



IMPACT REPORT

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EDUCATION
FOUNDATION
OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

Amount Granted: **\$150,000**
Grant Term: 06/16/2025 - 06/17/2027
Program: Healthcare Career Pathways

The Healthcare Career Pathways program continues to expand as a vital workforce pipeline in Palm Beach County, now serving 7,772 students across 43 schools, an increase of more than 450 students since last year. With Quantum Foundation's latest support, programming now reaches three new schools, increasing access to medical academy opportunities in high-need communities and strengthening the full middle-to-high school pathway.

In the 2025–2026 school year, programs launched at Palm Beach Central High School and Christa McAuliffe Middle School, with Carver Middle School recently beginning implementation. Planning is also underway for a fourth expansion school to launch in Fall 2026.

We recently visited Palm Beach Central High School alongside partners and stakeholders committed to strengthening the future healthcare workforce in Palm Beach County and it brought this work to life. The Education Foundation and School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) shared encouraging outcomes that underscore the program's success:

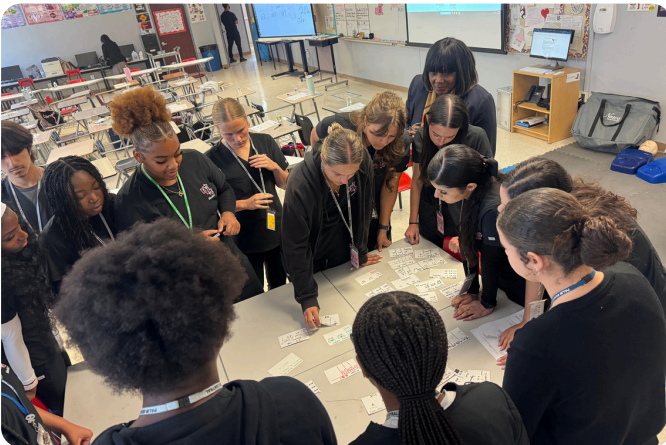
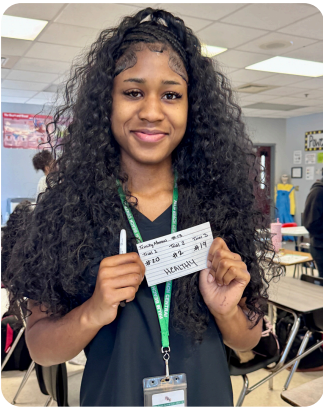
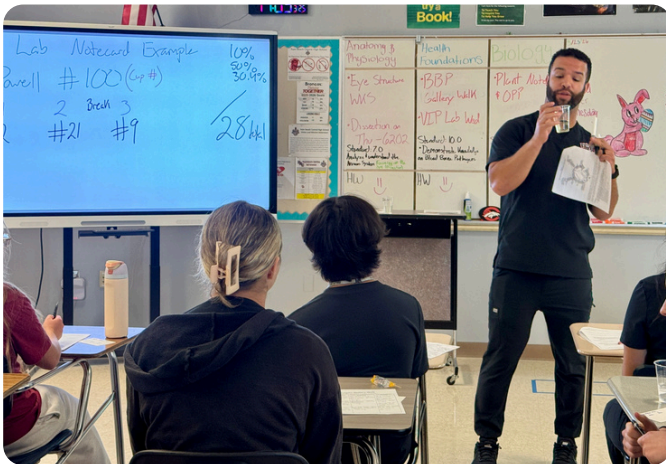
- 93% of students report increased interest in healthcare careers and post-secondary education
- 97% of teachers report a stronger desire to remain in the profession
- Strong student attendance driven by the rigor and engagement of the program
- Healthcare Career Pathways students have among the highest industry certification pass rates across all *Career and Technical Education* (CTE) district programs





Future Healthcare Professionals in Action

Stakeholders joined students in Mr. Powell's classroom for a hands-on lab, participating in a blood-borne pathogen simulation that modeled how quickly disease can spread. The experience created a direct opportunity to engage with students and reinforced the real-world importance of infection control. In addition, some students shared their plans and aspirations, offering a powerful reminder of how investing in the next generation of healthcare leaders strengthens the future workforce.





Amount Granted: **\$2,500**
Program: Front Yard Farm Historical Project

Founded in 2017, Firebush is a nonprofit dedicated to improving quality of life through wellness, community engagement, and environmental stewardship, promoting healthy, active living and resilient communities. Supported through **Quantum In the Community**, the City of Riviera Beach, and other partners, the organization is transforming a historic site, once a neighborhood grocery store and one of the first Black-owned businesses in the area, into a thriving “front yard farm” that promotes food access, sustainability, and cultural preservation.

On February 22, 2026, Firebush launched its inaugural *Sunday in the Garden* at *Myrtle Carey's Legacy Garden*, bringing together 20 residents for an engaging day of fitness, education, and storytelling, including a garden tour, workshop, and oral history presentation, while distributing starter plants and fostering a shared space for intergenerational connection and community building.

