(parody lyrics for the rap song *Thrift Shop* by Macklemore + Ryan Lewis)

**BEST Shop**

[Hook]
I’m gonna get a job
Got a BEST grant in my pocket
21st century
I got lots of options
This is Wayne State awesome

[Verse One]
Start the degree like what up? And so now what?
BEST got me just pumped up, new ideas keep popping up
Making new connections, makes me want to shout
People like, Where’d you find all that stuff out?
Starting with an intro, then module workshops,
Then an internship, finding out what’s real, outside the box
Collaborate with you and you, collaborate to think and do,
This ain’t no waste of time, this is for my future time - yo
But, hey, BEST got me thinking, talking, working new
Bout to go and get some interviews, going in whole new directions

Few u. teaching research lines out there - phooey
Now I’m learning new skills, thinking and putting things together in new ways
BEST’s a bargain - yo
I’m gonna be in health admin, I’m gonna be in biotech law, no for real, I’ll be employed
Or start my own business (thank you)
Words and pictures, learn to express it,
do PowerPoint presentations that will not bore.
Law and business, community engagement, government service,
Teach science in schools, communication – all with biomed
I need to know, got to make the connections
21st century, innovation, make some waves – go, go, go
I can make some new things, make them cool, be smart
Create a new company – ah, you gotta have heart.

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[Verse Two]
What you know about combining business with biomed?
What you knowing about communicating biomed?
I’m connecting, I’m connecting, I’m searching for new opportunities
Western blots, genomes and cell lines
Patents and PR, Big Pharm or start-ups on Kickstarter
Community rights, clean air and water
I’m in the BEST group, you can find me with my friends
I’m a doer, making tracks in new directions
In your city, your state, your country, your world
I’ll take the risk to fly around the room, zoom zoom and I’ll rock this science lab
Designer latex gloves and lab coats down the catwalk
I hit the lab and they stop and stare – you did what?
They be like Oh I never would have thought of that
I’m like Yo, that’s the BEST education we got here
Limited positions, limited grants in addition
10 years as a postdoc, then no postings – what a crock
I call that getting swindled, that’s just sitting on a rock
Instead I’m moving headlong, seeing all around me
Meeting people in real life, seeing my work with different eyes
Peep game, come take a look though my microscope
Trying to see your science future? Check out BEST - yo - and you’ll see stars

(little girl) good work, be getting nods, yeah-ah-ah

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[Bridge]
I bridge the disciplines, I am employable
I’m in the BEST program and shifting paradigms down the road
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(little girl) Is that your biomed degree? Hee hee!