


BRING YOUR A GAME

Augusta University team wins state innovation award

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From left: Dr. Andy Hauger, Lynsey Steinberg, Nitish Sood, Bill Gray and Anish Sangari designed and implemented a device called Happy Hands. Not pictured is Srilatha Neshangi from Augusta University Health.

A team of innovators at Augusta University recently won the [Partnership for Inclusive Innovation's](#) Community Award, which, for 2022, was themed around addressing the effects of COVID-19 in the local community.

The award was for [Happy Hands](#), a device that uses positive reinforcement to encourage good hand hygiene. The device senses when a person approaches a hand-sanitizing station and flashes a red frowny face. If the person stops and dispenses hand sanitizer, it flashes a green smiley face.

The [mission of PIN](#) is to empower "inclusive innovation" in the state of Georgia – the idea that all Georgians, regardless of geographic, racial, gender and socioeconomic background, should have the tools to drive advancements and discoveries.

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