

Alumni Highlights

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Innovation prizes for change-makers

This fall, many alumni received prizes and grants to further fund their innovative ventures and new projects. New Haven-based **Alva Health** (founded by **Sandra Saldana MBA '17**), received **Medtech Innovator's** \$350,000 global startup competition grand prize for its wearable, real-time stroke monitor developer. **Coral Vita** (co-founded by **Gator Halpern MEM '15** and **Sam Teicher YC '12, MEM '15**) was one of five recipients of **Prince William's Earthshot Prize**, winning £1 million for its project that uses special tanks to grow corals faster on land before planting them back in the ocean. **CtrlTrial** (founded by **Guannan Gong PhD '21**), won **CTNext's Fall 2021 Entrepreneur Innovation Awards (EIA)**, the oldest major pitch competition in Connecticut that provides \$10,000 grants to CT based startups.



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\$30M

**Series B
funding raised**

Alumni teams hit fundraising milestones

Wellinks, co-founded by **Levi DeLuxe YC '14** and **Ellen Su YC '13** secured **\$25 million** in new funding to expand the first-ever integrated, virtual COPD management solution to empower patients and reduce costs. **Medallion**, founded by **Derek Lo YC '17**, was **featured in Forbes** for receiving \$30 million in Series B funding – led by Sequoia Capital – valuing the company at \$200 million.

Yale trailblazers in the news

Alumni founders were also featured in various media outlets. **Raise Green**, an inclusive impact investment marketplace for climate solutions founded by **Matthew Moroney MEM '18** and **Franz Hochstrasser MEM '18**, partnered with **IBM**, who featured the work in a detailed case study. **Prepared** (founded by **Dylan Gleicher YC '17**, **Neal Soni YC '18**, and **Michael Chime YC**) was featured on **NBC Connecticut** for its app, which lets users report crucial details about an emergency scene to the people around them or to 911. **Alexia Akbay MPH '19**, co-founder of the clean-tech startup **Symbrosia**, was featured on the **2022 Forbes '30 Under 30'** list for Social Impact alongside **Derek Lo YC '17** (see above), and **Eric Ho '16** and **Andrew Myers '18**, co-founders of **RippleMatch** – which matches college students with internships and jobs using AI. **Yale News** also covered Forbes recognition of Yale alumni. And **Gabe Rissman YC '16**, co-founder and president of **YourStake**, was featured on Wealth Management's **Ten to Watch in 2022**, as YourStake continues to tackle greenwashing through a new direct indexing platform.



Derek Lo

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These teams have connected not just with Tsai CITY, but with Yale's broader ecosystem for entrepreneurship and innovation. Learn more about this ecosystem: entrepreneurship.yale.edu

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