**Alumni Highlights**

**January-March 2022**

**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.

**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 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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