Alumni Highlights
October-December 2022

Alumni trendsetters in the news
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.

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