

Good Morning,

I was thrilled to hear that a group from Enactus had been admitted to the Biodesign Challenge. In this challenge they will be able to showcase their sustainable projects CreAlgae (creating bio-plastics from algae in the UC area), and Symmetry (creating wood without the need to cut down trees with an aim to combat deforestation). It has been a privilege and pleasure to watch this team work tirelessly to hone their techniques and formulas. This is made even more impressive by the fact that it is entirely student driven. No advisor, University staff, or faculty member is setting deadlines or directing the group to do this. They are coming in during their free time at night and between classes because they believe in the project. It is always a joy to watch someone who has a passion for what they are doing, and even more so when they are interested in sharing that passion and knowledge. This desire to explore new technologies and spread both what we learn and our excitement for the subject is core to the values of the Fab Lab. I hope that, through this competition, the Biomaking Space will garner more attention within the University and encourage more students to bring their unique ideas and skill sets to the group.

I hope that you will join me in congratulating this team on their success and supporting them in their continued work.

Thank you,

Neil Pearse