



# ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2022

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## GREETINGS!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, volunteers, staff, and students, we are consumed with gratitude and appreciation for a year that brought a season of growth, expansions, and visibility. In B.E.S.T, we envision a world where no matter what background you come from and no matter where a student is on their academic journey, a health career and the preparation it takes should be accessible to them at the highest level.

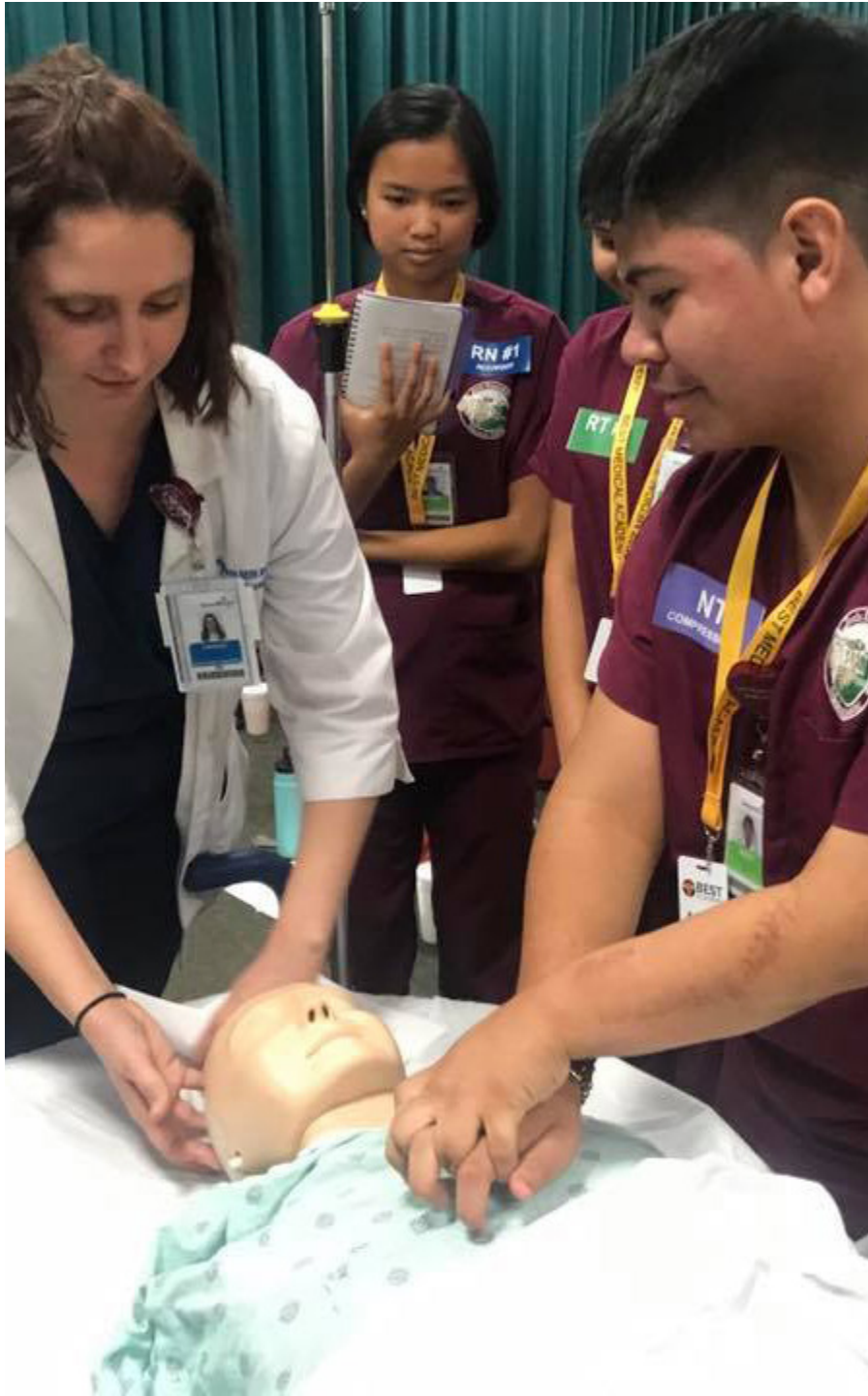
### **In 2022, we saw the impact more than ever before:**

- We served more than 300 students – the largest ever in the B.E.S.T. organization in one year
- We had our most significant number of students matriculating into medical school (6)
- We saw an 18-point increase in the science scores of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Dunbar Elementary Magnet School

Our partnership with the 7<sup>th</sup> largest school system in the U.S., Hillsborough County School District, has contributed to our success in a huge way. We want to capitalize on the framework we have created to bring these concepts to other districts locally and nationally. We established a medical clinic birthed out of our Social Determinants program, serving East and West Tampa citizens. We also received grants from the state and local medical entities, including two of our local professional sports teams. AARP has been instrumental in supporting us as we expand our mission. We look forward to building and growing our capacity to reach more students who aspire to become medical professionals.

As we continue to shape the lives of the next generation of medical and healthcare professionals, B.E.S.T. is uniquely qualified to take students from elementary to middle to high school and then onto the college of their choice to realize their goal of becoming a healthcare professional. Imagine the impact we can have in the lives of our students, families, and communities. Your commitment, partnership, and resources will help us to accomplish our mission in 2023 and beyond.

Thank you for joining us on this journey!



## OUR MISSION

Identify, Inspire, Develop, and Educate with a focus on under-represented and disadvantaged youth to address the national shortage of healthcare professionals that will impact underserved communities.

## OUR VISION

To be a premier pathway program that develops and equips our youth aspiring to become future health professionals that will positively impact health inequalities around the world.

# IMPACT AT A GLANCE

2022

300+

students served over  
the year across B.E.S.T.  
programs

6

students matriculating  
into medical school

30+

students at Sligh Middle  
High School participated in  
the Surgical and Memory  
Club

8+

students experienced  
mentorship from Moffitt's  
minority physicians and  
scientist

18

point increase in the science  
scores of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders at  
Dunbar Elementary Magnet  
School

4

scholars referred to  
Moffitt Cancer Center  
paid on-the-job training  
for CNA's





**Holistically preparing students for careers as future medical professionals.**





## White Coat Ceremony

January 23, 2023, 9:15 AM  
Dunbar Elementary Magnet School



## Medical Simulation Experience at Tampa Bay Tech

Date TBD



## Student Development and Support - Get Connected through Bridge

Connect with us by visiting [clicking here](#).

## Upcoming Activities/Events

- Open Enrollment for the B.E.S.T. Summer Academy - January 2023
- White Party - April 2023
- Diamonds in the Rough Gala - October 2023

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Together, we're ensuring students across Tampa Bay have the tools to become our future healthcare providers!

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