

South Carolina Inventors Forum



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2021 SCIF Summer and Contest News

July 2021

Hellos SCIF,

I am delighted to announce **Sergio Aparicio** has coordinated with 1Million Cups Columbia to host our SCIF inventors contest this year!

To give us time to gain contestants and prepare we are going to move the original July 14th meeting date back a month and *now the group can **have July month off!*** 😊

Coming back live!

Sergio has also arranged for us to meet live in August at **NOMO Warehouse** 2222 Sumter St. next to Indah Coffee downtown Columbia.

This will be a combined event with 1MC!

This is going to be fun!!

SCIF Members will be presenting their inventions at our upcoming SCIF Inventor Contest LIVE meeting!

EVERYONE is invited to join in person and the live stream!!

August 25th @ 9am EST

Each inventor will have 8 minutes to show and tell us:

1. Who they are and where they are from
2. What made them think of their idea
3. Show us the picture, product or prototype
4. Tell us where you are with it
5. What's next?

We hope to have 4 contestants.

Main rule – patented in the past year or patent pending.

Please spread the word & invitation to enter.

Everyone present gets to vote for the winner.

Entry Forms now available here. Enter now!

<https://southcarolinainventorsforum.org/contest-entry-form>

Have an inventive day!

Adrian

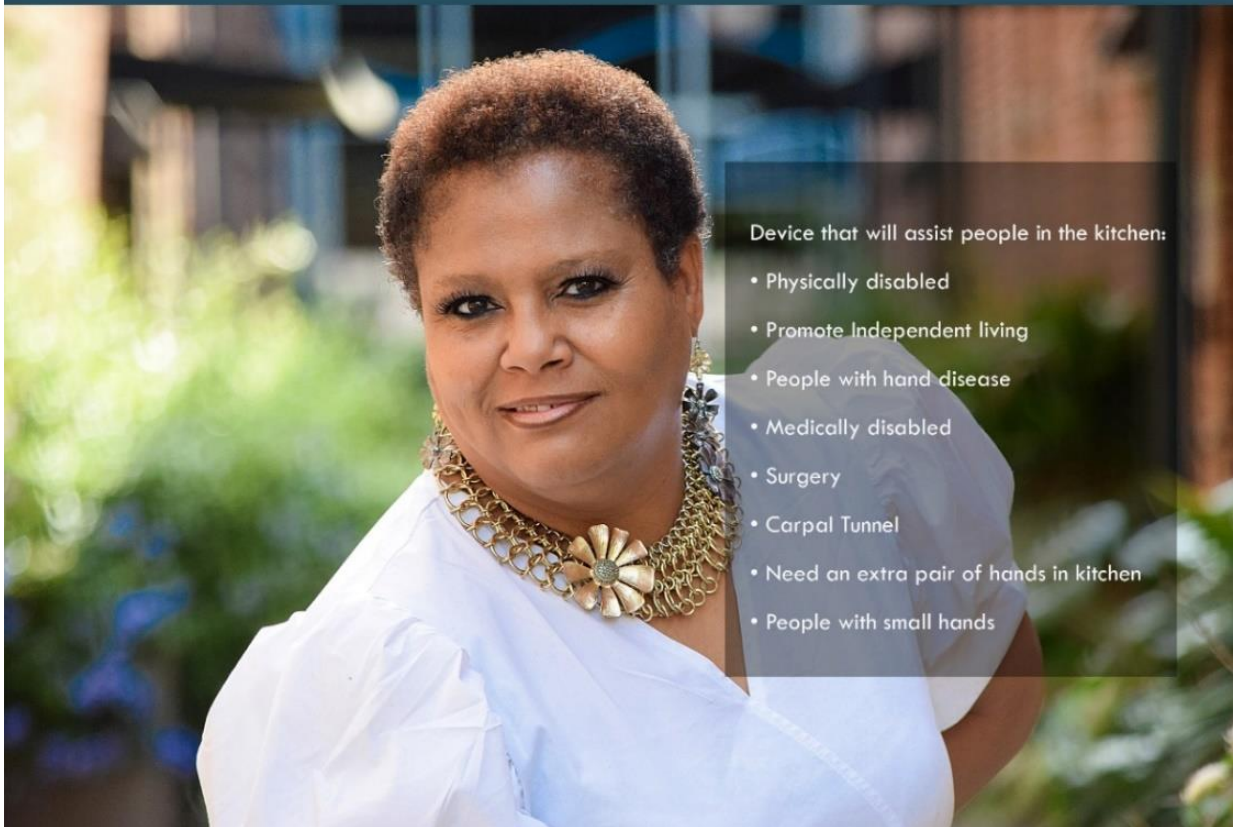
SCIF June 2021 Inventor of the Month was Mary Hancock

My name is Mary Hancock; my husband is Antoine Hancock and we have 3 beautiful girls. After high school, I attended and received my education from South Carolina State University & the University of South Carolina. In 2002, looking for creative ways to teach my Entrepreneurship students helped birth this product idea. We worked on this project for approximately 10 years before stopping to pursue, receive a full patent in 2018.

"Keep your personal drive and commitment to seeing your own vision come to fruition, it's essential to your own success"

INVENTOR NEWS

Mary Hancock The Ultimate Automatic Opener
South Carolina Inventors Forum



Device that will assist people in the kitchen:

- Physically disabled
- Promote Independent living
- People with hand disease
- Medically disabled
- Surgery
- Carpal Tunnel
- Need an extra pair of hands in kitchen
- People with small hands

With a patented idea, sell sheet and video, Mary talked to a product scout this week who introduced her to a major Outside Innovation Gatekeeper!

Tell your story! Show people that you have the winning solution to a people problem that needs be solved now!

Last month's SCIF zoom meeting subject is about **"Networking" – It's all about who you know and how to approach**

For June's topic "Networking" – *It's all about who you know and how to approach*, SCIF thanks **Sergio Aparicio, Daniel Andrews** and **Catherine Treme** for joining us in that zoom meeting and sharing their tips and insights to best practices in messaging, networking and connecting in both the government and private sectors.



[Sergio Aparicio](#)



[Daniel Andrews](#)



[Catherine Treme](#)

Thanks to Dr. Thaddeus Jones for getting June's meeting video on our SCIF YouTube page!

https://youtu.be/V9I3_LSkd18

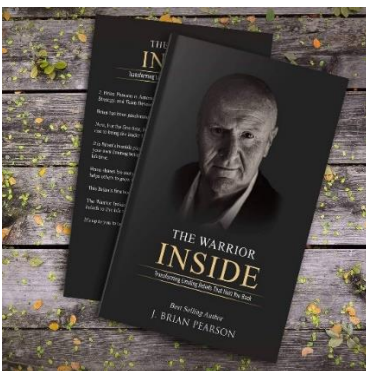


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We want to motivate you in many ways!

Our friend [Brian Pearson](#), author of **The Warrior Inside: Transforming Limiting Beliefs That Hold You Back**, is a Business Strategist, Executive Coach, Speaker and Trainer.



Brian is an **Executive Director with the John Maxwell Team** and is graciously providing us another **Motivational Moment with Brian** to begin our meetings. Thank you, Brian!

Aim For **Progress—Not Perfection...**

USI News

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 21, 2021

ACTIVIST SUPREME COURT SIDES WITH BIG TECH ON PATENT INVALIDATION BOARD

*Rights of Inventors Harmed by Conservatives' Decision to Give MORE Power
to Key Political Appointee*

US Inventor represents the interests of 300,000 small business inventors who have sought to protect their ideas with a United States Patent (usinventor.org). Today the Supreme Court ruled in *Arthrex v. Smith & Nephew* that the administrative patent judges (APJs) who have invalidated thousands of patents under the 2011 America Invents Act did so in violation of the Constitution. The Court then proceeded to “forgive” this violation by re-writing the law.

Today, it was the conservatives who are guilty of judicial activism. Chief Justice Roberts was joined by Justices Alito, Kavanaugh, and Barrett in the decision to re-write the law by granting to the Director of the USPTO review authority which Congress declined to do.

Most importantly, this gives the USPTO Director – a political appointee – immense arbitrary power to decide who owns the rights to intellectual property valued in the trillions of dollars. Every election huge corporations and wealthy donors are seeking to get their friends appointed to this position and block the rights of ordinary citizens and small businesses who seek to compete fairly with their ideas.

It is impossible for the Director to review the thousands of decisions that rob inventors of our hard-earned rights. Under this remedy – which is no remedy at all – the Director will only have capacity to review a handful of the erroneous and biased decisions. Certainly, it will not be under-resourced inventors who benefit under this holding, but rather the wealthiest and most politically connected corporations.

The U.S. patent system used to be a gold standard that offered equal opportunity to ordinary citizens to compete in the marketplace based on the merit of their ideas. Today's decision marks another in a string of decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court that has flipped our patent system upside down. Today only mega-wealthy corporations with massive political influence can participate in the patent system, which no longer has any connection to inventing – or as the Constitution says “promoting progress in the science and useful arts”.

Our only advocate was Justice Gorsuch, who cited the amicus briefs of the inventors while lamenting the damage done to innovation and the rule of law by Congress and his colleagues.

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"THE ONLY WAY OF DISCOVERING THE LIMITS OF THE POSSIBLE IS TO VENTURE A LITTLE WAY PAST THEM INTO THE IMPOSSIBLE."
ARTHUR C. CLARKE - AUTHOR AND INVENTOR



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SCIF connects to the SBA!

We are pleased and honored to announce our friends at SBA are sharing news of our events!

Stay tuned for more news for inventors and innovators about connecting to the SBA 😊

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Products and their Patents

“Patented inventions are not the same thing as products that perform the invention. A patent only teaches how to perform an invention, while a product performing the invention actually performs it. An invention disclosed in a patent can be implemented into a product in many ways, but a product implements the patent’s teaching in one way only.

Commercializing a product is a risky and complicated affair aggregating many risks associated with engineering, manufacturing, distribution, sales, marketing, finance, and more, to produce a product mapped to the market at a certain price. These variables determine the way in which an invention is implemented in the product, and these implementation choices cause the product to live or die in the market.”

By Paul Morinville

June 29, 2021

Tips for Pitching, to begin with...

“The Intro Slides - Get to Your Solution Quickly

The first slides in a presentation are among the most challenging. Company founders need to outline a problem and then rapidly offer a solution to it. One of the most frequent errors I’ve seen in decks is too much delay until arriving at their solution.

Investors don’t need four or five slides worth of background on the problem. They want to get to your technology solution as soon as possible. Some founders use up multiple slides — and the investors’ time — painting a detailed picture of the unmet need and current solutions that are presumably falling short. At times, so much time is spent on other solutions that I’ve heard investors say they’re more interested in pursuing those alternative companies.

My advice - cut to the chase.

My advice - cut to the chase. A brief overview of the need, or the problem you’re solving, will suffice. Investors either inherently know or have plenty of time after your pitch to dig into the status quo/standard of care. Get to your solution quickly. Don’t make us wait.”

Paul Grand is the founder and CEO of [MedTech Innovator](#), a nonprofit that runs the largest healthcare accelerator in the world.

Maker Camp is back!

Maker Camp is a free program full of projects, adventures, inspiration, and community. We are looking for Maker Camp Community Partners. That means you! Anyone can register: schools, libraries, clubs, or pods that are ready for a summer of making. The versatile framework is customizable for in-person, hybrid, or remote camps.

Maker Camp 2021 launches July 6, 2021 with rich project resources and a great line up of featured makers including Mario the Maker Magician and Code Joy. *More information about our Featured Makers, project resources, and materials coming soon.*

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SCIF involves you! Have questions, here is where to get answers!

Thinking of any new products or services that may help in some way, shape or form make life easier? We share new ideas and motivating concepts almost daily on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/448388996120060/>

Help for inventors and innovators, creators all!

Tell your creative friends and invite them to join our group!

We discuss the most important things needed to bring ideas to life and create wealth.

Join our group and come to our meetings to learn about inventing, innovating and the process of bringing new products to market. Meet with others and find friends, mentors and advisors.

Prepare your questions about inventing and ask local experts at Wednesday's Zoom meeting.

Prepare for launching your venture.

Mark your calendar for South Carolina Inventors Forum monthly meetings!

Monthly meeting format allows interactions and Q & A:

- Network
- Welcome & Thanks
- Motivational Moment with Brian Pearson
- What's new? Stories and new products shared by inventors
- Subject of the Month Presenter / Speaker
- Resources and New Opportunities
- Q&A
- Who Needs Who?
- Thanks & network

Get all the Newsletters and Videos and more here!

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Help!! We need a backup admin for the website!!!!

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SCIF welcomes stories about and by local inventors! We are calling for volunteers to help gather and write stories or folks to send theirs. Contact Adrian if you're interested.

Send us yours or Become an "Inventor of the Month"!
Time onstage (~10-30 minutes) to pitch your product and get feedback.
Help motivate other inventors, come tell your story!

[Contact Adrian if you're interested.](#)

We thank you for your support!

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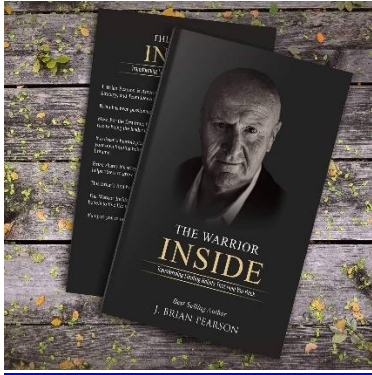


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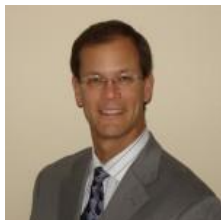
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