



# **Coffee with Your Professor Program**

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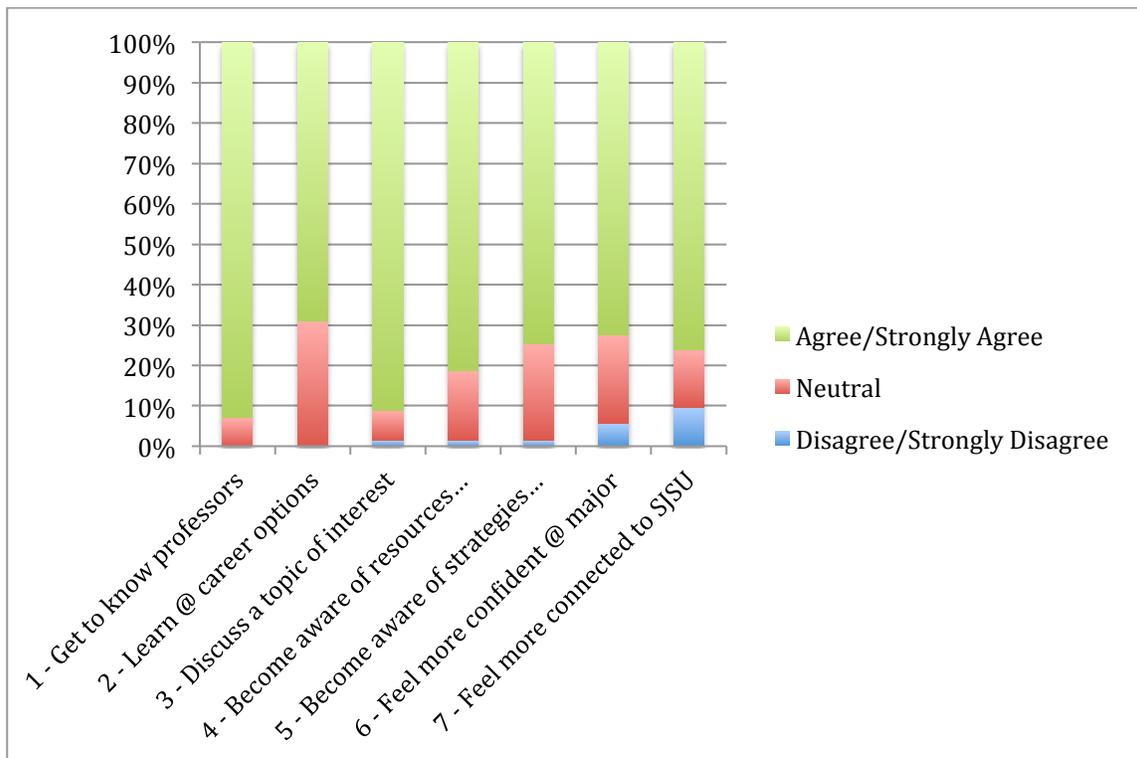
**San José State University**

**Participant Feedback  
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## “Coffee with your Professor” – Student Feedback

### The program allowed me to...

	Disagree/Strongly Disagree (% of respondents)	Neutral (% of respondents)	Agree/Strongly Agree (% of respondents)
Get to know one of my professors better	0	7.1	92.9
Learn about career options	0	27.9	62.1
Discuss a topic of interest to me in greater detail	1.5	7.4	91.2
Become aware of resources I can draw upon	1.4	17.4	81.1
Become aware of strategies that may help me be successful	1.4	23.9	74.7
Feel more confident about my major	5.7	21.7	72.4
Feel more connected to SJSU	9.7	14.5	76.8



**If a friend were to ask me about the "Coffee with a Professor" program, I would say...**

A program to know your professor better

An excellent way to have a period in time to ask questions outside of class and get to know the many great professors sjsu has to offer. Really helps you understand the expectations of the class.

DO IT!

do it!

do it!

Do it! I got to bond with my professor, and know him more. Because of this, I talked to him a lot after

Do it! it is free coffee and you will always need to get to know the professors, but make sure you have some topics lined up beforehand because otherwise it can get awkward.

Do it! It was fun!

do it! It's such a experience.

Do it! It's the perfect opportunity to ask your professor about all the things you shouldn't ask in a class room setting

Do it! you build a great connection and feel a part of SJSU.

Do it. It's totally worth your time.

encourage them to do it because it builds a really good relationship.

For me it was productive / informative yet enjoyable

Get on it right away. It's an amazing opportunity to pick your professor's brain about internships and future career plans

Go for it, it's a great opportunity to get to know your professor outside of class

Go for it! :)

Go for it! It's a great way to talk to your professor in a less intimidating setting than class or office hours.

Go for it! What's to stop you?

Go for it!!

Highly recommend it

I highly recommend it

I really benefit a lot from participating in this program

I wish they would open it back up to graduate students, as graduate students are more likely to continue working with their professors over the course of their career.

I would recommend it, it is a great way to meet with a professor in an informal setting.

It is a great chance to connect with a professor and get advice on career choices

It is a great way to form a relationship with your professors that goes beyond the classroom. It allows you both to see one another on a personal level and get a greater appreciation of the course and the professor. It was a very valuable experience.

It is a great way to get to know your professor and to receive advice about what you should do, what degrees you should get, and so on and so forth.

It is a great way to get to know your professors

It is completely useful and a great strategy to ask questions in order to study for the midterm or final

it is well worth it.

It was a good experience I did not feel worse about my professor after that. Plus, I felt better about the school too.

It was a good time, and I got to speak with the professor in a one on one non classroom situation.

It was a great experience and I could get to know more about my professor and get more information related to the course and my interests!

It was a great experience and it made me feel more connected to my professor.

**If a friend were to ask me about the "Coffee with a Professor" program, I would say...**

It was a great experience you should also try it

It was a pleasant experience. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the

It was a very fun and interesting experience that i would highluy reccomend. I got to talk to one of my favorite teachers about a lot of things and got to know her better.

It was an interesting experience and I would recommend it.

It's a good idea

It's a good program and idea.

It's a great idea as you get to chat on a more personal level with your teacher. It is also a great opportunity to discuss career aspirations!

It's a great way to form a relationship with your professor and feel more comfortable with them.

It's a really great opportunity.

It's a way to share interest in your class' material.

It's an incredibly great program that lets you get to know about your professor on a more professional AND personal level

It's awesome! Definitely recommend it for anyone who wants to feel more connected to their major and their professor.

It's pretty lit

It's useful

its a great way to know your professor and talk about your career.

My professor was so thoughtful in answering all my questions, and I enjoyed it so much!

Office hour upgrade

Take advantage of it. It's a win-win!

Take advantage of the program! :)

That it is a nice experience to have a small chat with your professor!

The program is a great opportunity to develop a meaningful relationship outside the classroom, and will give you the opportunity to learn more the career of your professor and gain knowledge from the shared  
They absolutely need to utilize this program!

They need to definitely sign up to because it's a great opportunity.

They should definitely give it a try.

to definitely go for it, it's surprising to find out a totally different and amazing aspect of one's teacher outside of class

you must try this. It is helpful and good chance to know our professors.

you should definitely do it!

You should definitely do it.

You should definitely take advantage of this exceptional opportunity.

you should definitely try it. You can make their day, all gain an alley with more experience.

You should do it with a professor who you want to get to know of.

**Additional comments or feedback? Thank you!**

Amazing program that I hope will stick around for others to use.

Excellent program. Thank you.

Fantastic! Love the program, maybe have the professors include it in their syllabus's for greater exposure

Great program which should be advertised more. Professors offer connections, insight, and advice to growing students.

Great program! Would do it again!!

great program!!

Helpful faculty when I was signing up myself and my professor for this program!

I am so grateful to whoever created this program!

I like it! I think it is great! Since we are all wrapped up in our work having the chance to have FREE coffee with a Professor is a great way to relax, chat, and get to know each other more.

I love this program and it's really great. I feel this is something students should take advantage of. The problem is that not a lot of students know about it so maybe advertise more and get the word out.

I really appreciate the program. Thanks for the opportunity

I really enjoyed this program. I wish I had heard of it sooner!

I used the coffee with the professor to work on a study guide for the Midterm and as a result i got a 105%

I wish there were more choices to visit coffee shop wise (Grounded is a very peaceful location)... the other locations are quite busy and so are our professors, I had only a half an hour with mine; when we went to Starbucks the line would have taken us so long, we would have been lucky to get our coffee at all.

I would definitely utilize this program again next semester.

It doesn't seem like every professor knows what the program is exactly yet.

It is a wonderful program, and I hope it continues!

It is good to speak with teachers in a none classroom setting.

It was a great oppurtunity to learn more and be able to bond with professors that I would've missed out on if it wasn't for the program.

IT WAS AWESOME

It was fun!

Keep this program going

Make it easier to figure out the process and find the building where you sign up

Make more announcements to get more students to try this. It's very beneficial

N/A

Please keep this program going! Not many people seemed to know about it, I have encouraged others by word of mouth, but I feel the program could be advertised more in the Student Union and around campus. It's a great resource for students and staff! I'm really glad I got to have taken part in it and would do it again!

Please open this back up to graduate students, as our professors are more likely to continue to work with us over the course of our careers. Therefore, it is arguably more important to help graduate students develop a positive relationship with our professors.

students should be encouraged more for this.

Thank you for allowing me to participate within the "Coffee w/ a Professor" program.

Thank you for making this possible.

**Additional comments or feedback? Thank you!**

Thank you for providing this program!

Thank you for running this program, it's been a great experience to know my professor more in a more informal setting where my professor can feel comfortable just as much as I did.

Thank you for thinking of this program!

The "Coffee with a Professor" program was a fun experience. Thank you for providing the opportunity.

This is an awesome program. I have advertised it to all the people I know. I hope it continues.

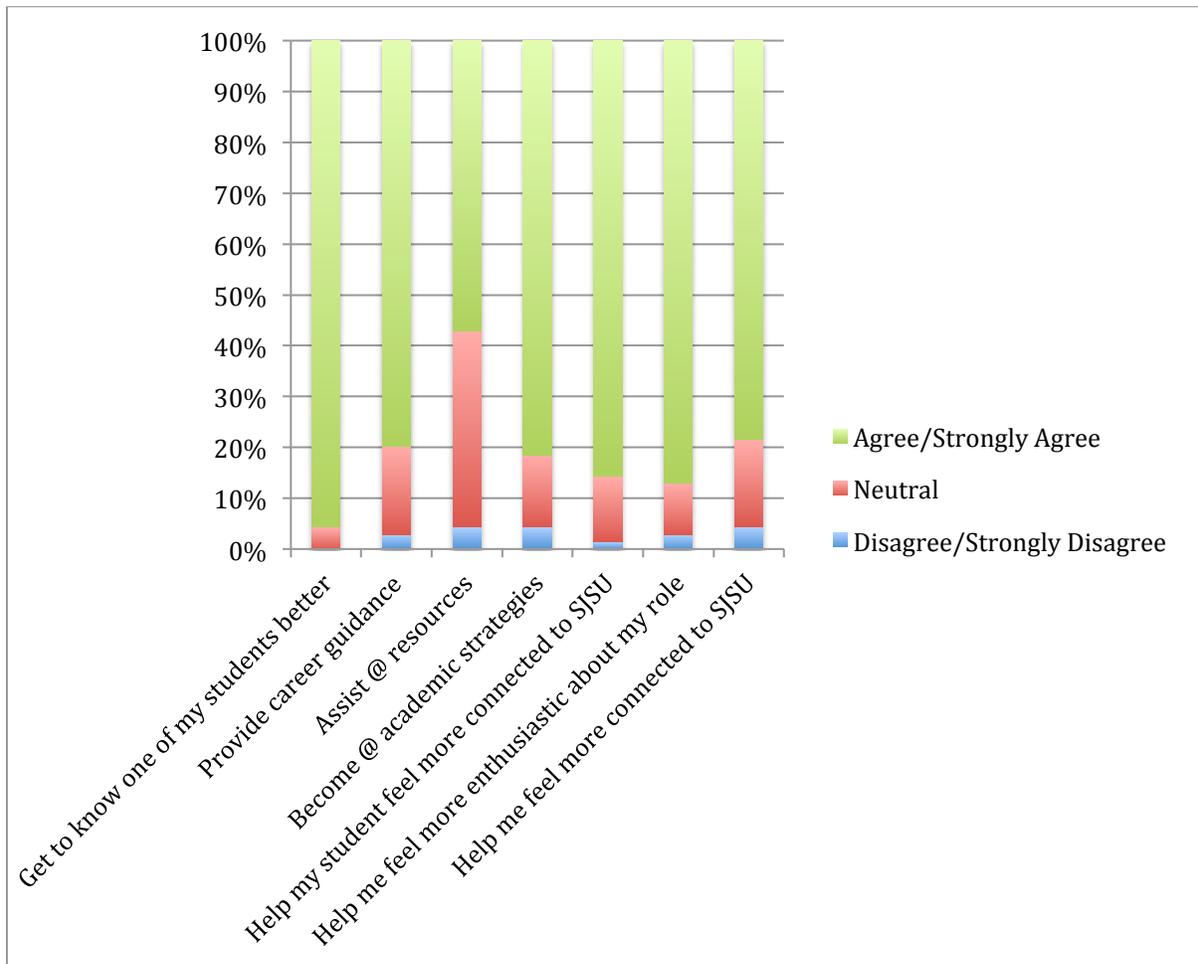
This program is very helpful for me. It helps me overcome my struggle and I have more confidence about my future plan. Thank you for creating this program!

Wonderful program!!

## “Coffee with your Professor” – Faculty Feedback

### The program allowed me to...

	Disagree/Strongly Disagree (% of respondents)	Neutral (% of respondents)	Agree/Strongly Agree (% of respondents)
Get to know one of my students better	0	4.3	95.7
Provide career guidance	2.9	17.4	79.7
Assist @ resources	4.3	38.6	57.1
Become @ academic strategies	4.3	14.3	81.7
Help my student feel more connected to SJSU	1.4	12.9	85.7
Help me feel more enthusiastic about my role	2.9	10.1	87
Help me feel more connected to SJSU	4.3	17.1	77.6



**Please complete this thought. If a colleague or friend asked me about the "Coffee with a Professor program", I would say...**

All schools should do this! This is a great way to build community, support students outside the classroom, and help new faculty develop a better understanding about the campus climate and feel Basically a waste of my time.

continue it!

definitely take advantage of it. We need to make use of these kinds of interactions between all members

Do it!

Do it!

do it!

Do it! It's really fun!

do it! you will learn about your students and truly make a difference in their lives.

Do it!!! It's an honor to be asked, fun to do, and seems to really mean a lot to the students!

DO IT!!! :-) It's really fun!

do it... students really want to talk to their professors... to know that they are real and bleed red... my student opened up about all sorts of things and as i told her about things on campus... she was aghast... that SJSU really did have lots of resources, etc. right on campus. It was a great time for 80 minutes... right after the first five minutes... which were awkward for both of us...

Everyone should do it and more students should take the initiative to ask professors to a coffee. It's what everyone does in the professional world. I would even encourage 2-3 students to meet up with a professor a time to get more out of it.

Go ahead and do it. It is quite valuable for both the students and the professors.

go and enjoy getting to know someone who obviously admires you and cares about your opinion.

Go for it. It gives you a good opportunity to get to know your students' perspectives, so you could provide education that is tuned to the particular group of student you are teaching.

Go! It was a great experience interacting with a student one-on-one. But also, the student to have an opportunity to initiate an interaction with an adult.

Good program.

Great program, keep doing it.

Great program!

I enjoyed the opportunity to talk with a student outside of the office and not specifically about an assignment or project.

I had no idea about the program. I did the Faculty Mentor Program as a student, with a faculty member who continues to be my mentor. As faculty I volunteered in that program. It is a small, but powerful opportunity to engage with students on a different power level, and very rewarding. It's not about the I highly recommend it as it provides good opportunities to mentor and encourage students outside of the formal classroom.

I love it! Strongly encouraged to continue the program.

If a student invites you for "Coffee with a professor", definitely take her up on the offer.

If you have time, do it that might help student

it is a good opportunity to establish a friendly dialog between a faculty and a student without having the constraint of an office where students often feel more stressed out. It also shows that the faculty is willing to take time to spend a quality moment with a student to address whatever the topics of the discussion would be. Students are less anxious and would also be more open to discussions in an

It is a great idea and you should give it a try.

It is a great idea! I hope programs like this continue!

it is a great program. I hope it continues in the future!

It is great that a student has asked to spend time with you, and I encourage you to do it. I had a really nice chat with 2 students at once.

It is important to spend time with student and help them feel special.

**Please complete this thought. If a colleague or friend asked me about the "Coffee with a Professor program", I would say...**

it was a great way for me to get to know my peer mentor and to discuss how she could help me in this

it was a nice excuse to carve out some quality time with an interested student outside of office hours

It was a very sweet gesture for the University to allow to happen

it was an enjoyable experience and I really was able to connect with my student at a different level.

it was an excellent opportunity to meet one on one with a great student.

It was an opportunity to mentor a student by allowing them to ask questions about my career history, as well as encourage them in the academic and career pursuit. I enjoyed reflecting back on my previous employment and summarizing how I got to where I am today.

It was great! I was really touched that my student wanted to spend time with me outside of class, and I enjoyed our conversation and getting to know her better. It is an amazing program that I would highly

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It's a great program! Encourage your students to take advantage of it!

It's a great program. It provides students and faculty with a chance to talk outside the classroom. Students often have questions about their career path and they appreciate the extra time in a relaxed atmosphere to talk about their goals and ask questions about how we (faculty) met our own educational

It's a nice thing to do with a student but isn't scalable and the time required is a challenge. However, I only had one student who made the request so it wasn't a problem. It helped me quickly resolve a problem situation that had just come up with that student so the timing and personal conversation were

It's great experience. It might be good to establish the length of meeting ahead of time.

Its important to connect with students (and colleagues) outside of class.

Meeting for coffee breaks some barriers, it is a more free flowing conversation.

Needs to create a space for food and drinks to be provided where students and faculty to be more social

One if the best small things SJSU does. Try it!

Opportunity to get a free coffee with a student

Please keep the program going. Both faculty and students are benefiting from it.

Say yes to any student who asks you as it takes a lot of initiative for students to ask a professor to

Students who like my teaching style or see me as a resource for career, life, or school advice tend to ask me out for coffee. It's a nice way to deepen that mentor-mentoree relationship, but the structure of my class (business simulations) already enables me to know my students quite well.

that I encourage faculty to take advantage - announce the opportunity to students and be open to scheduling meetings. I am tremendously pleased with my experiences so far.

that it is an unnecessary program, because professors are already available to their students--during office hours, by appointment, and through informal interactions before, during, and after class meetings.

This is a fantastic opportunity and you should definitely do it!

This is a fantastic way to step outside the classroom and to connect as humans.

This is a good idea. I am surprised so few students make use of it.

This is a great program. It helps student approach their professors and the professors know their students more. The only issue I see here is: only extrovert students are signing up for this. These are the students that are in constant contact with the professors anyway. There is a need to find a way to incentive ALL students (even the ones that are quiet and shy) to approach the professors and invite them. I would have loved to have the opportunity to have coffee with many of these students as well.

This is a wonderful context in which to welcome students to visit with their instructors. The coffee gift card (and official program flyer) may give students the additional incentive they need to approach their professors and chat with them in a more informal setting than traditional office hours.

This is an amazing experience more faculty and students should take advantage of because of the potential growth of the teacher-student relationship. It was extremely meaningful for the both of us, and I highly recommend this to anyone who wants to feel more connected to their learning.

This is what advising is supposed to be.

**Please complete this thought. If a colleague or friend asked me about the "Coffee with a Professor program", I would say...**

This program is a great way to spend informal time with a student and get to know them outside of

**Additional comments or feedback?**

As a music lecturer that is only on campus 1 day/week, this kind of program is great for allowing some students outside of my courses to meet with me to talk about very relevant topics.

Consider removing the words "your" and "my" from the survey questions, they sound a bit patronizing and assumes that students solely invite professors who instruct courses that they are currently enrolled in. In my case I was invited by a female student of color seeking mentorship from a female professor of Great program...Promote it more!

I am so supportive of this program. These days it seems there are fewer opportunities for students and professors to spend quality time together compared to 30 years ago, yet the need is clearly much greater. It's such a simple idea but it works. All my friends in the business world to whom I have spoken of this program are impressed. Thank you for this small human touch.

I believe my students already are comfortable enough to come see me during my office and I am sure I would have been able to assist the student in the same manner but obviously it was nice to get a coffee with a student but not a practical approach to reach out to a large number of students

I did not know the program existed until the student contacted me, so I felt at a disadvantage from the start. This was a marginal student, so the coffee session was less than satisfying for me.

I felt like I was taking money from a student or someone who could use the resources more than I so I turned down the coffee offer.

I had two students participate in this program and this is my second time completing this survey, so I think I covered everything in the first survey -- but if you need more details just let me know!

I hope this catches on and more students and faculty participate.

I love this program. It sends a very constructive and positive message. And just telling my students about it in class was a lot of fun! So I hope this program will continue. The longer it goes on, and the more people participate, the more momentum it will get. Thank you!

I really appreciated this program. I enjoyed the two meetings I had. One student did not get the coffee card ahead of time and was prepared to pay out of pocket. I bought coffee instead (the obvious solution!). I didn't mind but did want to give feedback about the ease of process for students. Just the act of getting the card might be a barrier for some.

I think this program needs to have more awareness for students to take advantage of, instead of just a few posters in a few buildings. More students should take advantage of this program, I just don't think

I was approached by two students, but I had only one coffee session with one of them. Scheduling may become an issue. Also, the student who used this program is a very motivated student who was doing great in my class. So, I wonder if students who are worried about their academic progress might be shy

I was asked by the student and I agreed. She told me she would let me know but never setup a meeting time with me.

I was honored to be asked. Great idea!

I would change it to "lunch with the professor". Both, professors and students are really busy, but everybody breaks for lunch.

This will ease coordination and maybe attract more people to join.

I would encourage more lower division students to participate. I think it could have the greatest impact

I would hope that such an initiative will continue since there is a large potential to improve student engagement that will also relate to student success. Working in a collaborative effort with other initiatives from various institutional units would be another option to consider to emphasize student engagement. As an example, a combination of interests from mentoring/advising and involvement in RSCA-related activities would be something to perhaps envisage to discuss with members from the Center for Faculty Development and the Office of Research. There is a potential to develop more student engagement beneficial to students and faculty to collaborate on RSCA-related activities.

I would like to know if other professors are announcing this program in their classrooms. It would be wonderful to survey students who took part in this program and provide some data on their experience (e.g., was it beneficial for them? did they get more out of it than a traditional office visit?)

I would like to see the program continue.

If you have the money to support this... continue it... I think that reaching out... in both directions... makes all feel just a tad more connected here @JSU!

In 2 years no one did it the first 2 semesters. Only this semester did a pair of my students decide to do

**Additional comments or feedback?**

It's a fun way to meet with students. I wish I'd taken a selfie!!

Most students do not know about it. Maybe a massive email to all students should be done.

Please continue this program!

Please continue this program.

Please have it more than 1x a semester

Students who tend to gravitate toward a particular professor for advice or mentorship tend to take advantage of the Coffee with Professor program. However, a much larger population of "shy" or less proactive students would potentially benefit more from the program. Encouraging this less involved population to engage in this program is key.

Thank you for the coffee.

Thank you!

Thank you!! Great program.

Thanks for sharing this opportunity with students. I had three invitations to coffee and it brought me closer to the students. It was an excellent experience, all around!

Thanks!

The leap in my student's confidence (EOP, 1st semester transfer, slightly older, 1st gen) was so obvious after our coffee!!!! She invited another classmate so there was a double impact. This is a great

The one-on-one meeting helped the student through some anxieties. This is a good program and I hope it not only continues but is promoted.

The only reason I didn't mark "strongly agree" for the item about "Help me feel more enthusiastic about my faculty role" is because I'm already very enthusiastic about it.

The student I met with told me that she is now interested in going on to graduate school and is interested in research!

The student seemed to be encouraged and appreciated that an instructor would take time out of their busy schedule to meet.

this was a great idea! thank you.

While I did not offer this student career advice or help the student become aware of resources, it helped this student and myself meet in a relaxed environment and allowed us to work more as a team.

Wish more students participate.

Wonderful program, and I was honored to be asked. I hope that students will become aware and be brave enough to invite a professor as the program continues.

Would be helpful to have an option for faculty to initiate the meeting as a means by which to reach out to certain students.

Would love for students to start earlier in the year rather than at the end when everything is rushed.