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On January 27, 2022, nineteen students were inducted into the National Beta Club at Enfield Middle STEAM Academy. These students were selected for membership based on their academic standing and character and joined more than 500,000 members across the United States and beyond. National Beta Club is the largest independent, non-profit, educational youth group in the United States.

Beta Sponsor, Tashaunna Hughes, led the ceremony highlighting the club's purpose: "To promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, leadership, and service." Beta Sponsor, Tashaunna Hughes, states " I am proud of these students who exemplify the meaning of P.R.I.D.E and all of their great accomplishments within the classroom. I hope to continue to see growth in the organization by fostering the individual welfare of Beta members."

Superintendent Dr. Cunningham offered his congratulations to the students saying, "The skills and opportunities that come from National Beta membership impact students not only during their time in school but also as they move forward in life. We are proud of these new inductees and are excited to see how they grow as leaders and positively impact the world. Continue to strive for five!"

Principal Linda Cooper states "I am very proud of our scholars for their accomplishments. It has not been easy after missing 18 months of in-person instruction due to COVID. They are proof that hard work, dedication, and perseverance pay off in the end. Panther Pride!"

The following students were inducted:

Nathan Burnette (6th), Shamare' Jackson Banks (6th), Charjaveous Johnson (6th), Corques Johnson (6th), Taquario Joyner (6th), Kenetta Marrow (6th), Devin Silver (6th), Andrea Suarez-Molina (6th), Mikell Williams (6th), Edgar Acuna (7th), Kemoni Henry (7th), Kemiya Pender, Kacee' Smith (7th), Lillie Tillery (7th), Santia Whitaker (7th), Marvin Wiggins (7th), DeZyer Williams (7th), Star'Saun Taylor (8th), Marquese Wilkins (8th).

Current members include Sha'Niyah Britt, Sean Arrington, and Mellisa Carrillo.