



## Florida-Based e-Fest Team in the Spotlight

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With [E-Fest 2022](https://eix.org/e-fest-guide/) less than a week away, excitement is building as the 25 finalist teams, all undergraduate innovators, gear up for a chance to win part of the \$215,000 prize purse.

This will be the first time since before the pandemic that e-Fest has been an in-person event. Set for April 28-30 at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis, e-Fest will give the 25 finalist teams the opportunity to present their business ideas to a panel of judges who will pick the winners, to win other prizes through several on-site competitions, and to gain new connections and inspiration.

In the meantime, individual teams are attracting attention close to home. On April 26 Tallahassee-based WCTV interviewed Charlie Edbrooke and Patrick Manser, the Florida State University team that has developed a device that can craft high-quality metal items at home...a boon for startups trying to develop prototype products on a shoestring.

You can watch WCTV's feature here:

<https://www.wctv.tv/2022/04/26/famu-fsu-college-engineering-students-competing-national-entrepreneurship-challenge/>

E-Fest is sponsored by the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation, the Schulze School of Entrepreneurship at the University of St. Thomas, and EIX. Check out [EIX's own roundup](https://eiexchange.com/content/e-fest-2022?search=e-fest) of videos from each of the 25 finalist teams, including Edbrooke and Manser.

