Alumni Highlights
March-June 2022

Making a Global Impact

This spring, alumni innovators leveraged their expertise to participate in programs and partnerships that furthered their ability to make a positive impact. Yale’s 2021 Thorne prize winner Sprxng Inc (founded by Phyllis Mugadza YC ’21, MPH ’22) – an organization dedicated to combating menstrual stigma and menstrual poverty – joined nine other startups in MIT Solve’s inaugural class of Soly[ED] innovators to tackle some of society’s biggest issues. Similarly, the on-demand prescription company Pills2Me (founded by Leslie Asanga, MPH ’20) joined TechStars’ NYC Class of 2022. And Yale’s 2021 Wilson Prize winner Mindful Kala (founded by Shruti Parthasarathy YC ’24) partnered with Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS) to increase access to mindfulness services for Ukrainian refugee children once they arrive in the United States. All three ventures are making strides to close health disparities that exist in the United States.

Impact Ventures Receive Major Media Attention

Alumni entrepreneurs working to solve some of today’s most pressing environmental, health, and social issues were also featured in notable media outlets. Clean tech startup Symbrosia (founded by Alexia Akbay MPH ’19), recently raised $7 million in Series A funding and was featured in Inc. Magazine for its work using algae to reduce methane emissions by 80%. Gen-Z recruiting startup RippleMatch (co-founded by Eric Ho YC ’16 and Andrew Myers YC) was recently featured in Forbes for raising $45 million in Series B funding, allowing the company to boost their matching technology, further helping students from all backgrounds and schools across the country find the right job. Healthtech startup Medallion (founded by Derek Lo YC ’17) was similarly featured in Forbes for its latest success in raising $35 million in Series C funding to increase access to quality healthcare.

Fundraising Victories

Meanwhile, various alumni founders also hit fundraising goals this quarter. East Asian superfoods and wellness company Bo-Yi (founded by Tiffany Leong MBA ’21) secured $10,000 in funding from CTNext, Connecticut’s primary resource for entrepreneurial support, during the Entrepreneur Innovation Awards (EIA). Prepared (founded by Michael Chime YC), a company building technology to improve the U.S. emergency calling system for both callers and responders, raised $9.8 million in funding, bringing its fundraising total to $11 million.

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