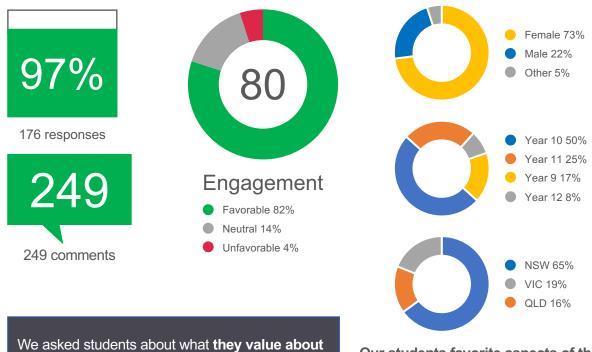
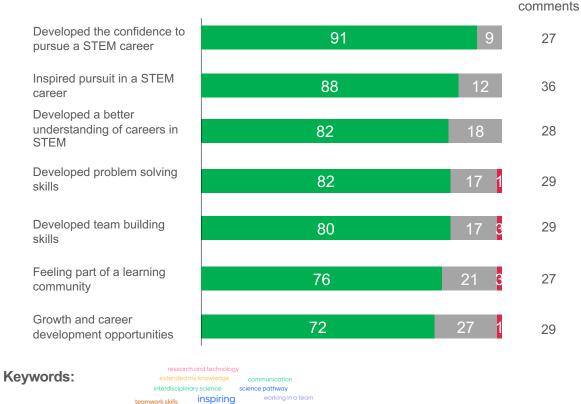
BIOTech Futures Outcomes Survey Results Summary



We asked students about what **they value about the challenge** and how BIOTech Futures tracks against each of these.

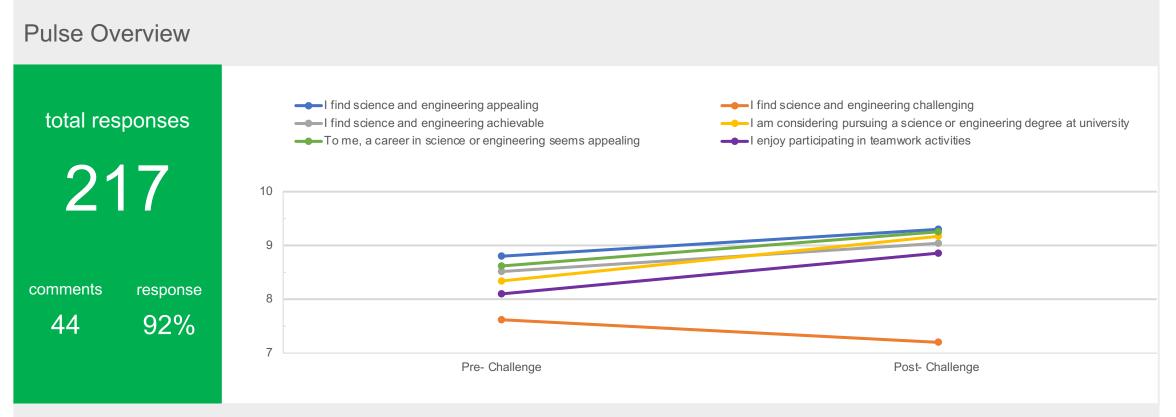
We look forward to continuing to foster a culture that supports and uplifts the wellbeing and development of students and everyone involved. Our students favorite aspects of the challenge based on total comments:

Teamwork/collaboration (75) Career Opportunities (50) Think creatively and critically (30) Mentorship (27) Wellbeing (24) Culture (16)









This survey was modelled based on a 2021 10-point questionnaire¹ developed and published in the Canadian Journal of Science, Mathematics and Technology Education, titled "When I Believe, I Can: Success STEMs from My Perceptions". Each student was given 6 questions (labelled) before and after the challenge (6-weeks) and asked to rank them from 1-10 in level of agreeableness. Summarized above is the total average results of this survey.

¹Kwon H, Capraro RM, Capraro MM. When I Believe, I Can: Success STEMs from My Perceptions. Can. J. Sci. Math. Techn. Educ. 2021;21(1):67–85. doi: 10.1007/s42330-020-00132-4. Epub 2021 Feb 17. PMCID: PMC7888281.



Comments and student feedback

"Personally, I knew that I enjoyed science however wasn't exactly sure where it could take me. After this, I feel I would really enjoy working with collaborative and creative people who share their love for science as me."

> "BIOTech Futures has made the idea of pursuing a career in STEM a lot more appealing to me. I am beginning to realise the vast possibilities which my future may offer."

"I feel that BIOTech Futures pushes me towards looking outside of the box into different pathways and different ideas on what to solve. Things I never would have thought of originally." "I enjoy participating in teamwork activities more now. I think it is because I have seen more how enjoyable it can be when everyone in the team wants to be there (apposed to a school assignment) and works hard so that we as a team can do the best we can."

"I have really enjoyed working in the BIOTech Futures Challenge because it's a really good way to explore and develop my passions and learn about how scientists collaborate and communicate."

"The vast array of topics and the passion evident in every group's presentation really inspired me to look into the scientific field for my future studies. I also formed some interschool connections and strengthened my teamwork skills throughout the process."

"Both my teammates and I have broadened our understanding of what we can do with technology and what goes into developing a solution to biological issues. I have improved my creativity, openmindedness and ability to think outside the box."

"I have now gained experience reading formal scientific articles and journals, and in presenting my work and research."

"My team definitely strengthened our relationship as we got to apply our individual experiences, knowledge and creativity to everything."

"Engineering and science was definitely an option to me prior to the BIOTech Futures Challenge. However, following the work we did during the process of developing a solution, STEM as a possible career path has become much more achievable as a student and woman."



Comments and student feedback

"This BIOTech Futures Challenge has enlightening me about the wide range of careers and topics you can study with a science or engineering degree. It was incredible to meet lots of people who share my passion for science and work together to produce our solution, plus a chance to be creative and build teamwork skills."

"I have learnt creative and critical thinking skills during the BIOTech Futures Challenge that has improved the way I approach my studies at school. I am now more confident and motivated to find a career in STEM. This was an unforgettable experience." "The BIOTech Futures Challenge has opened my eyes to the field of biomedical engineering and it's niche issues that engineering is trying to solve."

"At school I thought learning science and engineering was just reading textbooks. BIOTech Futures has taught me it's so much more and is really fun! I now feel a career in STEM is more appealing and achievable."

"It has prepared me well for collaborating with different people and working together to solve a problem."

"Met with team members and mentor every week and became friends with girls from different grades at my school."

"Both my teammates and I have broadened our understanding of what we can do with technology and what goes into developing a solution to biological issues. I have improved my creativity, open-mindedness and ability to think outside the box."

"I'm improved my skills of working as part of a team, prioritising where to direct what amounts of my time and energy and being more flexible and being able to continue working through last minute changes."

"I was able to hear from lots of people with various science and engineering backgrounds, and see from their experiences how I can craft my future."

"It has given me networking opportunities and an opportunity to meet new people."

"BIOTech Futures showed me that every group member has valuable experiences they can bring to the team. From the start felt part of a community of keen scientists and engineers which is something I have never got to experience before."

"Looking forward to signing up next year to compete again!"

