

MirmanX Program Delivers a New Direction for Education

Middle School provides 3 teams with the funding and resources needed to bring their most ambitious ideas to life – and it's working.

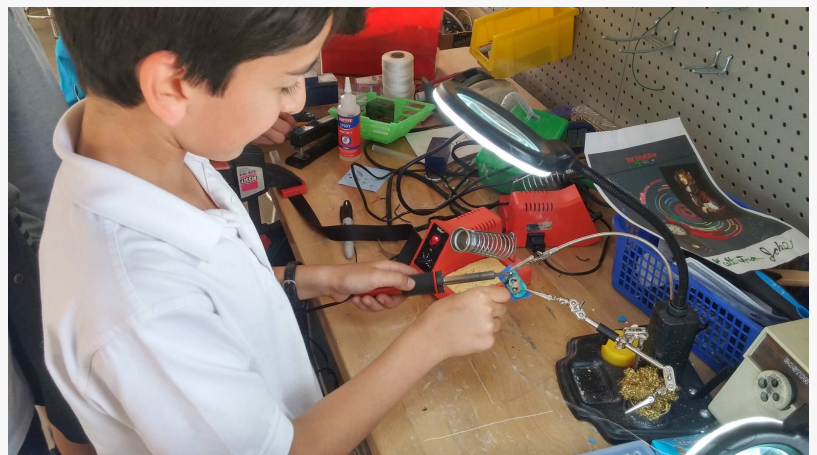
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/EINPresswire.com/ -- A mere five months ago, [Mirman School](#) launched [MirmanX](#), a unique program offering funding and support for its students to tackle ambitious projects that have the potential to help a community in a meaningful and tangible way. Today, the flagship MirmanX projects are running full steam ahead, including a highly adjustable and effective back brace to help those suffering from scoliosis, a facial recognition device to assist those with memory loss or dementia identify trusted individuals, and a documentary film that exemplifies the trend of microaggressions against Iranian-Americans.

“The idea behind MirmanX is to help students achieve far-reaching goals in an open-source environment supported by the school,” said Mirman’s Director of Technology and program founder, Michael Taggart. “Our older alumni have returned as advisors – it’s amazing to see the mentorships that have developed as a result.”



January 2016: Sabina Y. pitches her idea for a new type of enhanced scoliosis brace, called the "EmBrace."



Eli F. solders components on an Arduino microcontroller, which will be an essential part of the "RecogWear" hardware prototype.

From dozens of initial applicants, 12 students formed 3 teams to work on projects selected by a panel of judges – comprised of Mirman alumni Eric Bollens, Ashley Felts, Eric Gradman, and parent Monica Ajmera. Thanks to generous donations, MirmanX provides financial backing up to \$10,000 per team, material resources, and professional guidance to assist the students as they progress from genesis to market over the course of 12 months. Funds go towards research, development, prototyping, patent/copyright fees, and marketing. Students retain 100% of their intellectual property, which means they can continue to work on, and benefit from, their MirmanX projects long after they have graduated

from the school.

“The judges were looking for a high level of technical complexity, but also a component of social awareness: how the project will benefit a community—a family, the school, the city, or the planet,” said Michael Taggart. “We set out wanting to use the considerable gifts of our students, and the privileges that we have at this school, to make the world a better place for everyone. What we accomplish here at Mirman can become an example for schools across the country.”

Follow the projects as they develop at

<https://mirman.org/mirmanx>

About Mirman School

Mirman School opened its doors to educate highly gifted children in 1962. Motivated by a deep love and concern for these children, Dr. and Mrs. Norman J. Mirman began the school with nine pioneering students in their West Los Angeles home. Today, Mirman continues to distinguish itself as one of the few schools in the country devoted to the education of highly gifted children.

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"A Different Pair of Eyes" meets with filmmakers from Zemma Productions for advice on their production schedule.

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