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These are the Tampa Bay businesspeople and projects to watch in 2022



By **Alexis Muellner** – Editor, Tampa Bay Business Journal
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Tampa Bay's dynamic business community continues to evolve.

There's a lot of momentum for growth in the local economy and the Tampa Bay Business Journal news team got together to predict who and what will dominate our headlines in 2022.

We don't see the future, but we can speculate about it.

Who did we miss? Email amuellner@bizjournals.com.

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Manufacturing

25 People to Watch in 2022: Tom Mudano

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Tom Mudano, executive director, AmSkills
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By **Henry Queen** – Reporter, Tampa Bay Business Journal
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The workforce and manufacturing worlds are rapidly changing. **Tom Mudano** operates at the intersection of the two, pioneering new systems of training and preparing Tampa Bay and the broader world for the reality of our automated future.

The president and CEO of AmSkills operates two-week boot camps and more involved apprenticeship programs to feed the pipeline of manufacturing workers in robotics and other industries.

That checks off several needs at once. Manufacturers desperate for workers get well-trained talent; individuals who quit their old jobs find stable and well-paying careers; and, finally, Tampa Bay receives an economic development boost and serves as a model for other regions to copy.

Other cities are paying attention to Mudano and we'll also be watching closely in 2022.

Pittsburgh, a once-thriving manufacturing hub **transitioning** to newer industries like robotics and biomedical, recently took notice of Mudano's work. As AmSkills receives more grants (it **recently secured** the second largest in its seven-year history), Mudano plans to create a model for other communities to replicate and expand the nonprofit's headquarters in Holiday.