Congratulations to the winners of the first annual Owl Open, ALL-Rice Student Startup competition.

Dmitri Tsentalovich, Ph.D candidate in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and Francesca Mirri also a candidate in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering won the graduate competition and will be one of two teams representing Rice at the 2015 Rice Business Plan Competition.

DexMat manufactures high-performance carbon nanotube (CNT) fibers and coatings using our proprietary solution processing technology. We aim to supplant heavy, rigid metals that are prone to fatigue in cables used in the aerospace, wearable electronics, and medical device markets. Lightweight, flexible cables made with DexMat materials are up to 70% lighter, 10 times stronger, and have 25 times higher flexural tolerance than metal cables. We have partnered with established cable manufacturers who will assemble our materials into cables and sell them to original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). We seek an investment of $2M to build a pilot plant, expand our team, and develop additional markets for our technology.

Graduate Track Results

First Place: DexMat, Inc. $2500 and automatic entry into the 2015 Rice Business Plan Competition
Second Place: SensoDx $1500
Third Place: Lendora $1000

Congratulations to Bizongo (formerly Smart Paddle) for winning the undergraduate Owl Open. Arjita Kulshreshtha, Arin Kalro and Minoti Kale make up team Bizongo.

Bizonga (Smartpaddle Technologies) is a Business to Business (B2B) ecommerce venture providing end to end optimized solution to effectively connect Businesses to each other. The mission of the company is to organize the 400bn$ Business to Business (B2B) segment in India with use of superior technology so that it helps both the Buyer and Seller community.

Undergrad Track Results

First Place: Bizongo $2500
Second Place: PandoraPantry $1500
Third Place: VEST (Team ESP) $1000

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