

Florida Tech team invents restaurant pager

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A Florida Tech student design team won an advanced E-team grant from the National Collegiate Inventors and Innovators Alliance for a restaurant pager.

The Florida Tech team was awarded an \$11,500 NCIIA grant for developing an interactive restaurant paging system that allows patrons to play games, view a menu and check estimated wait time while waiting for a table.

Tulane University, Brown University and the University of Illinois were among other NCIIA grant recipients announced Tuesday.

The NCIIA is an initiative of The Lemelson Foundation, a private philanthropy established by one of the country's most prolific inventors, the late Jerome Lemelson, and his family.

The foundation supports the belief that invention and innovation are critical to U.S. higher education.

Lemelson held more than 500 patents and developed such devices as bar code readers, cordless phones, cassette players, camcorders and even crying dolls. He obtained an average of one patent monthly for more than 40 years.

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