



WHAT YOU MADE POSSIBLE IN 2025



MANCHESTER BIDWELL
CORPORATION



A LETTER FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

What becomes possible when people are given room to grow.

Dear friends,

Every outcome in this report began with a person being taken seriously: a graduate preparing to enter a new field, a young artist learning to trust an idea, or a student hearing live jazz and recognizing that this history belongs to them, too.

Across Manchester Bidwell Corporation, that work takes shape through three connected commitments: Education, Creative Expression, and Social Enterprise. Education develops knowledge, skill, and confidence. Expression gives people room to discover what they can make and who they may become. Enterprise builds durable pathways between learning, work, culture, and public life.

This is **patient** work. Its scale is **human** by design. Progress grows through sustained attention, relevant programs, committed teachers and mentors, strong partnerships, and places where people can practice what they are becoming.

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Three ways your support becomes opportunity

Across MBC, your support helps people gain the knowledge to act, the freedom to discover through making, and the structures through which possibility can become a durable part of a life and a community.

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EDUCATION

Knowledge becomes agency.

02

EXPRESSION

Making and creativity change how we see.

03

ENTERPRISE

Opportunity needs a structure that lasts.

Distinct ways of working. One connected practice.

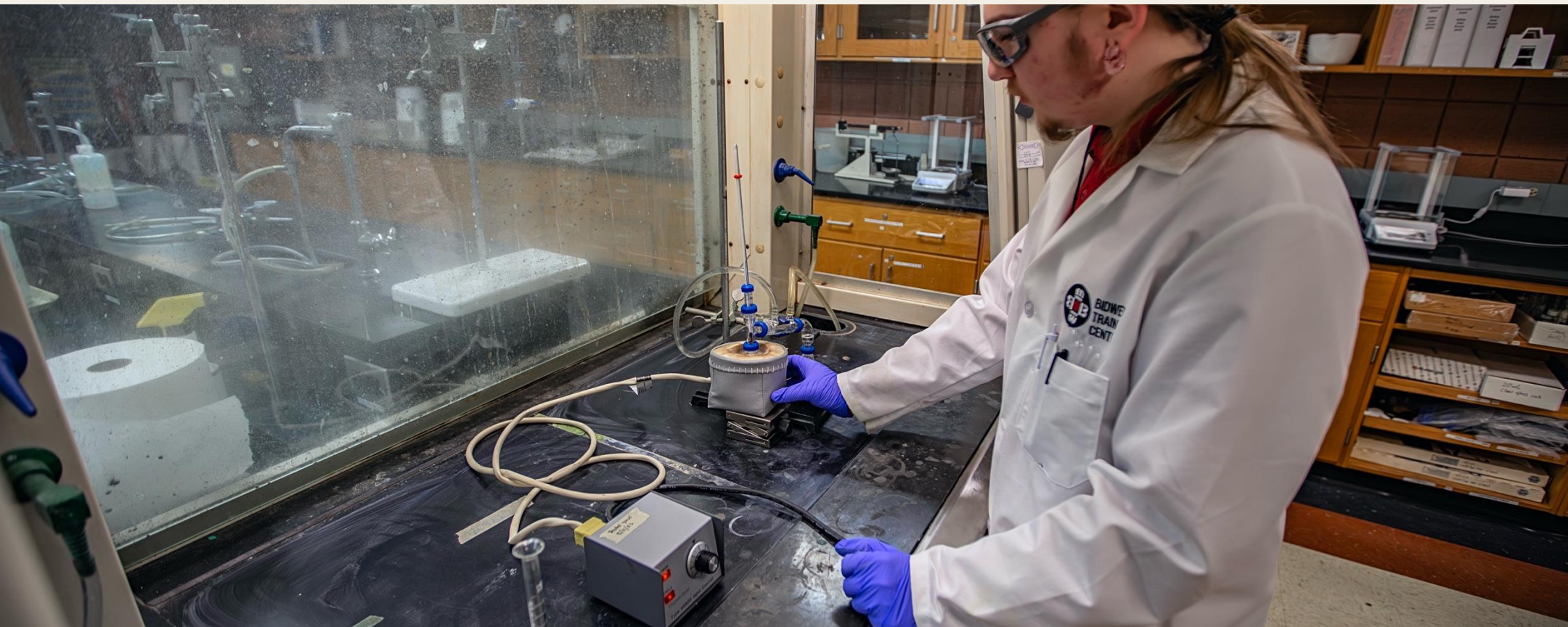
EDUCATION

Knowledge
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Training that takes you somewhere

At Bidwell Training Center, completing a program matters most because of what it prepares a graduate to do next. The clearest measure of our work is our students' movement into work.

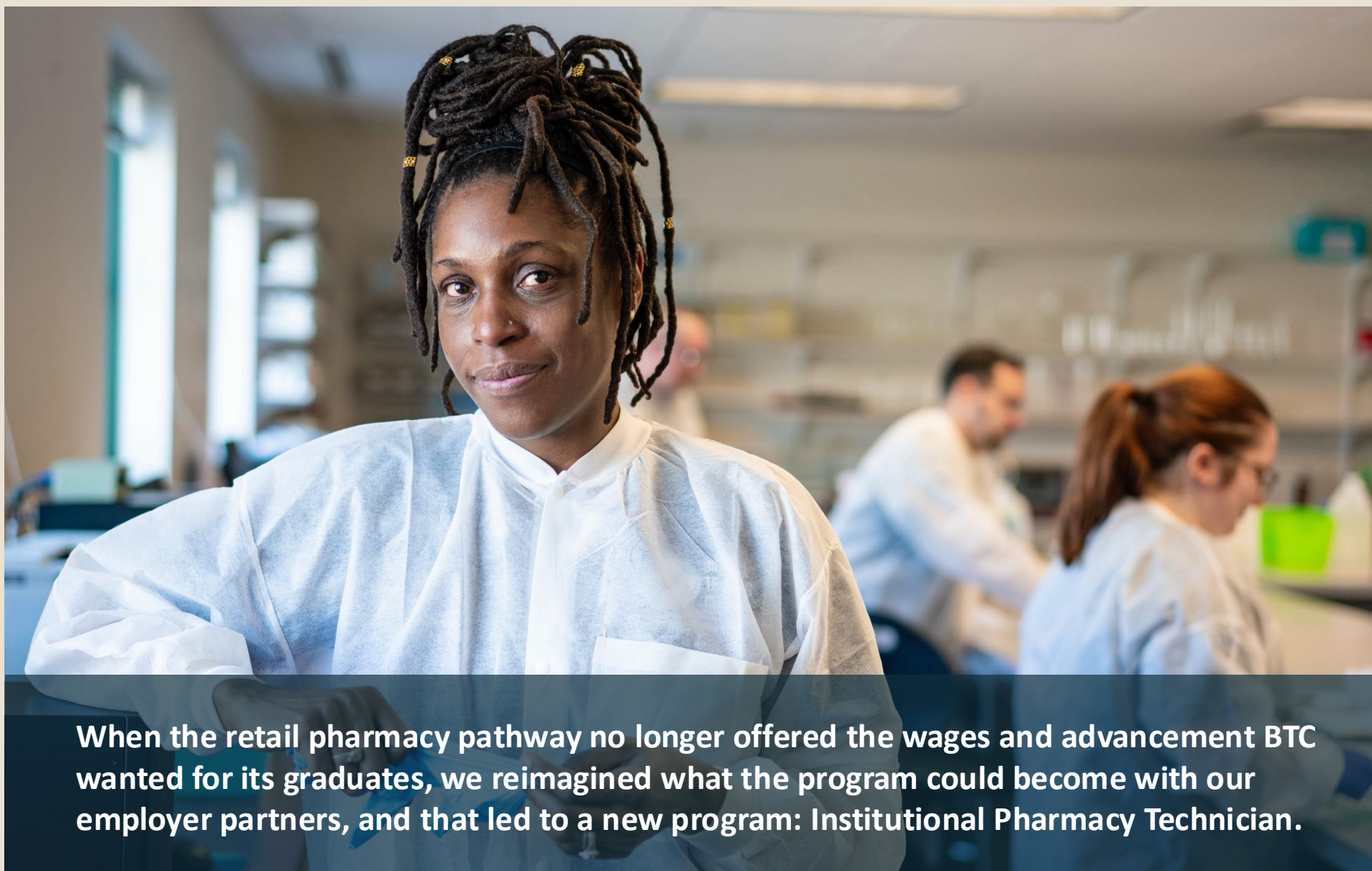


84%

overall employment rate

Each placement represents sustained attention: training, mentoring, employer relationships, and a graduate prepared to carry new skill into practice.

Preparing for the work ahead



When the retail pharmacy pathway no longer offered the wages and advancement BTC wanted for its graduates, we reimagined what the program could become with our employer partners, and that led to a new program: Institutional Pharmacy Technician.

In 2025, the first Institutional Pharmacy Technician cohort began preparing for specialized roles in hospitals, compounding laboratories, and other clinical environments. Developed with regional healthcare partners, the program reflects a simple responsibility: training should remain connected to the lives graduates are trying to build.

A more specialized pathway, shaped around the work ahead.

EDUCATION

Jazz as a living classroom



1,500+

students engaged through Jazz education programming

Through live performance, instruction, and encounters with working musicians, students learned about Pittsburgh's musical legacy as a practice carried from one generation to the next.

The music becomes history, discipline, and creative possibility at once.



EDUCATION

Creative learning, within reach

392

students served

1.5K+

public-event visitors

Across school engagements and public events, MCG Youth created more ways for young people and community members to encounter serious arts learning, skilled instruction, and professional materials.

EXPRESSION

**Making and
creativity
change how
we see.**



Practice becomes a way of seeing

Expression is the point at which knowledge becomes personal: judgment developed through practice, ideas given form, and traditions interpreted in the present.



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Technical knowledge becomes judgment, precision, and practiced craft.



MCG YOUTH

Young people develop a visual language and learn that their ideas can withstand serious attention.



MCG JAZZ

Artists interpret a living tradition while inviting students and audiences into the act of listening.



Different materials. Different disciplines. The same call for generative attention.

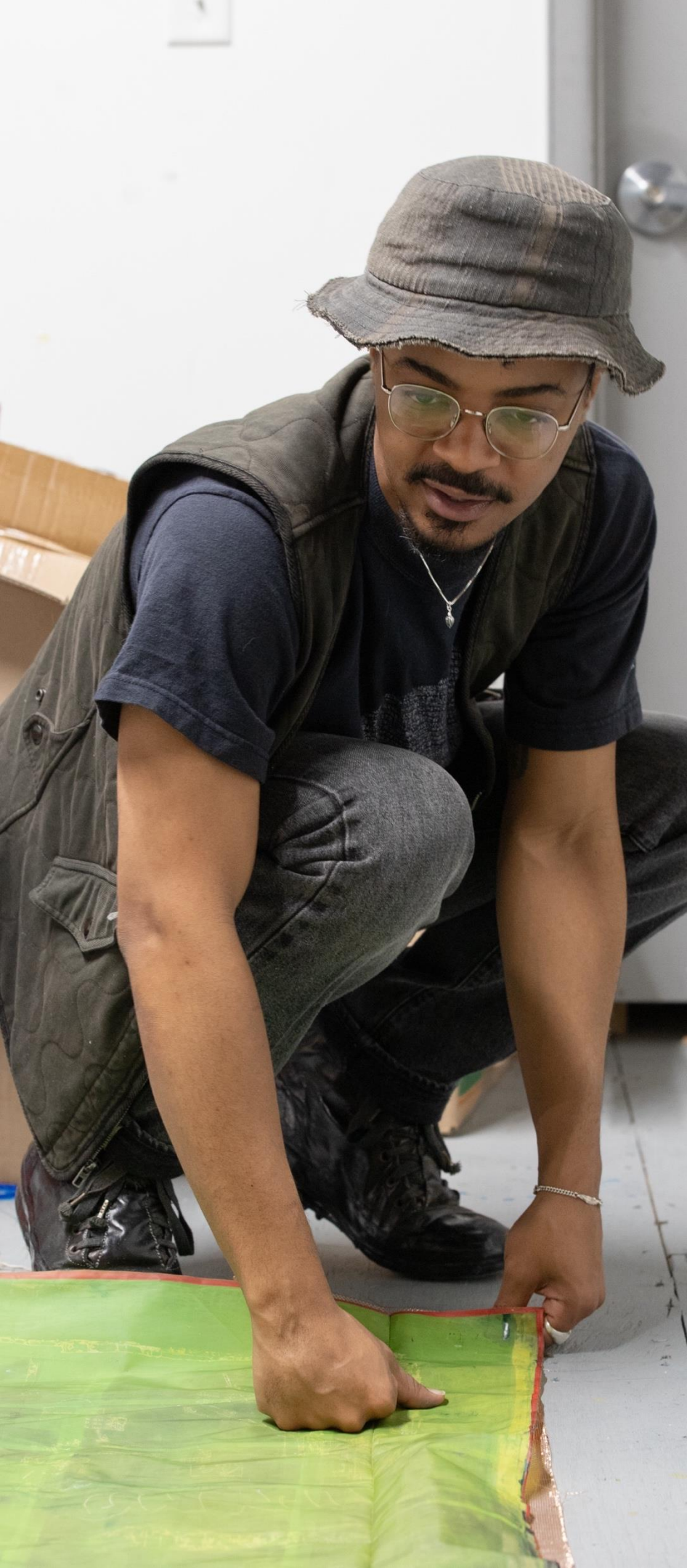
Technical skill becomes practiced craft



In BTC's laboratories, kitchens, classrooms, and greenhouse, expression appears as judgment developed through practice.

This year, students learned to read materials, respond to changing conditions, and make decisions that cannot be reduced to a checklist. The work is technical, but it is also deeply human: knowledge becomes useful when it can be adapted, communicated, and carried with care.

Craft gives knowledge a form others can experience and trust.



EXPRESSION

Ideas enter public life

\$50,000+

in prizes and scholarships at MCGI

The 2025 MCG Invitational placed exceptional student work before a public audience, giving material recognition to the discipline and imagination already present in that work.

A former MCG Youth student Justin Dumas returned as the William E. Strickland Jr. Fellow, with space and resources to deepen an emerging practice and collaborate across MBC.

A living tradition, renewed



Jazz asks each musician to bring a distinct sound into relationship with an ensemble, an audience, and a living history.

Improvisation depends on preparation, attention, and the willingness to respond in real time. In performance, individual expression becomes collective practice—and a tradition becomes present again. This year saw a season of sold-out shows, new recordings, and expanded opportunities for our youth programming to find their voice.

Expression becomes exchange.

ENTERPRISE

**Opportunity
needs a
structure that
lasts.**



The work behind the work

Visible outcomes depend on structures that are easier to overlook: facilities, partnerships, and program models that allow opportunity to endure beyond a single class, concert, or event.



BIDWELL TRAINING CENTER

Employer-aligned training and clinical partnerships connect education to work and regional need.



MCG YOUTH

Guild on the Go carries specialized equipment and teaching into schools and community spaces.



MCG JAZZ

Subscriptions, public performance, and educational spaces help sustain the art form.

ENTERPRISE

A living art form, sustained together



80%

subscriber renewal

157

new subscribers joined
the community

Performances sustain education and mentorship. Artists enter into relationship with students and the city. Audiences preserve a space where Pittsburgh's jazz history remains active and open to what comes next.

The studio goes where students are



Through Guild on the Go, MCG Youth brought ceramics, photography, digital arts, and design directly into schools and community settings.

Moving the studio changes who can enter it while preserving what matters most: serious materials, skilled instruction, and the confidence that grows through making.

An idea, tested in public



In 2025, graduating Culinary Arts students developed original restaurant concepts and piloted them on-site through Chef Practicum.

Students moved from preparing food to shaping an enterprise: building a menu, organizing service, presenting a distinct concept, and responding to real guests. Culinary meal-kit fundraisers offered another connection between learning and revenue that supports the work. Continued greenhouse renovations also moved BTC closer to incorporating food production into its growing space.

Skill becomes enterprise when students learn how to create value others can experience.

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With gratitude to the people and partners who made
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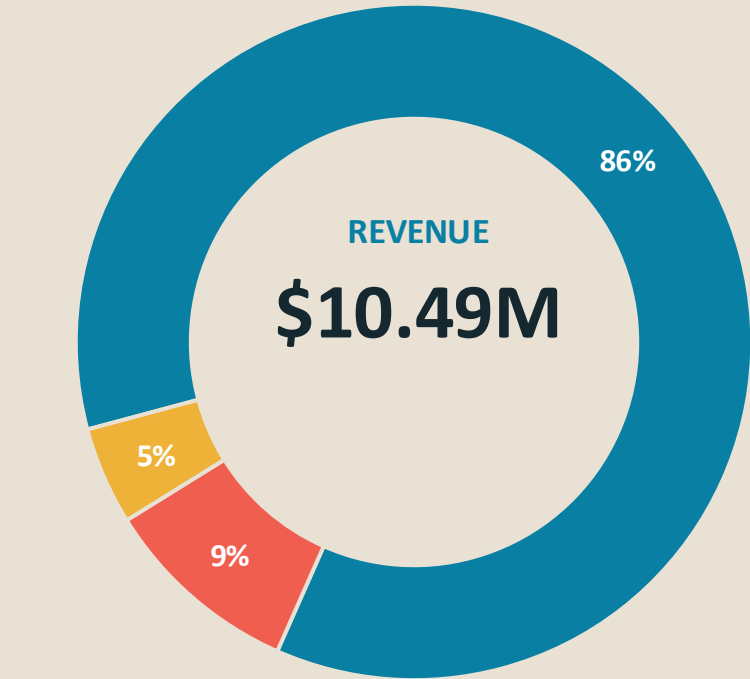
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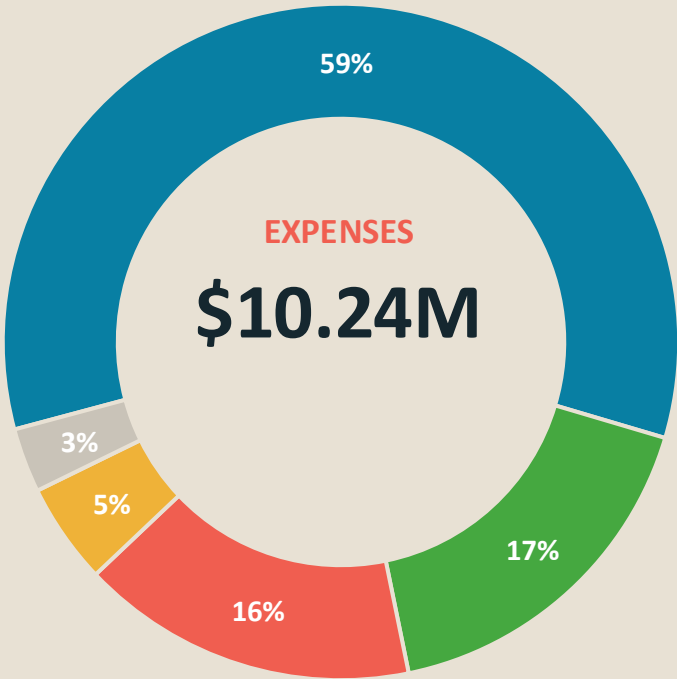
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- Personnel 59%
- Facilities 17%
- Professional services 16%
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