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**DESIGNER B Michael SALUTES TODAY'S STUDENTS TOMORROW'S TEACHERS AT  
COUTURE SHOW PRESENTED BY MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY**

New York ....Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers (TSTT) President and CEO, Bettye H. Perkins, Ed. D. was honored by fashion icon b michael America before he dazzled over 300 guests with his elegant Spring 2013 Couture Collection on September 12<sup>th</sup> at the luxurious Jumeirah Essex House in New York City. B Michael and guests applauded TSTT's work with underserved youth in New York City. TSTT prepares economically challenged students for success in college and rewarding careers in the teaching profession.

TSTT's Male Teacher of Color Initiative in New York City at the Eagle Academy for Young Men and the Bronx Academy is an eight year, full circle career development model for closing the persistent achievement gap among young men. Upon graduation from college and certification, TSTT places their graduates as teachers back at schools in their communities. TSTT wants to add 200 New York City male students to its current pipeline of nearly 700 high school and college students in four states.

TSTT has 110 alumni now in teaching to improve the lives of thousands of children. One recent TSTT college graduate, Shahid Wright spoke passionately as he described his goal of giving back to work with students at Eagle Academy where he graduated high school and as a former participant in the TSTT program.

B Michael and Morgan Stanley Smith Barney graciously exposed this worthy mission with editors for Vanity Fair and Essence Magazine, and many notable admirers including Ms. Cecily Tyson, Tamara Turie and husband Gregory Generet, Brenda Blackmon, Kathryn Chenault, and Star Jones, and Susan L. Taylor. For more information visit: [www.tstt.org](http://www.tstt.org).