Project Olympus announces the winners of the Fall 2013 Spark Grant Awards

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Five PROBE Projects were awarded a $3,000 dollar micro-grant from the Spark Grant Fund and one was awarded $8000* due to an alumni donor-directed contribution.

Srinath Vaddepally, Founder and CEO | E&TIM’12 and ECE’13

Courtney Williamson, Founder | Tepper | PhD, 2015
People Prop—A brace used to physically support persons who do not have the capability of maintaining an upright and aligned posture while seated such as patients with Parkinson’s disease.

Arden Rosenblatt, CEO/Co-Founder | CIT dual-MS E&TIM/ME 2014
Alejandro Sklar, CTO/Co-Founder | CIT, dual-MS E&TIM/ECE 2014
Piecemaker—Integrated 3D technology to offer a factory-in-a-store experience so retail stores can create low-cost, customized products in-house and on-demand.

Robert Reynolds, Founder | Dietrich | BA, 2017
Premier Distributors—Online retailer of imported consumer goods.

William Lutz, Founder and CEO | Tepper School of Business | MBA Candidate, 2015
SitWith—A social dining platform service that brings together four previously unrelated people over a meal, removing the pressures of meeting someone new which allows for relaxed, meaningful conversation.

Todd Medema, Founder, Tepper 2014
Approach.IO * – A community driven web/mobile application that helps entrepreneurs acquire their first hundred users and achieve the network effect inside of their app.

The Olympus Spark Grant Fund helps students kick-start their business ideas.

The Olympus Spark Grant fund is funded by charitable gifts from alumni and other community donors. Students submit proposals and practice ‘pitching’ the donors. Donors play a vital role in helping Olympus evaluate the students' applications and making award decisions. This is an ongoing grant fund where donors can begin their participation at any time. See www.cmu.edu/olympus/support-olympus.html.