

Alumni Highlights

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Alumni trendsetters in the news



Shervin Dehmoubed (YC '24) founder of EcoPackables. Photo courtesy of Instagram.

Tsai CITY alumni were featured in major media outlets. 20-year-old [Shervin Dehmoubed \(YC '24\)](#), the founder of [EcoPackables](#), a sustainable packaging company that manufactures and distributes compostable and recycled packaging, was selected to be on the [2022 Forbes '30 under 30'](#) special Youngest category list. [Spring Health](#) (co-founded by [April Koh YC '16](#) and [Adam Chekroud PhD '18](#)), a comprehensive mental health benefit for employers, and [RippleMatch](#) (co-founded by [Andrew Myers YC '18](#) and [Eric Ho, YC '16](#)), the recruitment automation platform changing how Gen Z finds work were both named [LinkedIn's Top 50 Startups in 2022](#). And the [Washington Post](#) featured [Coral Vita](#) (founded by [Gator Halpern MEM '15](#) and [Sam Teicher MEM '15](#)), a company growing climate change resilient coral up to 50x faster through a commercial model to restore dying reefs at scale.

Change-makers on the scene

The [Midnight Oil Collective](#) (co-founded by [Frances Pollock YSM '25](#)), a group of creators investing in creators, collectivizing resources and building a robust and stable community, [launched the first venture capital fund founded, owned, and managed entirely by artists](#). The Hawai'i fire department utilized [PREPARED](#) (co-founded by [Michael Chime YC '21](#), [Dylan Gleicher YC '21](#), and [Neal Soni YC '22](#)), a one-touch mobile alert system, to [assist in an emergency response during a volcanic eruption](#).

Tsai CITY thought leaders

Not only are our program alumni doing incredible things, but Tsai CITY staff are sharing their expertise with peers in the entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem through conference presentations. Director of Student Programming, [Matt Gira](#), and Director of Mentor, Advisor, and Partner Networks, [Victor Padilla-Taylor](#), traveled to the Global Consortium of Entrepreneurship Centers conference in Las Vegas [to share their knowledge and expertise](#). Victor will be presenting again in January 2023 at the annual conference of the U.S. Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship.



Director of Student Programming Matt Gira presenting on how entrepreneurial leaders and students can use no-code software tools to run successful programs and ventures at the Global Consortium of Entrepreneurship Centers (GCEC).

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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 at: <https://ventures.yale.edu>