

State News for NSPE Members

Engineering student's award-winning invention inspired by brother's condition

A University of Hawai'i at Mānoa engineering student took top honors in the Entrepreneurs' Organization Hawaii (EO Hawaii) fifth-annual qualifier Global Student Entrepreneur Award (GSEA) competition.

Austin Yoshino, an undergraduate majoring in mechanical engineering, founded Manaola Innovations, Inc., inspired by his younger brother, Brandt, who has cerebral palsy. The company is developing medical technology products including a technologically-enhanced walking assistant device.

"We are a medical tech startup aiming to develop disruptive and innovative products to 'power a higher quality of life,' " said Yoshino, who recently turned down a lucrative job offer in technical sales to grow the company. "I am extremely excited for the future."

"The judging panel was impressed by the vision and drive behind Manaola, and we see strong potential for its products to positively impact the lives of people with a range of medical conditions," said Matt Heim, president of EO Hawaii. "We look forward to the national competition."

The U.S. national competition in Redwood City, California, February 10–12, 2020, will coincide with the annual global Startup Grind Conference. Each state winner receives complimentary access to attend the conference as part of their prize package.

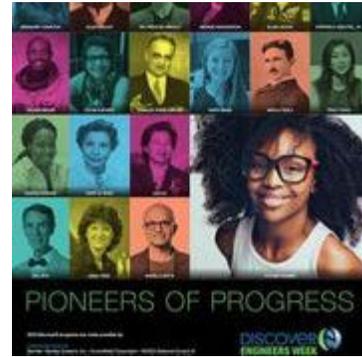
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Nomination packages must be submitted to the NSPE Secretary, Mark Golden, and received by **January 13, 2020**. The NSPE Secretary will forward all qualified submissions to the NSPE Candidate Screening Committee for consideration. Please review carefully the information that includes candidate qualifications, expected time and financial commitments for officers, and the requirements of the nomination process.

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