

Alumni Highlights

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Venture teams reach big milestones

[Cambium Carbon](#), co-founded by Ben Christensen (MEM '20) and Marisa Repka (MEM '20), [raised \\$3.2 million in seed funding](#) to reinvent the wood supply chain and radically reduce carbon emissions. [Midnight Oil Collective](#), a creator-led arts investment, development, and production group, founded by Edwin Joseph (MM '20) and Frances Pollock (MUS '25), has been [accepted to Cohort 6 of VC Lab's accelerator for VC funds](#). Meanwhile, [Noir Labs](#) (founded by Lolade Siyonbola (MA '19), a former Tsai CITY summer fellow) launched [Portal to African Excellence](#); an interactive digital museum designed to connect more deeply with a rich African past and present and the contributions of Black storytellers to a radically liberated future.

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Notable media mentions

Neil Yeoh (MEM '20), CEO and founder of [OnePointFive](#), was featured in [Forbes' Next 1000](#), a list that recognizes entrepreneurial heroes who are 'redefining the American dream'. [Wellinks](#), a COPD-focused digital health company, founded by Ellen Su (YC '13) and Levi DeLuke (YC '14), was featured as #1 on The Tech Tribune's [very best tech startups in New Haven](#). Tanya Townsend (PhD '17), Sooyun Choi (YC '17, GRD '23), Grace Meng (GRD '25), Emma Wang (GRD '24), and Haote Li [won top prizes in the Product Development & Innovation Intensive competition](#), a partnership with the L'Oréal Groupe, Yale Center for Engineering Innovation and Design, Greenberg Engineering Teaching Concourse, and Tsai CITY. [Istoria](#) (co-founded by Elijah Maletz (SOM '22) and Pranav Daryanani (SOM '22)), an author-first platform



Neil Yeoh (MEM '20) CEO and founder of OnePointFive. Photo courtesy of [LinkedIn](#).



Elijah Maletz (MBA '22) founder of Istoria. Photo courtesy of [New Haven Independent](#).

for emerging writers to write, connect, and grow their readerships, co-hosted their [fourth in-person writing showcase](#) with a night of storytelling and live music at Koffee?. Alumni venture, [Havenly Treats](#), (co-founded by Caterina Passoni (YC '22)), a café and homestyle kitchen, was interviewed by NBC Connecticut for [providing opportunities for refugees and immigrants](#) and helping women rebuild their lives in New Haven. And, [Wazhma Sadat](#) (YC '14, JD '19), the first Afghan woman to have graduated from both Yale College and Yale Law School – and an Accelerator and Summer Fellowship alumna – reflects on her journey of finding a home and an education in this [Yale Daily News feature](#).

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