

## **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

[Avyayah Technologies](#)— Customized “Ristcall” bands for connecting patients and nurses to capture ‘quality of care’, ‘patient safety’, and ‘patient satisfaction’ in health care.

**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](http://www.cmu.edu/olympus/support-olympus.html).