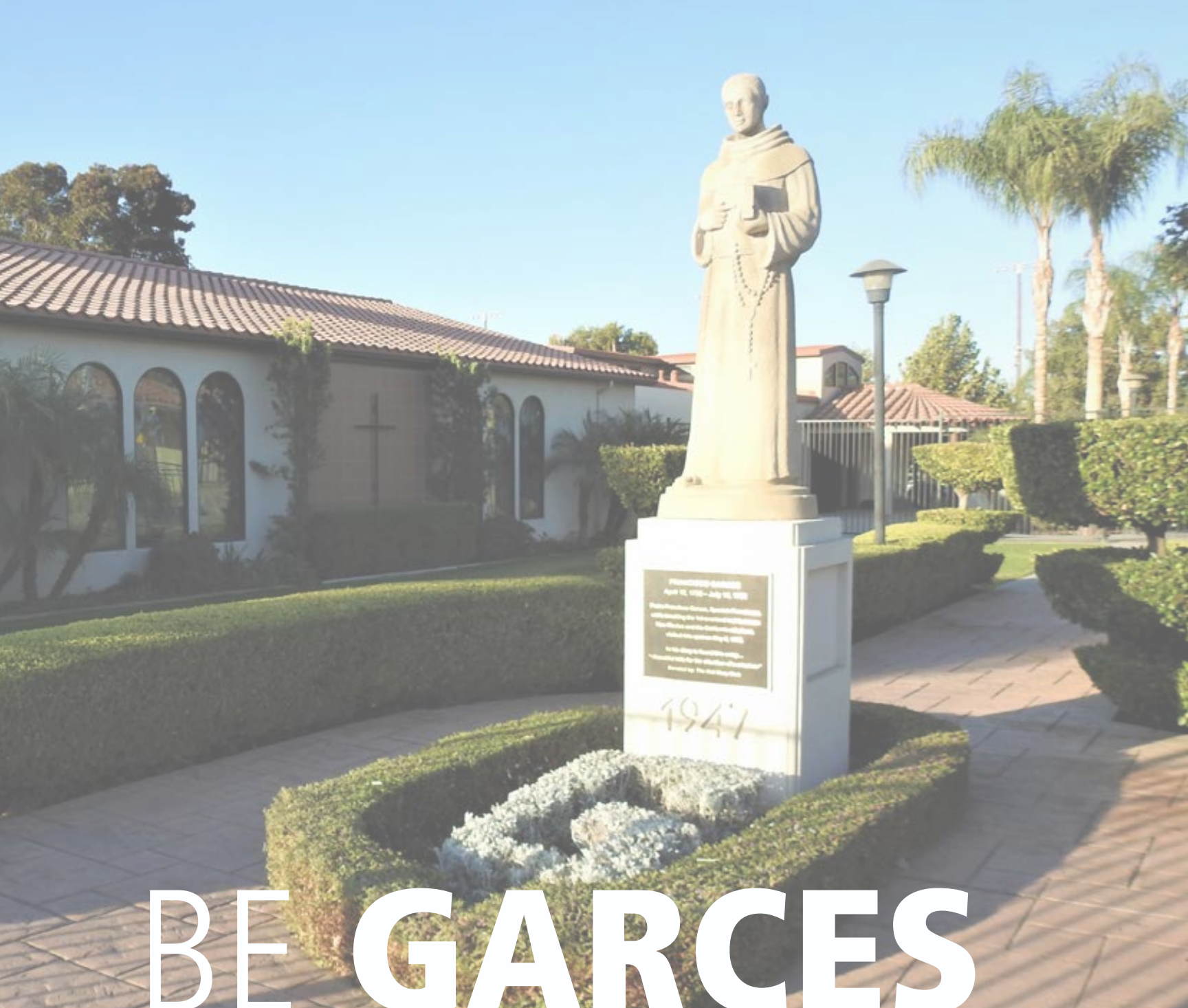




# NOTES

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# BE GARCES

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