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The Tampa Bay Business Accelerator (TBBA), powered by the Tampa Bay Chamber Foundation, helps small businesses scale and achieve sustainable growth. The TBBA assists small businesses with identifying and overcoming obstacles such as limited access to funding, decisionmakers, and information. Through this support, businesses are able to strengthen operations, create jobs, and build long-term stability, ultimately making a lasting impact on the Tampa Bay economy.

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Quarter 2 Impact Metrics

The Tampa Bay Business Accelerator measures the progress of its participants by tracking key metrics such as jobs created, capital received, assets acquired, strategic introductions made and new corporate contacts. The numbers are self-reported by all of the businesses in the cohort on a quarterly basis.

155

Current # of Employees (W2)

\$5.4M

Gross Sales

\$3.7M

Net Profit

41

New Jobs Created

19

Vacancies Filled

69

New Corporate Contracts

20.5K

Total Customers

1.1K

New Customers

\$3.4M

Company Secured Capital

\$1.9M

New Assets Acquired

472

Strategic Introductions made



Program Highlights



Cohort 2026 Chair

Michael Eubanks
The Bank of Tampa



Cohort 2027 Chair

Charles Thybulle
Citizens Bank



Alumni Chair

Edward Reyes, Esq.
The Reyes Firm



What an incredible evening exploring the opportunities and realities of Entrepreneurship Through Acquisition, hosted by TBBA Alumni!

On June 10th, our attendees gained valuable insights from experts who have successfully navigated the process from multiple perspectives. From identifying the right opportunity and securing financing to conducting due diligence and planning for long-term success, the conversation was filled with practical advice and real-world experiences.

Our experts from the The Center for Micro-Entrepreneurial Training, CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen), Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, and Ice Cold Air generously shared their expertise and lessons learned.

The energy in the room was a powerful reminder that there are many pathways to business ownership, and when entrepreneurs have access to the right information and support, the possibilities are endless.



More than 60 entrepreneurs joined us on June 12 for Accelerator Ready: Programs & Pathways for Growth, a morning dedicated to learning, connection, and opportunity!

Together, we celebrated the opening of applications for the next cohort of the Tampa Bay Business Accelerator (TBBA) while connecting business owners with resources designed to support every stage of the entrepreneurial journey.

Attendees invested in their businesses by hearing directly from TBBA partners committed to helping entrepreneurs access capital, technical assistance, mentorship, certifications, training, and growth opportunities. A special thank you to our incredible resource partners.

A very special thank you to our program sponsor and host, Suncoast Credit Union, for opening your doors and investing in the success of our small business community.



TBBA Companies in the Community



**Nicole Williams of
Faith Christian Academy of Plant City**
presented at the League of Christian Schools Kenya
National Teachers Conference in Nairobi, Kenya.

Tunji Fatinikun of T-Fat's Auto Spa

was featured in the June Gentleman's Issue of South Tampa City Lifestyle Magazine. The article focuses on the journey and mission behind T-Fat's Auto Spa.



Darla Otey-Murphy of Girls Inc of Tampa Bay
was featured as the Keynote Speaker for the NCNW St. Petersburg Metropolitan Section's Annual Meeting.



Keleisha Carter of KC Capital Group

launched Legacy Bloom Capital on April 2, a private investment fund. The launch was a beautiful evening filled with joy and support as Keleisha broadened her business portfolio with the support of her TBBA family by her side.

Ananis Makar of Makar Law Firm

was the featured speaker at an event hosted by Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc at the University of Tampa. Her keynote focused on her journey in building her immigration law practice.



Sherrel Sampson of Canviiiy

was on Florida This Week on WEDU PBS when she shared a special announcement. Canviiiy ScalpBliss Serums have achieved OTC benefit eligibility at CVS stores nationwide.



Priscilla W. Conyers of Eggs Up Grill Riverview

partnered with Mahogany Kids Fine Arts Foundation this summer for a K-5 Summer Reading Challenge. After reading 5 books this summer, children received a free kids meal.

Courtney Jackson of Paragon Cyber Solutions

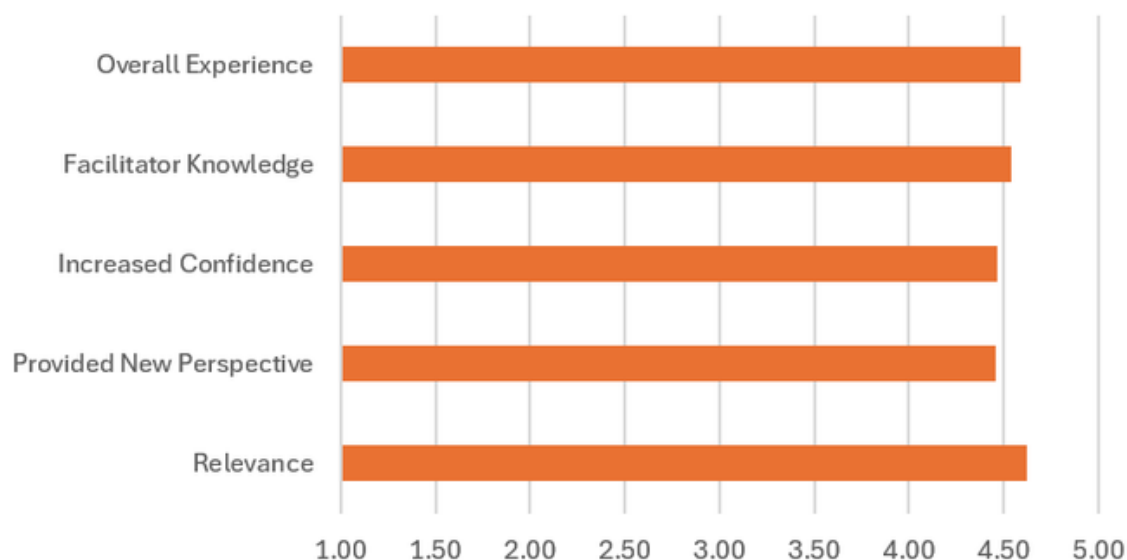
was a panelist for “Doing Business in Tampa Bay” during SOF Week 2026. This panel focused on the region’s continued growth as a hub for SOF and defense innovation.





Session and Event Feedback

TBBA Education Session Feedback



“One of the most instrumental workshops.”

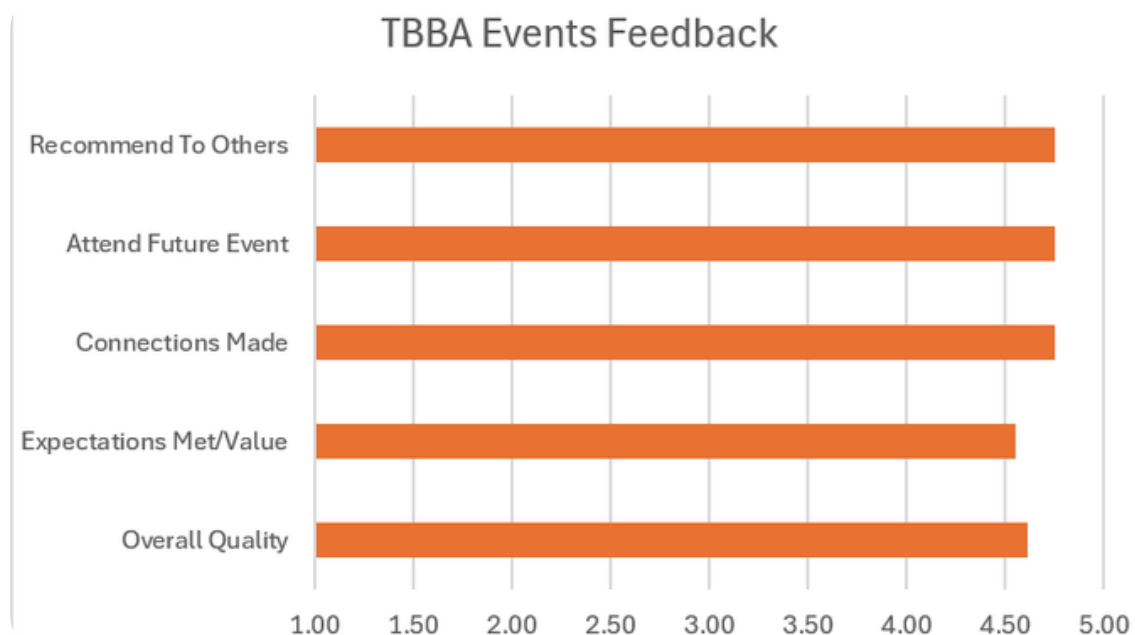
“It helps me realize that I’m moving in the right direction in regard to getting my finances on track and current.”

“Keep bringing speakers like this one. It was a great session.”

“I thought this timing was perfect.”



Session and Event Feedback



“The most valuable part of the event was the education and guidance provided to become and remain a successful Business Owner!”

“This was an exceptional event, with amazing connections.”

“The networking experience was priceless.”

“Just hearing how the different programs support small businesses such as mine. All of the presenters seemed truly authentic in wanting to help small businesses in the area.”



Education Sessions and Events

TBBA COHORT '26 SESSION 3: GROWTH-READY: A LEGAL STRATEGY SESSION

April 17

SPEAKERS

Jennifer N. Chapman
Shareholder, Bush Ross

Harold Douglass Holder III
Shareholder, Bush Ross

Joseph A. Probasco
Shareholder, Managing Partner,
Bush Ross

TBBA COHORT '27 SESSION 3: ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS & TAX STRATEGY FOR SCALING

April 24

SPEAKERS

Jennifer M. Negrón Algarín
Consulting Controller,
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Eric Gordon, MSA
Consulting Controller,
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Rhett Causby, CPA
Tax Manager, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

TBBA LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

May 7



Education Sessions and Events

**TBBA JOINT COHORT SESSION 4:
TBBA MASTERCLASS: PRICING FOR MAXIMIZING REVENUE**

May 15

SPEAKERS

Etinosa Agbonlahor
CEO, Decision Alpha

Fireside Chat: Ralph Garcia
Managing Partner, RGA Advisory

TBBA MENTOR ROUNDTABLE

June 9

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP THROUGH ACQUISITION:
HOSTED BY TBBA ALUMNI**

June 10

**ACCELERATOR READY:
PROGRAMS & PATHWAYS FOR GROWTH**

June 12

**TBBA JOINT COHORT SESSION 5:
CONTRACT NEGOTIATION**

June 26

SPEAKER

Felix Pulido
President and CTO, DOTI